

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BIRCHFIELD

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Sunday 5th January 2025

**The Epiphany
11am Sung Eucharist**

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

Today we welcome Revd Guy Donegan-Cross who will be our celebrant and preacher. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available after the service.

COLLECT

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 60:1-6 p 748
EPHESIANS 3:1-12 p 1174
MATTHEW 2: 1-12 p 966

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NEXT SUNDAY

**Service at
11am**

*If you have any items for this sheet, please give details to **Marcia West** or email newsletter@holytrinity-church.co.uk*

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

- Chase Bartlett
- Gareth Howell
- Jillian Ann Underhill
- Dennis Christian
- Anne James
- George Bartley
- Mrs Rhone
- Albert Gray
- Helen Cross
- Mrs Forrest
- Marcia Barnett
- Brian Perry and family
- The Alexander, Thomas and Dawkins families
- The Rutherford family
- The Douglas family
- The Spencer-James family
- Mrs Christian
- The Bartley family

Due to a funeral taking place on Wednesday morning, there will be no 10am Wednesday service this week. Church cleaning will take place this Thursday at 10.30am

Giving to Holy Trinity Church

There are several ways in which you can financially support Holy Trinity Church.

- **By card** - we can take payments on SumUp machines, please see the warden, Wendy Walker or Theo Rutherford after services.
- **Secure online payments on the church website**
- **Standing Orders** to set up regular payments.
- **Envelope scheme – please remember to bring your envelopes to church. If you are unable to visit church in person, please contact the Warden or ring the church phone number 0121 274 4652 for advice.**
- **For more information please go to www.holytrinity-church.co.uk and click on the Giving tab.**

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## What is Epiphany?

Epiphany is on January 6th, which is twelve days after Christmas. This is the amount of time that spans the birth of Jesus, and according to tradition when the magi visited Mary, Joseph, and their child. Epiphany doesn't always fall on a Sunday, so the Church celebrates it on the nearest Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> January, 2025) called "Epiphany Sunday".

The Greek word *epiphany* simply means "to reveal" or "to make manifest." It was the name given by early Christians to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the revelation of God's love to the world ([John 3:16](#)). An annual festival would follow to celebrate and recognize that Jesus, the Son of God, reveals God's plan to save the world.

(Excerpt taken from:

<https://info.thecrossingchurch.com/blog/epiphany-what-it-means-and-why-it-matters>)

### Way of Discipleship course – next module from January 2025

The Way of Discipleship is a course aimed at people wanting to explore their faith and growing as a disciple. Modules are offered online through Zoom meetings which are held on Monday evenings from 7pm – 9.15pm. **The next module is called 'Becoming Like Christ'**. The meeting dates are 13th, 20th 27th January and 3rd, 10th, 17th February 2025.

**For more information and booking please visit:**

**<https://www.cofebirmingham.com/pathways/way-of-discipleship/>**

### Prayer for Epiphany Sunday

**5th January**

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us  
the new light of your  
incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness  
of your love:  
help us to walk in his light  
and dwell in his love  
that we may know the  
fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns  
with you,  
in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God, now and for  
ever.

Amen

**(from Church of England  
Birmingham Praying  
Together – January 2025)**

### New look church website

Our church website has had a major redesign and update. The web address remains the same:

**[www.holytrinity-church.co.uk](http://www.holytrinity-church.co.uk)**. You will also find links to our live streamed services, sermon archive and uploaded notice sheets. Please visit the website to keep updated about the church. Thanks to Theo Rutherford for his skills and work on the update.