

**SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2019
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: Hebrews 2.10-end *pg 203*
Gospel: Matthew 2.13-end *pg 2*

Holy Communion8.00am

Deacon: Jacqui Salmon
President: Revd Kay Dyer

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

Whole Parish Eucharist10.00am

Deacon: Kath Parrington
Intercessor: Kath Parrington
Reader: Miriam Dow
President & Preacher: Revd Kay Dyer
Prayer ministry available in St Peter's Chapel during Communion.

Followed by refreshments in church

TrinityCentre@1010.00am

Leader: Phil Harper

Congregational Evensong6.00pm

Hymns: 33, 28, 40
Psalm: 132
Reader: Ursula Russell
Readings: Isaiah 49.7-13 *pg 618*
Philippians 2.1-11 *pg 183*
Officiant and Preacher: Revd Graham Wilcox

**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

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

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Janet Anslow	Barbara Bartos
	Dan Pfadenhauer

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

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Kenneth Sellers	Rebecca Green
Brian Vowel	Joan Crang
	Eddie Magee

YEARS MIND

Glynn Hughes 29 th ,	Edith (May) Hewitt 31 st
Dorothy (Eileen) Carter 2 nd	

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

Monday 30

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 31

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

Wednesday 1 January Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Holy Trinity Church closed
10.00 am Holy Communion at the Guild Chapel

Thursday 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

Friday 3

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

Saturday 4

2.30 pm	King James Bible Reading
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**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY
EPIPHANY
5 JANUARY 2020**

Holy Communion	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.00 am
TrinityCentre@10	10.00 am
Evensong for Epiphany	6.00 pm
Morning Worship at St Helen's.....	9.30 am
Holy Communion Trad 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

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 TODAY 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*

TRAI DCRAFT STALL after the 10am service at Holy Trinity on Sunday January 12th. Thanks to the generous support of the congregation, a total of £1287.00 was taken on the stalls during 2019. Traidcraft donate 10% of the takings to the seller, so £128.70 has been paid into parish funds. The rest has gone to ensure that growers and producers of the goods are properly paid and have decent working conditions. Many small businesses are supported in developing countries.

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 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP The next meeting of the support group will be on Monday 13th January. If you have lost a loved one recently or some time ago and would like to be able to talk to others in a similar position to yourself please come and join us from 2.30 p.m. until about 4 p.m. You will be very welcome.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE VENERABLE MARTIN GORICK 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.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS The Parish Office will be closed until Thursday 2nd January. However, we will be checking the phone on the 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 all day on 1st January 2019.

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.

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.

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.

STRATFORD UPON AVON FOODBANK would like to thank parishioners for the generous donations of Christmas goods. Items needed at present are: tinned veg, potatoes, meat, UHT juice, savoury snacks, pasta sauces, coffee, laundry products, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes.