

Regular activities and groups at Holy Trinity

Morning Prayer is on Tuesday at 9.30am (Zoom only)

Tuesday - Taekwondo class 7pm

Wednesday - Bible Study 11am (2nd of the month)

Mothers Union - 2pm (2nd of the month)

AA Group 7.30pm

Thursday - Movement to Music 10am

Craft Group 11am (1st of the month)

Taekwondo class 7pm

Saturday - AA Group 7.30pm

Sunday - AA Group 7.30pm

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Second Sunday after Christmas - Epiphany

Sunday 04th January 2026

Collect

O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Saviour, so we may with confidence behold him as he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Hymns

Processional	40	Arise to greet the Lord of light
Gradual	85	Brightest and Best (Tune 1)
Offertory	32	And can it be
Communion	88	Brother, sister let me serve you
Communion	47	As we are gathered
Recessional	49	As with gladness men of old

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. We offer both bread and wine sipped from the common cup. We no longer offer intinction. Receiving in one kind is also a complete Communion. If you prefer this option, simply come forward to receive the bread then return to your seat. If you wish to receive a blessing from the priest, please indicate this by placing your hands on your chest. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew or require gluten-free bread please inform one of the welcome team.

During the offertory hymn the collection will be taken at the pew. If you wish to donate to the church by another means, please contact Ian, the Treasurer or Doreen. Thank you for your generosity.

OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 60.1 – 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.² 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.³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.⁴ 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.⁵ 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.⁶ 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.

EPISTLE - Ephesians 3.1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in[d] God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GOSPEL - Matthew 2:1 - 12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "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."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,¹⁰ until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

