

## WEEKLY NOTICES 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.15p.m.	Carol Singing at Cherry Tree Lodge
Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Service
	12.00 noon	Lunch Club Christmas Party
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30p.m.	Compline with Address
	8.00p.m.	Trinity Hobbies Night
Thurs. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.45a.m.	Tots & Toddlers Group
	7.30p.m.	Choir Carols & Mince Pies - Parish Centre
Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30a.m.	Church Flower Arrangers
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.30p.m.	Evening Service
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00p.m.	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
	11.30 p.m.	FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS
		Setting: Kyrie - L Vierne: Belfast Centenary - <i>P Stopford B,A</i>
		Motets: Ding Dong merrily on high - <i>arr. Russell Jory</i> In the bleak mid winter - <i>H Darke</i>
		Voluntary: Vom Himmel Hoch - <i>G Edmundson</i>
Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>*10.30a.m.*</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
		Setting: Mass of St Thomas - <i>D Thorne</i>
		Motets: Infant holy - <i>arr Willcocks</i> Torches - <i>J Joubert</i>
		Voluntary: Fantasia on Christmas Carols - <i>John E West</i>
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion – <i>St. Stephen</i>
Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion – <i>St. John</i>
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion – <i>The Holy Innocents</i>
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30a.m.	<b>NO</b> Holy Communion Service
	10.15a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.30p.m.	Evening Service

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHPORT

16<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### 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.

<b>8.30 a.m.</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>10.15 a.m.</b>	<b>PARISH COMMUNION</b>
Setting:	W. Byrd a 3
Introit:	12
Epistle	Philippians 4. 4 - 7
Gradual:	5
Gospel:	Luke 3. 7 - 18
Address:	Mr Ian Howarth
Offertory:	11
Motets:	Rejoice in the Lord always – <i>H. Purcell</i>
Recessional:	10
Voluntary:	Nun komm der heiden Heiland BWV 661 – <i>J S Bach</i>
<b>3. 00p.m.</b>	<b>LESSONS &amp; CAROL SERVICE</b>

### Collect

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

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**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE TODAY at 3p.m.** - We will be joined by our friends from All Saints so your support will be very welcome at this new *earlier* time. Seasonal refreshments will follow the service.

**PARISH CAROL SINGING** - at Cherry Tree Lodge Rest Home in Knowsley Road TOMORROW Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30p.m. (meet outside at 2.15pm)

**COMPLINE SERVICE** with address this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the Lady Chapel at 7.30p.m.

**TRINITY HOBBIES** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8p.m.

We have made bread & biscuits and wrapped our presents – the next session will see Jane Roberts and the Trinity Flower Team helping us to make our Christmas Table Flower Arrangement! Come along and watch (to get ideas) or have a go yourself! Just £1.50 for the session with a donation of £2 if you wish to take your arrangement home with you. See Barbara, Margaret or Sue for tickets and information.

**CHOIR CAROLS AND MINCE PIES** in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome to come along and sing carols in a relaxed atmosphere. Tickets £3 (children free)

**CHURCH CLEANING** - The Church Cleaning Group will be meeting this Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10.15a.m. to make the church sparkle for Christmas! If anyone can spare an hour on that morning to help they would be very welcome! *Margaret Pegg*

**HTYC** - All at Holy Trinity Youth Club (HTYC) wanted to share and celebrate the success and achievement of our young people. On the 30th November we hosted a fabulous and successful talent show in front of friends and families, from children displaying their musical talent on the piano, a brave solo singer who brought tears to the eyes of the audience, some wonderful dance acts and a fabulous comedian with some very funny jokes to an amazing solo guitarist. "Thank you" Holy Trinity for your support. Our children had a wonderful time and the chance to experience their friends' wide ranging talents and skills.

**TRINITY CALENDAR** - There are still some 2019 Trinity Calendars available. They're a lovely addition to your home and also make an excellent gift - who doesn't need a calendar? A lot of work went into the design and production of these and their sale is an important support for church finances. Calendars are on sale in the parish centre this morning after the service priced just £5. Go on, treat yourself, you know you're worth it! PS - 2019 Diaries also on offer – 3 for £1!

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Elsa Dowling, Cyril Brown, Kath Pickup, Deborah Butler, Fay Redhead, Doreen Blagbrough, Bill Stead, Evelyn Shacklady, June Howarth, Mary Rimmer and the children: Jessica May Ruston, Noah Cunningham

**MUSIC FOR A NEW YEAR** - At 7.30 pm on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, Trinity Arts will present the first concert of 2019 with a performance by Four Square + One, a vocal ensemble with piano. It's very much a home-grown event with all the participants having a strong connection to Trinity. Four Square, sang their first gig here in the summer and include the sparkling young talents of Charlotte Rowan & Kyle Harrison-Pope. The foursome is completed by Sue Candler & Bob Ball, who, shall we say, have been around a little longer. The Plus One is pianist Francis Goodwin, an amazing young talent, presently studying for his second degree at the Royal Northern College of Music and who played here twice earlier in 2018. It's an exciting combination (if I say so who shouldn't!). When we were together in the summer, we enjoyed an awful lot of fun, and our declared aim is that everyone should have fun on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The music will be very far ranging with songs, songs from the shows, some opera, some exciting piano music and certainly some humour; there might even be some surprises.

To aid your enjoyment of the evening, there will be a bar available in the parish centre from 6.30 pm and again at the interval. Proceeds from the event are in support of Trinity and in particular its music department. What finer cause can there be? So plan ahead, make a New Year's resolution that you are going to enjoy yourself more in 2019 starting with FourSquare + One on 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets at £10 (under 21s free) are on sale this morning in the parish centre.

<b>BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE</b>	William Howe (16 <sup>th</sup> )	John Woods (17 <sup>th</sup> )
Alan Lister Kidd (19 <sup>th</sup> )	Harriet Thomason (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	Elizabeth Walker (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Rob Mason (26 <sup>th</sup> )	John Francis Cowling ( <i>Priest</i> )( 25 <sup>th</sup> )	Norman Leggett (28 <sup>th</sup> )
Catherine Neal (29 <sup>th</sup> )	Eve Adams (29 <sup>th</sup> )	Edith Lee (30 <sup>th</sup> )
Frank Edwin Bailey (31 <sup>st</sup> )	Linda Garner (31 <sup>st</sup> )	Evelyn Williams (31 <sup>st</sup> )
Nellie Thompson(31 <sup>st</sup> )	Clarence Randall (1 <sup>st</sup> Jan)	Betty Bayley-Brown (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Elizabeth Lupton (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Joan Bence (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Tina Langfield (5 <sup>th</sup> )
Rosemary Sykes (5 <sup>th</sup> )		

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING** - The Flower Team will be working in church on the morning of Friday, 21st December from 10.30am and you will be most welcome to come and join us.

We were delighted to welcome Hilda, Trish and Val when we were doing the Remembrance flowers last month and it is so true that many hands really do make for light work! So, if you have a few hours to spare and would like to come along, we'd love to see you as there are so many jobs to be done, in addition to arranging the large pedestals! If you would like to know a little more about what you may be letting yourself in for, please don't hesitate to either contact me or one of the members of the Flower Team. Thank you. Jane Roberts (Tel: 01704 873883)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** - If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of flowers for Christmas, your donation will be very much appreciated. Please will you pass it to either Barbara Harvey, Margaret Postance or me. Thank you.  
*Jane Roberts*

**DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS 2019** - I should like to extend heartfelt thanks on behalf of the flower arranging team to all those of you who have contributed so generously to the cost of flowers this past year. Without your donations we would not be able to decorate the church each week in the manner to which we have become accustomed. In view of this, if you feel able to make a donation - perhaps in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special event - I should be grateful if you would add your name to the list which you will find on the table at the back of church, ideally before Christmas.

I am often asked how much a donation should be. There is no fixed amount and any donation, large or small, is welcome. However, as a guide for you, it costs approximately £25.00 to arrange each pedestal. This cost is based on flowers and oasis alone as we try to source as much greenery as possible from our gardens.

If you are in a position to do so, then may I ask you to ***Gift Aid your donation***, that is, if you don't already do so. Last year, for example, we received £517.00 from the Government in Gift Aid, which made quite a difference to our annual income, giving us the extra funds necessary to put towards the cost of displays such as the ones we did for Rod's leaving service and our Remembrance celebrations this year. If you already Gift Aid your donations to church, there is nothing more for you to do other than to tick the necessary box on the form. If you don't already Gift Aid your donations and would like to, please will you see Joan Marston who will be delighted to 'sign you up'!

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you. Jane Roberts (Tel: 01704 873883)

**BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP** - Copies of the January to April edition of the Bible Reading Fellowship notes (New Daylight) have now arrived. You can find them on the table at the back of church. The notes are ideal for anybody wanting an accessible yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, deepening their faith and their knowledge of scripture. Topics this time include Journeying with Abraham and Sarah, the importance of Place, the hardships of Exile (no Place), the story of Stephen, readings for Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and much more. Holy Trinity has just over twenty regular readers of New Daylight, but if you would like to try using the notes for a few weeks with no obligation, then please take a copy, returning them if you find they are not quite in your style. The notes cost £4.50 and are available from Philip Righton.

**WEEKLY NOTICES** are taking a break now and will be printed again for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

**Bible Readings for December**

16 <sup>th</sup>	Philippians 4. 4 - 7	Karen Vernon
	Luke 3. 7 - 18	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Micah 5; 2-5A	
	Luke 1. 39 - 45	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Colossians 3. 12 - 17	Vicki Butler
	Luke 2. 41 - 52	

**Elements - December**

16 <sup>th</sup>	Kathie & Neil McGrimmon
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jane & Ian Howarth
Coffee Rota (Parish Centre) - December	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Ferguson, B.Carter, J.Howarth
23 <sup>rd</sup>	D.Sharroock, P.Appleby, S.Henderson
30 <sup>th</sup>	L.Knifton, L.Walker
Silver Cleaning	December
w/e 22 <sup>nd</sup>	J.Howarth & H.Stubbs
Church Cleaning	December
20 <sup>th</sup>	At 10.15a.m.

## Christmas Blessings



### A message from the Wardens

We would like to thank everyone at Holy Trinity for their unwavering commitment and support over the past 10 months. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive congregation and team behind us as we navigate through uncharted interregnum procedures. We would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. Please continue to pray for a successful resolution to our vacancy. *Anne & Vicki*

### DIARY DATES FOR 2019

<u>LUNCH CLUB</u>	12 noon Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
<u>CHORAL EVENSONG</u>	7.15p.m. Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January at
<u>TRINITY FELLOWSHIP</u>	8.00p.m. Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
<u>FRIDAY PLUS 70 SERVICE</u>	11.30a.m. Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January

16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

### Philippians 4. 4 -7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Luke 3. 7 - 18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowd asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.