



Pathway
Church

**THIS
WEEK**

Dear all,

Happy New (Church) Year! This Sunday we enter the season of **Advent**. Advent means 'coming' and it is the season in which we anticipate the coming of Christ on the day he will return again, as well as our annual celebration of his first coming at Christmas.

Much like Lent, traditionally Advent was a season of prayer and fasting - which can be a little tricky in this modern age where Christmas seems to have already begun! Perhaps we can pray though that it might be a season of reflection and spiritual preparation for us all.

In anticipation of the Christmas celebrations, a number of services and events will be held this week including an **All Age Service** at Holy Trinity this Sunday and St Thomas' **Christmas Bazaar** and **Christingle** next weekend.

God bless,

Emily



This Sunday we mark the first Sunday of Advent.

Services & Events this week

Sunday 1st December

09:30 • Morning Praise with Holy Baptism at St Andrew's, Whittlesey

10:00 • All Age Service at Holy Trinity, Coates

11:00 • Sunday Worship at St Mary's, Whittlesey

18:00 • Evening Praise at St Thomas, Pondersbridge

Monday 2nd December

9-11am • Trinity Tots at Holy Trinity, Coates

Tuesday 3rd December

09:30 • Morning Prayer (Boiler Room) on Zoom

12:30 • Funeral of Agnes Coles at St Andrew's, Whittlesey

Wednesday 4th December

09:15 • Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Coates

10:00 • Advent Course at Holy Trinity, Coates

19:30 • Prayer Course on Zoom

PM • The Coat of Hopes arrives in Pondersbridge

Thursday 5th December

10:00 • Holy Communion at St Mary's, Whittlesey

10:45 • Advent Course at St Mary's, Whittlesey

14:30 • Funeral of Margaret Timms at St Mary's, Whittlesey

Friday 6th December

09:30 • Morning Prayer (Boiler Room) on Zoom

12:30 • Funeral of Paula Hubbard at St Mary's, Whittlesey

18:00 • Worship & Teaching team meeting at the Rectory

Saturday 7th December

1-3pm • Christmas Bazaar at St Thomas, Pondersbridge

Sunday 8th December

09:30 • Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Coates

09:30 • Morning Praise at St Andrew's, Whittlesey

11:00 • Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St Mary's, Whittlesey

followed by Bring & Share lunch at the Rectory

11:00 • Christingle Service at St Thomas, Pondersbridge

2&4pm • Messy Church at the Studio, Whittlesey

For your **PRAYERS** this week:

For Charlotte, Rob and Linda who will be Confirmed this weekend.

For Maximillian who will be baptised this weekend.

As the Coat of Hopes travels through Pondersbridge this week - that we might be better stewards of the earth which God has entrusted us with.

For the vote on the Assisted Dying Bill in Parliament tomorrow; that God's wisdom might prevail and MPs might come to the right decision.

For those who are unwell at this time and in need of healing, including:

George Brown • Nalia James • Molly O'Brien • Jane Randells • Joyce Rogers

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list for healing, please let us know. People with ongoing need of healing remain in our prayers even if their names no longer appear here.

We remember those who have recently died and pray for their family and friends at this difficult time, including:

Agnes Coles • Paula Hubbard • Margaret Timms • Mary Widgey • Laurie Williams

MARY WIDDGERY - Mary was once a member of St Mary's Church and a member of the Friends of St Mary's. For all who knew her, Mary's funeral will be held at St Mary's on **Monday 9th December** at 1pm.



THE COAT OF HOPES will be travelling from Stamford to Ely this week and will be stopping at Pondersbridge on Wednesday evening. You can read more about the Coat of Hopes and its journey here: www.coatofhopes.uk.

Pondersbridge Hall is planned to be open on Wednesday 4th December c. 7-9pm, where all are welcome to come and see the Coat, wear it and share with others their hopes (and concerns) for our environment and the current climate emergency. For more information, please contact Paul Turner, churchwarden: oldpumphouse@btinternet.com or 07720 719420

ASSISTED DYING BILL - this will be voted on in Parliament tomorrow (Friday). Many - if not almost all - Christians would hold the view that this Bill comes into conflict with much of what we believe about the values of God's kingdom; our responsibility in the care of his creation and the value we place on life.

You can read a letter by various faith leaders which sets out some of these concerns [HERE](#).

CHRISTMAS 2024

A full list of our services and events can be found [HERE](#) - but here are some highlights:



ST Thomas Church
Pondersbridge
CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR
Sat 7th December
1pm - 3pm
Home baking - Gifts
Tombola - Raffle - Jigsaws
Father Christmas - Refreshments
Free entry



Messy Church
Christmas

CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN WHITTLESEY & DISTRICT

Sunday **8th** December

Salvation Army Studio Whittlesey
First Session: 2.00-3.30 p.m.
Second Session: 4.00-5.30 p.m.

Each session can accommodate up to 24 ppl
Christmas crafts, table activities, and storytime
with refreshments

RSVP Tim
timwongwhittlesey@gmail.com
or book here



Jesus



Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, Whittlesey

Friday 13th December - 10am-5pm

Saturday 14th December - 10am-8pm

Sunday 15th December - 10am-4pm

Entry £2 (Free for Children under 11)

Sunday 15th December at 6pm

Christmas Carols around the Trees

followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

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Carols at The Falcon

Thursday 19th December
7.30pm

**Come sing your favourite
Christmas carols, enjoy festive
fun & mince pies at The Falcon
Hotel, led by Churches Together!**

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Emily's rest day this week is Saturday.

[Safeguarding Contacts](#) *[click on the link]*

"All things come from You, and of your own have we given You".

1 Chronicles 29:14



If you share our vision of sharing the Good News of Jesus with the communities of Whittlesey, Pondersbridge and Coates then you might like to support that vision financially.

It is very easy to give online [HERE](#).

If you would like to support St Andrew's or St Mary's then we would encourage you to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme [HERE](#).

Pathway Church is the operating name of the Church of England in Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates; incorporating the Parochial Church Councils of Whittlesey Saint Andrew, Whittlesey Saint Mary, Pondersbridge Saint Thomas and Coates Holy Trinity. Our parishes also covers the areas of Eastrea, Turves and Kings Dyke.

