

HOLY TRINITY BOSTON

Welcome Sunday 17th December 2023

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9:30am	said Holy Communion. In Church only
4:00pm	Carol Service. Live in Church & online.
6:30pm	No service
7:00pm	CYFA
Please note there is no 8:00am or 10:30am service	

Sunday 24th December

8:00am	No service
10:30am	said service of Morning Worship. In Church only
4:00pm	Crib service. In Church only
6:30pm	No service
11:30pm	Midnight Holy Communion. In Church only

Opening Prayer

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages. Amen.

Reading :

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28

Verse of the week: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Thought for the Day: Rev Lis Ward

Advent can feel like a time when everywhere around us the message is to be joyful. But we will not all feel like that because of our own circumstances, situations with family and friends, issues in local communities and the state of the world. But joy that comes from knowing Jesus is more than a feeling. Paul gives the Thessalonians pointers that can help us when times are tough: pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances (even the difficult ones), allow the Spirit's fire to light us, respect prophecies (words of wisdom and insight), test everything so we can hold onto the good and avoid evil. We can't do all this alone. We need the help of others, to respect and live at peace with one another, to encourage and help others, to be patient and kind. Let's try to do these things so we can be joyful and share Christmas joy with this year.

Weekly Update

Carol Service : Thought for the Day: Rev Ian Ward

The M&S Christmas advert using the song “I would do anything for Love” by Meatloaf really took me by surprise. It got me thinking about the amazing lengths we will go at Christmas for the love of family and friends. We spend lots, we dress up, we eat special food, we buy lots of extra stuff. It seems that Christmas has become all about doing something for love.

What if they singing carols of joy and peace and yet we feel too far gone and too far out of reach? God has heard the cry of our hearts, hope has come, love has come to find us. Jesus did everything for love. Now “the people walking in darkness have seen a great light”. ***“This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”***

Other Services over the Christmas Period:

Sunday 17th December: **9:30 am** Holy Communion (said service)

Sunday 24th December: **10:30 am** Morning Worship (said service)

Monday 25th December **10:30am** All Age Holy Communion.

Sunday 31st December: **10:30am** Holy Communion (normal service with coffee afterwards)

Please note there is **no** 8:00am Holy Communion on these Sundays

If you would like to write a Christmas greeting to the whole church family or send a Christmas card please place them on the board in the church lounge. Thank you.

The Christmas collection for Midnight Communion Service and Christmas Day will be split between SOLDAS (Boston Women's Aid) and Tearfund for their on going projects. If you wish to gift aid your donation envelopes will be available in the church pews or at the back of the church.

Updating Who's Who 2024:

It's that time of year once again when we update our Prayer and Church Directory. This is a handy booklet, arranged in 31 days for your prayers, with names and addresses of those who come to our Church. You will find sign-up slips in a folder in the Church Lounge; If you already have an entry, please make us aware of any changes for example, changes to email addresses, mobile phone numbers, addresses, or children who have reached the age of 16 and can have their own entry.

If you are new to the Church, or have not had an entry previously, please consider whether you would like to add your name. Under GDPR legislation we need to have written consent before we can publish your details. Please put as much detail on the slip as you would like to have printed in the booklet. Who's Who slips can be found on the noticeboard in the Church Lounge. Please return all completed slips to the Church Office - you will find a letterbox under the window facing the Church. Many thanks

The Team

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This week's prayer pointers

The nation : The King & Royal Family; Security; Justice; Forces; Parliament & National Leaders; Industry.

Mission Focus: New Wine



Explore the letter to the Romans

Join *The Romans Course* at Trinity

Date: 18th January onwards

Time: 7.15pm

Venue: Church Lounge

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From the same team that produced the Bible Course, this is a chance to go deeper into a book of the Bible that has influenced many great Christians over the centuries. **Starting in January 2024**
Register on our website now for a place on this eagerly awaited course or contact Rev Lis Ward or Rev Ian Ward

What's happening at Trinity

18 th Dec Monday	19 th Dec Tuesday	20 th Dec Wednesday	21 st Dec Thursday	22 nd Dec Friday	23 rd Dec Saturday
Small Group 7:00pm Blackthorn Lane (Social) Pilgrims IT 7:30pm Vicarage (Social)	10:30am Prayer Meeting via Zoom Penny C contact Small Group 1:30pm Careys' 7:30pm Prayer Meting in person	9:00am Trinity Tots Small Groups 7:45 pm The Grays'	11:30am Trinity Café		
25 th Dec Monday	26 th Dec Tuesday	27 th Dec Wednesday	28 th Dec Thursday	29 th Dec Friday	30 th Dec Saturday
10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion		Please pray for George & Ann Todorov	No Trinity Café today Please pray for John & Vikki Wright	Please pray for Stewart & Michelle Ayling	
1 st Jan Monday	2 nd Jan Tuesday	3 rd Jan Wednesday	4 th Jan Thursday	5 th Jan Friday	6 th Jan Saturday
	Small Group 1:30pm Careys'	9:00am Trinity Tots	11:30am Trinity Café		
<i>All meetings usually take place in Church or in the Church Lounge except Small Groups. Please use the diary to pray for events.</i>					

Please note that the church will not be open for prayer between Christmas and New Year. The office will be closed from 10:00am Friday 22nd December until Tuesday 2nd January