

WEEKLY NOTICES 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

**MORNING PRAYER** will be held Tuesday - Sunday at 8a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER** will be held Tuesday - Saturday at 5p.m., except on Wednesdays!

Tues. 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m.	Eucharist
	12 noon	Lunch Club
	7.30p.m.	Bible discussion Group - Vicarage
Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.15p.m.	Choral Evensong
		Responses: Radcliffe
		Psalm: 29
		Hymn: 252
		Canticles: Noble in B minor
		Anthem: Do not be afraid - <i>Philip Stopford</i>
		Voluntary: Toccata in C BWV 564 <i>J.S. Bach</i>
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.45a.m.	Tots & Toddlers Group
	10.15a.m.	Morning Church Cleaning Group
Fri. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.30a.m.	Friday Mission Service
	7.00p.m.	HTYC - <i>Valentine Theme</i>
Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00a.m.	Eucharist
	5.00p.m.	Evening Prayer
Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent
	8.00a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8.30 a.m.	Eucharist
	10.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	6.30p.m.	Evening Service

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHPORT



2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020  
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany  
*Candlemass*



WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Practising members of other Christian denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are not confirmed but would like to receive a blessing please come forward with other communicants and place your hands below the altar rail. We hope you will join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre after the Service.

7.30a.m.	Morning Prayer
8.30 a.m.	Eucharist
10.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Setting:	Belfast Service – <i>Philip Stopford</i>
Introit:	<i>See separate sheet</i>
Epistle:	Hebrews 2. 14 - 18
Gradual:	33
Gospel:	Luke 2. 22 - 40
Offertory:	295
Motets:	Nunc Dimittis (Service in G) - <i>C.V. Stanford</i> And he shall purify - <i>G.F. Handel</i>
Recessional:	484
Voluntary:	Prelude in C major BWV 547 - <i>J.S. Bach</i>
6.30p.m.	Evening Service

Collect

*Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly beseech thy majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

**CONNECTED CHURCH UPDATE** - This year, following PCC agreement, as a church, we are supporting a Tearfund project - Sahaara in Mumbai which aims to bring light and hope to thousands of sex workers and their children, most of whom have been trafficked and forced into the sex industry. Through our initial donation, we are now 'connected' to the project and we will periodically hear prayers as we aim to keep it at the forefront of our mission. There will be further fundraising activities through the year to support the project. You can read more about it on our Mission Board, or at <https://connected.tearfund.org/en/partners/sahaara/>. As a result of our connection we received a Christmas update on the project which outlined some positive outcomes this year from the Tearfund (and now our) involvement. Briefly - women from the red-light area are taking steps to curb their alcohol and tobacco addictions in de-addiction centres. Others have received counselling from Tearfund workers. Women have been taught skills to generate income and to live in harmony with other women. Painted handkerchiefs have been made and sold at a church event. Women have been encouraged to articulate their 'dream' path and six are on that path to help them achieve it. Five children have been helped into higher education and scholarships provided for three others to continue their education. Please hold the project in your prayers and pray for those coming out of the sex trade, returning to their villages to be supported in sustainable livelihoods. Pray for opportunities for them to start their own businesses. Pray also for children to attend vocational courses to provide better opportunities rather than taking up physically demanding and low paid jobs because they see no other option.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY FUND RAISING.** - Julie and I would like to share with you the results of fund raising for the Children's Society in 2019. This includes the members of our congregation who have a collecting box at home and donate throughout the year. Also there is the collection that is taken at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. In addition this year our Parish Council have also decided to make a donation. In total Holy Trinity has raised over £1,500 - to make a change in the lives of vulnerable children and young people. We must thank the many people who have helped to achieve this - including the box holders and all those who helped to make the Christingle Service such a wonderful part of Christmas at Holy Trinity - and especially the Sunday Club for their performance "To Nativity...and Beyond!" *Julie & David Southeard*

**TEA LADY SUPREMO RETIRES** - Last Sunday Fr Tom made a presentation to Hilda Blomley in recognition of the contribution she has made in the Parish Centre kitchen over the past 30 years. She has finally hung up her milk jug and tea pot following her incredible dedication in keeping the congregation refreshed following the 10.15 service. Come rain or shine, Hilda wielded her tea bags and coffee spoons, in the process also raising a considerable amount for church funds. It would be a brave person who could calculate how many pints of milk, tea bags and jars of coffee have passed through her hands, not to mention packets of biscuits! We will miss Hilda's cheerful welcomes and jokes as she enjoys her coffee on the other side of the hatch. Jane Howarth and Joan Marston have stepped up to the plate, no doubt with a little trepidation, but as Fr Tom said, they will get their P45s in 2050!! Very many grateful thanks, Hilda, from everyone.

**HOLY TRINITY YOUTH GROUP - UPDATE**

Last week we had a record-breaking session celebrating Burns night with 58 youngsters attending. Congratulations to Karen and her team for leading this important group, but last Friday we were short of helpers. Although on paper there are enough of us, in reality we cannot all, always, make the meetings. Please, anyone who has care for this project and an interest in young people, would you think about joining our team of helpers? Thank you, and please speak to Karen Vernon if you can. *Toni Ashcroft.*

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** Charles Richard Williams, (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Joan Cottam (4<sup>th</sup>) Norman James Kurley (4<sup>th</sup>) Dorothy Houghton (4<sup>th</sup>)  
William & Betty Pennington (7<sup>th</sup>)

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Brian Castree, Ray Foster, Eric Hegarty  
Lucy Dunning, Sandra Dacre, Doreen Blagbrough, Elsa Dowling,  
John Munro, Mag & Bill Stead, Derek Riley, Arthur Newall, Doug England,  
June Howarth, Arthur Roberts, Laurie & Julie McAleavey, Maddie Penlington  
And our young people: Jessica May Ruston, Noah Cunningham, Linden Rayner.

### Bible Readings for February

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hebrews 2. 14 - 18 Luke 2. 22 - 40	Nancy Hart
9 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 2. 1 - 12 Matthew 5. 13 - 20	Jude Carpenter
16 <sup>th</sup>	Romans 8. 18 - 25 Matthew 6. 25 - 34	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 Peter 1. 16 - 21 Matthew 17. 1 - 9	

### Elements - February

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Janet Byard & Joyce Ranson
9 <sup>th</sup>	Derek & Joan Miller
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Kate Proffitt
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonathan & Janet Williams

### Coffee Rota (Parish Centre) - February

2 <sup>nd</sup>	D.Roach, B.Watkinson, D.Butterworth
9 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Fellowship:
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Ferguson, B.Carter, J.Howarth
23 <sup>rd</sup>	D.Sharrock,P.Appleby, S.Henderson

### Flower Donations

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Daphne Wigmore	February <i>In loving memory of her father, Jack Ramsden, on his anniversary</i>
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### Silver Cleaning

2 <sup>nd</sup>	H Stubbs & J Howarth
16 <sup>th</sup>	P Appleby & B Harvey

### Church Cleaning

6 <sup>th</sup>	Cleaning Group at 10.15a.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Cleaning Group at 2.15p.m.

### Epistle - Hebrews 2:14 -18 Revised (RSV)

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

### Gospel - Luke 2:22 - 40 (RSV)

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel." And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against and a sword will pierce through your own soul also),that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.