

PARISH DIARY

Sun 4th from 9.30 am Parish Breakfast (HT)
Epiphany 11.00 am Breakfast Church (HT)
followed by refreshments
This service is also available live on our Facebook page.

Mon 5th 8.30 am Morning Prayer (CC)
3.00 pm Holy Communion at Sandstone Court

Tue 6th

Wed 7th 10.30 am Midweek Eucharist followed by refreshments (CC)

Thu 8th 4.00 pm Holy Hour (CC)

Fri 9th

Sat 10th

Sun 11th 9.15 am The Eucharist followed by refreshments (CC)
Baptism of Christ 11.00 am The Eucharist followed by refreshments (HT)



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To Book Weddings and Baptisms

Come to the Church Office at Holy Trinity Church, Hadley on any Monday (except Bank Holidays) 6.30 ~ 7.30 pm or join us for Parish Breakfast on the 1st Sunday of the month at Holy Trinity from 9.30 am, or contact the Vicar (details above).

Would you like to Hire our Meeting Room at Holy Trinity?

The Meeting Room is available to hire for Meetings, Family Parties and other occasions. Further details and a Booking Enquiry Form are available in the Contact section of our website: oneparish.org.uk/contact/ or contact Ann Jones on ☎ 07866 142096 or ✉ anncm.jones@live.co.uk

Making a payment or donation to us?

Our account details are:

One Parish PCC
20-85-46 50264415

HHT & WCC Fees
20-85-46 13162540

Please ensure that cheques are made payable to the appropriate account name above, otherwise the bank may reject the cheque. Better still, pay us by BACS.



The Parish of Hadley Holy Trinity
and Wellington Christ Church

One Parish ✱ Working Together
to serve the people of Apley, Hadley, Leegomery,
Arleston and South Wellington



Year A
4th January
2026

Epiphany

Collect for Epiphany

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings and Hymns

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12



Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 12th January - Pastoral Care Team
Monday 26th January - Parochial Church Council
Monday 9th February - Pastoral Care Team
Monday 23rd February - Standing Committee



Mission Collection

Christ-Centred Compassionate Collaborative Joyful Bold



CAP (Telford)



WELCOME To all who join us for worship this week



At services of Holy Communion we invite all full or communicant members of Christ's church to share with us in the Holy Sacrament.



Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad



Becoming
Dementia Friendly Church
2024-2025

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For People:

For Ann and Mike; Arjan; Ben; Carrie-Ann; Debbie; Eileen; Fr David; Geoff; Guofen; Harrison; James; Jenny; Jo and Mart; Joe; Linda; Lynn and Bernard; Peter, Shirley and David; Richard and Heather; Scott; Sue; Stephen; Steve; Stuart; Tom;

Our Community and Nation:

For families as they struggle to meet the challenge of rising inflation, and for the government and trade unions as they attempt to reconcile their differences in the current economic climate.

Our World:

Those affected by earthquakes, cyclones, floods, wild fires and other weather related disasters.

The people of Ukraine, the Middle East and other areas of conflict, especially those attempting to bring peace and reconciliation.

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Bishop of London, appointed as the new Archbishop of Canterbury and who will be collated in January..

Our Mission Collection:

CAP (Christians Against Poverty): CAP are passionate about releasing people in our nation from a life sentence of debt, poverty and their causes. Through their services, which are all run through local churches, they are tackling poverty head on. Their vision is to bring freedom and good news to people in every community and have helped more than 33,000 people become debt free since 2010.

The CAP project in Telford started in December 2015.

Our Church and Parish:

For the parish clergy, churchwardens, PCC, congregations and all residents of our parish.

The Faithful Departed:

For Henry Norton; Malcolm Smith; Alan 'Tiger' Titley;

New Year Cheer from Nick, our PCC Treasurer

Fantastic efforts for the Christmas Events we have had and associated fundraising;

Gallery Singers Concert: £240; Christmas Festival: £1,010; Elvis tickets and bar: £1,752; Grand Christmas Raffle: £1,107

Thank You to all the organisers, volunteers and those who purchased tickets, festive food, drinks, gifts and had Christmas tomfoolery.



Goodwill is for life, not just for Christmas

At this time of year, many still seek out the 1946 film, "It's a Wonderful Life." In it an angel visits a frustrated businessman at Christmas. The angel shows him the value of his life, letting him glimpse how things would have been if he had never been born.

How then to value the birth of Jesus Christ, the baby whom Christians acclaim as Emmanuel, 'God with us'? The angels' message on a hillside by Bethlehem over 2000 years ago: 'Peace on earth, goodwill to all' has given us the enduring association of 'goodwill' with Christmas.

Goodwill, that subversively inoffensive Christmas gift, can nudge us into a generous act, a kind word, a forgiving conversation, being less grumpy and can even transform relations between people and groups. Showing goodwill puts others first whether we hardly feel it or if it comes at great cost or risk to our life.

Recent barbarous events in Sydney moved me to great sorrow and much prayer, and also showed the power of goodwill. Ahmed al-Ahmed, a bystander, put himself at grave risk, halting a terrorist's murderous rampage through those celebrating the Jewish festival of lights, Hannukah, which prompts adherents to acts of kindness. His actions were costly for him; for those whose lives were spared, they were transformative.

His act brought light into the darkness of murder. He did not ask who those at risk were; he did not check that they were people like him; he did not judge whether they deserved to be saved; he acted because goodwill to others flourished in his heart.

Goodwill is and always should be gloriously indiscriminate. In this case, its unfettered power was that a Muslim man defended a Jewish community in a country where the majority affiliation is Christian.

That is deeply subversive: reminding us that goodwill is for all, just as the God who comes at Christmas is for all, and also not just for Christmas, but forever too. Likewise, the goodwill the angels proclaimed is not just for a season but for an age lasting for as long as Christ is with us: also forever.

In an era where we are rightly concerned about those who are weaponising and politicising Christian faith, perhaps the antidote is instead to weaponise goodwill. As a feeling on its own it will achieve nothing, but if we let the feeling prompt us to action it can light a thousand candles in the darkness.

As the poet Henry Longfellow wrote:

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men." (19th century archaic language)

May you have a joyous Christmas season in which much goodwill flows.

The Rt Revd Dr Michael Igrave, Bishop of Lichfield



Holy Hour

Christ Church ☒ Thursday @ 4.00 pm

An opportunity to pray, to wait and to listen,
in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Monday 5th January at 3.00 pm
Holy Communion at Sandstone Court

**All
Welcome**