

The Calendar:

**Weds 20th DECEMBER  
COFFEE SHOP  
9.30 AM—12 NOON**



Coffee Shop will be **closed** on

**Weds 27th Dec  
& Weds 3rd January**

**Re-opens on Weds 10th January 2018.**

**CHIPPENHAM CHURCHES  
TOGETHER (CCT)**

Carols at the Railway Station—  
**Mon 18th Dec @ 5 pm**

**School Carol Services @  
St. Andrew's  
Kings Lodge—Mon 18th @ 10 am  
Charter— 1 pm & 6 pm  
Tues 19th—Kings Lodge @ 6 pm  
Weds 20th Monkton Park @ 1 pm**

**Church Flower Teams:** Decoration  
of the Church for Christmas will be on  
**Friday 22nd December  
9 am—1 pm.**

**DOORWAY SLEEP-OUT** in the  
Churchyard Overnight on  
27th January 2018.

**Revelation Resources Centre &  
Bookshop**, sadly closes at the end  
of January. Selection of Christmas  
cards, books, gifts available until  
Christmas. Your support over the  
years has been appreciated.

*Items for inclusion in Pewsheet to be with  
Ros Harford 01249-812190  
[rosarf31@btinternet.com](mailto:rosarf31@btinternet.com) By Weds evg.*

**TICKETS:** Jenny Norris /Sue Hol-  
lands will be selling tickets today  
for Lucy Dowling's Christmas  
Wreath Decoration on 19th Dec,  
&  
The Cinderella Opera on  
**Sat 6th January 5 pm—7 pm.**  
Shoestring Opera presents this opera  
by Rossini ) An abridged but staged  
& costume version making sure none  
of the touching moments in the story  
are lost. Production accompanied by  
a keyboard.

**John Rutter Choral Workshop  
@ Bath Abbey on Sat 20th Janu-  
ary 2018**, It starts at 10am, costs £20  
to include music hire and is planned  
to finish at 3.30. Tickets from online  
from Bath Box Office directly.



**CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS  
CARD TO THE  
CHILDREN'S  
SOCIETY:**

A bit late, but if you would like to  
sign the big card for everyone in  
church and make a donation for  
the Children's Society, please do.

**EARLY NOTICE: Items for  
FEBRUARY 2018 PARISH  
MAGAZINE TO BE WITH EDI-  
TOR, JENNY NORRIS BY  
SUNDAY 31ST  
DECEMBER!!**

*Mid-Week H.C service : Holy Commun-  
ion 8.30 am Thursday: **Morning Prayer**  
8.30 am Mondays, Tues, & Sat : Morning  
Prayer 8 am Wednesdays. Please note  
that Rod's day off is a Friday*

**BE JOYFUL!**



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**SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER**

*(3rd Sunday of ADVENT: Year B)*

**8 am ~Said Eucharist—Traditional Language**

**10 am: ALL AGE EUCHARIST (With Adult**

**Baptism of James Adman & Remy Osman)**

**Reading: Isaiah 61. 1-4**

**Gospel: St John 1. 19-28**

**HYMNS: 265, Great is the Lord, (overleaf) 80, 631, 480**

**NO EVENING SERVICE @ ST. A THIS EVENING 17TH DEC**

**All welcome to join St Nicholas, Tytherton Lucas for their  
carols @ 6.30 pm, followed by mulled wine at the farm.**

**WARDEN ON DUTY TODAY: BARRY HAYWARD**



**C CHRISTMAS EVE**

**NEXT SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER**

*(4th Sunday of ADVENT: Year B)*

Please note there will **not** be a Holy  
Communion Service at **8 am** on Christmas Eve

**24th December**

**10 am: PARISH EUCHARIST**

**Reading: Romans 16. 25-end**

**Gospel: St Luke 1. 26-38**

**HYMNS: 182, 670, 634, 350, 631**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES @ ST ANDREWS**

**Sun 24th December—NO 8 am Holy Communion:**

**10 am Parish Eucharist with hymns**

**4 pm Children's Crib Service**

**7 pm Carol Service**

**11 pm Midnight Holy Communion**

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

**Mon 25th Dec—8 am Said Eucharist—traditional language**

**10 am All Age Eucharist**



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**17th December: (3rd Sunday of Advent: Year B)**

**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you; grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight.

**Post 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.

**1st Reading: Isaiah 61. 1-4**

The servant of the Lord said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a

garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

**HYMN: Great is the Lord**

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,  
The city of our God, the holy place,  
The joy of the whole earth.  
Great is the Lord in whom we have  
the victory,  
He aids us against the enemy,  
We bow down on our knees.

Lord, we call to mind your love  
Through all our days;  
As your name is great, so also is  
your praise  
To earth's remotest end,  
Lord, as your dwelling in heaven  
so shall earth be,  
For you will guide us eternally,  
Your kingdom stands secure.

**And Lord we lift your holy name on high,  
And Lord we want to thank you  
For all you've done in our lives;  
and Lord we trust in your unfailing love,  
For you alone are God eternal,  
Throughout earth and heaven above**

**And Lord we lift your holy name  
on high, .....**

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**Gospel: St John 1. 19-28**

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'<sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.'<sup>21</sup> And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.'<sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'<sup>23</sup> He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wil-

derness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.<sup>25</sup> They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'<sup>26</sup> John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know,<sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'<sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**Remembering those who have asked for our prayers:**

*Anne Baker, Mary Beint, Stanley Blake, Tony Bollen, Pauline Buckley, Lisa Cliff, Norman Fox, Steve Goodman, Ken Harrison, Richard Holtham, Carol Iles, Diane Mansfield, Elizabeth McKinlay-Walker, Mary Neate, Jan Sheppard, Debby Whitby, George Winchester, Doris Watt, Eileen Yates; Sharon.*  
*From our visitors: 6 y.o.. James Little, David, Peter, Linda*

**Communion of Saints & the Departed:**

**Tues 19th December in church @ 7.30 pm**

**Make your own Christmas Table Decoration. Greenery, Oasis & candles all provided—but bring along secateurs & anything you'd like to include in your arrangement.**

**Tickets £10, profits to DOORWAY.**

**Contact Lucy 07779268731 or Dorryta 653322**



Website is now up and running again! Do visit it at [standrewschippenham.org.uk](http://standrewschippenham.org.uk) and let us know if you can suggest any additions. Our church email address is now [st.andrewschurch@Zen.co.uk](mailto:st.andrewschurch@Zen.co.uk) This is the address for all correspondence to the church and office, and is will be forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to your enquiry.

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