



**Holy Trinity Church, Horfield, Bristol**  
Creating connections through the inclusive  
Catholic tradition in worship, welcome and service



**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**Advent Sunday, Year C**

**Today: 6 pm – Advent Carol Service**  
**– led by the Holy Trinity Festival Choir**

**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.

**First Reading:**           **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Gospel:**                   **Luke 21:25-36**

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## Hymns and Music for the Mass

- 45 O come, O come Emmanuel  
39 Hills of the north rejoice  
36 Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes  
811 Thou didst leave thy throne

### Mass Setting:

*Kyries: Missa de Angelis; Sanctus & Agnus Dei: People's Mass – Murray.*

**Organ postlude:** Procession by Herbert Sumsion

## Prayers

### Please pray for those who are unwell:

Gillian Crow, Stuart Crow, John Crocker, Marcia, Annie and Andy, Dorothy Charlton, Sophia Vryoni-Dickson, Matthew, Annette Beck, Ray Harris, Bryan and Joan Bufton, Phillada Ware, Michael Lewis, Martin Nicholls, Bill and Eileen Nash, Pat Riley, David Ryan, Geraldine, David Trist, Dixie and family, George Poole, Paige Hill, Frank, Karen Campbell, Christine Bufton.

### Please pray for the recently departed: Eryl Lloyd Parry and for those in our

**Year's Mind:** Kenneth Hyder (4<sup>th</sup>), Donald Wootton, Eileen Darbey, Joan Borrow (5<sup>th</sup>), Nigel Stanion (6<sup>th</sup>)

## If you are concerned...

Over the last few weeks, there have been two issues in the public life of our nation that have raised matters of concern. The *Makin Report* into the mishandling by the Church of England of the Smyth abuse cases and the ineffective response to the victims and survivors by certain diocesan bishops, leading to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was shocking and disturbing. Also, the debating of *The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill 2024-25* (“assisted dying” bill) in the House of Commons raised some challenging and painful experiences for many people of various opinions and viewpoints.

If you would like to discuss your thoughts about how these events have made an impact on you, please contact Fr David and we can talk about these issues in a safe and confidential way.

### **The Welcome Project Prayer:**

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal your compassion and mercy in the life we share. Bless us as we respond to your Spirit’s invitation to open wide our doors to Christ. May the doors of our hearts remain ever open in holy and unconditional welcome. Bless *The Welcome Project* – that our welcome may be wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship, as we reach out to welcome the stranger and friend alike and so welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***A Prayer and Meditation for December***

Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch, or weep tonight and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, shield your joyous ones and all for your love’s sake. Amen.

**“Make your own mind, the mind of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 2:6)**

### **Prayer for Peace:**

Holy and gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia; of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those who are afraid; for those who are suffering and traumatised; and for those who are grieving, that your everlasting arms may hold them in this time of great suffering. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn their swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for the leaders of nations; that they may follow the wisdom and compassion of Christ. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for your children.

### **Prayer and Pastoral Care Needs:**

If you need prayer support either for yourself or for someone you know do let Fr David know in confidence. Fr David is also in church most Saturday mornings to offer counselling, prayer, hear confessions or just for a chat. If you, or a member of your family, is in hospital, or housebound through illness, please let Fr David or Caroline (warden) know, and a pastoral or holy communion visit can be arranged by the Rector.

**2025 Planned Giving Envelopes**, for those who use them, will be at the West End of the church after Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please take yours.

Thank you. Garth Baker.

**New bookings system** for the Hall, Helliwell and Blancharde rooms is now live.

Further details at: <https://www.sharesy.com/v/holy-trinity-horfield>

## Parish Contacts

**Rector:** Revd. Canon Dr. David McGladdery, SCP

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Please note that Fr David's day off is on a Monday.

### Church warden:

Caroline Plaice: 07714 255670 Email: [cjplaice@gmail.com](mailto:cjplaice@gmail.com)

### Holy Trinity Parish Church Council (General Account)

**Sort Code:** 301611 **Account Number:** 00887278

### Holy Trinity, Horfield PCC (Charity Account)

**Sort Code:** 306296 **Account Number:** 27658063

### Welcome Project Account

**Sort Code:** 306232 **Account Number:** 64788960

Please make any cheques payable to 'Horfield PCC'.

### Parish Office:

Email: [hpc.sec@horfieldparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:hpc.sec@horfieldparishchurch.org.uk) Tel: 07880 657829

Website: [www.horfieldparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.horfieldparishchurch.org.uk)

## Regular Services

**Sunday 10am** Mass. **Tuesday 12 noon** Mass.

**Wednesday 10am** at St. Gregory's Church.

**Thursday 10am** Mass. **Friday 6pm** Mass

Refreshments are served after Sunday and Thursday Mass.

### Additional monthly Services in the Lady Chapel at 10am

**First Saturday** - the Holy Rosary will be prayed for peace.

**Last Saturday** - a Mass for healing with anointing will be offered.

**Holy Hour of prayer** – 4th Sunday of the month at 4pm

**Live streams of Sunday Mass and Thursday Mass and any other advertised services being streamed**, and recordings of previous services are available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityHorfield>

**Next Messy Church:** 15<sup>th</sup> December : 10am – 11.15am in the church hall.



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## Getting involved: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### Activities

- **Welcome Conversation** - An open discussion group led by a different person each time. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 11am. There will be no discussion in December, and we will meet again in January.
- **Warm Welcome** – 9am – 10.30am Monday-Friday.
- **Clifton Rotary Christmas Concert** – 4<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm. Clifton College Preparatory School. Please let Caroline (Warden) know if you would like transport as the Rotary Club are offering to pick up and drop off.
- **The nature of forgiveness** - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Holy Trinity, Westbury on Trym, the Revd Dr Stephen Cherry, Dean of King's College, Cambridge, will be exploring the nature of forgiveness. How does it work? Are there things that cannot be forgiven? Are there things that should not be forgiven? Is there an obligation on Christians to forgive?  
Those wishing to attend are asked to book using the form in the church or online at <https://westbury-parish-church.org.uk/faith-fellowship/tlc>
- **Festive Welcome** – 7<sup>th</sup> December
- **Burns Supper** - 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (put this date in your diary now)

### Live Streaming – More volunteers needed

As you are aware, we are now live-streaming the 10 am Mass every Sunday and the Thursday midweek Mass, and other services, when advertised. The live streaming is very much appreciated by those who are unable to attend church, or are looking to explore a church to attend on a regular basis, or as a visitor. However, to keep this service going, we are in urgent need of at least three more people willing to learn how to operate the system. It is not difficult and full training will be given. Please have a word with Caroline, Carolyn or Hilary if you think you would be able to join the Live Streaming team. Thank you.

# Advent and Christmas at Holy Trinity, Horfield - 2024

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

6.00 pm

Candlelight Festival of Words and  
Music for Advent

**Saturday 7th December**

from 10.30 am

**Festive Welcome in church** – buy your  
Christmas tree from the Scouts, and enjoy  
mulled wine, tea coffee, gifts and beautiful  
music from mandolin and guitar group *Fingers  
and Frets* and Jon Crow, our Director of Music

**13th December**

7.15 pm

Horfield Young People's Club Christmas Carols  
in the Church Hall

**14th December**

10.00 am – 12 noon

Advent Carol Music workshop, wreath and  
collage making

**Sunday 15th December**

3.00 pm

Quiet Christmas – A reflective  
service with words and music for those who  
are mourning the loss of a loved one at this  
time of year, or who simply prefer a  
quiet service

**Sunday 22nd December**

3.00 pm

6.00 pm

Christingle making  
Festival of Lessons and Carols

**Tuesday 24th December**

3.00 pm

11.30 pm

Christingle Service  
Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day, 25th December**

8.00 am

10.00 am

Dawn Mass

Day Mass