

## Trendlewood Church News for Sundays 7th and 14th December



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### Ministers Musings

Entering into Advent is a time to reflect; a time to wait; a time to look for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end, for his return. As we do so, I came across this poem at the last Deanery meeting and thought it would be one we could spend time reading, pausing and pondering over these next couple of weeks.

### Poem by Oscar Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.  
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No programme accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

Blessings

Morey

## Sunday Services

### Sunday 7th December 2025 - 10.15am

**Morning Worship:** Pauline will be leading and Ed speaking - thinking about the Advent theme of **HOPE**;

### Sunday 14th December 2025 - 10.15am

**Holy Communion:** Mike will be leading and Morey speaking on the Advent theme of **PEACE**;

## Prayer Focus for the coming week

People	Roads
Edward & Ruth Sheffield George Spencer Ricky & Ruth Wilkinson Debz and Graham Spinney	Helston Road, Woodford Close Falmouth Close, St Andrew's Close, Shetland Way
Mission	Community
Mercy Ships	As we enter into Advent - please pray for all the Christmas events happening as we and others connect with our community.

## For Christmas Day:

We are in need of someone to lead a prayer activity during the service on Christmas Day. If you are interested please speak to Morey for more details.

## 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

## 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 in two ways – drop me a note of ideas you may have to help in our re focus.

**Or**

Join me for a gathering where we can talk and pray about this together on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025, at 7.30pm in the Cross Tree Centre.

Many thanks

Morey



## Trendlewood Christmas Meal

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the Trinity Centre 7.15 for 7.30 start.

A welcome drink, 3 course meal and tea or coffee. Please bring other drinks to accompany your meal. To cover costs, please pay £15 at time of booking indicating any vegetarians/vegans and food allergies.

Sign up sheet at church every Sunday Please sign up as soon as possible to aid planning and ordering. Deadline for signing up is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Or e mail pauline by 5<sup>th</sup> December.

If you wish to pay by BACS please email Pauline for details.

## Advent 2025

This Christmas we celebrate Jesus, the greatest of wonders, coming to earth in the smallest of ways.

Throughout advent, we plan to explore four different themes through Bible reflections: discussion: video: etc

The dates will be Monday afternoons 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> December; 2.30pm to 3.30pm  
@ The Cross Tree Centre

The Themes are:

Wonderful plan: How Jesus' birth fulfilled the wonderful plan revealed in the Old Testament's promises of rescue

Wonderful news: How the incarnation is wonderful news amidst brokenness

Wonderful work: How we're invited to join in God's wonderful work

Wonderful to meet you: How we're called to bring that spark of small wonder into all of life

*I am basing the sessions on material from the LICC (London Institute of Contemporary Christianity) – <https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/small-wonder-a-christmas-devotional-journey/>*

## Christmas Dates

### Trendlewood

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 4.00pm – Bubble Church Christingle Service @ Trendlewood  
(*There will be no morning service that day at Trendlewood*)  
We encourage folks to come to bubble church and / or the carol service at Wraxall at 6pm

Christmas Eve – 4.00pm – Bubble Church Nativity @ Wraxall Church;

Christmas Day – 10.15am – Christmas Day Morning Worship

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am – Gathering at Home

## **Christmas @ Wraxall with Failand**

### **All saints, Wraxall**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 5.00pm – Carols @ Sycamore Lodge Care Home

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 6.00pm – Traditional Carol Service

Christmas Eve – 4.00pm – Bubble Church Nativity (Crib Service)

Christmas Eve – 11.00pm – Midnight Communion

Christmas Day – 10.00am – Christmas Day Morning Worship

### **St Bartholomew's Church, Failand**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm – Traditional Carol Service

Christmas Eve – 9.00pm – Holy Communion for Christmas

## **Future Dates For The Diary**

### **Shared Lunch**

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

### **Taizé Service**

St Francis Church Nailsea. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 5pm

A reflective hour with Taizé chants.

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

### **Bubble church Request**

We 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

### **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

A link to Manna the diocesan magazine

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/60638a2c87045/content/pages/documents/manna-december-2025-a4.pdf>

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**Our next newsletter will cover 2 weeks - 21st and 28th December**

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Tuesday 16th December**

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