

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BIRCHFIELD

Vicar: Revd Alison Treasure

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Sunday 14th December 2025

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

11am Sung Eucharist

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

*Welcome to our service this morning. Please stay
after the service to enjoy some refreshments.*

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COLLECT

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly
gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen

TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 35:1-10 p 720

PSALM 146: 4-10 (see reverse of notice sheet)

JAMES 5:7-10 p 1216

MATTHEW 11: 2-11 p 976

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

Revd Alison will be taking her day off on Thursday this week, as she
will be supporting the carol singing at Perry Locks Care Home on
Friday.

NEXT SUNDAY

**Carol Service at
11am**

PRAYER LIST

*Please remember the
following people in your
prayers:*

The family of Mrs Rhone
The family of George Bartley
Natasha Bartley Stephenson
Dulcie Phoenix & her sister
Faye
John Underhill and family
Jillian De Costa & the Clarke
family
Hylton Peart and family, for
the death of his sister, Amy
Louise Smith
The late Nell Bartlett and her
family

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The Week Ahead

The next choir practice will be
on Saturday 20th December at
12.30pm in church, to prepare
for Christmas services. All
choir members are asked to
attend if possible.

Holy Trinity Academy's
Christmas Service will be on
Wednesday morning at 10am.

If you are a school walker,
please let Helen Cross know if
you are available to assist with
walking the school children.

The congregation are
welcome to attend this service
to support the children and
staff.

**Carol singing at Perry Locks
Care Home**

Holy Trinity Church has been
invited to join the care home's
choir, to sing on 19th

December at 10:30am in
Brooklyn House. If anyone is
available to participate, please
see Revd Alison after today's
service.

Christmas and New Year Services

Sun 21th Dec - Carol Service 11am (also streamed online)

Wed 24th Dec - Christmas Carols and mulled wine in the Church yard with festive crafts for children in Church 1-3pm

Thurs 25th Dec - Christmas Day Service 11am

Sun 28th Dec - Praise and Worship Service 11am (also streamed online)

Wed 31st Dec - New Years Eve Celebrations 1-3pm

Sun 4th Jan - First Sunday of the year service with Eucharist 11am (also streamed online)

Psalm 146: 4 -10 (NIV UK version)

4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them –
he remains faithful for ever.

7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

8 the LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.

9 The LORD watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

10 The LORD reigns for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

Prayer for the Advent Candle

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

Blessed be God for ever

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Planned giving in church

The envelopes for planned giving 2026, are now ready for collection, they are situated on the table at the back of church.

You may notice that you have been issued with a new number, this is because less envelopes are required.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

From Wendy Walker

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Christmas Flowers

A collection has been started for donations towards Christmas flowers in church. Please see Angela Kooner after services to make a donation.

Church Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the raffle are now on sale for £1 per strip! The prizes include female and male gift hampers. Thank you to all who have already brought in donations to make up the hampers. To purchase your tickets please see Jackie Rutherford.

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Church cake sales

Thank you to Mrs Christian, for the sales of her homemade cakes after Sunday services. Her recent sales over the past few months have raised £250, all proceeds are going to church fundraising.