

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

10.5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

1.39-45

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Post Communion Prayer

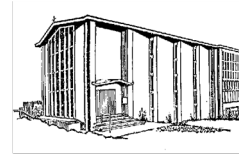
Heavenly Father
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the Mother of the promised Saviour:
fill us your Servants with your Grace
That in all things we may embrace your Holy Will
And with her rejoice in our Salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

*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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Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C

22nd December, 2024

The Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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 Micah

5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.
If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

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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. See note.....

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

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Presiding & Rev'd Atalie Gaines
Preaching Tim Bourne

Hymns HON 399, 620, 748*, 612
Communion 408, 166

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 23rd December

7.30pm CA Meeting

Tuesday 24th December

3pm Crib Service

5pm Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December

10am Christmas Day Service

Friday 27th December

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 28th December

10am-12 Coffee Shop

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

www.facebook.com/holytrinityleverstockgreen



Sunday 29th December First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Team Eucharist at St Benedict's

Readings:

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Col 3.12-17

Luke 2.41-end

PRAYERS

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

...for **Amelia and Rosalia** baptised last Sunday

... for the **sick:** King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Barbara Batten, Pat Brown, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, 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 and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm

This evening.....Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24th December

Crib Services at **3pm & 5pm**

Tuesday 24th December 11.15pm

Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December 10am

Christmas Day Service.....

Please can the children and young people, who are coming to church on Christmas Day bring one of their gifts (still wrapped) with them to church to open in the service? Some of the adults can do this too – in case we don't have enough children on the day!

NOTICES

Please pray for the Rev'd Dr Diana Stretton who will be joining Holy Trinity as Vicar in April 2025.

Sunday 29th December 10.30am

Team Service at St Benedict's

Please note that there will not be a Service at Holy Trinity

*The Church will be **CLOSED** for private prayer and reflection on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.*

Everyone is welcome to come to our Christmas Day Service at 10am

