WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:
Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Ashley Powell, Colin Graham, Stephen Scott, Maureen Palmer.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:
Mary Gunn, Julie Ann Parson, Jimmy Hunter, Eileen Smith, Rev. John Scorer, Rachel Paterson, Val Judson, Victoria Harper, Phil Cork, Gillian Butler, Jean Cowe, Elsie Smith.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
Evie Owens

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:
Joanna Garbutt, Doug Bramhall, Barbara Gardner, Audrey Wright, Bob Ranson, Elizabeth Gilmaney, William Witherspoon, Richard Thompson, Ena Wood, Lawrence Jordan, George Dobson, Harry Meynell, Mary Snell, Gavin Forth, Robert Wilson, Mary Hoggett.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 16 November
1.30pm Craft Group

Tuesday 17 November
10.00am Holy Communion in church
11.00am Churchyard Prayers (in person and on Facebook)
7.00pm Quiz Night (online)

Wednesday 18 November
9.30am Trinity Tots
7.00pm Faith Explorers

Thursday 19 November
7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 21 November
11.00am Christmas Fair

Sunday 22 November – Christ the King
10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir
1.30pm Baptisms Jamie Ethan Temple, Dillon Thomas & Jacob Marty Blackledge
2.30pm Baptisms Harvey Neil Longstaff, Shay & Lainey Woodmass.

Bible Readings for next Sunday:
Reading Ephesians 1.15-end
Gospel Reading Matthew 25.31-end

Holy Trinity Washington

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SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

SUNDAY **08.00am** **Holy Communion in church**
10.00am **Holy Communion in church and with choir**

TUESDAY **10.00am** **Holy Communion** in church

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us
from excess and revive in us new
hope, that all creation will one day
be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

FIRST BIBLE READING **1 Thessalonians 5.1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God

has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 25.14-30**

Alleluia, Alleluia
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Welcome Back!
Welcome and thank you to Revd Tony who is covering our services today and on Tuesday. Always lovely to see you.

Faith Explorers
Starting **Wednesday 18th November 7pm – 8.30pm** and then every 3rd Wednesday of the month.
What to expect: A social gathering around bring and share food, for anyone wanting to deepen their faith alongside others doing the same. It'll be a relaxed, low-key evening where we can explore our faith further, ask questions, share stories, and simply enjoy each other's company. Ideal for anyone new or returning to faith, those at a crossroads, or mature Christians seeking refreshment or different perspectives. So, basically, anyone!
There is an information sheet on the notice board about ideas of what food to bring and some considerations regarding this.

Poppies
Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to send £145 to the Royal British Legion from the sale of our poppies. Thank you.

Bra Bank
Thank you to everyone who donated bras this year. There is a permanent collection point at Columbia Community Centre where donations can be made all year round.

Thank You
Many of you may have seen the beautiful handrails at the Church steps close to the Forge which will make the access here much safer. We are grateful to Clifford Chapman for supplying and fitting them for us.
And thanks again to John and Kevin Lewins of Tyne and Wear Access for kindly donating the use of their cherry picker in the repair of our path light close to the Old Hall. Many of you will fondly remember Jenny Lewins who was a member of this church.

Christmas Fair
We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair this Saturday 11am-2pm. Please bring your families, friends and neighbours. It's not too late to offer donations of goods or help so please speak to a member of the fundraising team.

Mothers Union Christmas Meal
Could all outstanding monies for our Christmas meal and the bus be paid to Susan, in an envelope with your name on it, by Sunday 22nd November please? Many thanks.

Christmas Raffle
We are launching our Christmas Raffle today and asking our congregation to help with the sale of tickets. Please collect some from the back of church. We have changed the pricing this year with a book of 5 tickets at £1.00 per ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 20th December. Many thanks

APOLOGIES FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN THIS WEEKLY SHEET. IT IS CORRECT AS AT 11TH NOVEMBER BUT ANY CHANGES THEREAFTER HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE MICROSOFT OUTAGE AT THE END OF THE WEEK

Remembering with Hope and Light - Sunday 6 December 6pm
Our Remembering with Hope and Light Service gives our congregation and the wider community a space and time to remember our loved ones before God and to see their names written at the foot of the cross of light. Families who have come to Holy Trinity in the past two years for the funeral of a loved one will receive a letter inviting them to this service. **Similar forms are now available for members of the congregation to submit names to be remembered too. There are also additional invitations to be distributed among neighbours or families that have appreciated this service in the past – or have had a funeral elsewhere. If you know of someone who might value an invitation, please take one for them from the back of church.**
At the service this year, we will also continue to support two local charities:

- St Benedict's Hospice in Sunderland
- Washington Mind – the mental health charity.

During the service, there will be an opportunity to give a donation to these two worthwhile charities, but it is not necessary to donate to have your loved one's name published. If you would prefer to donate before the service, this can be done through the church account with the reference "Hope and Light", or by enclosing a donation when you return your form. A reminder that our Church account is:
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Washington
Sort code 09-01-29
Account no. 12650840

The Sunday service will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email office.htcw@gmail.com to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm
All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month's email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 870 6505 4582 followed by # (hash) and the password is 726138 followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us.

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