

## 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

### Today's Worship

9.15am	Time for God, Loddington
10.00am	Family Communion, Rushton
10.00am	Tea & Toast Christingle Service, Thorpe Malsor
10.45am	Parish Communion, Rothwell
6:00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols, Rothwell

Hymns at Rushton	471, 401, 522, 467
Hymns at Rothwell	620, 513, 580, 612

### Week Commencing 15th December

Monday	10:00am	Trinity Threaders, Holy Trinity
Tuesday	9:00am	Winter Café, Holy Trinity
	10:45am	Julian House Group
	11:50am	Montsaye school visit, Holy Trinity
	12:30pm	Funeral of John (Jack) Williams, St Leonard's
	7:00pm	Carol singing, Rothwell Market Square
Wednesday	7:30pm	Bell Ringers practice, Holy Trinity
Thursday	10:00am	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity
	1:45pm	Sunbeams, Holy Trinity
Saturday	9:30am	Café St Leonard, Loddington Village Hall
	4:00pm	Christingle Service, Holy Trinity

### Next Sunday      Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.45am	All Together Service, Rothwell
4:00pm	Carol Service, Loddington
6:00pm	Carol Service, Rushton

## **Collect**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## **Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind. What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes. Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## Notices:

**Church Magazine** – All articles for **January's** issue to Janet Ray by **19<sup>th</sup> December**  
[magazineholyltrinity@gmail.com](mailto:magazineholyltrinity@gmail.com)

**Charity of the month** – During **December** Holy Trinity church are supporting **Cransley Hospice**.

**16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas buffet lunch in Rushton Village Hall to help to keep the Community bus running. Caterers, raffle and a singer, **£10 per head**. If we get 12 people, they will provide transport for **£2.50 each**. Please ring Mike Brightman: Tel **07850236833**.

### **21<sup>st</sup> December**

- Carol Service, St Leonard's @ **4:00pm**.
- Carol Service, All Saints @ **6:00pm**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December** – Carol singing outside St Leonard's @ **6:00pm**.

### **24<sup>th</sup> December**

- Crib Service, Thorpe Malsor @ **3:00pm**
- Crib Service, Holy Trinity @ **4:00pm**
- Christmas Family Communion, All Saint's @ **6:00pm**
- Midnight Mass, Holy Trinity @ **11:30pm**

### **25<sup>th</sup> December**

- Family Service at St Leonard's @ **9:30am**.
- Family Communion at Holy Trinity @ **10:00am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026** – Messy Church (Epiphany) at Holy Trinity church from **2:00pm – 4:00pm**. There will be a variety of self-led stations with messy crafts for the whole family to join in together. Please contact Zoe Deag if you wish to attend: [zoe.deag@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.deag@gmail.com)

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Holy Trinity Trust presents a Twelfth Night celebration at the Methodist church @ 7:00pm. Supper included. Tickets **£10** available from Gillian Sewell on **07769 748135** or E Mail [gilliansewell7@gmail.com](mailto:gilliansewell7@gmail.com)

## **Readings for the Week**

<b>Monday:</b>	Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17, Psalm 25.3-8, Matthew 21.23-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13, Psalm 34.1-6, 21-22, Matthew 21.28-32
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Genesis 49.2, 8-10, Psalm 72.1-5, 18-19, Matthew 1.1-17
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jeremiah 23.5-8, Psalm 72.1-2, 12-13, 18-end, Matthew 1.18-24
<b>Friday:</b>	Judges 13.2-7, 24-end, Psalm 71.3-8, Luke 1.5-25
<b>Saturday:</b>	Isaiah 7.10-14, Psalm 24.1-6, Luke 1.26-38

### **Please Pray for**

The family and friends of John Williams as they prepare to say their final farewells next week and all other families that have recently experienced bereavement.

The safe return and protection of all missing people & strength & guidance for their families awaiting news of their loved ones.

Families experiencing financial stress at Christmas and that they enjoy a peaceful, happy time with their family and friends.

Peace in all countries affected by war and conflict and all experiencing famine and natural disasters.

### **Intercession List**

Olivett, Edra Cooper, Anne Sloan

### **Departed**

John (Jack) Williams, Matthew Hake, Revd Mike Cameron

**Please let Dawn Cooper know of names to be added to our Intercession list to be included in our Prayers for one month unless notified otherwise. Tel 07955 119099 (Tuesday to Thursday between 9:00am – 5:00pm) or E Mail: [treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk)**