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The Churnside Benefice

All Hallows South Cerney, All Saints Preston, Holy Trinity Cerney Wick and St Peter's Siddington

Today is 15th November 2026

Second Sunday before Advent

A warm welcome to you

Today's services

9.30am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments and an opportunity to receive prayer	All Hallows
11.15am	Holy Communion - refreshments from 10.30am	St Peter's

This week in the parishes

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion	All Hallows

Sunday 22nd November

9.30am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments and an opportunity to receive prayer	All Hallows
11.15am	Holy Communion - refreshments from 10.30am	St Peter's

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CHALLENGE FORTNIGHT

The Challenge Fortnight will conclude today, 15th November. We have challenged ourselves to walk, run or cycle the equivalent distance between the 42 cathedrals of the Church of England. To mark the end of the challenge, everyone is invited to join a group walk today (Sunday 15th November), leaving All Hallows Church at 2.30pm. We will return to the church for refreshments and a celebration**.**

ALL HALLOWS ADVENT FAYRE

On Saturday 21st November between 2pm and 5pm we will be having an Advent Fayre in All Hallows Church. There will be festive refreshments including mulled wine and hot chocolate with marshmallows, a raffle, tombola, made in South Cerney stall, nearly new gift stall with gift wrapping service, festive games, reindeer races, nativity treasure hunt and festive photo booth.

To support the fayre, we are looking for donations for the tombola, nearly new gift stall of good quality items that could be a gift for someone else this Christmas, items for the Made in South Cerney stall, cakes for the refreshments and festive items for the hampers (please see the list at the back of church for items needed). We also need help setting up on Friday 20th November from 1pm, help to run the stalls on the day, as well as help to tidy up on the day. If you are able to help or would like any further information, then please get in touch with Jennifer.

ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

From 4th - 6th December, St Peter's Church will be hosting the biannual Christmas Tree Festival. If you are able to help with the Christmas Tree Festival, or have any ideas then please get in touch with Jennifer.

MESSY ADVENT

Sunday 6th December at 4pm in All Hallows Church. Join us for Advent and Christmas crafts followed by a festive tea.

COMPLINE
The next Zoom Compline service will be at 7.30pm on Monday 7th December 2026.

LIGHTHOUSE
The next Lighthouse in All Hallows Church will be on Monday 14th December starting at 10.30am. Lighthouse is a relaxed space to be creative, explore faith, enjoy lunch and fellowship together. We start with tea and coffee and an opportunity to be creative with a variety of fun activities related to the theme and also time to chat with others. After this, we all come back together to a time of informal worship. Finally, there is a delicious lunch to share, including a pudding.

CAROLS ON THE HOUR AT THE CATHEDRAL
12th December 2026 – 11am-3pm
Join us in the magnificent surroundings of the Cathedral for this fun and family-friendly opportunity to sing along to some of your favourite Christmas carols.
Whether you love the rousing sound of O Come, All Ye Faithful or the gentle beauty of Silent Night, there's nothing quite like singing together to capture the magic of the season.
Perfect for families, friends and visitors of all ages, Carols on the Hour is a chance to take a break from the Christmas shopping and share in the joy of singing together.
Whether you're a confident singer or simply enjoy soaking up the atmosphere, everyone is welcome. Come along, join in and let the sounds of Christmas fill you with festive cheer!
All are welcome, no booking required.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL
The full programme of Christmas events at Gloucester Cathedral is available on the cathedral website. There is a range of events, concerts and services running throughout the festive season.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Readings for Second Sunday Before Advent

Zephaniah 1. 7, 12 – end
1 Thessalonians 5. 1 – 11
Matthew 25. 14 – 30

COLLECT FOR SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please remember the needs of the church and the world in your prayers.

Prayers are especially invited for:
The village newsletters – editors, distributors and printers.
PCC Treasurers; secretaries; safeguarding officers.
Kingfisher Place.
All who are seeking God's intervention, guidance or healing in their lives.

Lord, we offer you ourselves this day
For the work you want us to accomplish,
For the people you want us to meet,
For the words you want us to utter,
For the silence you want us to keep,
For the places you want us to enter,
For the new ways you want us to think.
Go with us along the way and enable us to
realise your presence at all times and in all places.

Our Benefice Mission Statement

Growing in our relationship with God, caring for the whole church family, sharing the good news of Jesus in love and action.