

CHURCH UPDATES
News Sheet 4th January 2026



*Lord Jesus, lead me and guide me on your life-giving way.
Holy Spirit, empower and strengthen me for all that lies ahead in 2026.
I put my trust in You.*



THIS SATURDAY, 3rd January

A chance to meet new people, share life and hear real stories over great food!

8.00 to 8.30, then breakfast followed by a conversation with Greg Wilson; RAF, Police, Potting Shed and many others. It promises to be really inspiring and interesting. Do come along and bring a friend.

4 th January	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
11 th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship

A reminder that our monthly prayer and worship evening **Kingdom Come** is on **11th January** at 4.00pm. Please join us if you can.

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labour in vain.*

*Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain. - Psalm 127:1*



Seeking God, His fullness and His Kingdom through dedicated times of worship and prayer. Kingdom Come is our monthly prayer and worship evening at Holy Trinity where we set aside time to pray for our church, our community, and the needs of the world all in the context of informal Spirit-led worship.

The evening is intentionally unstructured in nature as we deliberately allow space for the Holy Spirit to guide our prayer and worship in whichever way He leads.



Prayer Ministry is available between 10.00 & 10.30am and at the end of the 10.30am service. The team is identifiable with badges. If you need help in finding someone, please ask a warden or a welcomer on the door.

Prayer Diaries for January are available on the website, and also printed copies at the back of church.

IN REMEMBRANCE

For those who knew Margaret Mottishaw, who was a life-long member of Holy Trinity but latterly in Southwell Care Home, a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Trinity on Thursday 8th January at 11.00am. We thank God for Margaret, for her witness and loyalty to Trinity.

A Thanksgiving Service will also be held in church for Murial Henson (Adrea Richmond's mother) on Thursday 15th January at 12 noon and for David Brennan on Friday, 23rd January at 1.00pm.

Please uphold the above families in prayer. All are welcome to any of the services.



ALPHA is an opportunity for people of all ages to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. 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.

Location: Holy Trinity Church; Date: 19th January 2026; Time: 7.15pm

The evening will begin with a full cooked meal and time to chat, before watching a video on topics of faith and having a non-judgemental discussion about it. If you decide not to continue, no problem, we won't chase.

If you are interested in joining please [Contact the office](#). If you can't make this course contact us anyway, because your information will help us when we decide when to schedule the next one.

BRING & TAKE

New Year is a great time to have a sort out, so we are going to have another Bring & Take event in church on Sunday, 18th January. As before, please bring along anything at all that you no longer need and that is in good condition. The idea is to recycle the items, so please also be prepared to find and take home something that you could use, or that someone you know would like. There is no charge for anything, but as last time, donations will be welcome for FCN, the Farming Community Network, that supports farmers who struggle with their mental health. Thank you! If you have any questions please talk to Suzanne Dent.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTHWELL

CTiS will be having the traditional Week of Prayer For Christian Unity from Monday 19th – Sunday 25th January as follows.

Day	Date	Time	Host church	Service content	Refreshments	Contact
Monday	19 th	TBA	Holy Trinity	CTBI Day 1	Soup lunch	Julie Barker
Tuesday	20 th	12.00	Methodist	CTBI Day 2	Soup lunch	Glennis Hobbs
Friday	23 rd	12.00	Baptist Ch.	CTBI Day 3	Soup lunch	Trisch Thornton
Saturday	24 th	9.30am	Riverside Ctre	CTBI Day 4	Coffee & pastries	Sheila Adams
Sunday	25 th	3.30pm	The Minster, Evensong			Amanda Lees

The Revd Geoffrey Clarke, Moderator for the United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod, will be preaching. The venues will be the host church buildings.

CTiS hope that you will be able to attend these events to pray for, and to strengthen, the unity between the churches. Last year all the events were well attended and very enjoyable.

The next CTiS **OPEN FORUM** is on Saturday, January 17th, 9.15 – 10.45. This will be held at Southwell Baptist Church, Living Waters will be hosting. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Last year Lectio365 was recommended to the church as a brilliant app which can be read or listened to, that is a great help with personal, daily Bible reading and prayer. It's part of the worldwide 24-7 prayer movement, headed by Pete Greig, whose book **How to Pray**, has been a real help and blessing to so many. At the start of a New Year, if you are not already using Lectio 365, (as a number in Trinity are) you may like to check it out, just click the following link:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.prayer247.lectio365&hl=en-US&pli=1>

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.

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