

15th December 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Worship

10:45am All Together Service, Rothwell
4:00pm Carol Service, Loddington
6:00pm Carol Service, Rushton
6:00pm Nine Lessons & Carols, Rothwell

Hymn's at Rushton 403, 377, 199, 440, 51, 253, 41, 395, 357

Week Commencing 16th December

Monday	10:00am	Trinity Threaders, Holy Trinity
Tuesday	9:30am	Warm space, Holy Trinity
	10:45am	Julian Group house meeting
	7:00pm	Carol singing, Markey Square, Rothwell
Wednesday	7:30pm	Bell Ringers practice, Holy Trinity
Thursday	10:00am	Holy Communion
	1:45pm	Sunbeams, Holy Trinity
	6:00pm	Carol singing, Thorpe Malsor
Friday	2:00pm	Christingle service @ Loddington school
Saturday	9:30am	Café St Leonards, Loddington Village Hall
	4:00pm	Christingle Service, Holy Trinity

Next Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:15am Family Communion, Loddington
9:15am Parish Communion, Rushton
10:45am Parish Communion, Rothwell
10:45am Parish Communion, Thorpe Malsor
6:00pm Carol Service, Pipewell
6:00pm Carol singing, outside St Leonard's church

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do? 'In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise. 'Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do? 'He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you. 'Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation and be satisfied with your wages. 'As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Notices

Church Magazine – All articles for **January's** issue to Janet Ray by **19th December** at magazineholyltrinity@gmail.com

Food Bank - The last date for Christmas Donations to the Food Bank will be Sunday **15 December**.

Help required – Could you spare a couple of hours to help make up the Christingles at **10am** on Saturday **21st** at Holy Trinity. Please speak to Laurabeth for more information.

15th December:

- Carol Service, St Leonard's Loddington @ **4:00pm**.
- 9 Lessons & Carols, Holy Trinity @ **6:00pm**.
- Carol Service, All Saints Rushton @ **6:00pm**.

17th December – Carol Singing, Market Square Rothwell @ **7:00pm**.

19th December – Carol Singing, Thorpe Malsor @ **6:00pm**

21st December – Christingle Service, Holy Trinity @ **4:00pm**.

22nd December:

- Carol Service, Pipewell @ **6:00pm**.
- Carol singing outside St Leonard's church, Loddington @ **6:00pm**.

Christmas Eve:

- Crib Service, Thorpe Malsor @ **3:00pm**.
- Crib Service, Holy Trinity @ **4:00pm**.
- Family Christmas Communion, All Saints Rushton @ **6:00pm**.
- Midnight Mass, Holy Trinity @ **11:30pm**.

Christmas Day:

- Family Service, St Leonard's Loddington @ **9:30am**.
- Family Communion, Holy Trinity @ **10:00am**.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17, Psalm 25.3-8, Matthew 21.23-27
Tuesday:	Genesis 49.2, 8-10, Psalm 72.1-5, 18-19, Matthew 1.1-17
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 23.5-8, Psalm 72.1-2, 12-13, 18-end, Matthew 1.18-24
Thursday:	Judges 13.2-7, 24-end, Psalm 71.3-8, Luke 1.5-25
Friday:	Isaiah 7.10-14, Psalm 24.1-6, Luke 1.26-38
Saturday:	Zephaniah 3.14-18, Psalm 33.1-4, 11-20, 20-end, Luke 1.39-45

Please Pray for

All that are anxiously waiting for their loved ones to return home from war.
The thousands of people that have had to flee their homes in California due to the wildfires that are spreading throughout Malibu and the firefighters who are battling extreme conditions.

All individuals who may be feeling lonely during the Christmas period and all who are unable to spend time with their loved ones.

All Students and Teachers who are about to break up for the Christmas period.

Intercession List

Anne, Christine McCoy, Nat Gardner, Pauline Herbert, Dulcie Marriott

Departed

Terry Gray

Please let Dawn Cooper know of names to be added to our Intercession list to be included in our Prayers for one month unless notified otherwise. Tel 07955 119099 (Tuesday to Thursday between 9:00am – 5:00pm) or E Mail: treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE – I WILL SHORTLY BE REVIEWING THE INTERCESSION LIST AGAIN. ALL NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR ONE MONTH UNLESS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPLY.