

Holy Trinity & St Hugh's Bulletin January 2023



Happy New Year 2023

Beautiful Christmas font and Christmas pulpit at St Hugh's



... and a really handsome
Christmas choir at Holy
Trinity!

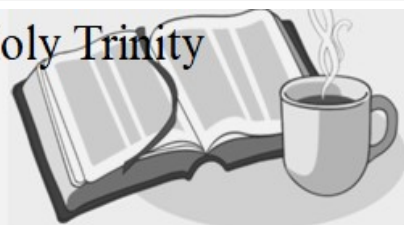




8	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		StH	3.00pm	Evensong
9	Monday	Hall	12.00pm	Warm Space
10	Tuesday	Zoom	7.00pm	HT Standing Committee meeting
12	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
		HT	10.45am	Bible Study Group
15	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
16	Monday	Hall	12.00pm	Warm Space
17	Tuesday	HT	7.00pm	HT PCC meeting
19	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
22	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		StH	3.00pm	Holy Communion
23	Monday	Vicarage	10.30am	St Hugh's PCC meeting
		Hall	12.00pm	Warm Space
26	Thursday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
		HT	10.45am	Bible Study Group
29	Sunday	HT	10.00am	Holy Communion
		HT	12.00pm	Baptism
30	Monday	Hall	12.00pm	Warm Space

Bible Study at Holy Trinity

Informal and fun
 Coffee and biscuits
 About 45 mins
 On the 2nd & 4th
 Thursdays of each month



Apologies for any errors or omission in this edition of *The Bulletin*. Any missed out items will be mentioned in notices during Sunday Services. *Ed*

From the New Vicarage...

A very Happy New Year to you all!

I hope and pray that you all had a lovely Christmas. I know that so many of us have over the past few weeks been struck down by the variety of dreaded viruses that have been going around. If you fell victim, I pray that you are fully recovered, or at least well on the way to recovery.

So another new year is upon us. As we look back over 2022 I'm sure that most of us will have mixed feelings. It was a year of highs and lows. Didn't the English women's football team do fantastically well at the Euros competition! This year's Commonwealth Games wasn't just a good time for sports fanatics; the games transformed Birmingham. The games themselves were pretty spectacular, reminding us what a richly diverse and cultural city Brum really is. The Queen captured the nation's heart afresh with the wonderful Platinum Jubilee celebrations last summer featuring a spectacular Bridgwater Carnival cart. And, of course, the UK came second in the Eurovision Song Contest. It doesn't get much better than that!

But sadly there were far too many downsides to 2022. The war in Ukraine has plunged that entire country into misery, danger and destruction. We pray earnestly for lasting peace. The death of our dear late Queen plunged the nation and Commonwealth into mourning for the very best and longest serving monarch this country has known. Global warming has continued to play havoc with the world's climate. Political, ethnic and religious hatred in virtually all corners of the globe have filled our papers and TV screens, and of course we have had our own rather farcical political soap opera dominating this country, along with soaring energy prices and crises in our public services. Sadly there's no sign of any let-up as 2023 gets under way.

But amidst the gloom there are always rays of encouraging light.

In our diocese of Bath & Wells we were delighted to welcome our new Bishop, Bishop Michael Beasley. We were privileged to have him come to Holy Trinity for one of his very first meetings with clergy, and those who met him agreed that he is delightful and a breath of fresh air to the diocese. And of course, we were thrilled to welcome Rev Dean into our midst. He has rapidly become "one of us", and his passion and drive for mission and outreach in the wider community is a very great asset and blessing to our churches and to the whole community.

This year will be an exciting one for Holy Trinity. The church will be beautifully redecorated over the next month or two. What a pleasure it will be not to have flaking paint falling on our heads any more!

There will be some social events and performances during the year. Please, please support them. Make them a priority in your diary. Many of you missed out on some top quality things in 2022.

Finally, and most importantly, our churches continue to offer a variety of opportunities to worship our loving God. Our church buildings are open, welcoming, places where anyone and everyone is welcome to come and catch a glimpse of the light which God, through our following of Jesus Christ, shines into our world. And doesn't our world and don't our lives need every ray of light they can get! Why not come this year to a service, an activity or an event and catch a little of that light!

A very happy, and peaceful 2023 to you all.

Rev. Wil



Holy Trinity has been chosen for Green Token Giving at Asda Bridgwater Branch. Vote for us today and we could receive £500 from #AsdaFoundation #Community. Your vote means we can expand our Social Morning and offer more to the community. Vote now!! Votes can be placed once every seven days from 1st January. To place your vote, go to www.asda.com/green-tokens and select Bridgwater_branch from the drop-down box.

Regular Church Services at Holy Trinity

Every Sunday: 10.00am Holy Communion (1 hr)

Every Thursday: 10.00am Holy Communion (½ hr)

Regular Church Services at St Hugh's, Durleigh

2nd Sunday: 3.00pm Evensong (45 mins)

4th Sunday: 3.00pm Holy Communion (50 mins)

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