HOLY TRINITY
DARLINGTON

Sunday 22nd November

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

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This Sunday's Services

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☑**9.30am Holy Communion**
Leading & Presiding Rev James Harvey
Preaching Euan Woolley
Ephesians 1:15-23 Eleanor Blackburn
Matthew 25:31-46 Kath Wood
Intercessions The Jones family
Communion Assistants Helen Morgan, Gillian Wright, Enid Cooper & Nick Jones
Welcome Desk Tracy & Megan Dunn
Refreshments Robert Eden & Dominic Banks

☑**10.45am S Club 1045**



Dates for diaries

☑~~**Choral evensong** on 12th December at 5pm~~ NB: this date has been cancelled
☑Sunday 6th December after coffee **Christmas lunch** together- Bring your Christmas jumpers and be prepared to be festive and jolly as we feed the whole church in a family style Christmas feast!
☑Sunday 6th December 7pm - **Erimus - A Concert of Seasonal Music** "Make we joy now"
☑Connect Café meets at **St Cuthbert's on Tuesday mornings from 10am–12pm**. We will also be meeting at **Holy Trinity** on **17th December**, with the December date being our Connect Café carols.

BRENDA LODWICK'S FUNERAL

Message from Ian Lodwick (Brenda's son). Funeral at crematorium Thursday, 3 December, 11am. Baydale Beck afterwards



Wednesday 25th November

☑ 6.30-8.00pm Advent Prayer and reflection evening- Gift of Gratitude

Sunday 29th November- Advent 1

☑**9.30am Holy Communion** leading & presiding Rev Craig Shaw with preaching from Samuel Thurnaty

☑6pm **joint Advent `Service of Light'** at Holy Trinity

STEPPING OUT & DELIVERING CHRISTMAS CARDS

One of the things many people locally say is how much they value receiving a card from Holy Trinity at Christmas every year. Over a three week period starting **Sunday 22nd of November** a team of people deliver cards through every letterbox in our parish and also a different card for the Pierremont area, to advertise events specific to that area. 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 please speak to Robert, one of the clergy team, the Churchwardens or drop an email to admin@holytrinity-darlington.org.uk

POSADA NEWS

Posada is a church event which takes place in Advent. Nick and Katherine Barker are organising it. A knitted Mary, Joseph and a donkey, and a short liturgy, leave the church on Advent Sunday. They visit the houses of those signed up to receive them. It is a way to enter the spiritual journey in preparation for the birth of Jesus. Please sign against the date you wish to receive them on the list in church. As Nick and Katherine are away today, please give Mary Grimes your address and phone number. We need this to organise the change overs between people as the journey unfolds.

SILENT SANTA APPEAL

If you are keen to get involved with the appeal this year please be aware that the **deadline** for gifts is **Sunday 1st December-** thank you so much for your support.

FOODBANK APPEAL

Our friends at the foodbank would particularly appreciate donations of sweets and chocolate to supplement Christmas parcels (as well as your usual much valued staple foods).

There is a collection point at the back of church for both appeals on the piano. **Thank you so much.**

ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION EVENINGS- ON WEDNESDAYS 6.30PM – 8PM

Everyone is invited to engage with God this Advent by making space in the busyness of the season to slow down and prepare our hearts and minds as we wait for the coming of Christ together.
The format is simple: we start with refreshments, then worshipping God through song, followed by a reflection on Advent before we dwell in the Word through the practice of Lectio Divina. We will then have some space to ponder some questions both individually and as a group before closing in a song and prayer.
These are joint church evenings held at Holy Trinity Church – everyone is invited to each gathering.
Please find the dates and themes below.
~~Wednesday 18th November – Gift of Waiting~~
Wednesday 25th November – Gift of Gratitude
Wednesday 2nd December – Gift of Simplicity
Wednesday 9th December – Using the Gift



BUILDING THE KINGDOM…

Over the past few months, we have been reflecting on how we use our church spaces and exploring ways to make them more welcoming, flexible and inclusive for people of all ages. You may have noticed that the Lady Chapel has recently been refreshed. At the heart of these changes is a desire to create a space that is both well-used and deeply prayerful. The chapel now includes new seating, prayer cards, holding crosses and creative resources that offer different ways to reflect and pray through art. We have also been granted a temporary licence, for up to 18 months, to remove some of the pews from the front of the church. These pews have been safely stored at Walkington House while we explore how the space can best serve our worshipping community. The additional space will provide a more flexible area for the music group, Communion and all-age worship. It will also create opportunities for children and young people to participate more fully in our services, helping them to engage more actively in the life and worship of the church. **A huge thank you** goes to Calim, Euan, Adrian, Jonathan, Chris, Rev Craig, Euan's dad, and even a helpful passer-by, for their hard work moving the pews to Walkington House. We are also grateful to Richard and Philip, who will be looking at the AV and electrical connections involved in moving the final book rest, which is due to be relocated on 28 November. Special thanks go to Trevor, who helped initiate the whole project by carefully unscrewing all the relevant pews, moving the book rest on the left-hand side, and securing it back into place.

We look forward to discovering how these changes support our worship and community life, and we warmly welcome your feedback throughout this trial period.



PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER

☑ **All Souls** - pray for those remembering loved ones and those struggling with grief

☑ **Remembrance** - the fallen heroes from the past and those servicemen and women defending our freedoms today

☑ **Alpha** - for the Holy Spirit day on 14/11 particularly - that those attending would be inspired by the Holy Spirit to give their hearts to Jesus.

☑ **Renewal** - for a renewal of faith and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit within the life of the church and individual members.

☑ **Advent and Christmas Preparation** - for energy, holy inspiration and of course the logistics as various services and events are planned.

PARTICULAR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Matthew Bond, Scarlett Cross, Daniel Gibson, Colin Hardy, Sue Jones, Bernard Marley, Geoffrey Roberts & Angela Shaw

YEARS MIND w/e November 28th

26 Jimmy Knight
27 Sylvia Webb & Dennis Ridsdale

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY - starting on January 20th, 2-4pm at Holy Trinity, a 7 week course to help equip people with the tools to work through grief. It is a non-faith based course and therefore open to all. See Rev Craig for more information or to register - by 20th December - email revcraig@holytrinity-darlington.org.uk.

Services next week

Sunday 29th November

☑ **9.30am All Age Service with Holy Communion**
Leading & Presiding Rev Craig Shaw
Preaching Samuel Thurnaty
Isaiah 64:1-9 The Barkers
Mark 13:24-37 The Barkers
Intercessions Jonathan King
Communion Assistants Jonathan King & Megan Dunn
Welcome Desk Pauline Huntley & Kerry Jonas
Refreshments Margery Murphy & Eleanor Blackburn

☑ **6pm joint Advent `Service of Light'** at Holy Trinity

