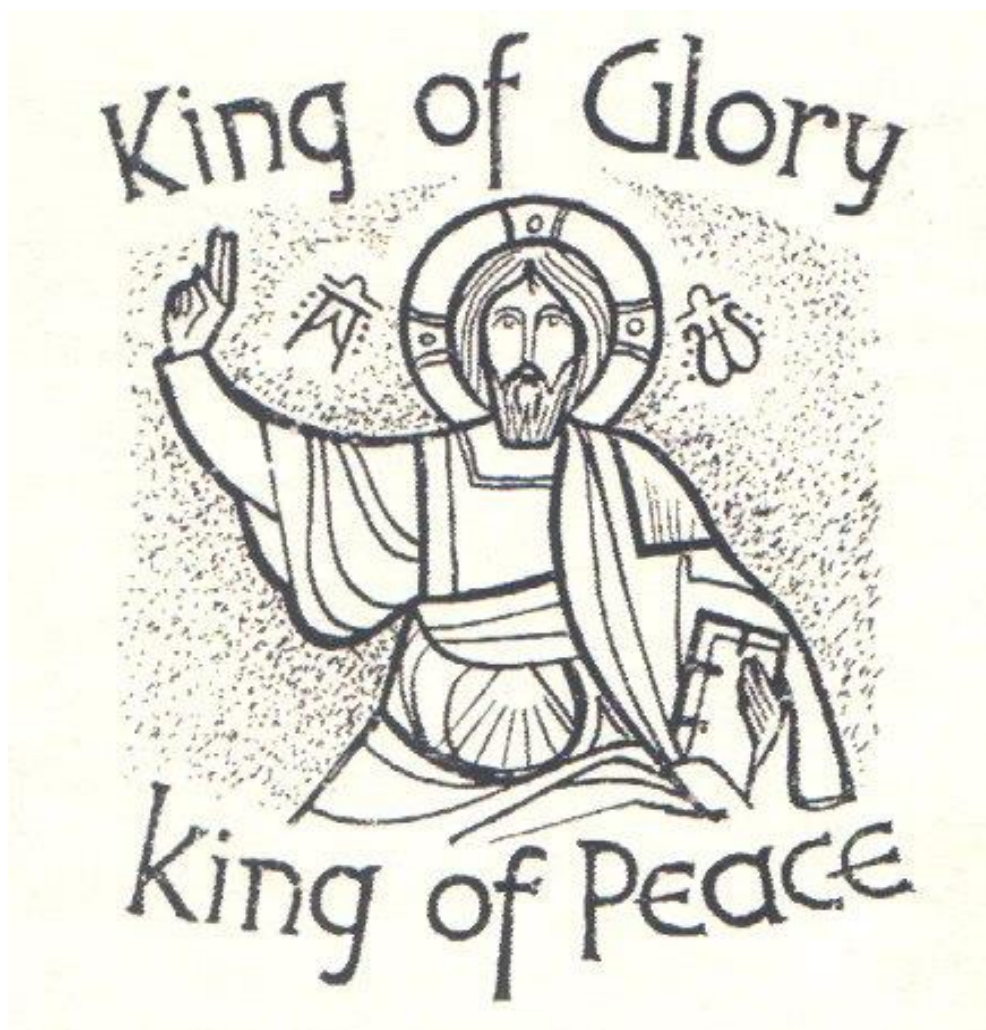


Welcome to
Holy Trinity Church
Christ the King



Sunday 25th November 2018

A Warm Welcome to Holy Trinity, Gosport!

A Church of England Church in the Anglican Diocese of Portsmouth

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Welcome! If you are new to Holy Trinity this morning, we hope that you enjoy worshipping “in the round” with us. Everything you need for the service is contained in this booklet. The notices (other service times and coming events) are also in the back of this booklet.

If you are not familiar with our style of worship (perhaps you have never been to a service in a circle, or experienced incense [holy smoke!] or bells) then we are sure you will find it valuable to experience Holy Trinity more than once, and gradually find out more about the meaning and symbolism of our worship. At the time of Holy Communion the church family gather around the altar - please come forward with them. If you are used to receiving Communion in ANY Christian Church you are welcome to receive communion here. If you would prefer a blessing, do still come forward and **hold a service booklet**.

A collection will be taken during the second (offertory) hymn.....please make a donation to our work as a church, and if you are a tax-payer you can use the giving envelopes to increase the value of your donation, at no cost to you.

After the service, do stay for a chat, and please come for refreshments in the Capper Room upstairs near the entrance (lift and stairs available!) and make yourself known to us.

Please turn off, or mute your mobile phone before Mass.

**The Vestry Bell will ring five times at 10.55am.
Please keep silence from that point.....**

Organ: Adagio in A minor (2nd movement) from the 5th, of six great organ sonatas.
Bach - 18th C (*All today's contrasting organ pieces were written by the composers as exercises for their students*)

Opening Sentence: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth

Hymn

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou has spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen**

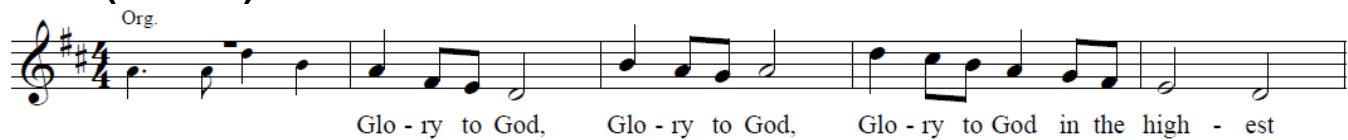
The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us first call to mind our sin. (*Pause*)

**I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
That I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts,
and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints,
and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sin, confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (Thorne)



All Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!**

Opening Prayer: Let us pray. (*We remain standing*)

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Let us sit and listen carefully to the Holy Word of God.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (Revelation 1.4b-8)

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (From Psalm 95)

R. The Lord is a great King

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms. **R.**

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also. **R.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation



Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

(Repeat Alleluia)

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord. *John 18.33-37*

³³Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Repeat Alleluia)

Sermon

Creed:

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Intercessions: Lord in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

For the departed: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
***All* and let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace ***All* and rise in glory.**

***All* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of
God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

Merciful Father, ***All* accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn A COLLECTION will be taken during this hymn

The bread and wine being presented today has been sponsored by
**Tina Saunders in loving memory of her brother, Eddie;
Jo Reed in thanksgiving for her Affirmation of Faith,
and Holly's Baptism (in 2012).**

(Tune: Gopsal [Handel])

Rejoice! the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing; and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:

The Peace: To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and
complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

It is suggested that you only share the Peace with those immediately around you.

As you exchange the Peace, please begin to form a circle around the altar.

Now, as we gather round God's Holy Throne we offer ourselves, our gifts and our
prayers, and prepare ourselves to receive the gifts of the kingdom.

Incensing Song



(Cantor) I have called to you Lord; hasten to help me! Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer arise before you like incense, the raising of my hands like a pure morning offering.



Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this
bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become
for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this
wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us our
spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you. Lord, God of all creation. You called us into being and have now gathered us together. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may live to your glory and come to share the life of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Gifts: Lord, we offer you the sacrifice by which your Son reconciles mankind. May it bring unity and peace to the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The - Lord be - with - you And - with thy - spi - rit

Lift - up your - hearts We lift them up un - to - the Lord

Let us give thanks un - to - our Lord-God. It is meet and right so - to do -

Preface: Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. You anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, with the oil of gladness, as the eternal priest and universal king. As priest he offered his life on the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this one perfect sacrifice of peace; as King he claims dominion over all creation, that he may present to you, his almighty Father, an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in the unending hymn of praise:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who

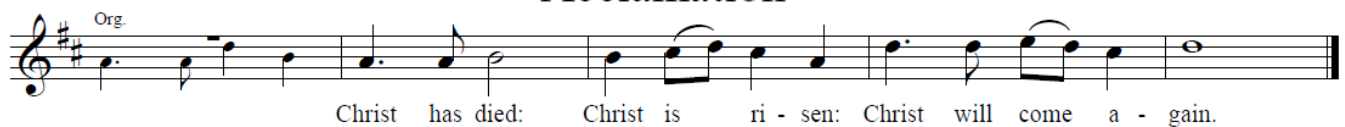
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Acclamation



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; **by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence, in the words our Saviour gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Pause)

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one Bread.

Agnus Dei

(Organ)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, Grant us peace.

[A period of silence is kept, to prepare to receive Christ.]

Communion Antiphon: In Jesus, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

If you have ever received Communion in ANY Christian church, you are welcome to do so here. If you have never received Communion before, but have been baptised/ christened, then you can also receive Communion – this includes children, if those responsible for them are happy for them to. (Ask the priest if you have any questions). If you are not receiving Communion, but would like a blessing, please hold this service booklet in your hands.

Music during Communion: Prelude in G major. William Harris - 20thC - whilst organist of the Chapel Royal, Windsor. *(All today's contrasting organ pieces were written by the composers as exercises for their students)*

Communion Hymn

Sung twice

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom, authority, flows from his throne unto his own,
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died,
now glorified, King of all Kings

Prayer after Communion: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices *(verbal notices may be given. Other notices are in the back of this booklet)*

Hymn: Crown him with many crowns, the lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic rose, as of that rose the stem;
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light, where everlasting waves
reflect his throne - the infinite! who lives - and loves - and saves.

Blessing

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All* **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ: Toccata in Seven (7 beats in a bar!) John Rutter - 20th C - whilst organ tutor in Cambridge University. *(All today's contrasting organ pieces were written by the composers as exercises for their students)*

Do come up the stairs (or in the access lift) for coffee, tea and weekly raffle in the Capper Room!

TODAY [Christ the King]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

THIS WEEK

Monday November 26: *(The Vicar takes Monday as a day off)*
Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday November 27: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass
Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

Wednesday November 28:
Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, all day, Bay House rehearsals and evening concert
(no cleaning or 6.30pm Mass)
St Mary's, Rowner, 6.00pm to 7.00pm Joint PCC

Friday November 30: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning
Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Christ Church, 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Preparation for Christmas Fair

Saturday December 1: Joint Christmas Fair (at Christ Church)

NEXT SUNDAY: December 2nd [Advent Sunday]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion (with Healing Prayer)
Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion (with Healing Prayer)
Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass [All Souls]
Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert:
University of Portsmouth Choirs
Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction (with Healing Prayer)

Our Weekly Pattern

Please check the weekly Calendar above for any deviations.

Mondays: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice
(The Vicar takes Monday as a day off)

Tuesdays: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Wednesdays: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning
Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Fridays: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning
Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Key Dates in the next Two months

Events for today and through to next Sunday, are above.

There is an online Calendar - which you could save as a *Bookmark or Favourite*. Just go to our church's website.

Monday December 3: Christ Church, 6.30pm Christingle-Making

Tuesday December 4: Christ Church, 6.00pm Christingle

Wednesday December 5:

(Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 10.00am Service)

Friday December 7: Christ Church, 11.00am Funeral of Jean Couzens

Saturday December 8: Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

11.00am to 12noon, Churches together in Gosport: Carols in the High Street

Sunday December 9: Holy Trinity, 6.00pm **Civic Carol Service**

Monday December 10: Christ Church, 7.00pm Scout Carols

Tuesday December 11: Christ Church, 6.00pm Beavers Christingle

Wednesday December 12:

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

Thursday December 13: Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Saturday December 15: Christ Church, 7.00pm Christmas Quiz in the Centre

Sunday December 16: Christ Church, 6.30pm **Masonic Carol Service**

Monday December 17: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Tuesday December 18:

Christ Church, 1.30pm Haselworth School Christmas Service

2.00pm Mother's Union

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Christmas Social

Wednesday December 19:

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Christ Church, 1.30pm Newtown School Christmas Service

Thursday December 20:

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm Ruby Funerals Service for the Bereaved

Christmas Eve, December 24: 6.30pm Christ Church "Candlelight" Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity

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Christmas Day, December 25: 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.00am Mass at Holy Trinity

11.00am Informal Carol Service at Christ Church

Saturday December 29:

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Wedding (O'Byrne and Pointon)

Sunday December 30: Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion **(1662)**

Christ Church, 9.30am Poetry, Carols and Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass (No Vespers at Holy Trinity)

Wednesday January 2: (Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 10.00am Service)

Sunday January 6: EPIPHANY

(Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 8.00am and 9.30am Services)

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

Thursday January 10: Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Saturday January 12: Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

Wednesday January 16:

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

Friday January 18: Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Slide Show and Social Evening

Saturday January 19:

Holy Trinity, 10.00am to 4.00pm Franciscan Formation Day

Monday January 21: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Wednesday January 23: Holy Trinity, 7.00pm P.C.C.

Friday January 25:

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

Notices

Book Stall: TODAY!!

Joint Christmas Fair!

Christ Church, Saturday December 1st, 10.30am to 2.00pm

(Optional "Prep Session": 7.00pm to 9.00pm the night before)

WE NEED: Raffle Prizes, Cakes, Jams and preserves; Bottles; high quality Bric a Brac; Jewellery; Craft items; Toys; Books; New or nearly new clothes; CDs/DVD's and Jigsaws, etc, etc.....

The Joint Summer and Christmas Fairs so far have raised lots of money and brought in many people from the local community! Let's keep the momentum going! *Remember: if you are muttering about one of the fairs not being at "your" church, and don't get involved, you will simply miss out on a great community event.....and less money will be raised for "your" church!*

Can you donate raffle prizes, or good quality items to sell?? Can you help on the day?? Can you work with someone from the other church without catching something nasty(??!!) PLEASE SPEAK TO/CONTACT THE VICAR WITH ANY OFFERS, COMMENTS, IDEAS!!

The Late Eddie Hadfield: We are deeply saddened by Eddie's death, and our love surrounds Brenda at this very difficult time. Brenda and Eddie have been worshipping regularly with us, and also had deep connections to St John the Baptist church, Shedfield (which is also the church and parish where Fr Andy's grew up, and where his vocation to priesthood was inspired and nurtured by the then Vicar,

Fr Geoff Morrell). Eddie's Funeral is at Shedfield Church on Wednesday 5th December at 2.00pm. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Revd Jane Isaac (and at Brenda's request) Fr Andy will be taking part in the funeral.

Ministry of Healing: Starting **NEXT SUNDAY** - Advent Sunday (2nd December), on the first Sunday of each month at the 6.00pm Service of Vespers, the anointing and laying on of hands for healing will be offered during the prayers. Those who wish to, can receive the sign of the cross on their forehead in holy oil, together with a simple blessing prayer. If you want to receive this gift for another person or people, you say their Christian name(s) to the priest, just before the prayer is said. A lovely summary of the Ministry of healing was offered by the Venerable Trevor Nash:

*"Through the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, all that wounds and spoils, or makes us less than whole, has been gloriously overcome! The promise of healing through Christ is not of recovery from **every** illness or injury (although that is often Jesus' gift) but rather the grace of the Risen Jesus to live at peace with ourselves, our neighbours and with God."*

New Rota Available: The Duty Rota for January to April is now available. If you haven't/ can't receive it by email, please ask for one! We welcome two new thurifers (David Bloodworth and Mary Ball); a new reader (Stephen Duncan-Brown) and a new sidesperson (Jo Snape)

Donations for Christmas Giving Once again, we are looking for cash donations so that we can 1) buy some Christmas presents for local people who might not otherwise receive them; 2) make a donation near Christmas to a crisis abroad.....
There are special envelopes available – donations will be taken to Christ Church, to add to what is being donated there, so that the gifts are given jointly by our two parishes.....

Christingle: There is a Christingle Service at Christ Church on **Tuesday December 4 at 6.00pm**. Children receive a decorated orange, with a candle in the top, which is a sign of Jesus, the light of the world. The services usually take place during Advent or near Christmas and collect money to support the work of the Church of England charity, The Children's Society.

Civic Carols: We are delighted and honoured to – once again – be hosting the Civic Carol Service, in the presence of the Mayor, which is on Sunday 9th December at 6.00pm.

Christmas Social! Tuesday 18th December at 6.30pm. Sing some carols; "bring and share" supper (please volunteer food to Eve Holt); bring your own booze; raffle and Quiz.

Slide show and Social: Friday January 18th at 6.30pm. Come and see historic pictures of Holy Trinity. With hotdogs and raffle. Bring your own booze. Cost £5.00

Prayer List: Praying for people by name during our services is important and special. But to save the list getting longer and longer, please let us know if a name can be removed.....

The Revd Margaret Hay: will be presiding once a month at the Wednesday 6.30pm Masses on 12th December. Dates for 2019 will be published soon.

Carols in the High Street – “Churches Together in Gosport” (CTiG)

On Saturday 8th December, from 11.00am to 12noon, there will be Carols – in Nat Gonella Square, outside the main entrance to the Town Hall in the High Street, with the Mayor present, and readings and reflections from “Churches Together”.....do come along and join with other local Christians!

Uniformed Groups – Carol Services: For the first time this year, Christ Church is hosting the Scout Carol Service on Monday 10th December at 7.00pm, and the Beaver's Christingle Service on Tuesday 11th December at 6.00pm. As District Scout Chaplain, the Vicar will take both services.

[UPDATED!] "Heart for the Homeless": WE NEED (as we are running out of the following and the weather is getting colder, especially at night time) Sleeping bags (no duvets or pillows); track trousers (Men/women) or thick trousers small waist 32"/34" (not many over-weight homeless); women/ men's trainers and boots or strong shoes; warm weather proof coats (men/women); warm cotton sweaters; socks (men/women's); small toiletries always welcome (they can't carry large bottles etc.); packets of cough sweets; small tubs of sudocrem, Vick or Vaseline. We at Heart for the Homeless really appreciate your kind and generous donation "Heart for the Homeless" is a "Churches Together in Gosport" (CTiG) project, which is actively supported by members of Christ Church and Holy Trinity. There is a free lunch in Christ Church Centre: 1.00pm to 3.00pm every 4th Sunday. Please spread the word about the lunch....

Supporting our Food Banks: by placing gifts of non-perishable food and other useful items in the shopping trolley in church. Gosport Basics Bank have thanked us for the very generous donation of food and other basic needs which we made at Harvest. The need goes on throughout the year and the Bank is finding that more and more people have to call for help, and this is likely to increase further as Universal Credit is rolled out. Among items in short supply at present are jam, sugar and size 6 nappies. UHT milk is always needed. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please remember that food banks can only give out food which is in date.

Fair Trade Stall Thanks to David and Tessa Bloodworth, there is a Fair Trade stall here at Holy Trinity (usually on the Second Sunday of the month, but this may vary) for you to peruse after Mass. Established in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty, Traidcraft is the UK's leading fairtrade organisation. Its mission is to fight poverty through trade, pioneering, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries transform their lives. David and Tessa take

no profit and cover their own costs - so the prices are 10% less than in the catalogue. **David and Tessa write:** *"The good news is that Traidcraft will continue trading although in a much trimmed down format. All 67 staff are under notice but some posts will be available which they can apply for, probably 22. The more popular food items will continue but others will not together with many of the craft items. The sister charity, Traidcraft Exchange will seek to find new markets for the devastated craft producers and they are having a Christmas appeal to raise funds. The Donations box will be on our table to support them as always. Our sales have grown steadily in Holy Trinity and we hope that you will continue to support this very worthwhile organisation. "*

Are you a Knitter? If so, Karen Haycock (who has recently joined Christ Church) has a knitting group at her house (6 Herbert Road, Gosport). It meets once a fortnight, and the **next one will be on Thursday 29th November. This will be the last one before Christmas so I'm sure mince pies and hot chocolate will be involved. All welcome, knitters or not!** For more details, you can contact Karen on 07969537564

Sunday Raffles! Two recent Sunday Raffles were enhanced by a couple of additional donations bringing the total to £150.00 for Cystic Fibrosis. We started doing the Sunday Raffles in September 2009 and **we have now passed the £10,000.00 mark!!** A superb achievement (and thanks to the wonderful support from those who have donated prizes and bought raffle tickets). We have raised money for Holy Trinity and for good causes (*which has included donations to; Street Pastors, The Yemen Crisis Appeal, The Grenfell Fire Appeal, Cystic Fibrosis and the annual Bishops Lent Appeals*). If you are able to support this venture by providing a prize, a list is on the table at the back of the Church. **Well done everyone!**

Sponsoring the bread and wine on a Sunday: You have the opportunity to sponsor the bread and wine which is presented at Parish Mass, for a donation of £5.00. It can be for a departed loved one or for a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. The details will appear in the Sunday booklet. See the list on the back table.

Prayer Cards: When you light a candle for someone, you may wish to let them know that you have remembered and prayed for them at Holy Trinity. Why not take one of our prayer cards, which says, **"a candle has been lit for you and a prayer said today"**? You can give it to them, send it to them, or put it through their door, perhaps with a personal message written on the back. The cards are in small boxes where we light candles - by Our Lady and by St Francis; and on the table in the foyer. Our thanks are due to Tessa and David Bloodworth for passing on the idea and for sponsoring the first batch of 1,000 cards; and to Geoff O'Neill for the design and for organising printing.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) "This regulation comes into force on 25 May 2018 and puts much greater accountability on organisations, including churches and charities, to be transparent about how they use personal

data. The information you give to us for our planned giving schemes including Gift Aid envelopes will be held securely and only used for making a Gift Aid repayment claim. It will not be used for marketing nor shared with, or sold to, any other person or organisation. The donations you kindly made under the planned giving schemes to Holy Trinity Church last year enabled us to claim almost £8,000 from H M Revenue and Customs (HMRC) from those who are able to gift aid their donations to us.” (Geoff O’Neill - Hon. Treasurer & Planned Giving & Gift Aid administrator.)

Could you be a Gargoyle? Could you spare two hours a week to provide a welcome to visitors, and help ensure our beautiful church is open for a while every day? We try to be open on weekdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm; and we need to have at least two people in the church at the same time. Could you help?or, if you couldn’t manage a two hour slot per week, could you be on a list of “reserves”, for stepping in as required?

Please help keep the church clean! Church cleaning is done **EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**, while the church is open from 1.30pm to 3.30pm....please help!

Organ Book and DVD: We have a beautiful book about the history of our famous “Handel Organ”. Copies available for just £5.00!and now a DVD (with commentary by Pam Rhodes) for just £10.00!

@CofE Portsmouth - Brand New Magazine: Our diocese’s brand new, quarterly magazine @CofE Portsmouth has replaced the monthly *Pompey Chimes*. The four editions each year come out in March, June, September and December. Designed to give churchgoers and non-churchgoers an insight into life in our parishes and church schools, combining longer features with stories about people and columns written by the bishop and others on significant issues. Topical news stories and forthcoming events can be found more easily on the Diocese of Portsmouth website: **www.portsmouth.anglican.org**

Church Chairs: There are dedication plaques on many of our chairs. If you would like have one dedicated to someone (living or departed) there are forms on the back table. A donation of £40.00 is asked.

“Friends of Holy Trinity”: If you are not yet a member, and would be happy to pay £12 per year for individual membership, or £20 a year for couple/family membership, please ask Fr Andy for a form. Last year we raised £500.00! We’d like that total to increase year on year, as we use the money to enhance our building.