



Sunday 7th January

Epiphany

Readings: *Isaiah 60: 1-6 (615/LP599)*
& *Matthew 2: 1-12 (800/LP772)*

TODAY – SUNDAY 7th JANUARY

9.30am – HOLY COMMUNION at Cafe Church

Holy Trinity with St Francis

11am – ALL AGE MORNING WORSHIP

St. Mary's

4pm – ALL AGE FUN @ 4

Holy Trinity with St Francis

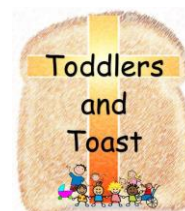
MONDAY 8th JANUARY

9am – 11am – TODDLERS & TOAST

Holy Trinity with St. Francis

1 – 3pm – CRAFTY TIME

Holy Trinity with St Francis



TUESDAY 9th JANUARY

10.30am – SALT (Sharing and Learning Together)

Holy Trinity with St Francis

7 – 7.30pm – ZOOM EVENING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY

9am -11am – DROP IN CAFE with jigsaw and book swap

& Prayers at 11am - *Holy Trinity with St. Francis*

5.30 – 7pm – YOUTH GROUP for Year 6 upwards – *The Rectory*

THURSDAY 11th JANUARY

5.30 – 7pm – COMMUNITY CHOIR

Holy Trinity with St Francis

7.30pm – NOTTINGHAM CITY PRAYER & WORSHIP EVENING

for the beginning of the New Year

St. Nic's, Nottingham (meet at Holy Trinity tram stop at 6.45pm)

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY

9am - 4pm – LADY CHAPEL CLEAN UP

Holy Trinity with St Francis

Hello everyone and a Happy New Year to you from Penny...

I've been reflecting on the weeks leading up to Christmas, wow it was certainly busy and so joyful. We took assemblies out to all of the primary schools in Clifton and each school had a Christmas Experience for Year 1 and Year 4, either in the church or in the school.

It was truly amazing to spend time with the young people in our parish. Yes, I did draw the short straw with my inflatable costume, but I so enjoyed it. We were getting the children to think about the best bit of Christmas; the Christmas tree (Lydia), the turkey (Penny), Father Christmas (Gill), and to bring us all to our senses, Esther and baby Noah told us that Christmas is all about a baby!

We had about 2000 contacts with young people in December, how blessed are we in the parish to have that opportunity! Please join us in praying that some of the seeds planted will grow and bear fruit this year and we see those children come to more church events and grow up knowing Jesus in their lives.

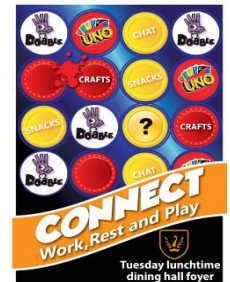
Thank you to everyone involved with our Sunday young people's groups, Youth group, Toddlers, Festive Fun, Messy Church, community cinema, assemblies and church visits, Christingles, all of the Christmas services, and our community Christmas dinner, we couldn't have done this without everyone joining in - You are truly amazing.

2024 - We've been praying and making plans for this year, and we would love you to pray with us as we discern where God is leading us in 2024 and beyond.

Here's a few of our new adventures:

CONNECT

On Tuesday 8th January we are starting weekly visits into Farnborough to support young people during lunchtime, with games and crafts.



WEEKDAY WORSHIP for families

We've been praying and discerning how to provide worship for young people and families in our parish who aren't able to come along on a Sunday.

PLAY AND PRAISE

We are planning to start a weekly Play and Praise, a Toddler Group at St Marys, Starting on Tuesday 2nd April in the afternoon. We are looking for volunteers who could support us with this please. If you can help in any way please let me know.

TEACHERS

We are also discerning how we might be able to support the teachers in our parish with all the wonderful work they do.

Lots of exciting possibilities for 2024 - please pray as we take things forward for the young people and families in our parish.

Proverbs 22:6 –

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all of their lives.

Much love, Penny

Photo highlights from December

Festive Fun

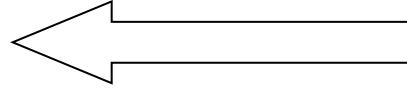


Advent Group at the Rectory

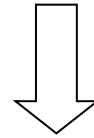




School Assemblies



Messy Church





***Youth Group
Christmas Party***



***Carol Singing at the
Fairham Pub***



***Remembering
loved ones
at Christmas***

Charity Coffee Morning at St. Mary's



Carol Service



Volunteers needed

**to help clean the LADY CHAPEL
following the refurbishment**

Saturday 13th January – 9am – 4pm

If you can help please speak to Lydia or Matthew Riley

YOUTH GROUP

All young people Y6 – Y13 are welcome at the Rectory from 5.30 – 7pm on the following dates for tea and fun:

Wednesday 10th January

Tuesday 16th January

Wednesday 24th January

Tuesday 30th January

Wednesday 7th February

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Clifton Cornerstone, 571 Southchurch Drive, NG11 8EW
2-4pm last Tuesday of each month – except bank holidays.

Don't grieve alone

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?

Would you like the chance to meet others in a similar situation?

Nottinghamshire Hospice are providing support sessions where you can chat through your feelings in a safe space, with expert bereavement counsellors on hand.

No need to book – just drop in!

For more info, call the Bereavement Team on 0115 9621222

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY – 2nd of Epiphany

9.30am – MORNING WORSHIP at Cafe Church – *Holy Trinity with St. Francis*

11am – HOLY COMMUNION with Shooting Stars Group – *St. Mary's*

4pm – FUN @ 4 with groups for children - *Holy Trinity with St. Francis*

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- YOUTH GROUP – Tuesday 16th January – 5.30 – 7pm – *The Rectory*
- MESSY CHURCH – Saturday 20th January – 4 – 5.30pm - *HTwSF*
- COMMUNITY CINEMA – Saturday 3rd February – *HTwSF*
- PCC Meeting – Monday 5th February – 7.30pm – *HTwSF*

Collect for Epiphany:

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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