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SUNDAY BULLETIN

9th December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

A WARM WELCOME to you all. Please feel free to receive communion if you are a member of another Christian Church. If you prefer to receive a blessing, bring your service book to the communion rail and we will know what you would like. After church please join us for tea or coffee in the Parish Room.

COLLECT: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. AMEN.

READINGS: Malachi 3: 1-4 (first); Philippians 1: 3-11 (second);
Luke 3: 1-6 (Gospel)

HYMNS FOR THE 9.30 am EUCHARIST: 219, 272, 269, 263 (all AMR), 308, 467 (both HON)

Choir anthem: *Ave Verum* (Elgar)

NEW LITURGY BOOKLETS: We are trialling new liturgy booklets for Advent, which have been designed to be accessible and clear, even for children. Ruth welcomes gentle feedback on whatever you think works well and also what you find less successful. Sunday morning is not a good time for this though – try to buttonhole her at another moment, or email her at vicar@holytrinity-stevenage.org.uk. Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY 16th December 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

HOLY TRINITY: 8.00 am (Said Eucharist)

9.30 am (Sung Eucharist)

CHRIST THE KING: 11.15 am (Sung Eucharist)

READINGS: Zephaniah 3: 14-end (first); Philippians 4: 4-7 (second);
Luke 3: 7-18 (Gospel)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

DAILY OFFICE (Holy Trinity):

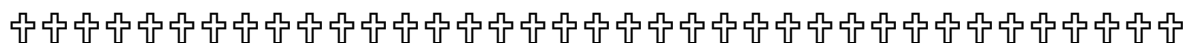
SILENT PRAYER: Monday – Thursday 8.00 am followed by

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EVENING PRAYER: Friday 5.15 pm

DIARY for the week beginning 9th December

Sunday	Said Eucharist	8.00 am (HT)
	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am (HT)
	Sung Eucharist	11.15 am (CtK)
	Christmas Concert and carols followed by refreshments	4.00 – 6.00 pm (CtK)
Monday	Fairlands School Carols Rehearsal	11 am (HT)
Tuesday	Fairlands School Carols	11 am – 12 noon (HT)
	Fairlands School Carols	2.15 – 3.15 pm (HT)
	Trinity Stevenage WI meeting	7.15 pm (HT)
	PCC Standing Committee	8.00 pm (Vicarage)
Wednesday	Tea & coffee drop-in	10 am – 12 noon (HT)
	Trinity Tots	1.45 – 3.00 pm (HT)
	Knit & Natter	2 – 4.15 pm (CtK)
	Eucharist of healing & remembrance	7.30 pm (HT)
Thursday	Art Club	10 am – 12 noon (HT)
	Carols @ CtK	11.15 am (CtK)
	Parish Christmas Lunch	1.00 pm (Novotel)
	Choir practice	7.30 pm (HT)
Saturday	Tea & coffee drop-in	10 am – 12 noon (HT)
Sunday	Said Eucharist	8.00 am (HT)
	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am (HT)
	Sung Eucharist	11.15 am (CtK)



DAILY PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today	We pray that the family be a place of safety and genuine togetherness.
Monday	Teach us, O Lord, to take care of our friends and keep contact with them.
Tuesday	Lord, look after those who teach, wherever in the world that may be.
Wednesday	We pray that those who are lonely may find friendships and turn to you.
Thursday	Dear God, please bring comfort to those who are mourning a loved one, or indeed a beloved pet.
Friday	We pray that we may be guided to offer help and support to each other in our communities, so that every community is kind and strong.
Saturday	Dear God, may we not be so wrapped up in the preparations for Christmas that we forget to give you thanks for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH: We start our festivities with **Carols at Christ the King 11.15 am on Thursday**. Do please come along, all are welcome. After the service we will make our way to The Novotel – if you have requested a lift we will assume you will be at Christ the King unless you have let us know otherwise. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Novotel now requires guests to register their car number at reception on arrival. If you do not, you will be liable for a fine of £100.

CHRIST THE KING CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE: We are holding a raffle for a Christmas hamper in aid of Christ the King church funds. Suitable donations will be appreciated (please check use by / best before dates). The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Lunch on Thursday.

PLANNED CHRISTIAN GIVING ENVELOPES: for those who already have weekly envelopes, your new set for 2019 is at the back of church ready for collection. For anyone who would like to know about Planned Christian Giving, or wish to have their own set of envelopes, please see our Stewardship Recorded, Geoff Withers or email Geoff.withers@ntlworld.com. PS: in the text of the letter enclosed with the envelopes, the year of the envelopes should read 2019, not 2018.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: If you would like to send just one card to your friends at Holy Trinity then please use the notice board in church. Please do not leave cards at the back of church. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS: Now only 2 left!

CRIB SERVICE: We need knitted and crocheted stars for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve please. If you can help, there are some suggested patterns at the back of church, but feel free to use your own.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Wednesday 26th December there will be no drop-in tea / coffee in the morning, and no Trinity Tots in the afternoon at Holy Trinity. There will also be no knit and natter that afternoon at Christ the King. **Wednesday 2nd January** there will be no Trinity Tots.

TRINITY TOTS: Help is still needed for the 4th Wednesday of each month please. See Glynis Ireton for more details.

THE CROZIER: Blue Crozier subscription forms for 2019 are available in church to indicate your wish to receive the magazine during the year at a cost of £5. It is a big help to us when planning numbers and finance to have as many signed up as possible. Please give your completed form together with £5 to Christine, Angela or Bob.

TRAIIDCRAFT: We have a hamper which we are raffling to raise funds for Traidcraft Exchange. Tickets will be on sale up to and including December 23rd, when we will draw the winning ticket. Many thanks, Jenny Moules.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Thanks to all those members of the congregations at Holy Trinity and Christ the King who have responded to our yearly Christmas appeals for donations to our flower fund, in memory of relatives and friends. That generosity has enabled us to decorate the church with flowers, not only at Christmas and Easter but also at special

occasions throughout the year. We hope that you will be equally generous this year. If you would like to remember someone this Christmas through a donation to the flower fund we will, as in previous years, record the names of those to be remembered and, if wished, the names of the donors in a framed notice which will be displayed over the Christmas season. Donations for Holy Trinity should be made direct, or via the flower arrangers, to the Church treasurer John Morgan (Sish Lane) by Sunday 16 December, or for Christ the King to Anne Price or Sue Benford.

FOOD BANK AND THE HAVEN: Items needed are peanut butter, squash, tinned fruit, tinned soup, new bags for life (10 = £1), coffee whitener, dried mashed potato, tinned custard, children's toothpaste and brush, toilet rolls, tinned ham or tuna, coco pops, shreddies or similar. Thank you all for the supplies for our own cupboard which is now full.
A special request from the Haven: individual porridge pots please.

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