

WEEKLY NOTICES 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Tues. 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Service
	12.00 noon	Lunch Club
Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.15p.m.	No Choral Evensong
	8.00p.m.	Trinity Fellowship
Thurs. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.45a.m.	Tots & Toddlers Group
Fri. 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.30a.m.	Mission 70 Service
Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 a.m.	Baptism of Christ
	10.15 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.30p.m.	Parish Communion
		Evening Service

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHPORT



6<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



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.

8.30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
10.15 a.m.	PARISH COMMUNION
Setting:	Sumsion in F
Introit:	49
Epistle:	Isaiah 60 1 - 6
Gradual:	41
Gospel:	Matthew 2. 1 – 12
Address:	Canon Roger Wikeley
Offertory:	52
Motet:	The Three Kings - <i>P Cornelius</i> Easter Sages <i>arr I Tracey</i>
Recessional:	47
Voluntary:	Marche des Rois - <i>P Cochereau</i>

6.30 p.m. EVENING SERVICE

Collect

*O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.*

**FROM THE WARDENS** - As we enter 2019, we would like to take the opportunity of wishing everyone at Holy Trinity a happy and peaceful new year.

Advent and Christmas at Trinity, bearing in mind our interregnum, were as successful as we could have wished for and, in some cases, more so. We continued with our 'normal' programme of events with only a few adaptations. The Advent season seemed particularly short with only one Sunday between our beautiful, darkness to light Advent Carol Service (2<sup>nd</sup>) and our Lessons and Carols (16<sup>th</sup>). We were particularly pleased with the latter which was an earlier start than past years at 3pm but which was significantly better attended. The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was again packed out with families who enjoyed a reprise of the wonderful 'Would I lie to you?' nativity play which the congregation were privileged to see on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The weather was kind to us this year and numbers for the Midnight Eucharist and Christmas morning were around average. In total around 800 people attended Trinity between 16<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> December.

Although this is becoming a bit of a mantra, we can only achieve these successes through the dedication and support of a huge number of people. Everything falls into place seamlessly with everyone working hard to ensure we maintain our very high standards. As always, we cannot thank the people involved in all the 'teams' enough for this magnificent support – the cleaners, flower team, choir, Sunday Club, worship team, both clergy and lay, refreshment team, Café Church leaders, pastoral support, vergers and ANYONE we've forgotten!

We have now had 10 months without a vicar and inevitably many of you have lots of questions about the appointment process which we try to answer as best we can and by informing you when anything significant occurs. Please rest assured that there is a lot of work going on in the background to make sure that we appoint the best person to lead our two parishes. There is still some way to go but we must remain optimistic that someone 'out there' is called to lead us. In the meantime, please continue to support us in whatever way you feel able – we feel incredibly blessed. *Anne & Vicki.*

**HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE** – Some of you may be aware that there is 'life' in the vicarage on Roe Lane. It is customary for the Diocese to 'take over' empty vicarages as this is beneficial for a large number of reasons – not least security and preservation of the fabric through warmth etc. The Diocese work with a short term letting agency who rent the properties (and there are many within the diocese) to professional people with no dependents who are subject stringent vetting procedures and 28 days notice to vacate. The Diocese pick up all the costs during this time. We can at any time request an inspection but the letting agency do weekly inspections anyway. As a result the vicarage is occupied and being heated which takes a huge weight off our minds as we would have been required to inspect twice weekly - quite an undertaking!

**TRINITY FELLOWSHIP** Our next meeting will be this coming Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. in the Parish Centre when Lisa & Ian Martin are going to tell us about their trip to Rwanda: it's land, people and its famous gorillas. Everyone welcome; do come along if you can. *Betty G*

**LUNCH CLUB** resumes this coming Tuesday at 12 noon and we look forward to welcoming everyone back; if you would like to join us on Tuesdays at 12 noon please speak to Sue Palmer or Betty Glasgow. We provide a delicious two course meal with tea or coffee for just £4 and you will be made very welcome.

**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

**PCC MEETING** – Members are advised that the first meeting of the New Year will take place on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at the Fire Station. Papers will be circulated as soon as they are compiled. *Anne*

**CHORAL EVENSONG** resumes on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.15p.m.

**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.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** Martha Kurley (6<sup>th</sup>) Winifred Lowther (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Richard Egerton Bellot (9<sup>th</sup>) Annie Garner (9<sup>th</sup>) Alan Penlington (10<sup>th</sup>)  
Hannah Blagbrough (11<sup>th</sup>) Edmund Frank Brown (11<sup>th</sup>) Jean Francis Dayus (12<sup>th</sup>)

**BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP** - Copies of the January to April edition of the Bible Reading Fellowship notes (New Daylight) are available 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.

**THANKS** – Evelyn Shacklady would like to thank everyone who sent her Christmas cards and good wishes over the Christmas period; she is settling in now at Cherry Tree Lodge and sends her best wishes to all her Trinity family.

**Cleaning Group** - a reminder that the group will be meeting at 10.15am for a 'big clean' on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Anybody who can spare an hour or so is welcome to join the merry band.

## Bible Readings for January 2019

6 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 60 1 - 6 Matthew 2. 1 – 12	Joan Miller
13 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 8 14 - 17 Luke 3. 15 - 17, 21 - 22	Betty Glasgow
20 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 12. 1 - 11 John 2. 1 - 11	Paul Lawrance
27 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 12. 12 - 31a Luke 4. 14 - 21	Bob Ball

## Elements - January

6 <sup>th</sup>	Jon & Ann Howard
13 <sup>th</sup>	Paul & Julie Williamson
20 <sup>th</sup>	Alan & Marjorie Burness
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jane & Ian Howarth

## Coffee Rota (Parish Centre) - January

6 <sup>th</sup>	D.Roach, B.Watkinson, D.Butterworth
13 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Fellowship:
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Ferguson, B.Carter, J.Howarth
27 <sup>th</sup>	D.Sharroock, P.Appleby, S.Henderson

## Flower Donations January

Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Madeleine Penlington <i>In memory of her husband Alan</i>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Lesley Wareing <i>In memory of Auntie Florence</i>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Judith Ryan <i>Her Aunt, Edith Lee's birthday</i>

## Silver Cleaning January

w/e 6 <sup>th</sup>	Joan & Derek Miller
w/e 27 <sup>th</sup>	M.Caplan & S.Candler

## Church Cleaning January

January  
Cleaning Group at 10.15a.m.  
Cleaning Group at 2.15p.m.

## 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Epiphany Sunday

### Isaiah 60. 1 - 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### Matthew 2. 1 - 12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.