

LIFE @ TRINITY

18th December 2016



- 10.30am **Peter Holwell**
Communion
Matthew 1:18-25
- 6.00pm **Peter Holwell & The Choir**
Lessons & Carols

Welcome!

A warm welcome to worship at Trinity today. We hope you enjoy meeting with us as we worship God together.

If you are here for the first time, why not fill in a Welcome Card and continue to keep in touch with all that goes on at Trinity. Just speak to a Steward and they will help you.

We hope you will join us for tea and coffee in the Café

Children @ Trinity

All children are welcome to take part in YOUNG CHURCH during main church Service. We have a supervised crèche for children aged 3yrs and under in the Breamish room.

We have **Explorers** for 3-6yrs in the **Coquet room** (next door to crèche).

We have **Enquirers** for 7-11 yrs in the **Derwent room** (opposite the crèche).

We have **Elevate** for 11+ upstairs in the **Allen Room**.

Children attending for the first time need a responsible adult to accompany them to sign the necessary Safeguarding forms before returning to the Main Service.

'Meet God, Meet Friends, Live Life Better'

*Flower person for the month
Carolyn Hall*

*Today & 1st January 2017
Anne Morton & Pat Kilner*

**Women's Fellowship
Next meeting**

**Tuesday 10th January at 2.15pm
'Tea and Chat'**

All ladies welcome

NOTICES

Church Family - It is with sadness we inform you of the death of Mrs Marion Border. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Trinity on **Thursday 22nd December at 12 noon**, followed by refreshments. Please remember Marion's daughters Sally and Jane and other family members in prayer.

Trinity Christmas Charity - West End Youth Enquiry Service (WEYES) supports vulnerable young people aged 9-25 in Newcastle by offering free counselling, peer mentoring, open access youth drop-in sessions, 1:1 advice and information. The retiring collections at the Christmas Services will directly fund activities and trips enabling young people to come together socially, increasing their self confidence and building life skills. (If possible, please gift aid your contribution.) Cheques payable to Trinity Church. Many thanks for your generosity.
Liz Steele.

Winter Fuel Payments – If you feel there may be others who would benefit more than you from the winter fuel payment, our Ministry Team will gratefully accept your donations and distribute them as need arises. Donations in the first instance to Jeremy please. *Helen Brown.*

Carol Singing at Christmas 2016 – If you have the time and would like to make Christmas special for patients and staff – please go along and join others singing carols around the wards of our hospitals at **The Royal Victoria Infirmary on Thursday 22nd December at 6.30pm** (meet in the Medicinema, New Victoria Wing) and/or **The Freeman Hospital on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm** (meet in the Chapel of Christ the Healer – main ward block, level 2).

Newcastle East Food Bank - Our thanks to those from Trinity who regularly contribute to this. In this season of Christmas if you could consider giving a little extra gift for the foodbank over the next couple of weeks (including festive items like mince pies etc) it would be greatly appreciated.
Ann English.

Trinity Christmas Quiz - £1 per entry, in aid of Trinity's Christmas Charities. 45 well known phrases, sayings, carols, songs etc., all associated with Christmas. Have a go, get the family involved – there may be a small prize if there's an outright winner! Please see Helen Pickard.

Events @ Trinity

What are you doing on Boxing Day? Monday 26th Dec. Come and join us for a walk on Alnmouth Beach, meeting at 11am in the links car park. A group, mostly from church, have been meeting on Boxing Day for nearly 40 years. The weather usually dictates how far we walk! Bring all the family and friends staying with you, kids, dogs, and your turkey sandwiches for a picnic afterwards. If you would like to know more please speak to Charlie or Helen.

WORSHIP AND OUTREACH @ TRINITY



December 24th	5.30pm	Christmas Family Service with Christingles
December 24th	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion
December 25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Service
January 1st 2017	10.30am 6.00pm	Peter Holwell No Service
January 8th	8.45am 10.30am 4pm 6.00pm	Mary Bellshaw - Communion Mary Bellshaw Andrea Cozens - Rooted Peter Holwell & Peter Waugh Prayer vigil for New Year & Communion
January 15th	10.30am 6.00pm	Covenant Service – Peter Holwell Peter Holwell – Covenant Themes

Life @ Trinity returns on Sunday 8th January 2017

“Hope is born”

The heading we have used for our Christmas Services this year is “Hope Is Born”.

As we look at the world around us that is a bold statement. Bringing this down to a more local and personal level, it can sometimes seem a stretch to confidently hold to that proclamation. Yet at the heart of the Christmas message, is just that truth. In the middle of the darkness comes a light. Into a Middle Eastern country that is the pawn in various power plays, an infant is born into humble and, in the gossip columnists’ eyes no doubt, questionable circumstances. This infant will not only bring a spoken message of hope, but will live it. He will not only live it, but die it and then be raised again, to show that this particular **hope** is more powerful than death itself.

It is the **hope** that is born, but at the point of birth cannot be seen, yet when held onto changes things. Hope is an essential part of our faith. The writer of Hebrews reminds us: “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1 NIV)

Whatever your own circumstances this year may you hold onto that hope and live it, that through the breath of the Spirit of God and by His grace it might be made incarnate in you.

May each of you know the truth of Immanuel (God with us) in this Christmas season and in the year ahead.

Peter



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