

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

## Sunday 30th November



For those with hearing aids there is a loop system. Gluten-free communion wafers are available & also alcohol free wine.



### Important contact details:

**Rev James Harvey:** revjames@holyltrinity-darlington.org.uk or 01325 264905

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## This Sunday's Services

### ☑ 9.30am Holy Communion

**Leading, Presiding** Rev Steph Price

**Preaching** Rev James Harvey

**Romans 13: 11b-14** Robert Eden

**Matthew 24:36-44** Gillian Wright

**Intercessions** Jonathan King

**Welcome Desk** Margery Murphy & Dominic Banks

**Communion Assistants** Helen Morgan & Dan Cummings

**Refreshments** Sue Park & Lis Bows



☑ **Advent Lunch** straight after the Service- all welcome, please wear Christmas jumpers or something festive!

☑ **6.30pm Advent Service of Light** at St Cuthbert's Church – a beautiful service of music, readings and Advent hymns. All welcome.

### A POEM BY ANN LEWIN

Prayer is like watching for the kingfisher.  
All you can do is be there where he is likely to appear,  
and wait.  
Often nothing much happens; There is space, silence  
and expectancy.  
No visible signs, only the knowledge that he's been  
there, and may come again.  
Seeing or not seeing cease to matter, you have been  
prepared.  
But when you've almost stopped expecting it, a flash of  
brightness gives encouragement.



### Sunday 7th December Advent 2

☑ 9.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Mary Yasini

**JaM Club is on during the service**

☑ 3.30pm Messy Church

Messy Church at 3.30pm in  
Holy Trinity

### Sunday 14th December Advent 3

☑ 9.30am Holy Communion led and presided by Rev James Harvey with Rev Steph Price preaching

**JaM Club is on during the service**

☑ 11.00am S Club 11 meet at the Dolphin Centre for bowling and food.



### Sunday 21st December Advent 4

☑ 9.30am Holy Communion led and presided by Rev Mary Yasini with Rev James Harvey preaching

**JaM Club is on during the service**

☑ 5.00pm Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church followed by mulled wine and festive nibbles.

### Wednesday 24th December Christingle & Midnight Mass

☑ 3.00pm Christingle Service led by Rev Steph Price

☑ 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Cuthbert's Church.

### Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

☑ 10.00am All Age Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

### Sunday 28th December

☑ 9.30am Holy Communion



☑ **Saturday 6th December 3.00pm Carols in The Denes** meeting at Tennis Dene with the Darlington Community Wind Band followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Holy Trinity Community Centre Pierremont Road

☑ **Monday 22nd December 6.00pm Traditional Christmas Carols by lantern and torchlight-** meet in Stanhope Park. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Holy Trinity Church.





### STEPPING OUT & DELIVERING CHRISTMAS CARDS

One of the things many people locally say they value is receiving a card from us at Christmas every year. Over a two week period starting in the last week of November a team of people deliver cards through every letterbox in our parish. To do this we have divided the parish into seven smaller zones. Each zone takes about 8-10 person hours to deliver to. Ideally this works best with one person coordinating the deliveries in each zone and as many people as possible helping.

If you would like to be involved speak to Robert Eden or drop an email to [admin@holytrinity-darlington.org.uk](mailto:admin@holytrinity-darlington.org.uk).

### POETRY EVENING

4<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm at 15, Greencroft Close, DL3 8HW. The theme is Festivities. All welcome.



We are very pleased to be hosting our neighbour, St Teresa's Hospice's, "Light up a Life" service again this year at Holy Trinity on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm. The Hospice offers a warm welcome for anyone to attend and come together to celebrate the lives of those who will never be forgotten. It offers a time of reflection and caring support especially at this time of year to those who are grieving or feeling alone. Whilst not being a traditional church service, there will be various readings, carols, and an invitation to light a candle in memory. If you are planning to attend it would be helpful if you could please let the Hospice know (through their website link) so they have an idea of numbers. Holy Trinity link for information - Liz Renwick

### SILENT SANTA APPEAL

If you would like to take part, please consider filling a shoebox or Christmas bag with gifts marked with the age and sex of a boy or girl aged between 4 and 11. These will then be distributed to local schools by Councillor Gerald Lee in early December. **The deadline for gifts is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** I will make a collection point at the back of church in the coming few weeks as has been our previous practice. As an alternative you may choose to buy a gift for a care leaver aged between 16 and 25, these will be distributed by our very own Tracy Dunn. **Please consider filling a shoebox or Christmas bag with gifts marked with the age and sex of a boy or girl aged between 16 and 25.** Good ideas for these gifts are toiletries, sweets and chocolates.

Thank you Eleanor x

### CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH?

Come and question with us through Alpha. The Alpha course is a series of interactive sessions that explore the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. There is a simple meal together at each session that gives you an opportunity to get to know one another. Listen, learn, discuss and discover! Alpha will be running every Monday from 19<sup>th</sup> January in the evening please contact Rev Steph for more info [stephanie.price@stcuthbertsdarlington.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.price@stcuthbertsdarlington.org.uk)

## Prayer Space

**PRAYER POINTS FOR NOVEMBER:** We invite you to give thanks to God for:

- ☒ The appointment of Rev Craig Shaw and God's hand upon him
- ☒ Opportunities to gather like the Ceilidh and Advent lunch and to have fellowship with one another
- ☒ Those whose loss we mourn in this season of remembering
- ☒ The work of all caring staff in the Memorial Hospital

### PARTICULAR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Michael Bishop, Arthur Bond, Matthew Bond, Daniel Gibson, Colin Hardy, Bernard Marley & Chloe Tingay

**RECENTLY DIED:** Karen Windross

**YEARS MIND w/e** December 6<sup>th</sup> November

- (30) Roland Bradford
- December
- (1) Hunter Innes
- (2) Beryl Sandham
- (5) Mary Symonds



### NEW TO HOLY TRINITY?

New to Holy Trinity? Want to know what is going on? Want to get more involved? If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above questions – come to our **Connect Evening** on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm in St Cuthbert's Church Hall. Apart from great refreshments, you will hear about our vision, who we are as a church, what ministries and activities take place and how you can get involved and be part of the Holy Trinity adventure. Want to know more? Talk to one of the clergy team. Or just turn up!

### CHRISTMAS JOY AT THE VICARAGE

James and Ruth are hosting an Open House on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at the Vicarage (26 Upsall Drive, DL3 8RB) from **6pm - 9pm**. Mulled wine (full bodied and non alcoholic), and other drinks on offer along with some festive fayre.

All are very welcome to share and spread some Christmas joy!

## Services next week

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- ☒ **9.30am Holy Communion**
- Leading, Presiding & Preaching** Rev Mary Yasini
- Romans 15: 4-13** Kath Wood
- Matthew 3:1-12** Jones Family
- Intercessions** Liz Renwick
- Welcome Desk** Enid Cooper & Pru Farrier
- Communion Assistants** Angela Shaw & Margery Murphy
- Refreshments** Enid Cooper & June Brack

☒ **3.30pm Messy Church**

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