WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Elsie Smith, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Colin Thompson, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Colin Graham, Ann Harrison, Margaret Piggot, Marion Neville, Mary Gunn, Harry Hindess.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Sally Carmichael, Graham Walton, Eileen Smith, Maureen Palmer, Gillian Butler, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Ashley Powell, Val Judson, Judith Harrison.

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

Margaret (Peggy) Douglas, Margaret Ball.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:

May Corrigan, Edith Barnett, Margaret Ramshaw, Isabella Bell, James Ranson, Julia Oakley, Doris Atkinson, Denis Powell, Keith Laybourne, Lilian Paterson, Theresa Taylor, Alma Marshall.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2 December

9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Quiz night

Wednesday 3 December

9.30am Trinity Tots7.00pm Iona Service

Thursday 4 December

7.30pm Choir practice

Saturday 6 December

11.00am Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair

Second Sunday of Advent 7 December

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

6.00pm Remembering with Hope & Light

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Romans 15.4-13
Gospel Reading Matthew 3.1-12

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ADVENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion in church

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church

COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24.36-44

Alleluia, Alleluia
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Church Stall

Looking for Christmas gifts/stocking fillers? Check out our stall located at the back of church and not to forget the main items which are located behind the notice board.

Christmas Fair Saturday 6 December 11am - 2pm

Our Christmas Fair will have the usual stalls and games. We will also be having a raffle and would be most grateful for donations of prizes for this. If anyone has new ideas and would like to help in any way, please contact one of the fundraising team.

Christmas Fair: Bottle Tombola

We will be running the ever-popular bottle tombola again this year and would be very grateful for any bottles suitable for prizes. If you can help, please see Janice or Claire. Many thanks.



Mothers' Union

Church has very kindly agreed to MU having a small stall at the Church Fair on Saturday 6th December.

It is for us (our wonderful organisation), to raise funds for our many varied projects both here in Durham Diocese (holiday, prison, school programs) and World Word (Ukraine, Sudan, and The Democratic Republic of the Congo). In the past a lot of our Funds were raised at the Charities Fair, which unfortunately has not taken place for the past few years. We hope you visit our stall and maybe learn a little about this church organisation, and you never know you may be inclined to join us. Everyone is most welcome, we do have many male members worldwide and in Durham. Ann P & Helen

Donations to WaterAid in lieu of Christmas Cards

As in previous years, we would like to give you the opportunity to donate to WaterAid in lieu of sending Christmas cards to your church friends. Your name will appear in the weekly sheet in the couple of issues closest to Christmas. Please submit your donation by **Wednesday 10 December**.

Donations can be made as follows:

Bank transfer: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Washington. Sort code 09-01-29, Account number 12650840, REFERENCE WATERAID Cash or cheque: (payable to Holy Trinity Washington PCC). Please drop this off at the back of church or post through our letter box.

Any questions, please contact the church office and we will be happy to help. Judith

Holy Trinity Bra Recycle Bin

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the above. Special thanks to Pam from Tots Group and Sainsburys. Anyone with any further bras can either give to Christine or take to Columbia Community Centre who are continuing the scheme, Mon-Fri 9am- 3pm. Christine

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 847 6438 0912 followed by # (hash). The password is 611328, 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 0203 481 5237 the meeting ID is 853 8488 2972 followed by # (hash) and the password is 116403 followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December 11am-2pm

Sadly, last year we had to cancel our Christmas Fair due to Storm Darragh, but this year, with your help, we can make our Christmas Fair a huge success!

If you are able to make donations to any of the following stalls, we would be so grateful for your support. And of course, spread the word and come on the day! The more the merrier!

- Raffle Prizes: Donations to David and Phyllis
- Bottle Tombola: Anything in a bottle, from ketchup and Cola to whiskey or wine! Donations to Claire & Janice
- Pre-loved, nearly new goods: e.g. unwanted gifts, toys, books, jigsaws. Donations to Pam & Barbara
- Toiletries: Donations to Phyllis

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- Pre-loved Jewellery and Handbags: Donations to Jenene
- Wine or Water: Bottles of wine (unopened!) or empty wine bottles (washed, with screw top lid). Donations to Jan
- Cakes, bakes and preserves: Donations to Dorothy & Vivienne or on the day
- Refreshments: Fruit & cheese scones. Donations on the day.

If you think you could help on the day or have any questions please see a member of the fundraising group.