

THIS WEEK

The Church of England in Whittlesey, Pondersbridge and Coates



**Sunday 21st December – 4th Sunday of Advent (Purple) Common Worship Lectionary Readings:
Isaiah 7: 10 - 16 Romans 1: 1 - 7, Matthew 1: 18 to the end**

09.30 Holy Communion at St Andrew's Church, Whittlesey
09.30 Morning Praise at Holy Trinity Church, Coates
11.00 Morning Worship at St Mary's Church, Whittlesey
16.30 Carols and Nativity Tableaux at St Thomas Church, Pondersbridge

Monday 22nd

09.00 – 11.00 **NO** Trinity Tots at Holy Trinity Church, Coates

Wednesday 24th

09.15 **NO** Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Coates
15.00 Carol/Crib Service at Holy Trinity Church, Coates
17.00 Nativity Service at St Mary's Church, Whittlesey
20.00 Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Whittlesey
21.00 Holy Communion at St Thomas Church, Pondersbridge
21.30 Said Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Whittlesey
22.30 Holy Communion at St Andrew's Church, Whittlesey

Thursday 25th

10.00 Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Coates

Saturday 27th

NO LEGO Club

**Sunday 28th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas (White) Common Worship Lectionary Readings:
Isaiah 63: 7 – 9, Hebrews 2: 10 to the end, Matthew 2: 13 to the end**

11.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Whittlesey

Wednesday 31st

NO Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Coates

Thursday 1st January

10.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Whittlesey

Saturday 3rd January

10.00 Pathway Womens' Breakfast at the 'Not Just Café'. For further details contact Min on 01733 208095
15.00 Wedding of Stuart Overland and Emma Minett at St Andrew's Church, Whittlesey

**Sunday 4th January – Epiphany (White) Common Worship Lectionary Readings:
Isaiah 60: 1 – 6, Ephesians 3: 1 – 12, Matthew 2: 1 - 12**

09.30 Morning Praise at St Andrew's Church, Whittlesey
09.30 Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Coates
10.30 Covenant Service at Methodist/URC Queen Street Whittlesey
11.00 Morning Worship at St Mary's Church, Whittlesey

For your **PRAYERS** this week:

Collect for 4th Sunday of Advent

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see,
with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Collect for 1st Sunday of Christmas

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Almighty God, in you we live and move and have our being. We praise and bless you, Lord
Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole.

The Venerable David Fleming, Jane Smith, Lucy & Albert Rogers, Julia Perkins, Nigel Noble, Jean Willows

(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

Augusta Archer (Gussie)

St Thomas's PCC has had a very busy month leading up to Christmas.

From our **Bazaar** at the end of November, Friday evening 5th December saw the church full again, to the sounds of "Echoes From The Past". It being their third **Concert** in the church they amiably entertained us with a varied, as well as a seasonal selection of songs, with enthused audience participation. A refreshment break mid way, revitalized our vocal cords and the groups dexterity, to end the concert on a high note and raising £705 towards floor funding. Saturday 13th December 43 people joined us for the last **Breakfast Gathering** of 2025. Their generosity raising £281. Our Breakfast sessions, initially thought of as a "one off" have proved to be very popular, are part of St Thomas' outreach and mission, both enjoyable and lucrative. We look forward to serving you all again in 2026 and will announce dates in due course. Looking forward now to our **Carols and Nativity** on Sunday 21st at **4.30 pm**.....followed by mulled wine/hot drinks, Paul's Christmas Pudding. We would like to say a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for your support throughout all of our events during 2025. It has been great to entertain, feed and impress you with our sales strategy (the Bazaar) and look forward to 2026. Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

BENEFICE DIARY - Roger Brown holds the Benefice Diary. Please ensure that he is notified direct of any Church activity, any changes or cancellations to; roger@pathway-church.co.uk Tel: 01733 202884. The Benefice Diary helps to provide information for this weekly sheet.

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