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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 8th December 2024 Second of Advent (Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

Today's hymns are from New English Hymnal (Green)\* omit starred verses

**Introit** 5 Hark a herald voice is calling

**Gloria**  No Gloria

**Psalm** 126 What great deeds the Lord worked for us

**Gradual** 3 Come thou long-expected Jesus

**Offertory** 55 Hail to the Lord's anointed

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  274 Author of life divine

**Recessional** 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

**Angelus**

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Neil Broadbent as Celebrant and Preacher at Mass this morning**

**Services at Holy Trinity for the week ahead and next Sunday**

**Tuesday 10th December 9.30 am Mass Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Thursday 12th December 7.00 pm Mass Fr Giles Orton**

**Next Sunday 15th December 3rd of Advent**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Bob Boyle**

**PLEASE KEEP A TIME OF QUIET AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST TOGETHER.**

Welcome to our worship this Sunday. Baptised and communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you’d prefer to receive a blessing, please carry a Mass booklet or hymn book with you when you come to the communion point. Gluten-free communion hosts are available – please let a sidesperson know if you require one. Large-print copies of the Order of Mass and children’s Mass Booklets are also available. Refreshments are served after Mass in the Hall – please join us.

**This week's news:**

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**Advent/Christmas Party Tuesday 10th December 6.30pm for 7.00pm**

Tickets (£12.00/children £6.00) are now available for the party. The main course will be turkey and all the trimmings with a vegetarian option. Dessert is either Christmas pudding or chocolate log. As usual the evening will be interspersed with a quiz/games so get your tickets and get in the Christmas spirit. **Rosemary**

**Sanctuary Lamp Dedications**

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly as a sign of Our Lord's presence in the Reserved Sacrament, and each week of the year is available for members of the congregation to dedicate the burning of the Lamp in memory of departed loved ones. The cost is £3 per dedication and our Treasurer Margaret Breedon will be available after Mass for remaining Sundays of this year to

accept your dedications for weeks in 2025. These are then included week by week in our intercessions.

**Christmas flowers**

The Flower Fund is in need of your help if we are to have the usual Christmas displays this year. We hope to rely on your generosity in giving whatever you can afford, please, to Margaret or Sharon Breedon. The Flower Team will be very grateful for even the smallest amounts, and will make very good use of all monies received.

**Christmas cards and Shelter Appeal**

As in previous years we’re suggesting that instead of sending individual cards to friends at Church, we send a collective greeting which will be displayed on a designated notice board in the Hall. A box for donations to the very worthy charity SHELTER will be available. Please be generous for those less fortunate than ourselves. Many thanks. **Rosemary**

**Walk for Children in aid of NSPCC Childline 21 December**

On 21 December, the longest night of the year, a group from Ilkeston Churches Together will be walking 5k to help Childline be ready for every

question this Christmas. On average, a child contacts Childline every 45 seconds and last Christmas, 5,499 children contacted Childline to ask for help.

The walk will start at Erewash Sound in Cotmanhay at 3.30pm and end at the Church of Christ on Adams Street at the bottom of Nottingham Road at approx. 5.30pm. There will be a number of brief stops along the way where a carol will be sung - the first stop will be at Holy Trinity. Geoff and one or two others from Holy Trinity have already said they will be doing this walk and if anyone else is interested please let him know. You don't have to walk the entire route - you could for example join at Holy Trinity and end at St Mary's.

The purpose of the walk is to raise money for the NSPCC Childline and the group overall has a modest target of £100 - please help us reach and exceed this target by donating to the group page via this link  <https://nspcc.enthuse.com/pf/ann-richards>

If you prefer to donate in cash, please see Geoff who will deal with that.

**A message from Jenny Mills**

Stuart and I are very grateful for all the congratulations, cards, and good wishes received after Mass last Sunday for our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

**Paul Smith**

Paul has now moved to**:** Lings Bar Hospital, Beckside,  Gamston,  West Bridgford, Nottingham. NG2. 6PR. **Nicky**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Those who are sick: Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Sue Coman, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Margaret Lacey, Kev Lea, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, and Paul Underwood.

All who have recently died. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:.George Edward Saville, Priest, Maureen Benson, Beatrice Binney, William Chambers, Robert Fisher, Annie Cook, Edith Fisher, Denley Pickering, John Davies, Louise Page, George William Henry Bostock, Cecil Oxley, Priest, and Rose Eaton.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of departed members ofthe West Family.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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**Donations to Holy Trinity may be made using the QR code below:**



**Parish Safeguarding Link:** Mrs Nicky Bailey 07809 680034, Email: *nickybailey1938@gmail.com* (Nicky also has the honorary title of Churchwarden Emerita)

**Website / Facebook** For more about Holy Trinity, visit our website:-

w*ww.holytrinityilkeston.org.uk*. Follow us on Facebook: 'Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston'.

**5th Ilkeston Holy Trinity Brownies:** Brown Owl: Bev: 07747 142501

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**Holy Trinity Tiny Tots** (Parent and Toddler Group) Helen Crisp

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**Contact for Church Hall Bookings:**Mrs Christine Hudson

Tel. 0115 932 2796, or email: hudson.owlhudson@btinternet.com The Church Hall is a community facility and we welcome bookings especially from local people and groups. Please contact Christine for further details and availability.

**Commentary on the Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**The Theme of the Readings: Let Us Make the Journey Together**

The First Reading **(Baruch 5: 1-9)** this morning is from the part of the canon of scripture called the Apocrypha and sets the theme of our readings. First, it describes the promised joyful return of the Jewish exiles of the Babylonian captivity to Jerusalem in the 6th century BC. Then, the passage looks beyond that historic return to the journey of redeemed humanity to the heavenly New Jerusalem of Christ the King.

The Responsorial Psalm today **(Ps 126: 1-6)** is another of the so-called ‘Songs of Ascent’ that pilgrims sang on the journey up the Judean mountains to the holy city of Jerusalem to celebrate the annual feasts and worship in the Jerusalem Temple. In the hymn, the pilgrims remember the joyful journey of the returning exiles to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. However, this ‘Song of Ascent’ can also be seen as the symbolic anticipation of all the righteous as they continue their earthly journeys with the hope that they may one day ascend to worship in the heavenly New Jerusalem Jesus has prepared for His redeemed people.

In the Epistle **(Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11)**, St. Paul prays for the Christian community at Philippi. He writes to praise them for their growth in charity, characterised by their ‘love in action.’ Such works, he tells them, are a supernatural virtue that includes wisdom in discerning the will of God for the lives of the community that leads them to attain a better knowledge of God and, thereby, a greater union with Him. Moreover, a more vital unity prepares them (and us) in holiness for ‘the Day of Christ,’ when Jesus will return in glory to receive the faithful.

In this morning’s Gospel Reading **(Luke 3:1-6)**, we learn that St. John the Baptiser is the mysterious, unidentified prophetic voice from Isaiah's prophecy in the 8th century BC. His is the voice that announced the coming of God among His people in Jesus's First Advent and the all-encompassing change His arrival will have on the world. Nothing will stand in His way to hinder His coming or message, and all humanity will see the salvation of God.

All of our readings for this Sunday remind us that we are journeying through our earthly exile in this life on our way to eternal salvation in the promised heavenly Jerusalem. The Season of Advent is an especially appropriate time to reflect on that journey. We are called during Advent to respond anew to St. John's prophetic voice. We need to confess and repent those sins that separate us from God, to make straight our paths on the journey of salvation, and to pray that all flesh shall see the salvation of God. As a covenant people, we must take the time to prepare ourselves to relive the events of the First Advent of the Messiah. We do this with the knowledge that we must remain vigilant, for Christ will return at any moment to judge the world and receive the righteous into His everlasting glory in the New Jerusalem of the redeemed!

