### The Parish of Bracknell: Holy Trinity with Mosaic

## Called together to make Christ known Bulletin

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 Sunday next before Lent (Transfiguration)

#### Dear Friends,

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' (Matt 28.19-20)

We have been blessed with many Baptisms in the last couple of years. It is always a lovely occasion and such a privilege to be present at the beginning of each journey of faith and each welcome to the family of the church.

In the Church of England (CofE), which includes Mosaic and Holy Trinity, baptism (which some call Christening) is a vital first step. Traditionally this is followed by Confirmation. Baptism can be received by people of any age while Confirmation is for those who are of an age to make their own *confirmation* of the promises made on their behalf by Godparents at baptism.

We are currently holding confirmation sessions at our Parish Youth Group on the second Sunday of the month – see further on in this Bulletin.

There are those who feel that baptism is only for those who have made their own affirmation of faith and so do not wish to have children baptised. In this case the CofE offers the alternative of a 'Thanksgiving' service for children follow this link for the <a href="https://example.com/Thanksgiving Service">This service</a> is an opportunity for us to welcome children into our family without the promises of the baptism.

Traditionally Holy Communion has been reserved for those who are confirmed. However it is possible for people who have been baptised but are not yet confirmed, to take communion. Please ask Robin or Beth if you want to know more about this.

If you wish to discuss confirmation for yourself or your children, again please contact Robin or Beth; details at the end of the Bulletin.

#### **This Week**

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm Ash Wednesday service at Holy Trinity

with Communion and Ashing

#### Thursday 6th March

10.00am Holy Communion with Ashing at

Langley Hall followed by refreshments

#### **Next Week**

#### Sunday 9th March

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

#### Wednesday 12th February

7.30pm 'Come and See' group in Langley Hall

#### Thursday 13<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 in need of: 4 pack toilet rolls, Tinned tuna, Semi skimmed milk, Tinned fruit, Tinned tomatoes.

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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sharebracknell">https://www.facebook.com/sharebracknell</a>

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



#### **Youth Group and Confirmation Class**

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

Confirmation Class, Games and Cake For anyone yr6 and above

#### **Bible Readings**

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Holy Trinity

Exodus 34.29-35: 'Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.'

2 Corinthians 3.12-4:2: 'all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord ... are being transformed' Luke 9.28-36: '...the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.'

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Mosaic Church

Matthew 6.5-6: '... whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.'

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Holy Communion 10.00am at Langley Hall (Please do not arrive before 9.30am)

1Kings 18.17-21: 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.'

Luke 9.57-62: 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

## **Children's Activities**

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

## **Sparklers**

Activities for primary age children at Mosaic: 10.30am - 2<sup>nd</sup> March

#### **Maintenance Morning**

Our next Maintenance Morning at Holy Trinity is on Saturday, March 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** 

#### 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.

#### Coming Up...

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>

30th March Mothering Sunday

13<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday Service with washing at Holy

Trinity 7.00pm

18<sup>th</sup> 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

# Pray for the our Parish

We gather online at 8.30am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March to give thanks for our blessings and pray for our needs Follow this link:

Parish Prayers







In week beginning 2nd March 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 peace process for Ukraine, that a just settlement will be found; that work towards sustainable energy sources will continue, despite the current political opposition and diminishing investment

#### Especially we pray for:

Linda & Darren Edwards, Andy Taylor, Jean and Brian Sturges, Laura Chase, Rosalind Willatts At Year's Mind: Donald Starkey, Jill Carolyn Day, Christopher Augustus Knight, Eleanor North, Marian 'Billie' Hatcher, Raymond Jown, Joyce Mary Fulker, Primrose Eastwood Cutting, Ronald Henry Charles Gates

**Prisoner of Conscience:** Somayeh Rajabi, a Christian convert, has been detained by Iran's Republican Guard since February 6. Reports suggest that several agents raided a Christian gathering near Babol and confiscated Bibles, musical instruments, and communication devices. It appears that agents forcibly removed and destroyed cross necklaces worn by attendees and denied medical care to those injured during the incident. Somayeh managed to contact her family, informing them that she had been transferred to a prison in Sari.

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

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