

CHRISTMAS PARISH PRESS

CHRISTMAS 2025 - A CELEBRATION OF HOPE

Sentence

To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2.11

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
who gave your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary:
grant that we being born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,
ever one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Mark's Reflection

As Advent draws to a close, we turn again to Mary — young, humble, Christmas greetings to all – A Celebration of Hope

At Christmas we are reminded of the deep joy, peace, and hope that this season brings – a time of great celebration of Hope - a celebration of God's promise fulfilled through the birth of Jesus Christ. For us as Christians, hope is more than wishing for something good to happen - it is the confident assurance that God is faithful, and His promises are true.

We remember that God's greatest promise was fulfilled when He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. That gift of love assures us of forgiveness, peace with God, and eternal life. This is the hope we celebrate and the hope we are eager to share with our community.

Jesus said... “I have come into the world as light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness” John 12:46

As we gather there will be a time to celebrate with music, fellowship, and the good news of the birth of Jesus, and the hope it gives us. We come and discover the hope that Christmas brings - the hope that shines a light in every darkness, brings peace in troubled times, and reminds us that we are never alone.

May the true hope of Christmas fill your heart and home this season and always.

With blessings

Mark

Christmas Services 2025 - A Celebration of Hope

Christmas Eve

- 5.30pm Family Christmas Service. “The Nativity” with Carols

Midnight Mass with Carols

- 11.30pm (Carol singing from 11pm)

Christmas Day

- 9.30am Christmas Communion and Carols

Christmas Greetings from the Parish Team

The team here at Holy Trinity Surrey Hills wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are looking forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

January Notices

- No mid-week services recommence on the 14th of Jan
- The 8am Sunday Services recommence again on the 11th of Jan

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymen, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Sue Hand, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Hayden Daley, Joy Hayman, Mark, Paul Carver.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Sylvia McQueen nee Taylor, James Scarrebrook, Kerry Albert, Dorothy Bower, Raymond Dickason, Jillian Sullivan, Jon Allen Baker, Edward “Ted” Amery Hall.

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Office closed until the 12th of January.

Sunday

9.30am Sung Holy Communion Service followed by morning tea

Readings next week

Monday	Luke 2.22-35
Tuesday	Luke 2.36-40
Wednesday	John 1.1-18
Thursday	Luke 2.15-21
Friday	John 1.19-28
Saturday	John 1.29-34
Sunday	
	Isaiah 60.1-6
	Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14
	Ephesians 3.1-12
	Matthew 2.1-2

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