



The Parish of
Winchcombe

2 December 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Growing in God, growing the family of God

Welcome!

Welcome to St Peter's on this First Sunday of Advent and Christingle. Today we start our season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Services for Today

St Peter's, Winchcombe

8.00am Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Michael Hand

10.30am Christingle

Officiant: Rachel Murray

12.30pm Baptism of Erin Hall

Officiant: Mike Holloway

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Officiant: Mike Holloway

St Peter's choir will be performing a wonderful selection of pieces together with lessons and congregational hymns.

St Michael's, Stanley Pontlarge

9.15am Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Rob Pestell

Christ Church, Gretton

10.00am Morning Worship

Officiant: Steve Carter

Today's Readings

Morning Services

Jeremiah 33.14-26 (OT, page 749)

Luke 21.25-36 (NT, page 82)

Service Streaming

Listen to selected services at St Peter's through our website winchcombeparish.org.uk/links.php.

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Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Weekday Services (3-8 December)

Services are at St Peter's unless otherwise stated.

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	2.15pm	Winchcombe Abbey School Christingle
Thursday	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Toddler Time
Friday	9.00am	Morning Prayer

Please note there will be no midweek Holy Communion on Monday or Friday mornings for the foreseeable future.

Blue Christmas

Friday 21 December at 6.00pm there will be a short service in St Peter's for those for whom Christmas is a difficult time. Please speak to Rachel Murray if you would like more information.

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Second Sunday of Advent

St Peter's, Winchcombe

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

Christ Church, Gretton

10.00am Holy Communion

St Michael's, Stanley Pontlarge

No Service today

Christmas Festival 4 December

During the Christmas Festival on Tuesday do look out for the Churches Together in Winchcombe Stand on North Street. Please pop over to say hello and hand out some flyers.

Sue Ryder Christmas Concert

Cheltenham Silver Band will be giving a Christmas Concert in aid of Sue Ryder at 7.30pm on Friday 7 December in Highbury Congregational Church, GL52 6DS. Tickets are £8 - available on the door.

St Michael's, Stanley Pontlarge

Christmas is coming early at St Michael's with a Carol Service at 6.00pm on Friday 14 December.

Christmas Concert

Saturday 15 December at 7.30pm contemporary choral gems will be performed by Commotio, Oxford's Contemporary choir. Tickets £12/£10 available from Coventry Building Society or online from www.commotio.org.

Thank You – M&L Gorman and T4U Boxes

Martin and Lynn Gorman would like to thank everyone at St Peter's for their very kind concern and prayers in recent weeks. This has been a tremendous comfort and support to them both.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the T4U shoe box appeal. They have gone to Romania, Belarus and Bosnia for children in crisis.

Cheltenham Samaritans

Penny Kain will be doing a 2080ft long Zip Wire to raise money for the Samaritans while on holiday in the Caribbean. There is a sponsorship form on the cross-aisle table in St Peter's.

Christmas Pastoral Hampers

Every Christmas St Peter's provides hampers to about 10 local families. Lists of suggested items for the hampers can be found at the cross-aisle and in the porch, and any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would prefer to give money we will use this to buy perishables items. Please bring gifts to the St Peter's Centre by Friday 14 December; donations of cash should be put in a sealed envelope clearly marked "pastoral team hampers". If you would prefer to pay by direct electronic transfer (BACS), the sort code is 30 91 87, account number 69199668, please reference Christmas Hampers.

Today's Music at St Peter's

Morning Service:

See separate service leaflet

Advent Carol Service

See separate service leaflet

Children and Young People

This morning's Christingle service is for everyone, young and old, and children are welcome to move about.

Toilet and baby changing facilities are available by the kitchen at the back of the church. There are toys available in the Lady Chapel and activity packs for older children.

Chill Out

Chill Out is currently suspended. Please watch this space for a restart date.

Toddler Time

Toddler Time is every Thursday at 10.00am in St Peter's Lady Chapel. We meet for craft, story time, music, play and refreshments. Children from babies to preschool are welcome with parents, grandparents and carers.

Winchcombe Abbey School Prayer Group

A group meet at Winchcombe Abbey School on the first Tuesday of the month at 8.50am to pray for school and its community. Everyone is welcome to join us!

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