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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 15th December 2024**

**Third of Advent (Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Bob Boyle**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

Today's hymns are from New English Hymnal (Green)

**Introit** 7 Hills of the North rejoice

**Gloria**  No Gloria

**Psalm** 12 Sing and shout for joy

**Gradual** 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

**Offertory** 11 Come, O come Emmanuel

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  272 All for Jesus

**Recessional** 443 Rejoice the Lord is King

**Angelus**

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Bob Boyle as Celebrant and Preacher at Mass this morning**

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

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 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.

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

**Monday 16th December 7.00 pm Carol Service Fr Bob Boyle**

**Tuesday 17th December 9.30 am Mass Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Thursday 19th December 7.00 pm Mass Fr Robert Breckles**

**Next Sunday 22nd December 4th of Advent**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Neil Broadbent**

**This week's news:**

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**Licensing of Fr Max Marsh, Wednesday 15th January 2025**

 We have now received confirmation that the Licensing of Fr Max Marsh as the Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity and of St Laurence's Long Eaton will take place on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 6.30pm. This will take place at St Laurence's and both Bishop Paul Thomas, the Bishop of Oswestry, and Bishop Libby, the Bishop of Derby, will be present. It is hoped that as many as possible will be able to attend so that we can give Fr Max a generous welcome.

**Geoff and Sharon**

**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.

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**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.

**Christmas floral workshops**

The two workshops held last week together raised the magnificent sum for church funds of £420. Our sincere thanks are due to all concerned - not only the organisers but also those who helped with the refreshments and thosewho tidied up afterwards. **Geoff and Sharon**

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**Advent/Christmas Party**

 As usual many thanks must go to everyone who made the party such a success, with special thanks to the catering team, our entertainment officer, raffle queen, provider of singalong and all who helped in lots of little ways. The event raised, after expenses, a total of £480.00. Included in this amount was the raffle for the splendid hampers which raised a marvellous £285.00. Well done to all who sold tickets as well as grateful thanks to all who very generously provided the wonderful items included in the hampers. **Rosemary**

**School Visits**

During the last week of November we were very pleased to welcome three groups of Year 1 children from Charlotte Infant School for a Christingle Workshop. As usual, the children behaved extremely well and made an excellent job of making their Christingles.

 The school has already booked in for January next year for another three sessions.

 Many thanks to Rosemary for all her help. **Helen and Caroline**

**A message from FrMichael Brinkworth**

We should like to convey our thoughts and thanks to the people of Holy Trinity who were at Mass on Sunday. We thank the Church for the lovely Peace plant. But above all for continuing prayers and love of everyone. We are most grateful. It was good to have been with you all on Sunday, although the weather was so stormy. I go later this morning for my penultimate treatment that leaves me very sleepy and with a nondescript feeling**. Michael and Pam**

**A message from Paul Smith**

It is now six weeks since I was admitted to hospital I am most grateful for care I am receiving and seem to be responding well to get my joints working again. I am too very thankful for your gifts,good wishes and prayers. A few weeks in hospital and you see the world in a totally different perspective where the power of love, prayer and faith become a reality.

 I believe Philip is in good hands and who knows we may be able to spend Christmas together. **Paul Smith**

**Margaret Lacey**

 Margaret is now permanently resident in Canal View Care Home, Awsworth Rd, Ilkeston.  DE7  8JF. **Nicky**

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**Children's Society Fundraiser**

Our Christingle fundraiser for the Children's Society has raised the sum of £326.88 at the time of going to press. Thanks from the Brownies for this magnificent effort. **Bev Seals, Brown Owl**

**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:.Rose Eaton, Elizabeth Jerram, Harry Edward Chapman, Fred Chambers, Frank Hudson, Alan Fletcher, and Mary Wall.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of the late Megan Lacey, and also of the late Alfred and Ethel Lacey, and also of the late William Poole.



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**Commentary on the Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent:**

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**First Reading: *Zephaniah 3: 14-18***

 God will comfort Zion’s mourners, and sympathise with her in her grief. He will wipe away their tears and gather those who are yearning for the solemn assemblies they once participated in. God will rejoice in those who are to be freed and whom he will make to rejoice. They are such as are sorrowful, and they only must expect to reap in joy, who have sown in tears. The sorrowful will be forever joyful. God will recover the captives out of the hands of their oppressors, and bring home the banished that were expelled.

**Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 4-7***

 St Paul encourages us to see that all our joy must terminate in God, and our thoughts of God must be delightful thoughts. We are here exhorted to honesty and gentleness, and good temper towards our brethren, showing our neighbours our pattern of living together. In things which seem undistinguished we must not run into extremes, thereby avoiding bigotry and animosity always judging charitably concerning one another. As a supreme remedy against perplexing care he recommends to us constant prayer: "In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving."

**Gospel: *Luke 3: 10-18***

 In the appearance and ministry of John the Baptist we are now drawing near to the appearance of our Lord Jesus publicly. Through him the way of the Lord was prepared, and people were prepared to bid Christ welcome. The Baptist raises the people’s expectations for when expectations are raised, that which they are in expectation of becomes doubly acceptable. Now when they heard what an excellent doctrine John the Baptist preached, what a divine power went along with it, and what a tendency it had to reform the world, they were ready to publicly see Jesus.

*[The above Commentary on today's readings, by Fr Tom Barnfather, previously appeared in the Trinity Newsletter for 16th December 2018.]*

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**Saint of the Week:**

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**14th December St John of the Cross (1542-1591)**

 St John of the Cross was born in Fontiveros, in Spain, in 1542. He spent some time as a Carmelite friar before, in 1568, Saint Teresa of Ávila persuaded him to pioneer the reform of the Carmelite order. This was a difficult task and a dangerous one: he suffered imprisonment and severe punishment at the hands of the Church authorities. He died at the monastery of Ubeda in Andalusia on 14th December 1591: the monks there had initially treated him as the worst of sinners, but by the time he died they had recognised his sanctity and his funeral was the occasion of a great outburst of enthusiasm. His spiritual writings, especially what could well be called his magnum opus, The Dark Night of the Soul, are some of the most spiritually and psychologically profound works of any faith, and show a deep understanding of human psychology, years before the birth of Psychology with the works of Siegmund Freud, and particularly Carl Jung. His works include two major mystical poems – he is also considered one of the great poets of the Spanish language – and detailed commentaries on them and the spiritual truths they convey. He was canonized in 1726 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926.

*[The above Saint of the Week, by Fr David Lawrence-March, previously appeared in the Trinity Newsletter for 12th December 2021.]*

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**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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