

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke 21.25-36

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

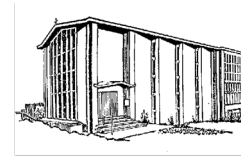
'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

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First Sunday of Advent - Year B

1st December, 2024

The 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.

Amen

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

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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Holy Trinity Bulletin 1st December, 2024

First Sunday in Advent

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Prayer of preparation

Spirit of God, come among us, work within us.
 Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts, and light into our witness.
 Cleanse us and make us new.
 Touch us and make us whole.
 Receive our worship in Jesus' name.
Amen

Holy Trinity church is open everyday for private prayer and reflection from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Children from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join the Junior Church which meets in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! They go out to JC after the Collect prayer and return for Communion. There is a children's corner for tots at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are available through the Trinity Room.

Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. Please sit on the far left if you wish to remain off camera.

Services Today

8am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Jos Perris
Hymns HON Communion 247, 589, 469, 101, 288, 619
Junior Church Suzanne

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 2nd December
 11am Christmas Fair Committee
 7.30pm CA Meeting
Wednesday 4th December
 10am Morning Service
 2-4pm Craft Group
Thursday 5th December
 10am Toddler's Church
Friday 6th December
 7pm Choir Practice
Saturday 7th December
 10am-12 Coffee Shop
 12.30- Christmas Fair
 3.30pm
 4pm Light up a Life

Did you know?

You can find details of parish activities on our website at www.beniceoflangelei.org.uk and we have a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/holytrinityleverstockgreen



Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Eucharist
Readings:
 Malachi 3.1-4
 Philippians 1.3-11
 Luke 3.1-6

PRAYERS

... for the **Ministry Team** and especially for the Rev'd Dr Diana Stretton.

... for the **sick:** King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Maureen Bellett, Pat Brown, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Lesley Hawtin, Mike Hawtin, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts and Su.

... for the **departed:** We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Yvonne Holt, Paul Lipscomb and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th December 7.30pm
 Trinity Men's Group

All Saints KL Christmas Tree Festival.
 Come and visit the church full of magical trees and twinkling lights.
 Friday 13th December 4-6.30pm,
 Saturday 14th December 10-6pm and
 Sunday 15th December 11-4pm.

Sunday 15th December 6pm
 The Youth Group (TYG)

Thursday 19th December 7.30pm
 Trinity Women's Group

Friday 20th December 9.30am
 LG School Christmas Service in Church

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm
 Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24th December
 Crib Services at 3pm & 5pm

Sunday 29th December 10.30am
 Team Service at St Benedict's.

NOTICES

Appointment of Team Vicar

We are delighted that The Rev'd Dr Diana Stretton has been appointed to the team with special responsibility for Holy Trinity, subject to completion of the legal formalities.

Diana's Licensing and Installation service has been scheduled for Thursday 24th April, 2025 at 7.30pm. Please save the date and remember Diana and her husband Chris in your prayers.

Please check out **Jos' Ted Talk on You Tube:**
<https://youtu.be/WBNfvYa-TpE?si=RBxQ3BeECI6qHC0K>

about the important role we can all take in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe.



Saturday 7th December 12.30 - 3.30pm

Christmas Fair - please bring your contributions - especially bottles!
 There are marked boxes in the Trinity Room and the list of items needed is in the Newsletter.
 Helpers are required on the day - sign up sheet in TR. Gillian 07770 874744

Followed at 4pm by:
 Light up a Life

Food Bank - Please support this important resource. Non perishable in date food (especially LL milk) can be put into the donation box in the Trinity Room.