

LIFE @ TRINITY

17th December 2017



10.30am

Peter Holwell
Communion

6.00pm

The Choir and Peter Holwell
'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 after the Service.

Children @ Trinity

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

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

We have **Enquirers** for 7-11yrs 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

Anne Morton

Women's Fellowship

Next meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 2.15pm

'Tea and Chat'

All ladies welcome

NOTICES

All the offering from both the evening Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services will go to this year's appeal: Children North East. A leaflet giving more information is available at the reception and in the vestibule.

Thank you to all the flower arrangers for the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Church. The 'white words' and candles were donated by Joan Kirk. Also thank you for all your work throughout the year. *Anne Morton.*

A big THANK YOU for all the kindness and generosity that everyone showed at the Toy Service, and a reminder that the toys are going to the West End Refugee Centre and to families in need within the community. *Andie Cozens and Morag Barlow.*

Winter Fuel Allowance – If anyone feels they would like to make a donation of their fuel allowance, it would be very gratefully received by the food bank we support and used to buy in essential items to help those in need over Christmas. Please make your cheques payable to 'Trinity Church' and hand in to Jeremy – please mark your envelope 'for food bank.'

What are you doing on Boxing Day? 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 stroll along the beach (2 miles probably)! 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 Parker or Helen Pickard.

Prayer Clock – consider committing to pray through Advent on a specific day and time for Trinity and the community of Gosforth – **see the prayer clock** – five different days for three weeks. **Suggested prayer topics: Week 3 of Advent** – 'Buggies and Babes' – 'Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services' – 'Families and friends getting together for Christmas' and 'Those who find Christmas a difficult time.' *Peter Holwell.*

Gosforth Passion: Several people have expressed an interest in taking part/helping in the Passion next Easter. If you are considering being involved in any way and were not at the initial meeting last week, can you please get a form from Peter and fill it in so that we know what sort of skills are being offered. Many thanks.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Until 21st December 2017 'Abide-Abode' at the Holy Biscuit. Come in and relax and reflect away from the Christmas hustle and bustle - reflect on what it means to abide and to have an abode. Open next Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st, 11am – 4pm.

Wednesday 20th December, 7.30pm – 'Born a King' – Lanchester Methodist Church. A Christmas Cantata by John W Peterson. Everyone welcome.

City Centre Nativity, Friday 22nd December – Mary & Joseph will be arriving at Newcastle Central Station at 5pm. They will walk up through the Atrium, where a large 'flash mob' will emerge and then they will be stopping at the Royal Station Hotel where the landlord will be answering the door to refuse them a room and the journey will progress from there.

Christmas Carol Singing at the Newcastle Hospitals. With the support of local churches, the hospitals' Chaplaincy Department organises groups of people to visit and sing in hospital wards. **Beginning Friday, 22nd December, 6.30pm @ the RVI Medicinema, then on 24th December, 6.30pm @ The Freeman Hospital.** All support very much appreciated – if you intend to be there, please call the Chaplain on duty – 0191 233 6161 ext. 48129 or 0191 244 8129 - you can just turn up though!

Sundays @ Trinity

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24th December	10.30am	Peter Holwell
	5.30pm	Christmas Eve Family Service with Christingle
	11.30pm	Communion
25th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Service
31st December	10.30am	Chris Carroll
	6.00pm	No Service
7th January 2018	8.45am	Mary Bellshaw
	10.30am	Peter Holwell
	4.00pm	Rooted
	6.00pm	Connect



....So the last printed version of “Life at Trinity” before Christmas and the New Year. There is a certain irony that as the level of Christmas activity increases so the printed word goes silent.

If we read the Bible carefully that is possibly how it should be? The prophets busy until a few hundred years before Christ and then silence until the Word becomes incarnate – no longer a printed (or written on scroll) word but the actual living Word of God made flesh.

Do we view all the activity of Christmas as part of the continuation of the “Word made flesh”? It’s easy to lose something critical and end up thinking of faith as just Services at Christmas. Let us try and see that all the activity, and the way we live our lives over the coming weeks as evidence of the Word coming alive – in the way we influence others, the way we react to others, the way we express compassion and a concern for others. That would make this Christmas so special and then we could use it as a pattern for the year ahead.

Christ incarnate in you and I.

Happy Christmas from Peter and the Ministry Team and Centre Team.



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