HOLY TRINITY
DARLINGTON

Sunday 15th 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

Sunday 15th November

☑**9.30am All Age Service with Holy Communion**
Leading & presiding Rev Craig Shaw
Welcome Desk Bea Herbert & Margery Murphy
Communion Assistants Dan Cummings, Margery Murphy, Lis Bows & Patrick Foster
Prayer Ministry Liz Renwick & Helen Stewart
Refreshments Sue Park & Lis Bows



☑**2.00pm 'The Four'** at Holy Trinity Church



NB: The last one this year

THE FOUR IN NOVEMBER

the Four will be at **Holy Trinity at 2pm on 15th November**, This service is a relaxed, time of worship, encounter and food. For this month's service, we are starting early as we focus on praying for our town ahead of the Christmas light switch on, We will worship, pray and share food. Giving people time to head to the light switch on. This will be the last Four service of the year. For more info please speak to Rev Steph, Rev Mary or Dionne.

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 **12th November and 17th December**, with the December date being our Connect Café carols.



Wednesday 18th November

☑ 6.30-8.00pm **Advent Prayer** and reflection evening- Gift of Waiting at Holy Trinity

Sunday 22nd November- Christ the King

☑**9.30am Holy Communion** leading & presiding Rev James Harvey with preaching from Euan Woolley

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☑**10.45am S Club 1045**



Wednesday 25th November

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

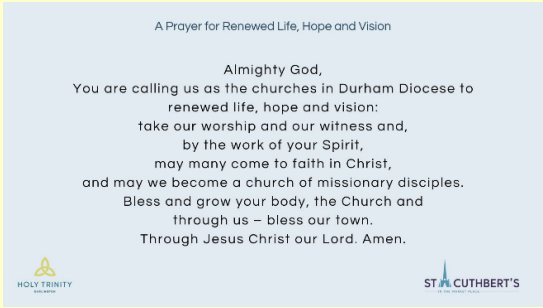
Sunday 29th November- Advent 1

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

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

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Bishop Rick at the recent clergy study day asked the clergy if our churches could join with him to pray for the renewal of the church in our diocese, he asked us to commit to praying for renewal in our church services and beyond. Please find below a prayer that was offered and will be used by us in church. You may want to commit to using this in your prayer time at home, or in other places. Please don't get too hung up on the prayer, the main thing is we pray, that God in His faithfulness will renew the church.



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 COORDINATOR NEEDED

Posada is a traditional Advent custom where Mary and Joseph travel from home to home, reminding us to make room for Jesus in our hearts and homes. We would love to continue this special tradition at Holy Trinity this year and are looking for someone to organise the host rota during Advent. A huge thank you to Mary Grimes for faithfully coordinating Posada for many years and helping so many people take part. If you are interested, please speak to a churchwarden or member of the clergy. We'd love to hear from you.

SILENT SANTA APPEAL

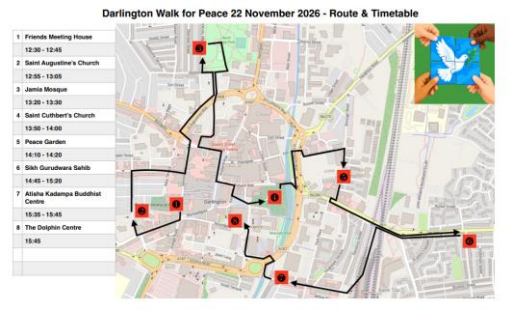
If you are keen to get involved with the appeal this year please be aware that the **deadline** for gifts is **Sunday 1st December-** thank you so much for your support.

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.**

DARLINGTON WALK FOR PEACE
Sunday 22nd November at 12.30
Starts at The Friends Meeting House, 6 Skinnergate, Darlington, DL3 7NB





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.

☑Please pray for 30 staff and friends from **St Theresa's Hospice** who travel this week and begin trekking 50k in the Sahara to raise funds. They will start walking on Friday for five days. May God protect and strengthen them in their wonderful endeavours.

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 21st

15 James Hawkes

BRENDA LODWICK'S FUNERAL

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

BUILDING THE KINGDOM…

Over the past few months, we have been looking at how we use our church spaces and considering ways to make them more welcoming, flexible and inclusive for all generations. You may have noticed that the Lady Chapel has had a small refresh. At the heart of the changes is a desire for the Lady chapel to be a space used more and a space that remains sacred and holy. This 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 will be safely stored in Walkington House while we explore how the space can best be used. The aim is to create a more open and flexible area for the music group, communion and all-age worship. It will provide additional space for children and young people to participate more fully in services, helping them to engage and feel more involved in the life and worship of our church. We look forward to seeing how these changes support our worship and community life, and we welcome your feedback during this trial period.

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

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

A huge thank you to the team behind the beautiful decorations at **Holy Trinity Church** to mark Remembrance. Once again, you have done a truly beautiful and fitting job. The display provides a poignant and respectful focus for reflection and remembrance, and it is greatly appreciated by all who see it.

Thank you for your time, creativity, and dedication in helping us honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed. *Lest We Forget.*

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 22nd November

☑**9.30am All Age Service with Holy Communion**
Leading & Presiding Rev James Harvey
Preaching Euan Woolley
Ephesians 1:15-23 Caroline Stewart
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