

LIFE @ TRINITY

7th January 2018



8.45am **Mary Bellshaw**
Early Communion

10.30am **Peter Holwell**
Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

6.00pm **Connect**

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

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Women's Fellowship

Next meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 2.15pm

'Tea and Chat'

All ladies welcome

NOTICES

Can we remember Antonio and his son, Bruno, in our thoughts and prayers.

A big thank you to all involved at Trinity over the Advent and Christmas season. There was a good atmosphere, all activities were well planned and delivered, the premises were clean and well decorated and so many people influenced a really good outcome. We have had some very positive feedback. *Peter Holwell.*

Newcastle East Foodbank have posted the following on their website – 'Thanks to Trinity Gosforth for today's donations, you have been so good to us this year.' To add to this, these donations helped the foodbank feed 82 families on Christmas Eve. *Alan Nicholson.*

Christmas card recycling – please could you save the fronts of your cards, so they can be used in shoe boxes. I'll collect them from reception.

Many thanks. *Kathy Gibson.*

Gosforth Passion: Now we are into the New Year can I encourage you if you are considering taking part in the Passion to come along to our first rehearsal on Sunday, January 14th at Trinity Gosforth. You do not need to be 'A' list celebrities to take part but have a willingness to see how you could get involved. The actual performance of the Passion will be on Thursday, March 29th in the evening – this is a great opportunity to present the Easter Story in a very accessible, yet moving way.

Job vacancies – Hexham Trinity Methodist Church – Church Administrator (16 hours) and Children's Worker (28 hours). Please see i folder at reception for full details. Closing date for applications, 15th January 2018.

EVENTS AT TRINITY

Community History Group meeting - Tuesday 9th January at 10.45 am – a short talk followed by memories of cycling. All welcome. *Monica Goldfinch.*

Mens Breakfast, Saturday 13th January 8am – 9am – speaker Ian McMonagle – looking forward to seeing everyone for the first men's breakfast of 2018! As ever, please let me know if you will be attending. Many thanks. *Peter Waugh.*

Lunchtime Music Returns in 2018! Come along at **1pm on Thursday 18th January** and enjoy a programme of songs by John Kirk, accompanied by Rosemary Menzies on piano. See you there. *Peter Waugh.*

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

The Turning (Touching People, Changing Lives) – next date: **20th January 2018** at Westgate Baptist Church, 366 Westgate Road, NE4 6NX. For more information, please contact Tim Brown on 077945 06136 (Newcastle Co-ordinator).

Date for your diary – Saturday 3rd February 2018, 9.45am – 4pm – Fresh Expressions Vision Day, giving you the opportunity to explore what the Fresh Expressions movement is and why it is important and how to get involved. Host: Revd Bev Hollings, main speakers: Revd Elaine Lindridge and Rob Wylie. There is a programme for the day in the i folder at Trinity reception. Cost £8.00 including lunch. Contact visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fresh-expressions-vision-day-north-east-saturday-3rd-february-2018-tickets-39769812580.

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14th January 2018	10.30am	Peter Holwell – Covenant Service
	6.00pm	Peter Holwell - Communion
21st January 2018	10.30am	Mary Bellshaw
	6.00pm	Peter Holwell – a joint Service at Trinity for Christian Unity.
28th January 2018	10.30am	Peter Holwell – including Baptism
	6.00pm	Connect

Dear friends

We are already nearly a week into the New Year and for some of us that will have been a great start with lots of promise for the year ahead. At the same time others will be facing difficult experiences or having to make hard decisions and wondering how to cope with the year ahead.

By the end of the year those positions might have completely changed, but they may not, that's the reality of the life we live. Next week we will be invited to share in renewing our response to the covenant God has made with us.

Now I am confident there will be some amongst the congregation who will, at this point, have already decided to avoid that Service but I want to encourage you to reconsider if that is you.

The Covenant Service is not about obeying a set of rules that mean if we all obey, everything will work out and if we don't well....

At the heart of the Covenant is a commitment from God to be with His people however the year pans out. We respond by saying we put our trust in His promise to be with us always – to be the daily breath of life that holds us even on those darker days and shines light on each day.

I pray that God will bless each day of this year with His presence in our lives.

Peter



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