

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

3.8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

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THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

1.1-8

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

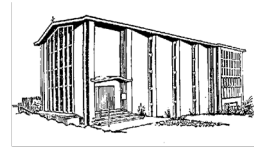
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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings is for you to take home to study at your leisure. Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish.

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

10th December, 2023

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

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• **Children** from Nursery age upwards
• are encouraged to join the Junior
• Church during the 10.00am service. It
• begins a few minutes into the service,
• and parents are welcome to go too
• into the Trinity room. There is a
• children's corner for tots at the front
• of church, to be used under your own
• supervision, and you'll also find
• colouring boxes there for children
• to use alongside you in the pew.
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Giving to Holy Trinity

We rely on your donations to maintain our church and its mission. Donations can be made on our website, or by cash or contactless card in church. Please Gift Aid your donation, if possible. Thank you.

Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. If you wish to remain off camera please sit in the left hand bank of seating (north aisle).

Services Today

10.00am Parish Eucharist
President Revd Jos Perris
Preacher Rev'd Jos Perris
Hymns 306, 513, 280, 138, 263, 155
Junior Church Roni and Sarah
12:15 Holy Baptism - William Stone

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday 11th December

2:45pm Collective Worship at LG School. All Welcome.
7.00pm C.A. group in TR
7:30pm Publicity Group meets in the Vicarage
7.45pm Trinity Readers

Tuesday 12th December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom
10.00am Funeral of Margaret Cullen RIP in church
7.30pm Trinity Men's Group in TR

Wednesday 13th December

10am Holy Communion
Noon Craft Group Christmas Meeting

Thursday 14th December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom
10.00am Toddler Church

Friday 15th December

7.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 16th December

10-12am Saturday Coffee Shop
10.00am Interment of Ashes
6.00pm-7.30pm TYG Christmas Meeting

Sunday 17th December 2023 Third Sunday in Advent

10.00am Parish Eucharist with Toddler Church Nativity play

Readings:

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end
1 Thess 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Second Sunday of Advent

PRAYERS

Please pray

...for William Stone who is to be baptised today
... for the sick: Ingrid Blockley, John and Laurence Blythe, Julia Davenne, Phyllis Duncan, Madge Field, Lynn Freeman, Kay Hawes, Kirsty Millar, Florence Portugal and Carole Robson.
... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Peter McClelland, Mark Jefferson, Rita Reed, Margaret Cullen and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 12th at 7.30pm Our Men's Group will meet for its Christmas gathering. Contact Dick if you haven't already. 07876 211537

Saturday 16th December 1-2pm

CTHH Carol Singing at the Rainbow Stage in The Marlowes. Please come and sing.

Sunday 17th December 10am

Toddler Church Nativity Play in Parish Eucharist

Sunday 17th December

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Sunday 24th December

10am Parish Eucharist;
3pm & 5pm Children's Crib Service;
11.15pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December

10am Christmas Eucharist

Thursday 28th December 2.30-4pm

Friendship Tea in TR

Sunday 31st December

No Service at HT

10.30am Joint Team Service at All Saints, Kings Langley

NOTICES

Huge thanks to the Christmas Fair committee, all helpers and all customers for the magnificent success of last Saturday's event. It was fabulous to see the church packed with happy people! At the first count we made £3,450 which may change slightly with late donations and some expenses to be claimed. Well done all of us!

Daily Advent reflections are available from the Church of England if you sign up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-calling/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/connect-years-call-join-song>

Sat 6th January 7.30pm

'Some Enchanted Evening'

Chase the January blues away with a journey through musical theatre, with our friends the O'Donnell family and special guest Lyle Fulton.

Tickets £15 to include drinks and nibbles
From Beverley 07954 141188

The Community Foodbank

Christmas goodies would be very welcome for Foodbank users

'The 2024 Church Cleaning rota is on the TR notice board. Please don't be shy to sign up - if 2 people do it it takes less than an hour. A clean and tidy church is part of our welcome to our visitors. (TR cleaning is organised separately.) I'm happy to buddy up to show what needs to be done. Gillian on 07770 874744.

Did you know?

You can find details of parish activities on our website at **www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk** and we have a facebook page at

<http://beneficeoflangelei.org.uk/holytrinity>

[Facebook.com/HolyTrinityLeverstockGreen/](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityLeverstockGreen/)

YouTube: holytrinity lg