



**SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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: Isaiah 2.1-5 pg 575
Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44 pg 26

Holy Communion8.00am

Deacon: Pam Anson
President: Revd Steve Jarvis

Breakfast in the Parish Centre9.30am

Parish Eucharist10.00am

Deacon: Carolyn Merry
Intercessor: Paul Lageu
Reader: Colin McDowall
Motet: MacMillan *O Radiant Dawn*
President: Revd Patrick Taylor
Preacher: Revd Steve Jarvis

Prayer ministry available in St Peter's Chapel during Communion.

Followed by refreshments in church.

TrinityCentre@1010.00am

President: Revd Canon Andrew Dow
Talk: Phil Harper

Advent Carol Service6.00pm

Please see separate service booklet
Officiant: Revd Patrick Taylor

Mulled wine and mince pies served at the back of the church afterwards.

Lives changed through God's love



St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

Morning Worship 9.30 am

Hymns: 51, 296, 205, 361 (All A&M)
Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5
Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44
Officiant: Revd Kay Dyer

All Saints', Luddington

Advent Sunday Communion 9.30am

Hymns: 3, 494, 11, 9
Reader: Tim Smallman
Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5
Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44
President & Preacher: Revd Diane Patterson

PRAYERS

INTERNET & VOTIVE CANDLE STAND PRAYER

REQUESTS are offered at Morning Prayer each day.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Anne Rainsberry Joan Rogers Andrew Rainsberry
Luca Martucci Muriel George Lawrence Salmon

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

David Wilson Janet Anslow

Names will be kept on the prayer list for three weeks.
Please inform the Parish Office of a long-term illness.

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Rosemary Corvin Beryl Escott
Diana Ballard
FERENCE TABAK
Rose Heath
Josephine Chilver

YEARS MIND

Philip (Ray) Bentley 3rd

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

COLLECT Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on 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

POST COMMUNION O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THIS WEEK

Church Open 10am – 4pm Monday – Saturday

Monday 2

9.15 am Morning Prayer
10.00-12.00 pm Lay Chaplain available
2.30 pm King James Bible Reading
4.15 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 3

9.15 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Holy Communion
10.00-12.00 pm Lay Chaplain available
2.30 pm King James Bible Reading
4.15 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
7.30 pm Contemplative Prayer Group

Wednesday 4

9.15 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Holy Communion at the Guild Chapel
10.00-12.00 pm Lay Chaplain available
1.00 pm Soundbites – U3A Orchestra Christmas Concert
2.30 pm King James Bible Reading
4.15 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5

9:15 am Morning Prayer
10.00-12.00 pm Lay Chaplain available
2.30 pm King James Bible Reading
3.30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday 6

9.15 am Morning Prayer
10.00-12.00 pm Lay Chaplain available
10.30 am Welcombe Hills School Carol Service
2.30 pm King James Bible Reading
3.30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 7

2.30 pm King James Bible Reading

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY
8 DECEMBER 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Holy Communion 8.00 am
Parish Eucharist10.00 am
TrinityCentre@10 10.00 am
Christenings12.00 pm
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Holy Communion at St Helen's 9.30 am
Holy Communion 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,

Roger Taylor, Graham Wilcox.

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NOTICES

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE today at 6.00 pm. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served at the back of church after the service.

DECEMBER/JANUARY PRAYER DIARY Please collect your named copy from the back of church today.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP CHANGE OF VENUE

Next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd December at 7:30pm at Jenny's house. All welcome. Please contact Revd Jenny Rowland on 415548 or the Parish Office for directions.

SOUNDBITES

Wednesday 4th December at Holy Trinity. Featuring the Fosseway Cafe Orchestra, in which 3 members of our congregation (Faith Piper percussion, June Childs cello and Andrew Dow brass wind) will be playing. Recital at 1pm, refreshments from 12:30pm. Admission free. This is the last Soudbites of the year so join us for some light classical music together with some cheerful Christmas potpourri. The Series will begin again in February 2020.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING FOR CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Luddington Village Hall, 7th December 10am – 12 noon. Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee and mince pies. There will be a bring-and-buy stall, cake stall and raffle. Please bring along any suitable items to sell.

'SHAKESPEARE FOR ALL': Come and read (or listen to) a Shakespeare play on the first Saturday of every month from 11.00am to around 1.45pm in the Stratford Public Library. Our next play is *Julius Caesar* on Saturday 7 December from 11.00am to around 1.45pm. No experience necessary. Free. Limited spaces. Just turn up. Copies of the Complete Works and refreshments are provided. Led by Rev. Dr Paul Edmondson. See www.shakespeare.org.uk for more details.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING & SERVICE

Holy Trinity's Christingle Service, supporting the Children's Society, is on Sun 8th Dec 4pm. We also need help making (and sweet tasting) Sat 7th Dec from 9:30am in the Parish Centre.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the support group will be on Monday 9th December from 2:30-4pm. If you have lost a loved one recently or even some time ago and would like to talk to others in a similar position please come and join us in the Parish Centre lounge, you will be very welcome.

CHOIR As a result of the sale of tickets for the concert presented by the choir in July, they have given £1,211.88 to Holy Trinity Church. Many thanks both to those who performed and those who came to listen!

THE CHOIR will be having a busy weekend next week, leading the procession at the Stratford Christmas Market on Friday evening and singing carols at Warwick Castle on Saturday. Trinity Voices are taking part in the Christingle service on Sunday 8th at 4pm and performing to care home residents on Monday 9th.

STRATFORD UPON AVON CHORAL SOCIETY

presents 'Prelude to Christmas' on Saturday 14th December, 7:30pm, Holy Trinity. The programme will contain Christmas music, old & new, and readings. Tickets available from the RSC Box Office: 331 111 or on the door. £15 adults, £8 students, 2 free child places per adult.

EPIPHANY PARTY Sat Jan 4th 5-8pm

Bring and Share Jacket Potato Supper with Board Games. Bring your own drinks and favourite board game. Please sign up for this event on Sundays from Dec 8th- 29th to determine numbers for catering. Contact Chris Cottrell 01789 204273 or email: cottrellfamilysoa@hotmail.com.

Why not support the Holy Trinity Church choir

and also find a good Christmas present for a music lover? The choir's CD 'Magnificent and Mighty', includes all the marvelous music sung in the end of the 2018 summer concert, and on the Holland tour. On sale in the Church shop for £12 (or £20 for two).

POSTAGE STAMPS

We are still collecting postage stamps to support the Leprosy Mission. Please hand in any used stamps to the church shop or the Parish Office.

STRATFORD UPON AVON FOODBANK

Please see the laminated lists on the foodbank chest in church to see what items are needed.

SIDESPEOPLE

Please could you indicate your availability for Christmas Services as per the message that was sent from the Churchwardens this week.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I am delighted to announce that, with just a few boxes still to be returned, this year's Box Opening has raised £1750 towards the work of the Children's Society. This is a very similar total to last year, an outstanding result in this increasingly cashless society. A heartfelt Thank You, both personally and on behalf of the Society, to all our Box Holders and to everyone who helped with the box opening and counting. Paul Lageu

THANKS FROM PHIL

Thank you to all the cake bakers and eaters, for helping me celebrate my 40th birthday and for the cards and gifts.