**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 12th January 2025**

**Baptism of the Lord (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)

\* Omit starred verses \*

**Introit** 49 Brightest and best

**Gloria**  Gloria 4

**Psalm** 104 Bless the Lord, O my soul

**Gradual** 12 On Jordan's bank

**Offertory** 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  83 Glory be to Jesus

**Recessional** 205 Christ is made the sure foundation \*

**Angelus**

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

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

**Tuesday 14th January 9.30 am Mass Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Thursday 16th January 7.00 pm Mass Fr Max Marsh**

**Next Sunday 19th January 2025 2nd Sunday in OT**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max Marsh**

**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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**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**

**Visit of Charlotte Nursery and Infant School**

We shall be welcoming children from the school into Holy Trinity this month as follows:

Reception Class on Monday January 13th and Friday 17th,and Year 1 children on Monday 27th January, Thursday 30th January and Friday 31st January , in each case from 9.30 am**. Helen Crisp**

**Dedication Anniversary Appeal**

The recent appeal on the Anniversary of Holy Trinity's Dedication raised the magnificent total of £440, and we are very grateful to all who contributed. **Margaret Breedon**

**Christmas cards and Shelter Appeal**

The collection on behalf of Shelter (as an alternative to sending individual Christmas Cards) raised the splendid total of £170 to be sent to this worthwhile charity. Thanks to all who contributed. **Margaret Breedon**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

 All who have recently died. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:. Reginald Moakes, Phyllis Mary White, Frances Price, Sarah Ann Sisson, Peter Savage, and Jane Eliza Banwell.



**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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

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

**Newsletter** Please send material for each Sunday's Newsletter to Richard Pykett as soon as it is ready, and at the latest by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday. 07850 428299.

Email: *richard.pykett@techademic.net*

Copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning, on our Website, and by email. Please let me know if you would like to be added to or removed from the email distribution list **Richard Pykett**

**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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**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 Baptism of the Lord: :**

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**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

 The reading from Isaiah for today is the joyful song which opens the second part of the Isaian prophecies (there were, theologians agree, three prophets named ‘Isaiah’; the one quoted today is known as Deutero-Isaiah). After the seventy years of the Exile Israel is looking forward to the return to Jerusalem, aware that they are soon to be released from their captivity. They have ‘served their sentence’ in Babylon and their sin has been forgiven. The Lord will lead them in joy across the great desert as he led them across the desert at the Exodus, and will manifest his glory again. For Christians the excitement is that John the Baptist picks up this message as he prepares the people for the coming of Christ. The coming of the Lord to Jerusalem was never wholly fulfilled, and we can see that the great fulfilment of this passage is in the coming of Christ to his own. He came to Jerusalem, yes, but has the divine glory yet been manifested? He brought the beginning of the kingship of God, but it is for us Christians to show the glory and the love and the generosity of God to a world which has not yet seen the splendour of his coming. This is the daunting responsibility of those who bear the name of ‘Christian’, who see in Jesus the manifestation of God’s reign not only historically in First Century Palestine but here and now.

**Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 taken together with the Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

 The phrase in the reading from the Letter to Titus (one of the so-called Pastoral Epistles) which seizes the attention is ‘he saved us through the waters of re-birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit’. Is it referring to Jesus’ baptism or to yours and mine? One’s guess is that in the original letter it referred to our baptism, but that, by putting it forward on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church is referring it to Jesus’ baptism as the model of your and my baptism. We received in our baptism the same re-birth as children of God and the same renewal in the Holy Spirit as he did in the Jordan. The image of birth from the waters is a fascinating one, and can be taken on many levels, the ocean as the great, turbulent earth-mother from which all life derives, the source of life and fertility for plants, animals and humans, the ‘waters’ of each mammal’s birth. By the waters of baptism we are given a wholly new life as adopted daughters and sons of God. The Baptism of Jesus is recorded in all four of the Gospels in the New Testament, although the Johannine account doesn’t actually refer to the act of baptism itself. The three Synoptic accounts (Mark, Matthew and Luke) are fairly similar although each has its own individual emphasis. In Luke’s account of the Baptism of Jesus the coming of the Spirit is the main focus. On us too the Spirit comes at baptism and empowers us to do all kinds of good works beyond any human ability but. of course, it’s up to each one of us how we use that empowerment.

*[ The above Commentary on today's Readings, by Fr David Lawrence-March, previously appeared in the Trinity Newsletter for 12th January 2022.]*