



St Andrews Church
Taunton

Reaching lives for change and hope

Registered Charity no: 1196804

14th December 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Andrew's; we hope you enjoy the service.

Pre-school children are welcome to use the Children's Area in the South Aisle during the service but must be looked after by their parents or carers.

School age children will have their own activities led by today's helpers.

Tea and coffee will be available from the servery after the service. If you need help with anything, do ask one of the welcomers.

Collect (Prayer):

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 35.1-10, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

Prayer After Communion:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Zoom Morning Prayer - Tuesdays at 9am

The joining details are below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85499166351?pwd=6X3IOW57eX84bvG1t2E2ejfLQNvtjF.1>

Meeting ID: 854 9916 6351 Passcode: 360825

WaterAid Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, we invite you to support our WaterAid appeal and help bring clean, safe water to communities in need. Even a small gift can make a life-changing difference. Together, let's share Christ's love in a practical and powerful way. There will be a collection plate at the back of church during Advent. Thank you.

Open Door – A Support Centre for Rough Sleepers in Taunton

A request has been received from Open Door to help them provide their clients with Christmas gifts. A wish list has been put in the Narthex, together with a box for donations. Thank you, *Lesley*

St. Andrew's Communal Christmas card!

Next to the Eco Church display, there is a large communal Christmas card on which everyone is welcome to write their Christmas messages to others in the congregation. Merry Christmas



Children's Society Blue Box Appeal

Just a reminder that it is almost time for the annual Children's Society Blue Boxes to be collected..... I usually collect them during January. You can bring them to church or contact me to arrange collection. If anyone would like to make a donation I am happy to accept at any time, with or without a Blue box. I have spare boxes if anyone would like one....just ask me. All donations are most gratefully received by the Children's Society who do such good work with young people in times of need and crisis. Thank you, *Joycey*

Late Christmas Lunch – Sunday 25 January

The Fund Raising Team will be taking names and money from 7 December for the Late Christmas Lunch. The cost for this special lunch will be the same as last year at £15 per head. This will include a full main meal followed by trifle and mince pies with coffee. *Lesley Jones*



December Light up the Spire



In loving memory of Alan Geoffrey Aish

Our thanks to God for the gift of an amazing and
adored daughter Sarah (Bayon).
We remember at this time of year all the wonderful
memories and happy times.

We also celebrate the lives of Valerie and Cyril Huish,
devoted and loving parents.
May you be resting in glorious peace together

Church Diary The Church will be open during office hours Tuesdays to Fridays 8.30-11.30am		
Monday	December 15	9.45am Pyrland School Carol Service
Tuesday	December 16	9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer 9.30am Church Mice
Wednesday	December 17	10.00am Parish Eucharist, <i>followed by coffee</i>
Thursday	December 18	1.30pm Priorswood School Carol Service

For Your Prayers...

Those who are unwell: Joanna, Neil, Paul, Julia, Catherine, Gilly, Les, Sheila, Dave, Frida

Those who have died recently: Katy Huxtable, John

Years Mind: **14/12** Ada Brownsey, **17/12** Cyril Huish, **18/12** Sarah Bayon, **20/12** Kevin Farmer, Florence Coles

- For a just and lasting peace in Ukraine
- For the ceasefire agreement to hold between Gaza and Israel

21st December 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Community Carol Service

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16, Romans 1.1-7,
Matthew 1.18-end

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