

TRINITY NEWS SHEET
This will cover the rest of December.
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SERVICES DURING DECEMBER



ADVENT SUNDAY – 3rd December

10.30am - Morning Worship (Café Style)

The Day and Hour Unknown - Revelation 21:1-7



If you know a family with children do pick up an Invite from the back of church and encourage them to come along. Perhaps bring them along yourself. Graham & Christine Cross will be taking the service.

- 10th** **9.00am** Holy Communion – John the Baptist - Mark 1:1-8
10.30am Morning Worship – John the Baptist - Mark 1:1-8

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 17th** **9.00am** Holy Communion – John the Baptist (2) – John 1:6-8; 19-28
No 10.30am service
6.00pm **Carol Service – *The King who reigns from a Manger Throne***



- 24th** **9.00am** Holy Communion – Zechariah’s Song – Luke 1:67-79
No 10.30am service
4.00pm Family Nativity – A Scratch interactive and fun nativity-themed service. Do come along dressed as any character from the story Angel, Mary, Joseph, Star, Shepherd, Wise man, Donkey. We do have costumes available in church.



- 25th** **10.30am** **One Church Christmas Celebration**
There will be the opportunity to donate to Refugee Roots at this service.
- 31st** **10.30am** One Church Service

Invitation cards for all our Christmas Services available at the back of church. Do take as many as you wish to invite friends, neighbours, family. Invite them to come with you! Let us share the love of Jesus with people who need to hear this great message of love and hope.

Advent is here.! It’s a unique time of reflection and anticipation, focused on God’s story and his invitational heart. In that spirit, *Practicing the Way* has created a collection of [Advent meditations](#) designed to help us savour God’s love and presence. Peace, Practicing the Way.

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Frank Cooling will be held in Trinity on Thursday, 14th December at 1.15pm

PRAYER NEWS (Prayer Co-ordinator Julie Barker)

Whole Church Praying Together

There will be a weekly WHOLE church prayer meeting at 7pm in the Stanley room (or in the main body of the church if we need the space - let's hope so!) starting on Wednesday, 6th December. You can link via Zoom if you wish to join from home or as a house group using [this code](#). Please make every effort to join.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87196599268>

Meeting ID: 871 9659 9268

This is specifically to focus on the discipleship & forward vision of the church during the interregnum and the process of seeking a new vicar on the following dates:

6th December; 13th December; 20th December

Christmas break

3rd January & weekly until further notice.

Eph 3:20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Thank the Lord for a positive PCC meeting last week & the support of the Diocese in discerning God's leading & the process of seeking a new Vicar. May we, in solidarity & love, seek His leading together.

As we consider what gifts to give to those we love, do we consider what God would like, having given us the greatest gift anyone could give - all of ourselves?

In Christina Rossetti's poem, 'In the Bleak Midwinter', the last verse suggests that she too had considered the question, 'What does God want at Christmas?':

*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him – give my heart.*

Climate Justice

COP28, the annual international climate negotiations, this year in the petrostate, Dubai, started on 30 November. Species extinction day, as it happens. Few hold out any hope it can achieve anything near what is needed to pull back from climate breakdown or adequately recompense the countries suffering climate loss and damage. So what do we do? [First, we pray](#). secondly, [we stand together as God's stewards of our planet](#) - in solidarity with all those suffering now and in the future because of our lack of care.

Prayer Ministry is available between 10.00 & 10.30am and at the end of the 10.30am service.

The team are identifiable with badges. If you need help in finding someone, please ask a warden or a welcomer on the door.

The Holy Trinity Prayer Wall is available on our website and can be accessed by using [this link](#) or from the '[Joining in' section of the prayer webpage](#) on the website.

The next Diocesan Day of Prayer is coming up on Thursday 14th December, and all are invited to join Evensong in the Minster at 5.30pm or a more informal Worship in the State Chamber at 7.45pm.



GREAT NOTTS CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

As in previous years, Advent is an opportunity for both children and adults to bring a gift for those who find Christmas a difficult time. **New toys** (due to health and safety restrictions second hand toys can no longer be accepted) for children are much appreciated. Gifts for adults of toiletries, scarves, gloves, socks, etc. If you would like more information please click the following link <https://christmastoyshomesteadcloud.com/>



Our final Sunday for collecting items will be **THIS SUNDAY 3rd** December. They will then be taken to the sorting and distribution centre in Bilborough.

Christmas gifts - Would you like to give a gift this year which makes a difference to someone's life? There are quite a lot of charities offering alternative gifts. There are catalogues from Christian Aid at the back of church and there are also some for Ripple Effect (the new name for Send a Cow) (rippleeffect.org), Toilet Twinning (toilettwinning.org) is also a good idea. If you can't find what you are looking for ask Ian Baird-Smith"

VACANCY

The procedure regarding the appointment of a new Vicar has already begun and in the January News Sheet there will be a full explanation of the process. You will see under the Prayer Section that from Wednesday, 6th December, Julie, our Prayer Co-ordinator, has organised a weekly time of corporate prayer. Please join us if you are able, either in church or on Zoom.

The Yearly Church diary is now available at the back of church. Please feel free to take one and transfer dates to your diary of the meetings and special events Trinity will be holding.



MEN'S BREAKFAST 6th JANUARY 2024

Please join us for the next breakfast on Saturday 6th January when our speaker will be Ben Brough who will talk about his work on AI and should we be scared. This promises to be a very interesting morning and will feature the usual cooked breakfast. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or on email to ianbairdsmith@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you and please bring a friend if you can! Doors open at 8am, breakfast at 8:30 finish by 9:30.

A message from Alison Slinger "It is time to formally handover the "hat" to your new Treasurer (Richard Marjoribanks) and Assistant Treasurer (Denise Parkin). My enormous thanks to them for agreeing to take over this work and for reassuring me that it is in very good hands."

As a church we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Alison who has worked tirelessly as our Treasurer (and other roles) for more than 20 years. She is stepping down to reduce her workload and we will miss her wisdom, knowledge and expertise. We wish her well and hope she enjoys more time to enjoy her gardening.



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