

A Community enriched by Christian faith, worship and values

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

IN THE BENEFICE OF THE
COOKHAMS.

SERVING AT THE HEART
OF THE COMMUNITY

Sunday 20th December 2020
4th Sunday of Advent



**Church Opening Times
from December 2020**

We are still able to welcome you to services at Holy Trinity Church as follows:

Sundays

11:00 Parish Eucharist

18:30 Evening Services as advertised on Facebook

Thursdays

07:30 Eucharist

The church will also be open for Private Prayer on
Tuesdays 10:30-11:30.

We will also continue to offer Daily Prayers and the Sunday Eucharist on our YouTube Channel (Cookham Churches) and through our website. Please check our website and Facebook for full details of services. In order to provide a safe environment, space at Sunday services is limited so please book a seat through the Parish Office:



Music for Sunday 20th December

Thank you to the Men's Choir for singing during this morning's service. And we are delighted to be able to hear our Girls' Choir and Boys' Choir singing together for this evening's service (despite social distancing and bubbles meaning that they have to inhabit the whole of the Lady Chapel!)



Monday 21st December
5.00pm - online

**Carry on Christmas
or Not the Nine Lessons & Carols**

Something light and jolly to brighten up a gloomy winter Tier 3 evening.



Christmas Services

If you are planning to come to any of our Advent or Christmas services, or any Sunday service in December, please book a seat via the Parish Office as spaces this year are limited due to social distancing measures and once we are full we will need to turn people away: 01628 529661

office@cofe-thecookhams.org.uk

Sunday 20th December

3.00pm – Carol singing in the Churchyard
(no need to book)

6.30pm - Advent Eucharist

With music from our Girls' Choir & Boys' Choir

Thursday 24th December

4.00-5.00pm Crib Viewing (no need to book)

9.00pm - Christmas Vigil Eucharist

Friday 25th December

11.00am - Festival Eucharist

6.30pm - Christmas Carol Service *FULL*

Sunday 27th December

11.00am - Eucharist

Sunday 10th January 2021

6.30pm - Epiphany Carol Service



**Come and Visit the Christmas Crib
Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December
Between 4.00pm - 5.00pm**

Walk around the candlelit church to see the Crib and Christmas tree. Listen to Christmas Carols as you walk around. No need to book, but you may have to queue outside so wrap up warm!



Please pray for those who are ill...

Jean Lewis, Bryan Lewis, Charles Walmsley, David Ashwanden, Alastair McKerlie

Those who have died...

Terry Jackson RIP, Carole Langton RIP



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Outdoor Christmas Carol Singing Sunday 20th December 3.00pm Holy Trinity Churchyard

An informal Christmas Carol sing! All welcome No need to book, just come along and enjoy the opportunity to sing outside. Social distancing guidelines will be observed

Readings and Hymns for Sunday 20th December 11.00am

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that,
as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Romans 16:25-end

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel,

'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Hymn

Sung by the Choir. After the Peace and during the Preparation of the Altar, the Choir will sing the following hymn. You can follow the words and hum if you wish.

Hills of the north, rejoice;
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing:
though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
he judgement brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,
deep in your coral caves
pent be each warring breeze,
lulled be your restless waves:
he comes to reign with boundless sway,
and makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the east, awake,
soon shall your sons be free,
the sleep of ages break,
and rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost west,
ye that have waited long,
unvisited, unblest,
break forth to swelling song;
high raise the note, that Jesus died,
yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;
songs be in every mouth;
lo, from the north we come,
from east and west and south.
City of God, the bonds are free,
we come to live and reign in thee.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Advent Eucharist
6.30pm

Zechariah 2:10-end

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

Be silent, all people, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

Luke 1: 39-55

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Hymn

The Choir will sing the following hymn.

You can follow the words and hum if you wish.

In the bleak mid-winter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter,
long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God almighty,
Jesus Christ.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him -
give my heart.

