

CHURCH UPDATES
News Sheet 14th December 2025



*Lord Jesus, in this season of preparation for Your coming at Christmas,
may our eyes be open to notice you in hidden and unexpected places,
and may our hearts be open to receive you in new and unexpected ways.*

14th Dec. 9.00am Holy Communion – God with us – In Trusting *Matthew 1:18-25*
10.30am Morning Worship – God with us - In Trusting *Matthew 1:18-25*

CHRISTMAS AT HOLY TRINITY

Please visit our website <https://www.holytrinitysouthwell.co.uk/> to pick up all our services over the Christmas period or see below, and perhaps point others to them if you can.

PCC agreed that offerings would be taken at all Christmas Services and split between Open Doors and Home Start Newark.



SUNDAY 21st – 4.00pm A mix of contemporary and traditional our carol service will give plenty of opportunity to sing your favourite carols and hear afresh the good news of Christ. There will be separate provision for small children with mince pies, hot chocolate and mulled wine served afterwards.



CHRISTMAS EVE

SCRATCH NATIVITY – 4.00pm Come and help us tell the story of Christmas from scratch! There will be opportunity for dressing up and lots of interactive moments. This service is primarily aimed at children and families, but all are welcome to take partwe're all young at heart....



MIDNIGHT MASS IN BETHLEHEM – 9.30pm

A reflective communion service the night before Christmas for those wishing to usher in the birth of Christ at the more reasonable time 9.30pm – it will be Christmas, Bethlehem time during our service.



CHRISTMAS DAY – ALL AGE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 10.00am

All are welcome to join us for our Christmas Day Celebration. The service will last around 45 minutes and should be lots of fun. Feel free to bring with you any presents – or wear them!

Following the service there will be a short said communion service – no more than 15 minutes in length – for anyone who would value it.

28th Dec. 10.30am Morning Worship – God with us – *In Struggle Matthew 21:13-23* (No 9.00am)

Home for Christmas

This week, the Diocese released Bishop Paul's Christmas message, a powerful reminder of the invitation to **come home**, especially at Christmas. **Watch Bishop Paul's Christmas Message by clicking the link.**
<https://youtu.be/3-imfCOGcmA>

Service of Light It was wonderful to welcome almost 40 people to church last Sunday afternoon for our reflective Service of Light, which was a chance to step aside from the busy-ness of this season and remember loved ones, in the context of the message of Emmanuel, God With Us. The service was found to be moving and helpful, and will be repeated next year.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTHWELL LENT GROUPS 2026

Peter May and his ecumenical team are preparing material to be used at next year's Lent Groups. This will be a five week course based on The Beatitudes. The course begins the week starting February 23rd. These groups cannot happen unless there are volunteers to host with group enablers. If you feel you could offer your home or be an enabler, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Should you have any questions please have a word with Peter or Caro May, they are our CTIS contacts.



On behalf of the Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal Trustees, I want to say a big "Thank You" to everyone at Holy Trinity Church for supporting our appeal. This year over 70 people from our community partners used our service to provide gifts for the disadvantaged children they support. We were able to supply gifts for over 2,200 children to open on Christmas Day.

Thank you to all those who donated gifts, collected in gifts or transported them to our centre.

Each year demand for our service increases and we are well aware that there are a lot of choices when it comes to donating and we are grateful that you continue to support our service. Your kind donations have made a great difference to many families this Christmas. Without you we would not be able to continue this valuable work.

We wish you a happy and healthy 2026. Bev Lockyer The Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal



We have also recently received an update from the team at Tearfund announcing that 500 others took part in the Big Quiz Night (which we held in November) with a total of £129,893 raised. That is equivalent to 43,297 lives transformed. The team would like to thank Trinity for the huge part they played in helping people lift themselves out of poverty and fulfilling their God-given potential.



ALPHA is an opportunity for people of all ages to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment

The course explores who Jesus was, what his aims were, and what it means to follow him today. You will not be asked to sing or read aloud, and you can ask any and as many questions as you like. You can just come along and listen if you would prefer.

The date of the next course has not been decided so if you are interested in joining please [Contact the office](#). If you can't make the next course contact us anyway, because your information will help us when we decide when to schedule the next one.



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