

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 27th December 2020
First Sunday of Christmas



**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:



Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 10th January at 6.30pm

Celebration during the darker January days. Due to social distancing places will be limited and booking ahead is necessary. Please reserve your seats by calling or emailing the Parish Office:

01628 529661 / office@cofe-thecookhams.org.uk

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

Readings and Hymns for Sunday 27th December
11.00am

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Romans Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:

help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Readings and Prayers
Sunday 3rd January 2021

Collect

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.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star

had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.
Amen.



A good news story this festive season, which shows that there is one thing Covid can't destroy - community spirit. Meet one of Cookham's many real-life Christmas angels, Helen McLean, who organised our "Lockdown Clear Out for Ethiopia" at Holy Trinity School last week. Community drum roll please... together we collected 927kgs of clothes and shoes and raised £278.10 for children and families, who are struggling in Ethiopia. There are so many people we would like to thank for dropping off their donations, particularly given the challenging times in which we are living at the moment - our magnificent PFC Ethiopia Ambassadors, the teachers and families at Holy Trinity School, Holy Trinity Church, Cookham Running Club, friends and neighbours. Special thanks also to Faye Knight, Hardip Pabla helping out this morning and to Jacqui Bird and Matt Bird and Gemma Ransome for letting us use their driveways. Merry Christmas everyone! Stay safe. Sarah Parfitt