

WEEKLY NOTICES 22nd December 2019

Mon. 23 rd	9.30a.m.	Flower Arranging Team
	2.15p.m.	Church Cleaning Group - Big Clean
Tues 24 th	11.30a.m.	Eucharist
	6.00p.m.	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
	11.30 p.m.	SUNG EUCHARIST
		Setting: Sumsion in F
		Motets: In the bleak mid winter - <i>H Darke</i> Gaudete arr. anon
		Voluntary: Toccata Marcel Lanquetuit
Wed. 25 th	10.15.a.m.	CHRISTMAS DAY
		Setting: Mass of St Thomas - <i>D Thorne</i>
		Motets: Torches - <i>J Joubert</i>
		Voluntary: Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her <i>J.S. Bach</i>
Sat. 28 th	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist – <i>The Holy Innocents</i>
Sun. 29 th		FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
	8.30a.m.	Eucharist
	10.15a.m.	Eucharist
	6.30p.m.	NO Evening Service
Tues. 31 st	11.30a.m.	Eucharist
Sat. 4 th Jan	10.00a.m.	Eucharist
Sun. 5 th		THE EPIPHANY
	7.30a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8.30 a.m.	Eucharist
	10.15 a.m.	Eucharist
	6.30p.m.	Evening Service

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHPORT

22nd December 2019
Fourth 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.

7.30a.m.	Morning Prayer
8.30 a.m.	Eucharist
10.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Setting:	Byrd a 3
Introit:	7
Epistle:	Isaiah 7. 10 - 16
Gradual:	3
Gospel:	Matthew 1. 18 - 25
Offertory:	295
Motets:	Panis angelicus - <i>Casciolini</i> Watchet auf - <i>arr Bach</i>
Recessional:	5
Voluntary:	Voluntary in F - <i>Hine</i>
<u>3.00p.m.</u>	Service of Lessons and Carols
	Adam lay y bounden - <i>Boris Ord</i>
	In the bleak mid-winter - <i>Harold Darke</i>
	How beautiful upon the mountains - <i>Stainer</i>
	Gaudete arr. <i>Anon</i>
	Ave Maria - <i>John Hosking</i>
	Lully lulla - <i>Philip Stopford</i>
	Voluntary: Carillon-Sortie - <i>Henri Mulet</i>

TODAY at 3p.m. - Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols when we also welcome our friends from All Saints Church.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER will be said privately from Christmas Day until January 2nd. Eucharist will be celebrated at the usual times.

Celebrating Christmas together is a big part of our life together as a Christian family, and I am very grateful to you all for your cards and presents. It is the greatest blessing of my life to be your parish priest, and I pray that we will all be blessed by God in 2020.

Christmas, though joyful for most, is bleak for some. I will be praying particularly for those who are alone, or unhappy, at this time of year. If it would help to talk to me, please do. *From Fr Tom*

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 the story of Joseph in Genesis, sheep and shepherding in John's gospel, gardens in the Bible, understanding Ezekiel's message for us today, Psalms 1 to 14, as well as readings for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. 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 £4.60 and are available from Philip Righton.

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

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP - A big thank you to everyone who came to our Coffee Morning last Saturday and spent so generously that we raised £305 for church funds.

Our next meeting will be on January 8th when we'll be distributing our programme for 2020 so if you'd like to see what we've planned for the new year just ask for a programme after all the festivities are over. We'd be delighted to welcome you to any (or all) of our meetings!
Meanwhile enjoy the Christmas and New Year celebrations. *Betty G.*

GOOD NEWS! It's always good news when we're able to reach the end of the year on a high note. This year, you made it happen! The four fundraising events since our parish meal have produced some great results.

Come Dine with Us	£748.50
Autumn Fair	£2,014 (<i>It's a very long time since we reached £2,000</i>)
Christmas Bingo	£382.50
Parish Calendars	£580

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, your efforts have made a welcome difference to our church funds. *Nancy Hart*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 100 CLUB DRAW

The BIG draw is to be held on Sunday 22nd December - Top prize is £100

HTC 100 Club Draw was held in the Parish Hall Sunday 15/12/2019 and the winners were :

15\12\2019	1	19	Alan	Burness
15\12\2019	2	68	Ross	Billington
15\12\2019	3	89	Bill	Drury

The 100 Club runs from January to December and so we need to ask all existing members (& new members) to renew their membership: 2020 Subscriptions are now being collected. An envelope for your payment with your full name can be collected from and handed back to Paul Williamson. It's £12.00 yearly, with a draw for each month with 3 money prizes. The remainder goes to church funds.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING - The Flower Team will be working in church on the morning of Monday, 23rd December from 9.30am and you will be most welcome to come and join us. 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.

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 2020

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. This year, for example, we have received £498.63 from the Government in Gift Aid, making a considerable 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 Trinity Sunday; Fr. Tom's installation service and Harvest Festival. So, 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 presently 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 on any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you. *Jane Roberts (Tel: 01704 873883)*

CHRISTMAS SHELTER This year the Christmas Shelter opens on Monday 23rd December through to Friday 27th December at Alchemy on Mornington Road. As usual any gifts of toiletries, tinned food, biscuits, winter clothing, new socks & underwear will be very welcome; they can be left in the box at the back of church. Further details on notice board in the porch. Thank you - *Sue Palmer*

CHURCH CLEANING – Any new volunteers do come along for a taster session at the 'Big Christmas Clean' on Monday 23rd December at 2.15p.m. if you think you may be able to help! A warm welcome and some bun loaf too awaits you!! *Margaret Pegg*

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Harriet Thomason (22nd) Elizabeth Walker (22nd) John Francis Cowling (*Priest*)(25th) Rob Mason (26th) Norman Leggett (28th) Catherine Neal (29th)
Eve Adams (29th) Edith Lee (30th) Frank Edwin Bailey (31st) Linda Garner (31st)
Evelyn Williams (31st) Nellie Thompson(31st) Clarence Randall (1stJan)
Betty Bayley-Brown (1st) Elizabeth Lupton (2nd) Joan Bence (4th)

NEWSLETTER – The next Newsletter will be on 5th January 2020

Bible Readings for December

22 nd	Isaiah 7. 10 - 16	Ann Howard
	Matthew 1. 18 - end	
29 th	Hebrews 2. 10 - end	Vicki Butler
	Matthew 2. 13 - end	

Elements - December

22 nd	Ken & Grace Dix
Coffee Rota (Parish Centre) - December	
22 nd	D.Sharrock, P.Appleby, S.Henderson
29 th	L Knifton, L Walker, L & I Martin

Church Cleaning	December
23 rd	MONDAY - Christmas Big Clean at 2.15p.m.

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Collect:

O LORD, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Epistle

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Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Gospel

Matthew 1. 18 - 25 (RSV)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman'u-el" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

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