



The Parish of Bracknell: Holy Trinity with Mosaic

Called together to make Christ known

Bulletin



2nd February 2025 – Candlemas

Dear Friends,

Writing these words this week takes on rather more significance than it may have done before.

Last Sunday we held our very first 'Open Table' meeting which was very well supported and is a great way forward in our endeavour to be welcoming and to provide a safe space for anyone who feels vulnerable or wary of church for any reason.

When we read of the lives of the faithful in New Testament times we see how it was through such meeting, sharing and listening that the church grew.

Are we prepared to show our friendship?

Do we vanish at the end of our services? Do we go for coffee?

Do we share in more than the worship? Do we stand still at the peace?

We are endeavouring to find ways to express the relationship of friendship that Jesus left us with...

'I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.' Jn 15.15

As Epiphany comes to an end it is worth reflecting for a moment on what this season has meant and what has been the impact of Christ being made visible in the world. We can talk about charity and worship and discipleship but we often seem to miss out the church. These were the groups that bravely gathered to pray and worship and give – yet we can overlook this and take our church for granted. It is in our relationships our welcome and appreciation of each other that the basis for everything else grows.

In a culture of individualism and, for many, isolation and loneliness, the opportunity to gather is essential. Jesus created a group of friends and from them the faith spread. As our church apparently dwindles in number perhaps we should try and regain more of that sense of friendship, we may find ourselves ending up with more friends that we ever imagined.

This Week

Sunday 2nd 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

Thursday 6th February

10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

Next Week

Sunday 9th 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 13th February

10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

Don't forget!

Parish Christingle Service at Holy Trinity
3.00pm on Sunday 2nd February
Fun for everyone – see you there



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



Our Foodbank is particularly in need of:
Long life orange juice, Cornflakes, Weetabix, Frosties etc., 100g small jars Instant coffee, Toilet rolls - 4 packs Long life semi skimmed milk.

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



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Youth Group and Confirmation Class

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

Confirmation Class, Games and Cake
For anyone yr6 and above

In week beginning 2nd February we pray for:

Our Parish, Holy Trinity and Mosaic, The Town Centre Mission, our administrators Linda and Sally

Everyone working in the local Police, Fire and Ambulance services. Those employed to manage our open spaces, collect the bins and who provide social and community services.

The many people who work for Charities and especially, in our local area Share and The Food Bank.

News: The loss of life and people displaced by the violent conflict in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo; the many people facing or experiencing deportation from the USA

Especially we pray for:

Linda & Darren Edwards, Andy Taylor, Jean and Brian Sturges, Laura Chase, Rosalind Willatts

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

At Year's Mind: Thomas Gordon Hobley, Raymond Allen Newman

Prisoner of Conscience: Leah Sharibu, 21, one of a group of 110 girls abducted from their school in Northeast Nigeria by Boko Haram, a faction of Islamic State West Africa Province, in 2018. . The other girls, who were Muslim, were released fairly quickly but Leah, a Christian, was kept a prisoner. The militants have said that she will only be released if she converts to Islam, and to date she has refused to do so. The militants have said that they will hold Leah as a 'slave for life'. Her exact whereabouts are unknown.

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



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](#).

Sparklers

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

Children's Activities

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

Bible Readings

Sunday 2nd February, Holy Trinity

Malachi 3:1,5: *'I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.'*

Hebrews 2:14-18: *'Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee ... and was praised by everyone.'*

Luke 2:22-40: *'Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout .. and the Holy Spirit rested on him.'*

Sunday 2nd February, Mosaic Church

Luke 2.22-35: *"I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"*

Thursday 6th February, Holy Communion 10.00am at Langley Hall

Please do not arrive before 9.30am

2Corinthians 4.5-12: *'... while we live, we are always being given up ... so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.'*

Mark 5:21-43: *'.. your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'*



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

Pray for our Parish

We gather online at 8.30am on Saturday 1st February to pray for our parish and to give thanks for all that God has done amongst us

Follow this link:

[Parish Prayers](#)



Maintenance Morning

Our next Maintenance Morning at Holy Trinity is on February 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

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.](#)



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Come and See – Lent Group



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.

There will be daily emails available with reflections, readings and encouragements. Each Sunday, there's a video from Bishop Steven, based on an aspect of baptism.

Come and See is suitable for all ages - children and young people get a weekly email with a film from young people their own age, plus an invitation to try a contemplative practice, if they like.

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](#)