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St John the Baptist

The Parish of Central Windsor was formed on 1 January 2025.

We are one church community who worship and socialise across our four church buildings in the centre of Windsor, seeking to work together to show God's love and to proclaim the gospel afresh for each generation.

We are an inclusive church which means we are for everyone and, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.



Holy Trinity Parish & Garrison Church

Foundation Stone laid by Prince Albert 4 April 1842

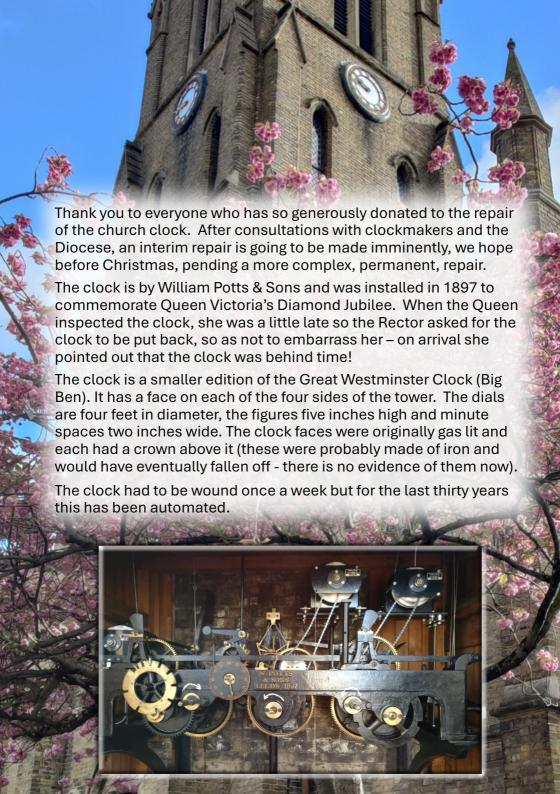
Consecration by The Lord Bishop of Oxford 25 July 1844

Holy Trinity was established for the dual role as the spiritual home of soldiers quartered in the town and to serve the local community. Whilst the funding of the church was through subscriptions from the Queen and Prince Albert, other members of the Royal Family, and local business people and residents.

Prince Albert, consort to Queen Victoria and whose life-size statue greets you at the West Door, took a great interest in Edward Blore's designs for the church, and laid the foundation stone in front of a 7,000 strong congregation.

During the days of compulsory Church Parade over 400 parishioners and 1,400 soldiers would attend either Church Parade or Choral Mattins. Look around and you'll find the names of over 24,000 men from the Brigade of Guards, the Household Cavalry and the Household Division who are recorded in poignant memorials, none more so than those to the Boer, Crimean, North African and both World Wars. Among others, the Battle Standards and Colours of the Life Guards and the Coldstream Guards are laid up in the Nave, along with a unique flag from the Household Battalion, a short lived infantry unit, formed from the Household Cavalry Reserve, and which only existed from 1916 to 1918, and had been disbanded before its colour was actually issued.

Today the church serves as a place of quietness to reflect on God's mercy and forgiveness, a place of historical grandeur to offer praise and thanksgiving, a poignant reminder of the horrors of war, but primarily as a place for you to have a moment of peace and encounter the love of God.





Order of Service Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 20th December 2025 Voci Chamber Choir

Sunday 21st December 2025
Parish of Central Windsor Choir



Music before the service: John Halsey, Director of Music Music during the service: Nathaniel Keiller, Organist

The service will proceed unannounced. Please stand for the congregational carols and sit for the readings, prayers and choir items, or simply do what you feel is most comfortable. It is traditional to stand for the Ninth Lesson, St John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation.

Welcome: The Rector of Windsor, Revd Canon Sally Lodge

A silence is kept, then please stand for the carol

Carol Once, in royal David's city

Solo Once in Royal David's city

Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her Baby In a manger for His bed:

Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

All He came down to earth from heaven,

Who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly,

Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood He would honour and obey, Love and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms He lay: Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as He.

For he is our childhood's pattern; Day by day, like us He grew; He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feeleth for our sadness, And He shareth in our gladness. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love; For that Child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above, And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around

Music: HJ Gauntlet Words: CF Alexander Arranged: AH Mann, Sir David Willcocks

The Rector offers the Bidding Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

All
Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 3: 8-14

God reprimands Adam and Eve for the sin of pride

The man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God

said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Carol

Saturday A Christmas Carol

Little star of Bethlehem!
Do we see Thee now?
Do we see Thee shining
O'er the tall trees?
Little Child of Bethlehem!
Do we hear thee in our hearts?
Hear the Angels singing:
Peace on earth, good will to all! Noel!

O'er the cradle of a King Hear the Angels sing: In Excelsis Gloria, Gloria! From his Father's home on high Lo! for us He came to die; Hear the Angels sing: Venite adoremus Dominum

Music & Words: Charles Ives

Genesis 22: 15-18

Sunday Adam Lay Ybounden

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden Written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been,
Ne had never our Lady A been Heavené Queen.
Blessed be the time The apple taken was;
Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias.

Anon 15th Century

The Second Lesson

God promises Abraham's descendants will bless the earth

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as

the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.

Thanks be to God.

Carol It came upon the midnight clear

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, From heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing. And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long: Beneath the angel-strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong: And man, at war with man, hears not The love-song which they bring; O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing.

For lo!, the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold, When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendours fling, And the whole world give back the song Sir Arthur Sullivan, Which now the angels sing.

Music: English melody Words: EH Sears Arranged: Sir David Willcocks

Isaiah 9: 2,6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Thanks be to God.

O little town of Bethlehem Carol

O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God the King And Peace to men on earth For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.

Choir only How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven No ear may hear His coming But in this world of sin Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Music: English melody Words: Bishop P Brooks Arranged: R Vaughan Williams, T Armstrong

Isaiah 11: 1-9

The Fourth Lesson

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Carol

Saturday Gaudete

Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus Ex Maria virgine, gaudete!

Tempus adest gratiæ; Hoc quod optabamus, Carmina lætitiæ Devote reddamus. Deus homo factus est; Natura mirante, Mundus renovatus est; A Christo regnante.

Ezechielis porta; Clausa pertransitur, Unde lux est orta; Salus invenitur.

Ergo nostra contio; Psallat iam in lustro; Benedicat Domino: Salus Regi nostro.

Music: 16th Century Words: Piae Cantiones

Luke 1: 26-38

Sunday Sans Day Carol

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, And Mary bore Jesus, all wrapped up in silk. And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be, And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross. And Mary bore...

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all. And Mary bore...

Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red, Words & Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead. Music:
And Mary bore... Sir John Rutter

The Fifth Lesson

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and wondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power

of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Thanks be to God.

Carol In the bleak midwinter

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain, Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Choir only Angels and Archangels May have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air; But only His Mother In her maiden bliss Worshipped the Beloved, with a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

Music: Gustav Holst

Music: Gustav Holst Words: Christina Rossetti Arranged: Sir David Willcocks

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Carol

Saturday The Shepherd's Carol

We stood on the hills, Lady; Our day's work done Watching the frosted meadows; That winter had won

The evening was calm, Lady; The air so still Silence more lovely than music; Folded the hill, silence

There was a star, lady; Shone in the night Larger than Venus it was; And bright, so bright

Oh, a voice from the sky, lady; It seemed to us then Telling of God being born; In the world of men

And so we have come, lady; Our day's work done Our love, our hopes, ourselves; We give to your Son

> Music: Bob Chilcott Words: Clive Sansom

> > Luke 2: 8-16

Sunday Gloria in excelsis Deo - Glory be to God on high

Music: from Gloria (Vivaldi) Words: St Luke Chapter 2, Verse 14

The Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Thanks be to God.

Carol While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high and to the earth be peace; 16th Century French Tune good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

Music:

16th Century French Tune
Words:
Este's Psalter
Descant: A Gray

Matthew 2: 1-11

The Eighth Lesson The wise men are led by a star to Jesus

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 also 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.

Thanks be to God

Carol O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him, (repeat twice)
Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light, Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten, not created: O come... Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger. Fain we embrace thee with awe and love: Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? O come...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest:
O come...

Music:
English melody
Words: Latin
Translation: F Oakeley, WT Brooke
Arranged: Sir David Willcocks

Please remain standing

The Ninth Lesson

The great mystery of the incarnation is unfolded

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

Please sit

Choir Saturday

Gloria in excelsis Deo - Glory be to God on high

Music: from Gloria (Vivaldi) Words: St Luke Chapter 2,

John 1: 1-14

Verse 14

Sunday Infant Holy

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging, angels singing, Nowells ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new, saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,

praises voicing, greet the morrow:

Christ the Babe was born for you!

Music: Anon
Words: Polish Carol
Translation: Edith Reed

Carol Hark! The herald angels sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With th'angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Arrar

Music: Felix Bartholdy-Mendelssohn Words: Charles Wesley Arranged: Sir David Willcocks

The Blessing & Dismissal

Given by the Rector

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds. the perseverance of the wise men. the love of Joseph and Mary. and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; And the + blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this Christmas-tide and always. Amen

Please remain in your place as the ministers and choir recess.

Concluding Music

Organ In Dulci Jubilo: BWV 729: JS Bach Organist: Nathaniel Keiller

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Director: John Halsey Organist: Nathaniel Keiller

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We warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas with us

Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service & Christingle—All Saints' Church

Frances Road

3pm Crib Service—St Stephen & St Agnes Church

Vansittart Road

11.15pm Midnight Mass—St Stephen & St Agnes Church

Vansittart Road

11.15pm Midnight Communion—Holy Trinity Church

Claremont Road & Trinity Place

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion—Holy Trinity Church

BCP (traditional) Claremont Road & Trinity Place

10am Family Eucharist with carols—All Saints' Church

Frances Road

11.15am Christmas Morning Praise—St John the Baptist Church

with Holy Communion High Street

Feast of St Stephen (Friday 26 December)

10am Said Eucharist—St Stephen & St Agnes Church
Vansittart Road

First Sunday of Christmas (28 December)

10am Sung Eucharist—Holy Trinity Church
Claremont Road & Trinity Place

Regular Services

Sunday 10am Holy Communion

in one of our four churches, please see our website for details

Mon/Wed/Fri 9am Morning Prayer

Mon/All Saints, Wed/St Stephen & St Agnes, Fri/Holy Trinity

Wednesday 11am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Church