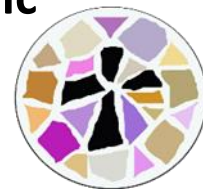




# The Parish of Bracknell: Holy Trinity with Mosaic

*Called together to make Christ known*

## Bulletin



9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Lent

Dear Friends,

Is this Spring for us?

Two years ago (or so) we asked ourselves what seasons we felt that we were in. Many felt that Spring was the best fit, as Covid faded away and new possibilities were being explored.

Have we seen green shoots?

Perhaps just one instance: there are lively children's groups (Sparklers) at Mosaic about twice a month and there are plans to expand this further. At Holy Trinity there are also regular children's activities, and we have our regular Parish Youth Group meeting monthly – currently preparing for Confirmation.

Time for us to reflect and be thankful to the commitment and energy of a dedicated pool of volunteers – thank you. Yet Spring does not stop, and the changes and growth that we are seeing will need even more nurture.

Our wonderful Town Centre Mission is moving into a new phase only part of which is funded at present – could you be the person that we need to seek further grants and seek other support?

Holy Trinity roof is in desperate straits and again PCC are looking for someone (or two!) who could seek grants etc. *while these are still around* – see <https://listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk/>

Might these be you? (or one of them, at least?)

We do rely on people stepping forward – please don't be shy! Either Robin or the Churchwardens would be very happy to hear from you.

And ... speaking of Churchwardens **please give a thought to stepping into Angela's place when she steps down in March.** The Churchwarden role is critical to the smooth running of the parish. If no one takes up the place Russell will be very hard pressed and some of the things we hope to achieve may well be shelved. The tasks are varied and interesting – but please note that the role of Safeguarding Officer is not part of the Churchwarden's job. We have just been fortunate that Angela has been willing to do both things.

Thank you for what has been done, and thank you, in anticipation for what is to come!

### This Week

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am Spoken Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

9.30am All-Age Communion at Holy Trinity followed by refreshments

10.30am Mosaic Church including Baptism at the Parks Community Centre

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

### Next Week

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

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



**Our Foodbank is particularly in need of: Orange squash or juice, Aunty's steamed puddings, 100 g Instant coffee jars, Jam Biscuits**

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**

In week beginning 9th February we pray for:

**Holy Trinity and Mosaic;** Clergy - Robin, Beth and Nicola, churchwardens Angela and Russell  
**Thames Hospice,** we bring the work of the staff and volunteers, before God and give thanks for the individuals and families helped by Thames Hospice

**Schools (Staff & Pupils):** Harman's Water, Holly Spring, Crown Wood, Ranelagh. We think of the learning of pupils and pray for their well-being and their families and homes

**Bishop Steven,** Bishop Mary, Archdeacon Stephen and all the diocesan and Archdeaconry staff.

**News:** The families and others affected following the shooting incident in Sweden last week, the establishment of a ceasefire and Democratic Republic of Congo following the withdrawal of Malawian troops

**We especially pray for:**

Nicole and Freya Evered, Koi Wan, Steve Clark, Clint Frost (Debbie and Ellen), Colin Latham Felix Dias  
The family and friends of Melody Chakafa of the Loving Angels Team who died unexpectedly recently.

**At Year's Mind:** Eva Bishop, Elsie Ellen Hewson, Mildred Maud Hutson, Sidney William Bowyer, Hans Jechnow, Herbert Woods, Janet Portnall

**Prisoner of Conscience:** Iranian Christian convert Mina Khajavi was detained in a raid on a house church in June 2020. Two years later Mina was sentenced to six years in prison for "acting against national security" through leading a house church. Following an unsuccessful appeal she began serving her sentence in January 2024. She is not due to be released until December 2029. The authorities have recently provided Mina with a bed that is suitable for her arthritis – before this she was forced to climb to an upper bunk every night. Recently-released prisoners say she has a positive attitude and high spirits.

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

## Sparklers

Activities for primary age children at Mosaic: 10.30am - 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



## Bible Readings

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Holy Trinity

1 Corinthians 15.1-11: *'... by the grace of God I am what I am ... his grace towards me has not been in vain'*

Luke 5.1-11: *'Jesus said ... 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ... they left everything and followed him.'*

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Mosaic Church

Luke 2.41-52: *'Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'*

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Holy Communion 10.00am at Langley Hall

*Please do not arrive before 9.30am*

Genesis 2.18-25: *'The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.'*

Mark 7:24-30: *'He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'*

## Pray for the Town Centre Mission

We gather online at 10.00am on  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
to pray for the Town Centre  
Mission and the Chaplains, Lynn  
and Steph  
Follow this link:

[Parish Prayers](#)



## 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...

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Forms are available at Mosaic and Holy Trinity and [are on the Parish Website at 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

12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:curate@bracknell-parish.org.uk)

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