

**SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

Welcome to everyone

If you are new to Holy Trinity, please introduce yourself to a member of the Welcome Team at the back of the Church.

Today's Readings:

Reading: Colossians 3. 12-17 *pg 187*
Gospel: Luke 2. 41-end *pg 55*

Holy Communion8.00am

Deacon: Jacqui Salmon
President: Revd Kay Dyer

Breakfast in the Parish Centre.....9.30am

Whole Parish Eucharist10.00am

Reader: Colin McDowall
President & Preacher: Revd Kay Dyer
Motet: Archer *The Angel Gabriel*
Prayer ministry available in St Peter's Chapel during Communion.

Followed by refreshments in Church

TrinityCentre@1010.00am

Leader: Phil Harper

Congregational Evensong6.00pm

Reader: Maxine Horsman
Readings: Isaiah 61 *pg 629*
Galatians 3. 27 – 4.7 *pg 175-176*
Hymns: 28, 35, 39
Psalm: 132
Officiant and Preacher: The Ven Brian Russell

St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

No service today.

All Saints', Luddington

No service today.

PRAYERS

**INTERNET & VOTIVE CANDLE STAND PRAYER
REQUESTS are offered at Morning Prayer each day.**

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Gary Evans	Lawrence Salmon	Maurice Woodfield
Dorothy Lovett	Joan Rogers	John Taylor
Pat Sutton	Luca Martucci	Matt Collins
Anne Rainsberry		Andrew Rainsberry

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Philip (Ray) Bentley	Dryden Rooney
	Monica Lewis
	David Armstrong

YEARS MIND

Joyce Parrot – 30th Mary Dean – 2nd

THE PARISH PRAYER DIARY Please use this in your private prayers. Copies are available at the back of church.

COLLECT Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restores us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

POST COMMUNION. Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THIS WEEK

Monday 31

9.15 am	Morning Prayer
1.30 pm-3.30 pm	Lay Chaplain available
2.30 pm	King James Bible Reading
4.15 pm	Evening Prayer

Tuesday 1 January Naming & Circumcision of Jesus
Church closed

Wednesday 2

9.15 am	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	Holy Communion at the Guild Chapel
10.00-12.00 pm	Lay Chaplain available
1.30 pm-3.30 pm	Lay Chaplain available
2.30 pm	King James Bible Reading
4.15 pm	Evening Prayer

Thursday 3

9.15 am	Morning Prayer
1.30 pm-3.30 pm	Lay Chaplain available
2.30 pm	King James Bible Reading
4.15 pm	Evening Prayer

Friday 4

9.15 am	Morning Prayer
2.30 pm	King James Bible Reading
3.30 pm	Evening Prayer

Saturday 5

2.30 pm	King James Bible Reading
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**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY
EPIPHANY
6 JANUARY 2019**

Holy Communion	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.00 am
TrinityCentre@10	10.00 am
Epiphany Service (Celtic)	6.00 pm
Family Worship at St Helen's.....	9.30 am
Holy Communion BCP at All Saints'.....	9.30 am

DURING THE SERVICE

RECEIVING COMMUNION Baptised, communicant members of any Church are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Otherwise please come forward for a blessing, bringing the service leaflet with you.

YOUR OFFERING A collection for the work of the church is usually taken during one of the hymns. If you are a UK taxpayer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes available in the boxes in the pews and chairs. Please complete in full with title, first and last name, etc. If you wish to join our regular giving scheme with either weekly envelopes or a standing order, please contact Chris Kennedy direct on 01789 299785 or through the Parish Office.

DURING THE PARISH EUCHARIST:

- Prayer Ministry is offered during Communion in St Peter's Chapel.

- A play space is available at the back of church for pre-school children accompanied by their parents.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM & LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKS are available. Please ask one of the sidespeople.

OUR PARISH VISION PRAYER Ever living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray for your blessing on this church and parish. Guide and inspire us to play our part in worshipping you, making disciples of Jesus Christ and transforming communities, so that we may see lives changed through your love. Amen

MINISTRY TEAM

Patrick Taylor, Vicar

Steve Jarvis, Associate Vicar,

Kay Dyer, Associate Priest,

Phil Harper, Children and Families Minister,
Assistant Ministers (Honorary): Neville Beamer,

Andrew Dow,

John Hall-Matthews, Diane Patterson,

Jenny Rowland, Brian Russell,

Graham Wilcox.

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NOTICES

THE CLERGY AND THEIR FAMILIES thank everybody for the many kind cards and tokens given to them and they wish you all a peaceful New Year.

SOUL SPACE is our new course for those who wish to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Please take a card and give it to someone you think might be interested. The first session is on 14th January. Further details and registration are on the parish website or via the Parish Office.

EPIPHANY PARTY Put the date in your diary that on Saturday 5th January 5-7pm in the Parish Centre we are having another Epiphany Party, this time with a Beetle Drive. Once again it will be a bring and share meal, a chance to use up any leftover Christmas goodies. People can bring their own drinks but tea & coffee will be provided. If people are planning to come please could they sign up on the sheet at the back of church and indicate whether they are bringing a sweet or savoury dish.

ECUMENICAL SUPPER - This is being hosted by Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 19th January 2019. Venue – The Methodist Church, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon. Reception 7:00pm, Dinner 7:15pm. Tickets available from Kate and Martin Corfield, Tel: 01789 294683. Speaker: The Reverend Canon Dr David Stone, Precentor & Sub-Dean of Coventry Cathedral. 'Giving Thanks and Sharing Hope'-Reflections on the Centenary of the Diocese of Coventry. Tickets £6.

Please, help is needed for the above event during the afternoon for setting up tables and for the evening serving and tidying up afterwards. Gentlemen are especially welcome... Please contact as above.

THREE NEW Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship and Mission MODULES begin in January. For further details please look at the flyer at the back of church or www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM/modules

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Do you have a nose for news and are you proficient with using social media? Holy Trinity is looking for a group of volunteers to liaise with the operations team and clergy to manage our social media accounts. This would involve acting as a point of contact for news and posting information and photos about all the wonderful events and happenings linked to our church. If you would like to find out more, please contact the church office or email angela.barnard@stratford-upon-avon.org

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – This year's Box Opening has raised an excellent £1750 towards the essential work of The Children's Society. Of behalf of the Society, many thanks to all our box holders for their generosity and continued support. From myself, a special personal thank you to everyone who helped at the Box Opening. Paul Lageu

CHRISTINGLE Thanks to everyone who supported our Christingle Service and for the generous donations. In total £434.50 (including Gift Aid) was raised. Thank you, Phil Harper and Paul Lageu.

THANK YOU to all those who prepared food, served, washed up, moved furniture and played music for the Contact the Elderly Christmas Tea on December 16th. Our guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

CHRISTINGLE AND COFFEE MORNING Thank you to everyone else supported All Saints' Christingle Service. Also thank you to those who made the Coffee Morning a success. A total of £240.25 (including Gift Aid) was raised for the Children's Society.

PANA BORE-HOLE KADUNA A big thank you to all those churches and individuals who donated to provide a much needed water bore-hole in Pana village in Kaduna diocese, Nigeria. £3080 has been raised and this has been transferred to Kaduna and the drilling will start shortly. It is hoped that we will be able to provide photos of the drilling and the finished well. "The Bishop of Kaduna, the members of the Anglican diocese of Kaduna and particularly the benefited communities say thank so much"

POSTAGE STAMPS Although the collection of postage stamps for the Leprosy Mission goes on all year, and you have all been very supportive, this just a reminder as Christmas approaches when maybe you will get more. Stamps can be left either in the Parish Office or the Church Shop. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE The office will be closed until Wednesday 2nd January 2019. The answerphone will be checked during this time and emails will be responded to as soon as possible when staff return on the 2nd January.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP There will be no meeting in January so the first meeting in 2019 is on Tuesday 5 February. We meet in the lounge at the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All welcome.