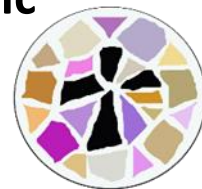




The Parish of Bracknell: Holy Trinity with Mosaic

Called together to make Christ known

Bulletin



16th & 23rd February 2025 3rd & 2nd Sundays Before Lent

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a **double issue** Bulletin for the 16th and 23rd February...

Lent is a time to go a little deeper in our faith as we journey towards Easter, so...

...we are joining in with the Oxford Diocese Lent Course 'Come and See' in the parish this year. The theme is understanding baptism.

Sign up for emails at: [Come and See 2025](#)

In addition, come and join us on Wednesday evenings to meet in a small group for discussion and sharing: 7.30 – 9.00 pm in Langley Hall - 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd, 9th and 16th April 2025.

There will, of course, be refreshments, maybe even cake...

To let us know you're coming, please email Beth: curate@bracknell-parish.org.uk

Find out more about the course at: [Come and See - Diocese of Oxford](#)



This Week

Sunday 16th February

- 8.00am Spoken Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
- 9.30am All-Age Communion at Holy Trinity followed by- refreshments
- 10.30am Mosaic Church at the Parks Community Centre

Thursday 20th February

- 10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

Next Week

Sunday 23rd February

- 8.00am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity
- 9.30am Service of the Word at Holy Trinity followed by refreshments
- 10.30am Mosaic Church with Communion at the Parks Community Centre

Thursday 27th February

- 10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

Next, Next Week

Sunday 2nd March

- 8.00am Spoken Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
- 9.30am Sung Communion at Holy Trinity followed by refreshments
- 10.30am Mosaic Church at the Parks Community Centre

Wednesday 5th March

- 7.00pm Ash Wednesday service with Communion and Ashing

Thursday 6th March

- 10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

Our open table group meets again on Sunday 23rd February in Langley Hall at 5.30pm

We welcome people of any faith, colour or background, and especially people of every gender identity and sexual orientation.

We look forward to this, our second meeting for sharing, reflection, prayer ... and Beth has a special game for us to play.

Join us in a safe space to be yourself.

At Holy Trinity there is a collection point for contributions for the ...



Our Foodbank is particularly in need of:
Aunty's steamed puddings, Long-life Orange juice, Biscuits, Microwave rice pouches, Tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn.

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 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.**

If you wish to add your child to the list or have any questions, contact Robin on 01344 593622 or email vicar@bracknell-parish.org



Ranelagh School
VALUES · TRADITION · VISION · EXCELLENCE

Youth Group and Confirmation Class

Join us again on March 9th
at Langley Hall 3.00—4.30pm

Confirmation Class, Games and Cake
For anyone yr6 and above

Bible Readings

Sunday 16th February, Holy Trinity

Jeremiah 17.5-10: *'Blessed are those who trust in the Lord...'*

Luke 6.17-26: *'Blessed are you who are poor.'*

Sunday 16th February, Mosaic Church

John 14.1-9: *'If you know me, you will know my Father'*

Thursday 20th February, Holy Communion 10.00am at Langley Hall *(Please do not arrive before 9.30am)*

John 4.1-41: *'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!'*

Sunday 23rd February, Holy Trinity

Revelation 4.1-6: *'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'*

Luke 8.22-25: *'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water...?'*

Sunday 23rd February, Mosaic Church

John 15.1-5: *'Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.'*

Thursday 27th February, Holy Communion 10.00am at Langley Hall *(Please do not arrive before 9.30am)*

1 Kings 19.4-13: *'... after the fire a sound of sheer silence.'*

Luke 10.38-42: *'... there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part.'*

Sparklers

Activities for primary age children at Mosaic: 10.30am - 16th February, 2nd March

Children's Activities

for primary age children at Holy Trinity: 9.30am - 9th March, 13th April

Coming Up...

Sunday 23rd March at 10.00am
All Parish Service at Holy Trinity
followed by the Annual Meeting.

There is no 8.00am service or Mosaic service
on March 23rd

- 30th March Mothering Sunday
13th April Palm Sunday
17th April Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Trinity 7.00pm
18th April Walk of Witness: Gather at 10.00 am at Langley Hall
Good Friday reflections and service at Holy Trinity between 12.00 and 3.00pm

A great big Thank You to everyone who supported our Christmas Tree Festival and the Carol singing at Waitrose.

Through these two events we have been able to send £608.00 to Refuge and £320 to Thames Hospice. We have received lovely letters from both charities. These are on the notice board at Holy Trinity and can be found at the end of this Bulletin.

Please do find time to read them and ... thanks again

Pray for the our Parish

We gather online at 8.30am on Saturdays 15th & 22nd February to give thanks for our blessings and pray for our needs

Follow this link:

[Parish Prayers](#)



Maintenance Morning

Our next Maintenance Morning at Holy Trinity is on Saturday, March 1st. As always there are numerous important small tasks and even some bits of gardening...

Please join us between 9.00am and midday – there *will* be drinks and biccies.

Thanks

Free Offer – BRF Bible Study Notes

Ian has a supply of past editions of the BRF Study notes for personal Bible Study which are available FREE to anyone who might be interested. This could be the beginning of a thrilling bible Study journey for you!

Give Ian a ring Ian on 07947 791196 for further information

[To find out more visit the BRF website by following this link.](#)



Electoral Roll.

If you wish to remain on the roll please ensure that you have completed a form by **February 23rd**. Forms are available at Mosaic and Holy Trinity and [are on the Parish Website at this link.](#)

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In week beginning 16th February we pray for:

Our Volunteers – those who help with maintenance morning, refreshments, welcoming, service leading, flower arranging, Children's Activities, PCC members

Refuge, we bring the work of the staff and volunteers of the charity Refuge before God, and give thanks for the many individuals and families helped by Refuge

The Hospitals, Surgeries and the Health Care Staff in our area, we give thanks for all the patients and families supported. We pray for the capacity crisis currently facing the whole NHS

Our Communities and Local Government, our Councillors and Local Authority staff .

Everyone struggling with the cost of living or having to find ways to live with poverty

News: Elections in Germany, the delicate situation in the Middle East

We especially pray for: Sue Parker, David Foster, Oscar Taylor, Tania, Alex and Murrion Garstang-Sivewright, Patricia Hughes, Ann Green

The family and friends of Melody Chakafa of the Loving Angels Team who died unexpectedly recently.

At Year's Mind: Phyllis Hughes, Marie Charlotte (Lottie) Brown, Alice Mary Hatcher, John Scott, John Pearson, William Lee, Sylvia Sugden, James Hunt, Kate Anderson

Prisoner of Conscience: Senior Pastor Bao Guohua and his wife Pastor Xing Wenxiang. They were detained in 2015 after criticising the Chinese Communist Party's cross removal policy in Zhejiang province and refusing to remove the cross from Holy Love Christian Church in Jinhua. In February 2016 they were found guilty of corruption and sentenced to 14 and 12 years respectively in prison, with expected release dates in 2029 and 2027. Bao remains in Qiaosi Prison Zhejiang and Xing in Zhejiang Women's Prison.

In week beginning 23rd February we pray for:

Our Children & Young people, Youth Group, Sparklers, children's activities at Holy Trinity

Mission Aviation Fellowship: we bring the work of the staff and volunteers, before God and give thanks for the many individuals and families helped by MAF

Older people: Care Homes, Bickerton House, Clement House Residents, visitors and Families

The Bracknell Deanery Churches, their clergy and lay staff

The Bracknell Churches and the work done across the town by all the denominations who meet in Christ's name

Everyone affected by homelessness

News: the possibility for peace in Ukraine, everyone trapped in the seemingly unstoppable war in Sudan

Especially we pray for:

Pippa Lloyd & family, Lucas Durand, Adelaide and Robert Bunker, Wendy Bennett, Jeff Dennis, Ann Warren

At Year's Mind: Fanny Bissell, William Bryan Skelton, Ellen Mary Edwards, Wendy Eggleton, Peter Stagg, Teresa Guest, Aubrey Austin James Finch, Diane Margaret Scurlock

Prisoner of Conscience: Former nurse and mother-of-four Shagufta Kiran (40) who was arrested in Pakistan's capital Islamabad in July 2021. She was accused of forwarding a WhatsApp message that contained blasphemy. Shagufta belonged to several interfaith WhatsApp groups where she defended her Christian faith. Since arrest she has been imprisoned in Adiala Central Jail, her case was repeatedly adjourned until September 2024, when she was sentenced to death. Shagufta is to appeal but to date no date is scheduled.

[The full Prayer Diary can be found at this link on the website](#)

22 January 2025



Thank you for your donation

To the Parish of Bracknell with Mosaic Church and congregations,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of £320 in support of Thames Hospice, your support is very much appreciated and will make a real difference.

With your help our medical, community, counselling and therapy teams can continue to provide their compassionate care for our patients and their families. To give you an idea of how this could help, £320 could pay for 2 of our Healthcare Assistants to visit 7 patients in the comfort of their own homes, making sure they have everything they need to be comfortable in a familiar environment surrounded by their loved ones.

It now costs £18.5 million every year to keep our Hospice running and we rely on charitable support to fund our services 365 days a year to the people who need us most.

We wouldn't be able to offer our services without the support of our lovely community; thank you once again for supporting Thames Hospice.

With heartfelt thanks,

Amie Carter
Community & Events Fundraising Assistant



Thursday, 23 January 2025

To our friends in the Parish of Bracknell & Congregation,

Thank you so much for **raising £608.00** towards Refuge's life-changing and life-saving services for women and children escaping domestic abuse, **through your collection**. This brings your overall total of giving to **£1,872.00 since 2023** which is incredible, and we are so grateful for the Parish of Bracknell's ongoing support for Refuge.

Every two minutes someone turns to Refuge for help. Your support will help us to continue to be a lifeline for survivors escaping domestic abuse. The amount you have raised **could help fund the running of the Helpline for six hours, providing life-saving information to women who wish to flee.**

For a survivor, leaving an abuser is difficult at any time – but unfortunately, we are learning that the cost-of-living crisis has made this even more difficult for some of our service users. Amara*, who is one of the survivors we have supported, explains:

"There are many questions that run through your mind when you think about leaving. Starting over and having to uproot your life in a completely new city is daunting but I absolutely know this was the right decision for me. Hearing that other survivors are having to weigh up the risks to their personal safety staying with a perpetrator or facing potential poverty by leaving is devastating.

As a single parent, the cost-of-living crisis is having a big impact – everyday costs are rising and it's a constant struggle to make my money work. I'm always anxious in case of unexpected expenses and the school holidays coming up mean more worries about how to afford to keep the cupboards full and keep my child entertained. It seems like there's no end in sight to this crisis."

Every day, thousands of women take the brave step to reach out for help or to escape life-threatening abuse. It is thanks to your generosity that we can continue to be there for women like Amara*, and for the many more women and their children who are yet to reach out.

Together, we can build a world where domestic abuse is no longer tolerated.

Yours sincerely,

Lottie Donovan
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*Name has been changed to protect identity