

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the Peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 3.1-12  
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' " Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

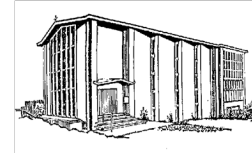
**Prayer after Communion**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge:

give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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**Second Sunday of Advent**

**7th December, 2025**

**The Collect**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Amen.**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

**11.1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

**15.4-13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Holy Trinity Bulletin 7th December, 2025

# Second Sunday of 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 is open every day** from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

**Children** from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join Junior Church in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! There is also a children's corner at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are 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

**8.00am** BCP Communion

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**President** Rev Dr Diana Stretton

**Hymns** 270, 513, 205, 400  
**HON** 679, 444

**Junior Church** Sarah & Roni

This Sunday Revd Jos Perris is preaching at All Saints and Revd Becky Leach is preaching at St Mary's.



## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 8th December**

7.30pm CA Group

**Tuesday 9th December**

7.30pm Trinity Men's Group

**Wednesday 10th December**

9am Morning Prayer  
10am Communion  
2pm Craft Group Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 11th December**

10am Toddlers & Babies Church

**Friday 12th December**

10.30-11.30am Visit by Woodfield School  
7pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 13th December**

10am-12 Coffee Shop

**Morning services around the team**

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services  
Tuesdays St Benedict's - 9am MP  
Thursdays St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC  
Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

## Sunday 14th December Third Sunday of Advent

**10.00am** All Age Communion with  
Toddler Church Nativity  
**Readings:** James 5.7-10  
Matt 11.2-11

## PRAYERS

... for all the ministry team, lay and ordained

... for the sick: Eileen Adams, June Buxton, Laurence Blythe, Barbara Chapman, Greg Coulshed, Phyllis Duncan, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts, Pamela Sanvoisin, Alison Parkyns, Martin Meredith, Anne Ball, Sue Page, Roy Platten, Frances Lawson, Iain and Su.

... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, remembering those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 14th December 10am** - All Age Communion with Toddler Church Nativity

**Sunday 14th December 6pm** - TYG Christmas Party! Please contact Diana for details.

**Sunday 21st December 6.30pm** - Carols by Candlelight, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Christmas Eve:**

**10am** - Our Wednesday Communion service will go ahead as usual on Christmas Eve

**3pm** - Crib Service. Especially suitable for young children. Dress up if you want.

**5pm** - Carols and Chill. A moment to pause with carols, calm and the Christmas story.

**11.30pm** - Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day 10am** - Family Communion

**Sunday 28th December 10.30am** - Team Eucharist at Holy Trinity

**Wednesday 31st December 10am** - Morning Prayer

All that we do to support our community would not be possible without your generous donations. If you would like to support our work financially please follow the link from this QR code:



## NOTICES

**Christmas Fair - thank you!** A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped yesterday a terrific effort from all the folk who donated, set up, served, counted and cleared up. A particularly big cheer for the caterers who worked so hard. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

## Help with Christmas services

Christmas is a fabulous time to welcome people to our church, and it takes people from across our community to make that happen. We are still looking for people to be **Welcomer and/or Sidespeople** at the Carols by Candlelight service on the 21st, the 3pm Crib Service on Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass and Christmas morning. If you could help, even if you've not done one of those roles before, then please contact Sarah Kiesa or Diana.

**Church Cleaning and Coffee Shop Rotas for 2026** Both of these rotas are now available for signups in the Trinity Room. It would be lovely to get lots of help! Both are very easy things to help out with and if you've not done it before then there are people who can show you the ropes. To find out more about church cleaning - contact Gillian 0770874744. To find out more about the Coffee Shop contact Sam Stanbridge.

## Christmas invitation cards

At the back of church you will find some postcards with a Christmas greeting and the details of our Christmas services. Please do take these and give them to people who you would like to invite to church this Christmas.

## Team Quiet Day 7th March 2026

We are planning a Team Quiet Day exploring the Lord's Prayer on the 7th March 2026 at St Peter's Church, London Colney. The day will run from 10am-4pm, £5 per person. Pick up a flyer for full details of what is happening and how to book!