



# The Parish of Bracknell: Holy Trinity with Mosaic

*Called together to make Christ known*  
**Bulletin**



**26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Dear Friends,

In this season of Epiphany we have been thinking about Jesus, who he is, how he is known through the words of the Gospels. We learn more about Jesus through every story, the Three Wise Men, Changing Water into Wine, and Jesus telling us ‘I am the light of the word’, ‘I am the good shepherd’ ...

And who is the Jesus that we are learning of through these stories and words?

Who is this Jesus who is calling us to follow?

And what does this Jesus want us to **do**?

This has been a tumultuous week for Jesus, for God. If you have been hearing or reading the headlines from the other side of the Atlantic you may have some questions about some of the claims that have been made for God. Does God get into our politics and take sides?

We need to wonder and pray about the choices that we make. Have we been wrong about inclusivity and climate change? Does the Jesus we read about in the gospels want us to think about ourselves or others, to look to our care for the earth or to ‘drill, drill, drill’.

A sharp contrast has been drawn by Bishop Budde in Washington this week.

Things are not going to be easy, some of the views about which she spoke are very apparent in the words and actions of our own politicians and leaders.

And what does this Jesus want us to **do**?

How do we vote? What do we say? What do we buy? What do we read? What do we pray? What ...

## **This Week**

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

8.00am Spoken Holy Communion 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

5.30pm Open Table meeting in Langley Hall

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

## **Next Week**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Candlemas**

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

3.00pm Parish Christingle Service at Holy Trinity

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

## **Sparklers**

**Activities for primary age children at**

**Mosaic: 10.30am -**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

## **Children’s Activities**

**for primary age children at Holy**

**Trinity: 9.30am -**

**9<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April**

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



**Our Foodbank is particularly in need of:**  
**Long Life Fruit juice, Microwave rice,**  
**Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fruit**  
**Aunty's steamed puddings.**

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](mailto:vicar@bracknell-parish.org)



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## Youth Group and Confirmation Class

Join us again on February 9<sup>th</sup>  
at Langley Hall 3.00—4.30pm

**Confirmation Class, Games and Cake**  
**For anyone yr6 and above**

We have changed our Prayer Diary to make it user-friendly and accessible. By using a 4 week cycle we hope that our prayers will become more meaningful and deeper.

In week beginning 26th January 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**: People having to cope with the effects of storm Éowyn, those working towards maintaining the ceasefire in the Middle East.

**Especially we pray for:**

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

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

**At Year's Mind**: Edward Fielden, Daisy Young, Edith Muriel Harris

**Prisoner of Conscience**: Armenian citizen Hakop Gochumyan, 35, was arrested with his wife in Iran in August 2023. Both were subjected to psychological torture and intense interrogation. Hakop's wife Elisa was released in October 2023. In February 2024 Hakop was sentenced to 10 years in prison on the charge of 'Illegal Christian activity through membership and leadership in a network of Evangelical Christianity.' Hakop's appeal in June 2024 was unsuccessful.

We give thanks that Cuban Pastor, Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo, for whom we prayed last year, has been released.

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

## Electoral Roll

This year we are having to prepare a new Electoral Roll. This means that everyone has to re-register. If you wish to remain on the roll please ensure that you have completed a form. These are available at Mosaic and Holy Trinity and [are on the Parish Website at this link](#).



## Bible Readings

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Holy Trinity

1 Corinthians 12:12-31: *'For just as the body is one and has many members ... so it is with Christ.'*

Luke 4:14-21: *'Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee ... and was praised by everyone.'*

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Mosaic Church

John 6:29-35: *'... the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'*

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Holy Communion 10.00am at Langley Hall

*Please do not arrive before 9.30am*

Psalms 24:1-6: *'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it'*

Mark 4:21-25: *'For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light.'*

## Pray for Bracknell Parish

We gather online at 8.30am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January to pray for our parish and to give thanks for all that God has done amongst us

Follow this link:

[Parish Prayers](#)



## BRF - Bible Study Notes

Study notes for personal Bible Study are available from BRF. Ian Hughes manages our account and would be very happy to hear from anyone who would like to use these notes. Ring Ian on 07947 791196

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



## Candles for Ukraine

Have you any candles left-over from Christmas?

Please bring them to Holy Trinity so that they can be gathered together to be made into special light/heat candles for Ukraine - Thank you

## Maintenance Morning

Our next Maintenance Morning at Holy Trinity is on February 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

## Open Table Network

As part of our work towards developing as an Inclusive Church we are looking to establish an Open Table Network group which will welcome people of any faith, colour or background, and especially people of every gender identity and sexual orientation.

[More information about Open Table Network can be found at their website – follow this link](#)

We envisage a group which meets monthly. Meetings will include prayer, worship and, at times, Communion but there can also be other activities such as video or quizzes – plus, of course, refreshments. If you wish to help us get going please contact Robin ([vicar@bracknell-parish.org](mailto:vicar@bracknell-parish.org)) or Beth ([Curate@bracknell-parish.org](mailto:Curate@bracknell-parish.org)) Our first meeting has now been set for 5.30pm on January 26<sup>th</sup> – just turn up!

# Langley Hall Car-Park

There have been a number of occasions recently when the Langley Hall Car-Park has been used by unauthorised vehicles.

PCC is concerned about this and has developed a protocol for locking the Car-Park. We know that several congregation members use the car-park on occasion. It is not our intention to stop congregation members from using the car-park in this way. If you need to use the car-park then please read the Locking Protocol below. Linda, our Parish Administrator, is keeping a list of users. Please contact Linda to be added to the list, she will provide a pass and let you know the padlock code.

The car-park will be open, of course, for church events and services as usual.

## **Car-Park Locking Protocol.**

Wardens will determine periods when car-park will be locked, so the car-park may or may not be locked when you arrive.

If the car-park is locked when you arrive then you should lock the car-park as soon as you have parked. If you are alone then please lock the barrier so that you are 'locked in' and lock again after you leave;

If you are running a meeting or activity session then leave the barrier open for the duration of the session plus a few minutes before and after your hire period for loading etc. You should not arrive early and 'pop into town' leaving the car-park open. If you arrive early then lock the car-park and re-open the barrier for the hire period only.

After your session please check that all attendees have moved their cars before locking the barrier. If there is an unknown car in the car park do not lock it in. Please note that people attending your session must not leave their cars after your session, they must move them.

If the car-park is unlocked when you arrive please do not lock the barrier.

When leaving the barrier up please open the clasp and lock the padlock onto the pillar with the clasp open. This will prevent the lock being lost.

The code will be changed periodically, all legitimate users will be informed of any change. Do not share the code with others, especially attendees at any session/meeting that you host.

This protocol will come into force from January 27<sup>th</sup> 2025

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