

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BIRCHFIELD**

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**11am Nine Lessons and Carols**

**WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!**

*Welcome to our Nine Lessons and Carols service today. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available after the service.*

**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

**TODAY'S READINGS**  
*(for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)*

**MICAH 5:2-5a**            p 933  
**HEBREWS 10:5-10**      p 1208  
**LUKE 1:39-45**            p 1026

**The readings for Nine Lessons and Carols are on today's service sheet.**

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Service at  
11am**

*If you have any items for this sheet, please give details to **Marcia West** or email [newsletter@holytrinity-church.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@holytrinity-church.co.uk)*

**PRAYER LIST**

*Please remember the following people in your prayers:*

- Chase Bartlett
- Gareth Howell
- Jillian Ann Underhill
- Dennis Christian
- Anne James
- George Bartley
- Mrs Rhone
- Albert Gray
- Helen Cross
- Mrs Forrest
- Marcia Barnett
- Brian Perry and family
- The Alexander, Thomas and Dawkins families
- The Rutherford family
- The Douglas family
- The Spencer-James family
- Mrs Christian

**The funeral of our late church member Jennifer Alexander will take place at Holy Trinity on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am. Please remember her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.**

**Giving to Holy Trinity Church**

There are several ways in which you can financially support Holy Trinity Church.

- **By card** - we can take payments on SumUp machines, please see the warden, Wendy Walker or Theo Rutherford after services.
- **Secure online payments on the church website**
- **Standing Orders** to set up regular payments.
- **Envelope scheme – please remember to bring your envelopes to church. If you are unable to visit church in person, please contact the Warden or ring the church phone number 0121 274 4652 for advice.**
- **For more information please go to [www.holytrinity-church.co.uk](http://www.holytrinity-church.co.uk) and click on the Donate tab.**

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**The new church reading and intercessors list for 2025 is ready for collection at the back of church**

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**If you are a church member that contributes to Holy Trinity through the envelope scheme, the planned giving envelopes are ready for collection at the back of church. Our Warden, Wendy Walker would like to thank everyone for their continued support in their giving to church, it is much appreciated.**

**Thank you to Mr Graham Winfield for his generous donation of this year's Christmas tree, and to the volunteers who have decorated it.**

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**New look church website**

Our church website has had a major redesign and update. The web address remains the same: **[www.holytrinity-church.co.uk](http://www.holytrinity-church.co.uk)**. You will also find links to our live streamed services, sermon archive and uploaded notice sheets. Please visit the website to keep updated about the church. Thanks to Theo Rutherford for his skills and work on the update.

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**Services for Christmas and New Year**

- 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)** – church will be open from 10am to 1pm for private prayer
- 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)** – 11am Sung Eucharist
- 29<sup>th</sup> December** – 11am Sung Eucharist
- 5<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany)** – 11am Service

***Our Warden and Holy Trinity Church wishes everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and God's blessings for the New Year.***

**ADVENT SONG (THE HOLLY AND THE IVY)**

The holly and the ivy are  
dancing in a ring  
Round the berry-bright red  
candles  
And the white and shining  
King.

Oh, one is for God's people  
In every age and day  
We are watching for his  
coming,  
We believe and we obey.

And two is for the prophets,  
And for the light they bring,  
They are candles in the  
darkness,  
All alight for Christ the King.

And three for John the Baptist;  
He calls on us to sing;  
'O prepare the way for Jesus  
Christ,  
He is coming Christ the King.'

And four for Mother Mary,  
'I cannot see the way,  
But you promise me a baby,  
I believe You, I obey.'

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**Church flowers**

If anyone wants to make a donation towards Christmas flowers for church, please see our Warden, Wendy Walker after today's service. Church will be open on Tuesday morning from 10am till 1pm to do the flower arrangements, if anyone can volunteer some time to help, please come along.