



## TRINITY CHURCH

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*'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'*

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### **10.30am Morning Worship**

led by **Geoffrey Caudle**

(Organist: **Nigel Payne**)

**Church Stewards** on duty: **Tricia Cook, Douglas Pryde & Marjorie Wallis**

**Welcome to Trinity Church:** If you are new amongst us, or visiting, please sign our Visitors Book.

There is a **'Prayer Support Book'** in the Welcome Area, for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service.

**The JaM and Jamlets Groups** meet today, and any new or visiting children are very welcome to join them.

There is a **crèche facility** in the Welcome Area for very young children, and activities, toys and books for other young visitors who may need a break during the service.

# Welcome

## Time of Quiet

### Lighting the Advent Candle

Today we light a candle for all God's prophets, all who confront injustice and hold before us the vision of a world of freedom and peace.

**God, as we wait for your promise, give light, give hope.**



### Advent hymn

*Christmas is coming!  
The Church is glad to sing.  
And let the advent candles  
Brightly burn in a ring*

The first is for God's promise  
To put the wrong things right,  
And bring to earth's darkness  
The hope of love and light

*Christmas is coming!...*

The second's for the prophets,  
who said that Christ would come  
with good news for many  
and angry words for some.

*Christmas is coming!...*

*John L Bell*

### Call to Worship

**From the exile of complacency, God calls us home.**

**From the exile of failure, God calls us home.**

**From the exile of suffering, God calls us home.**

**From the exile of all that separates us,**

**God calls us home.**

**Together, let us come home and worship the God who calls us. In Jesus' name Amen.**

 StF 172

Hills of the North rejoice

Talk:

Jesus's Christmas Party

**Our Jesus and Me Groups leave**

*(New or visiting children are very welcome to join them.)*

**May God be with you, in your learning,  
your sharing and your joy**

**Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us today our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

 StF 210

**Love came down at Christmas**

**Reading**

Reader: Margaret Langsford  
Reader: This is our faith's story

**Isaiah 40 v 1-11**  
*(REB OT page 600)*  
**Thanks be to God**

**Reading**

Reader: Ruth Sillitoe  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**Mark 1 v 1-8**  
*(REB NT page 29)*  
**Thanks be to God**

**Collect**

**God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken  
through all generations and you lift up all who are  
burdened and brought low, renew our hope in you, as we  
wait the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and  
our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.**

Address:

Walking in the Wilderness



StF 328

Jesus shall reign, where're the sun

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offertory



StF 455

All my hope on God is founded

Closing Prayer and Blessing



After the Service, everyone is invited to stay whilst drinks are brought round. Thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers: Jenny Cadman & Valerie Keates



Evening Service today:  
**Trinity Carol Service at 6pm**



We give thanks for the life of  
**Miriam Stephanie Langley**  
who died on Monday 20 November, aged 4  
and whose Memorial Service was held at  
Trinity on Thursday 7 December