

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Welcome to everyone

TODAY AT ALL THREE CHURCHES

Todays Readings:

Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16 *pg 580*
Gospel: Matthew 1.18-end *pg 1*

Holy Trinity

Holy Communion8.00am

Deacon: James Sorel-Cameron
President: Revd Steve Jarvis
Preacher: Revd Canon Andrew Dow

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

Food4thought.....**10.00am**

See separate hymn sheet and readings & teaching notes

President: Revd Steve Jarvis
Preacher: Revd Canon Andrew Dow

Prayer ministry available in Beckett Chapel during Communion.

Followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

TrinityCentre@1010.00am

Leader: Phil Harper

Christenings 12.00pm

Officiant: Revd Kay Dyer
We welcome Isla Liccioni & Gabriella Reginald into the family of the church.

Holy Communion BCP6.00pm

Hymns: 11, 185, 295, 443
Reader: James Sorel-Cameron
President & Preacher: Revd Jenny Rowland

All Saints', Luddington

Carol Service3.45pm

Officiant: Revd Steve Jarvis

St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

Carol Service6.30pm

Officiant: Revd Patrick Taylor

Christmas Eve

St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

Christingle Service (Village Hall)5.00 pm

Hymns: 31, 46, 40, Christingle, 7, 28 (All OCFC)
Officiant: Revd Diane Patterson

All Saints', Luddington

Carols on the Green7.45 pm

Christmas Day

St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

Holy Communion9.30 am

Hymns: 29, 24 (All OCFC)
President: Revd Kay Dyer

All Saints', Luddington

Holy Communion9.30 am

Hymns: 30, 28, 29, 26
Reader: Teresa Kristunas
President: Revd Steve Jarvis

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
Manolo

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Barbara Bartos
Dan Pfadenhauer

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Rebecca Green Betty Prickett
Joan Crang Kathleen York
Eddie Magee Douglas Lidzy
Saskia Jones

YEARS MIND

Noel Shaw 23rd, Garrick Huscard 24th, Gary Evans 26th

COLLECT God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked or 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

POST COMMUNION 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 your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THIS WEEK

Monday 23

9.15 am Morning Prayer
10 am – 12 pm Lay Chaplain available
2.30 pm King James Bible Reading
4.15 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 24

9.15 am **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Morning Prayer
3.00 pm A Service of Lessons and Carols
Officiant: Revd Steve Jarvis
Doors open at 2.15pm

5.00 pm

Officiant: **The Big Nativity**
Phil Harper

6.30 pm

Officiant: **Carols for All**
Revd Patrick Taylor

11.00 pm

Midnight Mass

Reader: Tim Raistrick
Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4
Gospel: John 1.1-14
President: Revd Patrick Taylor
Preacher: Revd Steve Jarvis
Doors open at 10.15pm

Wednesday 25

8.00 am CHRISTMAS DAY
Holy Communion

Reader: Pam Anson
Reading: Titus 2.11-14
Gospel: Luke 2.8-20
President: Revd Steve Jarvis

10.00 am

President: **All-Age Eucharist**
Preacher: Revd Patrick Taylor
Phil Harper

Thursday 26

Stephen the Apostle
Holy Trinity Church closed today

Friday 27

9.15 am **St John, Apostle and Evangelist**
2.30 pm **Holy Communion**
3.30 pm King James Bible Reading
Evening Prayer

Saturday 28

2.30 pm **The Holy Innocents**
King James Bible Reading

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
29 DECEMBER 2019

Holy Communion 8.00 am
Parish Eucharist 10.00 am
TrinityCentre@10 10.00 am
Congregational Evensong 6.00 pm
No services at St Helen's or All Saints' this week

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 Beckett 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

SIDES DUTY FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES The full list of Pro-Wardens and Sidespeople on duty at the services on Christmas Eve/Day was circulated during last week. If you did not receive a copy then please speak to one of the Churchwardens.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST HELEN'S, CLIFFORD CHAMBERS Unfortunately, due to irreparable failure of the heating system in the church, it has been necessary to make changes to the Christmas services. **The Carol Service** at 6.30pm on 22nd and **The Christmas Day Eucharist** at 9.30am will go ahead in the church as planned. However, if you are planning to attend then please wrap up warm - there will be some electric heaters, but these are not expected to raise temperatures to a comfortable level!! **The Christingle** at 5pm on Christmas Eve will now take place in the Village Hall. With regret, it has been decided to **cancel The Midnight Mass** on Christmas Eve.

EPIPHANY PARTY Sat Jan 4th 5-8pm Bring and Share Jacket Potato Supper with Board Games. Bring your own drinks and favourite board game. Sign up on Sundays, Dec 22nd - 29th, to determine numbers for catering. **Families** contact **Angela Barnard** for list of savoury items needed (07855478007 or email angebarnard@icloud.com), **all others** to bring **desserts**. More details from Chris Cottrell 01789 204273 or email: cottrellfamilysoa@hotmail.com

LYNN ARNOLD PIANO RECITAL The 'official launch' of Holy Trinity's new concert grand piano will take place on Saturday 11 January at 7.30. Lynn will play Bach's magnificent Goldberg Variations which will display the piano's beautiful rich tone and variety of colour. Lynn used to perform with Rohan Stewart-Macdonald, in whose memory the piano was acquired, so she is a very appropriate person to launch it. Tickets £10 on the door.

*Are you longing to deepen your relationship with God? Would you like to reignite your prayer life? **The Sacred Journey** could be for you. Part pilgrimage, part course, 6 fortnightly sessions exploring & practising spiritual disciplines. Monday & Saturday mornings at Charlecote Vicarage, beginning on 11th January. Cost £60. Application deadline 2nd January. For more info & application forms: revrachelsaum@gmail.com 07815 793625*

SOUL SPACE begins again on 13th January. If you know someone who would like to explore the Christian faith, do invite them to come. Cards are available in church with more details or see the parish website.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE VENERABLE MARTIN GORRICK AS BISHOP OF DUDLEY will take place at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 11am. There are tickets available and if you would like to attend then please let the office know by Monday 6th January.

CHARLESTON WITH ME! A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organize, participate in and support this event. We raised a total of £848.35 for the Parish Centre sound system.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE Help! We are desperately in need of more volunteers, both male and female, to help on the coffee rota after the 10 am service on Sundays. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be needed, usually about 4 or 5 times a year. Please contact Diane (296396) or Tina (551739) if you are interested in helping this very worthwhile ministry or come and chat to us after one of the Services to find out more. P.S. Could those excellent volunteers already on the rota please let us know any dates next year when you are unavailable due to other duties.

IN MEMORY OF ANDREA BLOOD As you go out of church, the first tree on the right wrapped in crocheted squares, is in memory of Andrea. Do take a moment to have a look at it.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th December to Thursday 2nd January. However, we will be checking the phone on the 27th, 28th, 30th and 31st for messages that are left and which need an immediate response. For your further information:

The Church itself will be closed to visitors from 12:00pm on 24th December and all day on 25th & 26th December, also on 1st January 2019.

SUE HOLT is leaving us on 8th January to move on to another job. We're grateful for all her hard work in the Parish Office, and if you'd like to contribute to her leaving gift, please do so in an envelope addressed to Mike Warrillow, via the office or Church Wardens.

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

A very happy Christmas to everyone from all the clergy and staff

