

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

3.1-6

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

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All Saints,
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Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

8th December, 2024

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 Malachi

3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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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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

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Presiding & Preaching Archdeacon Charles Hudson

Hymns HON 428, 93, 513, 400
Communion 557, 81

Junior Church Miles

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 9th December

7.30pm CA Meeting

Tuesday 10th December

7.30pm Men's Trinity Group

Wednesday 11th December

10am Morning Service
 2-4pm Craft Group

Thursday 12th December

10am Toddler's Church

Friday 13th December

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 14th December

10am-12 Coffee Shop

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 15th December Third Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:
 Zephania 3.14-end
 Philippians 4.4-7
 Luke 3.7-18

PRAYERS

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

... 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, 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

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 6-7.30pm

The Youth Group (TYG) Christmas Party with Secret Santa, food and games at Jos Perris' home - for further details email Abby at: tygholytrinity@gmail.com

Thursday 19th December 8pm

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/WBNfyYa-TpE?si=RBxQ3BeECI6aHC0K>

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

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.

St Benedict's Food Bank are extremely thankful for our donations.

Items to be included in the Bulletin:

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