

HOLY TRINITY BOSTON

Welcome: Sunday 22nd December 2024

This Sunday	
8:00am	Holy Communion in Church
10:30am	No Service
4:00pm	Carol Service in Church and Online
Christmas Eve	
4:00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Day	
10:30 am	Worship & Grow Together in Church and on-line

Special Prayer for 4th Sunday in Advent

Eternal God, just as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory, bring us through the troubles of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Verse of the week: Luke: 2:11

For to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord

Thought for the day Dave Parkinson

"It's broken! Throw it out!" It's not unusual these days to hear these words. But not so long ago people had a 'make-do-or-mend' approach to life. Partly because there was either no alternative (remember when socks were darned to make them last?) or because the item had a sentimental value. Ever thought that in a similar way but on a much bigger scale this is how God the Creator looked at the beautiful world he had created, a world damaged and far from what God intended it to be. He could of course have scrapped it, and thrown it away like we often do with items that are damaged. But just as we treasure some things and set about mending them, so it is with God. God so loved the world that he made a plan and set about restoring it.....*pto*

Angels announced to the shepherds in the fields that the Saviour had been born. God's great plan of redemption was unfolding. God in Christ became 'flesh and blood' to reconcile the world to himself. This is the glorious message we celebrate over Christmastide. May we welcome Christ afresh into our lives and share in God's 'make-do-and-mend' plan of redemption and recreation for ourselves and for the world we live in.

Special Prayer for Christmas Day

Almighty and loving God, in the name of your Son Jesus we join together to worship you. Through his coming, you have blessed us with the light of your love,
**you have filled our world of darkness with your light,
you have illuminated our hearts with Good News,
you have made your glory shine upon us,
so that nothing shall ever overcome it.**

So now we come,
**with glad thanksgiving,
with eager expectation,
with heartfelt praise.**

Help us, as we sing your praise and hear your word,
**to kneel before the manger, in our hearts,
to offer our gifts,
to bring our worship,
to recognise that you are with us now.**
Amen.

Reading for Christmas Day: Luke: 2:1-20

Verse for Christmas Day: Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.



Our Carol Service Collection and
Christmas Day Collection will be
split between Centrepont
Outreach & YWAM Arua

If you wish to gift aid your donation please use the
envelope found in church and complete the form inside

Weekly Update

Please continue to pray for Pat W, Pam S, Tom and Viv H, David B and Pete B. Pray for those waiting for appointments, test results and operations and those supporting people in difficult situations at work or home, those struggling with mental health and their carers.

Praying during the vacancy

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart – and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5,6

We will have to wait a bit longer to find our next vicar. This is the first time that Holy Trinity has had to re-advertise, reflecting the current general shortage of suitable candidates ready to make a move. We shall re-advertise from 27th December and aim to interview on 13th March (already in the Bishop's diary).

This is a time for the church family to pull together, in prayer and in supporting our overall ministry – our Wardens, PCC, Staff, Service Leaders, Leaders and Helpers in all our various activities. Holy Trinity Church exists to be a living expression of love, worship and service for the Lord within our community. How does the Lord want HT to develop? What vision can we share? How can we encourage one another? The Lord has his plans – how can we position ourselves to be ready to work with him? The latest Prayer Update is now available in the pews and on top of the bookcase at the back of the church.

Christmas Greetings: if you would like to send a greeting to the whole Church Family this year rather than sending individual cards, there is a noticeboard where you can do this. If you put cards in the pigeon holes please make sure that they are collected and not left there over Christmas.

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of former Trinity member, **Margaret McLean**. Margaret's funeral will take place at 1pm on Friday 10th January at Zion Methodist Church, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome and are invited to wear bright colours to reflect Margaret's love of flowers.

At our Crib Service at 4:00pm on 24th December children are welcome to dress as Nativity characters if they wish.

**Join us on
Christmas Day
at 10:30 am**

AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH
OF JESUS



This week's prayer pointers

Week 4: World Church

Church Missions; Remember our brothers and sisters in different parts of the world. **Mission Focus: Mission Partners abroad**

Please note that the Church building will not be open from 26th December until Thursday 2nd January except for the services on Sunday 29th December.

The office will be closed from Friday 20th December until Tuesday 7th January.



A short fun filled service to learn about Christmas story

Crib Service

children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite nativity character

24 | 4:00
December | 5:00 **PM**
2024 | Spilsby Road
Boston



HOLY TRINITY BOSTON

Welcome: Sunday 29th December 2024

Sunday 29th December	
8:00am	Holy Communion in Church
10:30am	Worship Together in Church and Online
4:00pm	No Service
Sunday 5th January 2025	
8:00am	No Service
10:30am	Worship & Grow Together in church and online
6:30pm	Holy Communion in Church

Special Prayer

Eternal God, just as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory, bring us through the troubles of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week's Reading: Luke 2:22-38

Verse of the week: Luke 2:30

My eyes have seen your Salvation.

Thought for the day: Nigel Andrews

Light of the World

The rewards of Faithfulness - Joseph and Mary, Simeon and Anna; all faithfully following God's ways for them. Joseph and Mary, obeying the Law, dedicated their first-born son to God; redeeming him by sacrificing two pigeons. Simeon, a man of prayer and faith, longing to see God's redemption of his people, Israel; the Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would see God's Messiah before he died. Prompted by the Spirit, he goes to the Temple Courts, sees the baby Jesus in his mother's arms, embraces the child, recognises him as Messiah, rejoices and worships God. He prophesies that Jesus will mediate Salvation for all people, including the Gentiles; that he will change the world order and expose peoples' deepest motives; and to be a sign spoken against. What faith! What vision! The rewards of faithfulness, devotion and prayer.

We will return on Wednesday 15th January

MILKSHAKE SHACK

Wednesdays in term time

Come and have a shake, a snack and a chat!

Wednesday in term time 3-4:30pm
Holy Trinity Church Lounge
Spilsby Road, Boston



The café is
taking a 2 week
break over
Christmas &
New Year
and will return
on Thursday 9th
January 2025

The Team

Vicar	Position currently vacant	
Pastoral Outreach Worker	Susan Mathews	079205 34013
Works on Mon, Tues, Wed	susanm.pow@holytrinityboston.org.uk	
Youth & Children's Worker	Position currently vacant	
Lay Pastor	Nigel Andrews	
Church Wardens	Francis Abiodun & Heather Percival	
Safeguarding Officer	Carol Acheson	07857 202016
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This week's prayer pointers

Week 5: Church Leadership

Leadership Team; Small Group Leaders; PCC including treasurer, secretary; churchwardens; Mission Focus: Mission Partners abroad



What's happening at Trinity

23rd December Monday	24th December Tuesday	25th December Wednesday	26th December Thursday	27th December Friday	28th December Saturday
	4:00 pm Crib Service in Church	10:30 am All Age Christmas Celebration Service	No Café Today		
30th December Monday	31st December Tuesday	1st January Wednesday	2nd January Thursday	3rd January Friday	4th January Saturday
			No Café Today		
6th January Monday	7th January Tuesday	8th January Wednesday	9th January Thursday	10th January Friday	11th January Saturday
Small Group 7:00pm Pilgrims IT	Small Group 1:30pm Random Tangents	9:00am Trinity Tots Small Group 7:45pm Grays	Small Group 10:30am Penny C via Zoom 11:30am Trinity Café	7:30pm to 9:00pm Clubnite 7:30pm Sleaford Keswick Bible Ministry at Riverside Church, Southgate, Sleaford	8:30am to 9:30am Mission Prayer Breakfast
13th January Monday	14th January Tuesday	15th January Wednesday	16th January Thursday	17th January Friday	18th January Saturday
1:00pm Community Lunch	Small Group 1:30pm Random Tangents	9:00am Trinity Tots 3:00pm Milkshake Shack	11:30 am Trinity Café		

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