



*'Loving Jesus
Serving others'*

Worship Together Christmas Services

4.00pm	Crib service	In church only
11.30pm	Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion	In church and live stream available via our YouTube channel
10.30am	Christmas Day Worship and Grow Together including Holy Communion	In church and live stream available via our YouTube channel
10:30am	New Year's Day Worship and Grow Together including Holy Communion	In church and live stream available via our YouTube channel

10:30am said service only Sunday 24th December

Prayer for the day: God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. Amen.

Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

Thought for the day : Nigel Andrews

Love. Love is what motivates the kingdom of God. Without love, nothing happens, nothing is worthwhile, and we are nothing (1Cor 13:2). "The holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." This was Mary's greatest challenge, defining her whole life and reputation. She loved God and trusted him - whatever might come - that is love. Jesus left the glories of heaven to become one of us. He welcomed sinners, the lost, lowest and least. He perfectly modelled the love and power of God to transform lives. He accepted opposition, rejection, betrayal, abuse and death. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" Rm 5:8. How can we love him? He desires that we receive what he offers; and that we live in his love and fellowship. "If you love me, you will obey my commandments." "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Prayer for the day:

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

Readings: Psalm 89:1-4 : Luke 1:67-79; John 1:1-14

Thought for the day Rev Lis Ward

The Lord has Come. Tonight we remember God's great love for the world. The love that sent Jesus into the world, revealing God's faithful love for his creation. It is a love that has not changed since the world began, a love that will never change. The baby King in the manger is the one who was with God in the beginning, and the one who will be revealed in glory at the end of all time. The prophecies are fulfilled, the Lord has come, God's rescue plan is put into action. A plan for all people, including us today. We can choose to recognise who the baby in the manger is or we can ignore him. He is either supremely important or of no importance, he cannot just be a sweet story for this time of year. The Lord has come, will you invite him into your life tonight, to be your salvation, your hope for the future?

Christmas Day 10.30am

Prayer for the day:

God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who has come into the world. Amen.

Readings: Luke 2:1-7 Luke 2:8-20

Thought for the day: Rev Ian Ward

Christmas Changes Everything

Babies change everything. When Lis and I welcomed our first child, it changed us; nothing was the same again. All our routines, our plans, how we laid out our home and our perspective on life. It must have been the same for Mary and Joseph. There has only ever been one baby whose arrival changed the whole world, Jesus.

Jesus came as promised, at the right time, at the pivot point of history. He came as Emmanuel God with us. People ask why God doesn't sort out the mess in the world. But, if the author of the play walks onto the stage to sort out the mess the actors are making the play is over. The author only has one choice, to walk onto the stage as one of the characters and draw them back to the script and plot.

Sunday 31st December Service 10.30am

Prayer for the day:

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading: Galatians 4:1-7

Thought for the day: Rev Lis Ward

God sent his son. When the time had full come God sent his Son". We live in the time when the Son has been sent, the time that is a now and a not yet. Jesus has entered the world, giving us the opportunity to be reconciled to God, at peace with him. All are welcomed into his family – there are no divisions, no preferential treatment, all are given full rights of inheritance as heirs of God's promises. What a wonderful gift we are all offered. But gifts are no use left under the tree, or hidden away in a cupboard. We can choose to allow the Spirit of God's Son to be in our hearts, to help us call God our Father, "Abba", "Daddy". God has done his part, he sent his Son, we have only to recognise who he is and take hold of those promises for ourselves. We can choose to accept that wonderful gift this Christmas.

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What's happening at Trinity

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 3.00pm Milk Shake Shack	11:30am Trinity Café		
8 th Jan Monday	9 th Jan Tuesday	10 th Jan Wednesday	11 th Jan Thursday	12 th Jan Friday	13 th Jan Saturday
1:00pm Community Lunch Small Group 7:30pm Vicarage 7:30pm Road HoG Woad Farm	1:30pm Open the book Small Group 1:30pm Careys' 7:15pm PCC	9:00am Trinity Tots 3.00pm Milk Shake Shack	11:30am Trinity Café	7:30pm Clubnite	8:30am Mission Partner Breakfast
15 th Jan Monday	16 th Jan Tuesday	17 th Jan Wednesday	18 th Jan Thursday	19 th Jan Friday	20 th Jan Saturday
Small Group 2:30pm Romans Course	1:30pm Open the book Small Group 1:30pm Careys' 7:30pm Fabric and Finance	9:00am Trinity Tots 3.00pm Milk Shake Shack	11:00am Holy Communion 11:30am Trinity Café 7:15pm Romans Course		

All meetings usually take place in Church or in the Church Lounge except Small Groups. Please use the diary to pray for events.

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

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