

### Week beginning 23 December

9 am: Holy Communion (Church Centre)  
3 pm for 3.30 pm start Christingle (Church Centre)  
Monday (Christmas Eve): Midnight Communion (Holy Trinity) 11 pm  
Tuesday (Christmas Day): Christmas Communion (Holy Trinity) 10.30 am

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### HELP AND MINCE PIES NEEDED

We would like to ask for help with serving tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies at the end of the Carol Service on 16th December, and for the teas and mince pies at the Christingle Service on 23rd December. Our lovely young mums will help construct the Christingles themselves. We also need donations of boxes of mince pies for both services. Do speak to me or Joan if you can help. Carol

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When I was cleaning Holy Trinity recently I found some batteries in the rubbish bin. Batteries can contain harmful chemicals, so should be taken away and put in your battery recycling bag or taken to the tip.

Anne Farthing

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In the Newsletter of 11th November we asked everyone to break with tradition this year and instead of a Christmas post box they could send one Christmas card to the congregation as a whole. These cards will be attached to the notice boards in the Workshop. We had suggested that the money saved could be donated to a charity and Peter would like that charity to be The Children's Society, (previously known as the Church of England Children's Society). We will have little white envelopes with the name of the charity for those donations. The collection at the Christingle Service will also go to this charity.

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### The Children's Society

Further to the above notice concerning donations to the Children's Society, would you please note that we are unable to accept any cheques made payable to that Society as we cannot process them. If you wish to donate by means of a cheque, please make it payable to "Penn Street with Holmer Green PCC". Ultimately, the value of such cheques will be added to cash donations received and the grand total raised by our parish transferred electronically to the Society. Please do not forget to add the date together with either your parish donor number or your full name and address on the white Gift Aid envelope containing your donation. Thank you., Mike Jose

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### PASTORAL CARE TEAM

If you know of anyone in need or if you require help yourself, please don't hesitate to call:-  
Carol Hornsby  
Mike Large  
Rosemary Wheeler

# NEWSLETTER

**For the Parish of Penn Street  
with Holmer Green**

**16 December 2018**

*A very warm welcome to our services, especially if you are a visitor or new to the church. We are a Christian family committed to serving God and our community and making his good news known.*

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### Third Sunday of Advent

9 am: Holy Communion (Church Centre)  
3 pm Candlelit Carol Service (Holy Trinity) - **please bring a torch**  
Monday: Tiddlywinks 1.30 pm;  
Christmas Service at Cherry Garth 6.30 pm; Prayer Meeting 7.30 pm  
Tuesday: Prayer Meeting 9 am; Bowls 2 pm  
Thursday: Women's Fellowship Carol Service 2 pm  
Friday: Link-up Bereavement Friendship Group 10.30 am - 12 noon  
- there will not be a sharing lunch this time

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Theme for Today: Proclaim  
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14 - 20  
Luke 3: 7 - 18

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Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

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, Amen

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Please Pray For:  
Janice, Pene, Lena,  
Duncan, Alan &  
Judy, Keith, Monica  
& Geoff, Jane, Freya  
& Bethany, and Pam

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**Christ Church will be closed until 31 March 2019** as there will not be any heating. Services will be held in the Church Centre. Any further donations towards the heating fund will be gratefully received - please make it clear that your donation is for the heating fund

### Our Parish Vision

To Release, Support, Enable  
and Encourage God's People  
to receive His Grace, share  
His Love and live His Life

Visit our website: <https://www.pshg.org> for  
updates & information about any future events.

### All you need is love...

I like getting bargains in our local charity shop and had a look round recently as they had put a lot of Christmas stuff out. One of the items I bought was a little bag containing four wooden letters which stand up individually to spell the word LOVE. Or so I thought!

At home, I got the letters out and put up the L and the O. As I looked at the two remaining letters, I couldn't work out why I had N and E left and no V! I thought, how silly, did they not realise it had the wrong letter in it? I can't put these letters up spelling "LONE"!! It must have taken me a full minute to realise they were supposed to spell NOEL!

I did have a chuckle at myself but it got me thinking. I had made an assumption about what was in the bag. I then assumed it was someone else's fault that my expectations were not met. But however you look at it, it was all in MY mind and nothing to do with anyone else!

We often think we know what's going on, what people are thinking, why they behave a certain way or say what they do and that nothing is ever our fault or responsibility. But it's our PRIDE that puts us and our feelings at the top of all other considerations and makes us assume we must always be right. We need to change our way of thinking – then we might be more often patient, kind and loving and less often cross, upset or disappointed!

Romans 12:2-3 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. LA

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### Details of Christmas Services

- 16th 9.00am Holy Communion Church Centre  
3.00pm Candlelit Carol Service Holy Trinity with guest speaker David Robinson. **Please bring a torch.**
- 23rd 9.00 am Holy Communion Church Centre .  
**3.00pm for 3.30pm** start - Christingle Church Centre
- 24th 11.00pm Midnight Communion Holy Trinity
- 25th 10.30am Christmas Communion Holy Trinity
- 30th 9.00am BCP Communion Church Centre  
10.45am ACTS Service Baptist Church

