# Trendlewood Church News for Sundays 21st and 28th December



#### **Ministers Musings**

"It's Christmas ... "



Noddy Holder's scream of "it's Christmas" in the middle of Slade's Christmas hit "Merry Christmas Everybody" (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTslBTBI1X8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTslBTBI1X8</a>) [@3mins26secs] for me is so evocative of happy memories of years gone by! You may all have other favourite songs and music that reminds you of this time of year.

As we celebrate and **Remember** the Good News of the Love of God in different ways, what can we take into 2026? Here are a few thoughts ...

**Reality:** The message of Christmas is about the reality of lives lived all those years ago that makes a difference – obedience, worship, journey, travels, hardship and love, to name just a few of the themes. As we face the reality of the known and the unknown God understands.

This is because he

**Relates:** to his creation; made wonderful in variety and contrast; holding the tension of difference to live in unity. So how we live in relation with others makes a difference.

But this way of life can also be

**Risky:** Swimming against the tide is not easy. Having faith is not easy as well at times, but it is the way to live. May we be bold in living and proclaiming the Good news of God.

Finally and most of all I hope and pray we can take into the new year the **JOY** of Christmas because this small baby turned into a man and is now **RISEN**. He is Seated at the right hand side of Our Heavenly Father – caring for and interceding for us – making a difference when we call to Him.

So may God Bless you this Christmas and into 2026.

Morey

# **Church Services**

# Saturday 20th December 2025

6.00pm - Traditional Carol Service @ St Bartholomew's Church, Failand

## **Sunday 21st December 2025**

(There will be no morning service this day at Trendlewood)

4.00pm - Bubble Church Christingle - for all the church @ Golden Valley School Please join us for this special service. Everyone is welcome, we'd love to share the JOY of Bubble Church with you. We'll be serving tea, coffee, and mince pies from 4pm with the service starting at 4.15pm. It lasts about half an hour.

6.00pm - Traditional Carol service @ All Saints Church, Wraxall

#### **Christmas Eve - 24th December 2025**

4.00pm - Bubble Church Nativity Crib Service, hosted by All Saints Church, Wraxall A different take on the traditional nativity service in the familiar Bubble Church style. Join us in the traditional setting of All Saint's as the Angels spread the good news about the birth of a very special baby. Suitable for all of the family, dressing up completely optional. We'll be serving tea, coffee and mince pies from 4pm, the service starts at 4.15pm and lasts about half an hour. A great way to begin your family festivities.

9.00pm - Holy Communion for Christmas @ St Bartholomew's Church, Failand

11.00pm - For those who would like a **Traditional Midnight Communion** service @ All Saints Church, Wraxall

#### **Christmas Day - 25th December 2025**

10.00am - Christmas Day Morning Worship @ All Saints Church, Wraxall

10.15am - All Age Christmas Celebration @ Golden Valley School

#### Sunday 28th December 2025

10.30am – **Gathering at Home** (looking to 2026)

(1 Spindleberry Grove. BS48 1QE - the home of Tim and Hilary)

## **Prayer Focus for the coming week**

People	Roads
Gillian & Morey	Turnbury Avenue,
Derek & Elaine	Cairn Close
	Huntley Grove,
Fiona, Mark, Toby and Adam	Bude Close
Christine	
Mission	Community
The Ayos	For all those who find Christmas a difficult time for many reasons; loneliness; bereavement; etc

# **Urgent Requests**

#### **School Hall 20th December**

Help is needed to dress and light the school hall Saturday 20th December at 10.30am for an hour or so. If you are able to help please contact Mark

# **Christmas Day singers needed**

It would be lovely if I could have a few friends to help lead our singing in church on Christmas Day. Please, If you are interested in this as a one-off then please let me know. We would have a run through at 9.45am before the service on Christmas Day. Thanks, Sarah

#### **Trendlewood Rota for February to May 2026**

Please can you add your unavailability for February to May on MyChurch Suite by Sunday 4th January. If you are struggling to access MyChurch Suite then please do contact me before this date for help.

Those people who lead services and/or preach, Please let Morey know re your availability to lead/preach. Morey will also contact you.

If you are interested in trialling out a particular role (with no commitment to continue) then it would be great to hear from you.

Many thanks, Sarah

#### **Mince Pies Wanted**

We would like to offer mince pies at the Christingle service on 21<sup>st</sup> December and at the Christmas Eve Nativity.

Can you provide some? Ideally home made ones but if you can't manage that, then bought ones, but please check use by dates.

Please let Sharon or Pauline know if you can donate some, how many and what sort.

If you are coming to the Christingle service you can bring them then, but otherwise you can deliver them to Pauline.

# **Church Noticeboard**

# Prayer 2026

# 1 Thess 5:17 - pray continually

During 2026 the Diocese has committed this year as having an extra focus on **PRAYER**.

In the summer of 2025 I too felt that we should as churches, refocus ourselves in prayer as we seek God for what he desires of us at this time and in these places.

In order to enable this to happen I am interested in the views of those who would like to contribute.

You can do this by dropping me a note of ideas you may have to help in our re focus.

Many thanks

Morey



Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen

# **Future Dates For The Diary**

#### **Ordination - Russell Herbert**

As previously informed, I am delighted to announce that on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6pm in St Bartholomew's Church, Failand, Russell Herbert will be ordained Deacon and serve as our Curate until July 2026. It would be wonderful to see as many folks as possible to welcome him and his family. Please share lifts as far as possible.

Morey

#### **Shared Lunch**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Shared lunch after church

#### Taizé Service

St Francis Church Nailsea. Sunday 1st February – 5pm

A reflective hour with Taizé chants.

All welcome. Speak to Mike, Barbara or Pauline to find out more.

# **Bubble church Request**

We STILL need lots of large plastic bottles for an activity in the new year (making David and Goliath skittles) Please could you save them for us .

Ruth and team

A link to Manna the diocesan magazine

https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/60638a2c87045/content/pages/documents/manna-december-2025-a4.pdf

Our next newsletter will cover 2 weeks - 4th and 11th January 2026

Any items for the newsletter should be sent to welcome@trendlewoodchurch.org.uk by 9am

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