The Parish of Bracknell: Holy Trinity with Mosaic

Called together to make Christ known

Bulletin

8th November 2026 3rd Sunday before Advent

On Remembrance Sunday, we pause to remember with gratitude and solemnity all those who have given their lives in the service of others, and to pray for those who continue to suffer the consequences of war and conflict. We remember, too, the families and communities whose lives have been forever changed by loss.

In Matthew 25:1–13, Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids, urging us to remain watchful and prepared, for we do not know when the bridegroom will come. This message speaks to us not only of spiritual readiness, but also of how we choose to live each day.

As we remember the sacrifices of the past, may we be inspired to build a more peaceful and compassionate world in the present. Let us keep our lamps burning through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and service, standing alongside those who are vulnerable and working for reconciliation wherever there is division.

May our remembrance be more than a moment of silence; may it be a lasting commitment to peace, shaped by the love of Christ and the hope of a world where all can live without fear.

This Week Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Day
8am Said Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

9.30am Service of The Word at Holy Trinity
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Matthew 25: 1-13

10.30am Service at Mosaic
Deuteronomy 6:4-12

11.30am Remembrance Service at Holy Trinity

Thursday 12th November – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Langley Hall
Please do not arrive before 9.30am.

Next Week Sunday 15th November
Safeguarding Sunday
8am Said Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

9.30am All Age Communion at Holy Trinity
Philippians 2: 1-4, Matthew 18: 1-7

10.30am Service at Mosaic
Mark 10:13-16

Thursday 19th November – 10.00am
Holy Communion at Langley Hall
Please do not arrive before 9.30am.

Parish Youth Group

The next parish youth group will be on Sunday 8th November 3.00pm – 4.30pm.
At Langley Hall
For all young people year 7 and above.

Pray for our Parish

We gather online at 8.30am on **on Saturday 7th November** to give thanks for our blessings
Follow this link: Parish Prayers.

Maintenance Morning at Holy Trinity

The next Maintenance Morning is on Saturday the 7th of November as usual there are all sorts of jobs to do. Les will be here to keep things going and refreshments will be available. Join us from 9.00am to 12.00. If you want to do some gardening it is helpful if you can bring some tools.
We look forward to seeing you.

At Holy Trinity there is a collection point for Bracknell foodbank

Our Foodbank is in need of:

- Washing powder or liquid
- Aunty's steamed puddings
- Jam/peanut butter/chocolate spread
- Small instant coffee – 100g
- Tinned custard or tetrapak

Fresh food is available for collection between 1pm and 2.30pm on Friday afternoons at the Share Bracknell pop-up at St Andrew's, Priestwood.

To find out more please go to: https://www.facebook.com/sharebracknell

If you are seeking admission for your children to Ranelagh it is essential that you read the Admissions Policy available on the school's website

You must ensure that you sign in each time you attend church – Mosaic or Holy Trinity

If any parents are signing the Ranelagh Admissions sheets for children wishing to start in September 2029 please could they ensure that they have completed the Ranelagh Initial Admissions Form found at the back of the book with their details, email address and telephone number. Children cannot be registered unless we have this information. Parents should not sign in any children wishing to start in 2030 or later years as this information is not recorded yet.

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Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals Welcomers (Vergers) – Holy Trinity

Do you have a friendly disposition and enjoy meeting and greeting?
Are you interested in offering a warm welcome, supporting those who don't often come to church and sharing God's love?
Are you available occasionally during the week and a little extra money would be helpful? Or on a Sunday after church?

We are looking for people to join a team to welcome and support at baptisms, weddings, and funerals at Holy Trinity on an occasional basis.

Baptisms usually take place at 11.30 am – 12.30 on a Sunday. **This is on a volunteer basis**.

Funerals take place during the week, and weddings during the week or Saturdays.

For **weddings and funerals** there is **payment available of £80 per service** (as fees are charged for these services)

If you are interested in finding out more, please email Beth: curate@bracknell-parish.org.uk or speak to Beth / Les.

Morning Prayer

During the cooler months we are meeting for informal Morning Prayer in Langley Hall
on a Tuesday at 8.30am
All are welcome.
Please bring your mobile phone, if you have one, and download the 'Daily Prayer' app.

Supporting the Town Centre Mission (TCM)

Please consider supporting our Town Centre Mission chaplains.

Steph Littlejohn and Maria Farrant serve our community through their work as part-time TCM chaplains. Your financial support over the next few weeks would be greatly appreciated. For the past two years, their work has been funded by a £16,000 Diocesan Development Grant, matched by a further £16,000 from Parish funds. As we seek future grants from charitable trusts, businesses, and other donors, demonstrating strong local support will be invaluable in securing continued funding.

Every gift will help demonstrate that our community values this vital ministry and is committed to its future.

If you are able to contribute, please make your gift to the usual Bracknell Parish account, using the reference **"TCM funding."**

For further information, please speak to Steph or Maria, or to one of the PCC's Town Centre Mission Steering Group members: Russell Goodburn, Walter Mennie or Michael Mortimer.

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Week beginning 8th November

Our Parish

We pray for Holy Trinity, Mosaic, and the Town Centre Mission, and for our administrators, Linda and Sally. We especially pray for all those who are working so hard to support the life and ministry of our Parish during this period of vacancy. May they be strengthened and encouraged in all that they do.

We Pray for the Hungry

We pray for all those who are surviving on one meal a day or less, and for those who do not know where their next meal will come from, including people in our own country. We pray for international charities, such as the World Food Programme, bringing food and essential supplies to people in remote and troubled places. We also pray for our local charities, SHARE and the Food Bank, which provide much-needed food and support to those in need.

Persecuted Christians

We pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world. We especially remember Christians in Jordan following reports of a shooting at Hamoud Church, a Greek Orthodox church in the Karak Governorate, on Friday, 23rd October. We pray for all those who have been killed or injured, for their families and friends, and for the local Christian community as they come to terms with this tragedy. We pray for the authorities investigating the attack and ask that justice may be served and that peace may prevail.

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Loving God,
We remember with gratitude all who have given their lives in the cause of peace, and all who continue to suffer through war and conflict.
Help us to learn from the past, to cherish the gift of peace, and to show compassion, forgiveness, and love in our daily lives.
May we follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and work for a world where all may live in freedom and harmony. Amen.

A Prayer for our Vacancy

Faithful God, we thank you for your continuing faithfulness to Bracknell Parish and for all who serve you at Holy Trinity and Mosaic.
During this time of vacancy, guide us by your Holy Spirit, strengthen us in worship and fellowship, and help us to trust in your good purposes.
Grant wisdom and discernment to those seeking a new priest. Prepare the person whom you are calling, and prepare us to welcome them with generosity, faith, and love. Amen.

We Especially Pray For

Linda and Darren Edwards, Jean and Brian Sturges, Laura Chase, Rosalind Willatts, Ray Hobbs, Jemma Evans, and Richard Curtis.

We remember:

Jackie Pugh, Peter Evans, Richard Gibbs Shayan Cooper and all those who have died recently. We pray for Jackie's, Peter's Richard's and Shayan's families and friends, and for all who loved them as they grieve their loss. May they, and all who mourn, know God's comfort, peace and loving presence in the days ahead.

At Year's Mind: Sue Matthews, Roy Saunders. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prisoner of Conscience: Nargiz Absalamova

Nargiz Absalamova, aged 28, is an Azerbaijani journalist who has experienced police violence and harassment because of her investigative reporting. She has been detained on several occasions while covering protests in Azerbaijan.

Nargiz was arrested in December 2023 and charged with smuggling and subsequently with illegal entrepreneurship. In June 2025, she was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment and remains in prison at the Lankaran Penitentiary in Azerbaijan.

We pray for Nargiz's safety and well-being, for strength and hope during her imprisonment, and for justice and her eventual release. We remember her in our prayers once again, having last prayed for her in June 2025.

The full Prayer Diary can be found at this link on the parish website