



What's On

BChurch Rhyme & Bounce

Mondays | 11:00am | Holy Trinity Church Hall

For pre-school children and their carers, with music, songs, and fun.

BChurch Tots

Wednesdays | 10:30am | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Playtime and socialising time for pre-school children and their carers.

BChurch Kids Club

Wednesdays | 6:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Games, crafts, and loads of fun for primary school aged children.

BChurch Drop-In

Wednesdays | 3:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

A place for young people to enjoy games, snacks, chill and chat after school.

Coffee & Chat

Tuesdays | 10:30am | Holy Trinity Church Hall

The Long Table

Second Wednesday of the month | 5:30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

A monthly gathering where we eat together and build friendships.

Coffee Hour

Third Tuesday of the month | 10:30am | St Patrick's Church Hall

Knitting & Crochet Club

Thursdays | 10:30am-12:00pm | St Patrick's Church Hall

Baby +

Saturdays | 10:30am | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Providing new and good quality pre-loved clothes for babies, toddlers and children.

Space to Pray

Wednesdays in Advent | 7:30pm - 8:30pm | Holy Trinity Church

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be busy, and it can be hard to find space for prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts once more to hear afresh the good news of the birth of Jesus. Each Wednesday evening in Advent, (30 Nov, 7, 14, 21 Dec) Holy Trinity will be open for space to pray – there will be prayer points and some written prayers available, or you can just be still in the presence of the Lord. Everyone is welcome – for the whole hour, or just for part of it.



PEACE

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given

Isaiah 9:6

Sunday at BChurch

Join us as we meet to worship God together.

Holy Trinity, Banbridge

8:30am Holy Communion

9:45am Morning Prayer
(Holy Communion first Sunday of each month)

11:15am Morning Worship
(Holy Communion third Sunday of each month)

7:00pm Evening Worship

St Patrick's, Seapatrick

10:00am Morning Prayer
(Holy Communion fourth Sunday of each month)

BChurch Kids

BChurch Kids | 10:00am | Seapatrick Church

BChurch Kids | 11:15am | Holy Trinity Church

BChurch Crèche | 11:15am | Holy Trinity Church

BChurch Youth

10:00am | St Patrick's Church

11:15am | Holy Trinity Church

Children and young people worship together with our church family and have the opportunity to leave part way through the service for their own programmes.

BChurch Inspire Youth Fellowship

7:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the ministry and mission of the Church during this year, to everyone who prays for the life and work of the Church, and to everyone who gives generously to support the ministry and mission of the Church, your giving enables us to make a difference in many people's lives. Thank you.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Christmas!

Find out more of what's on over this Christmas season on the enclosed leaflet, do plan to join us as we celebrate Christ the newborn King!

Rector's Letter

I'm fortunate that Joan looks after almost everything to do with our personal preparations for Christmas. She puts up the tree and the Christmas decorations, she buys the presents, and she orders and prepares the food. The Christmas cake and puddings have been made. Please don't judge me too harshly: it's not that I'm sitting around doing nothing while Joan is busy.

The days and weeks leading up to Christmas can be very busy for some people, with preparations to be made, presents to buy, concerts and carol services to attend, as well as the normal routines and responsibilities of life. In addition to all of these things some people are living with their own personal challenges linked to their health or the health of a loved one or a friend, to bereavement, to their finances or other issues.

Although many people look forward to Christmas with anticipation, others do not. Some people may feel isolated or lonely as Christmas approaches, others may remember previous Christmases where life was very different.

Whatever our life experiences have been and are, whatever our cares and concerns, whatever our hopes and expectations as we look forward to Christmas, please remember what we celebrate at Christmas - the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Son of God into the world. He is called 'Emmanuel', which means God with us.

The Son of God set aside His divine rights and privileges, to come and live in the world God had created, among the people God had created. An angel of the Lord appeared to a young woman called Mary. He told her that she had found favour with God, that she was going to become pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit and give birth to a son, who was to be called Jesus.

We should never underestimate the significance of the birth of Jesus, the coming of God the Son into the world, nor should we underestimate the significance of His earthly life and ministry, of His crucifixion, death and resurrection. They declare and confirm God's love and care for each one of us as individuals, God's love and care for you.

He wants each one of us to know Him as Emmanuel - God with us, in a real and personal way. That's why He came, that's why He died on the cross as He paid the penalty for our sin, He made forgiveness of sin and a restored relationship with God available to all who turn to Him and put their trust in Him as their Saviour.

No matter what our life experiences have been or are, God reaches out to us with love, grace and mercy. He wants us to know the renewing presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the joys and challenges of life, to know that He is 'Emmanuel - God with us' in every aspect and circumstance of life. Talk to Him, talk to Him about your questions, your concerns, your doubts, and your hopes.

As we look forward to Christmas, as we celebrate Christmas, and as we begin a new year, may you know, truly know God as Emmanuel - the One who is with you. May you know His presence and His peace with you, now and always.



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Pray Together

As a church we believe that prayer has the power to transform the world around us. We encourage you to take five minutes to pray each day.

Praise God

Praise God for the gift of His Son Jesus, given to be our Saviour. Give thanks for His love for us and pray that we would find our ultimate joy in Him and knowing that we are loved by God, and therefore seek to live our lives for Him.

Community

Pray for those in our community and those known to you who are going through difficult circumstances, whether through grief, illness, loneliness or particular anxieties. Pray for God's peace, provision, and healing upon them, and for wisdom to those who are ministering to their needs.

BChurch

Give thanks that we can encourage each other in faith and holiness. Pray that we would be eager to practice our spiritual disciplines of prayer and bible reading. Pray that we'd be quick to look at what God is teaching us in these times; that we'd grow in trust, joy, and dependence on God, and know His peace.

Celebrate Christmas at BChurch

Carols and Readings

Sunday 18 December at 10:00am, St Patrick's Church

Carols and Readings by Candlelight

Sunday 18 December at 7:00pm, Holy Trinity Church

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion at 11:15pm, Holy Trinity Church

Christmas Day

8:30am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10:00am Holy Communion, St. Patrick's Church

11:00am Christmas Celebration, Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 11 December at 10:00am

BChurch Kids in St Patrick's will be taking us on a journey of reflection as we think about the Saviour of the world being born in a manger. After the service all are welcome for refreshments in the Church Hall.

Sunday 18 December at 11:15am

BChurch Kids and Youth at Holy Trinity will be involved in sharing the Christmas story at the 11:15am service. After the service all are welcome for refreshments in the Church Hall.

Carols on the Green

Sunday 18 December at 4:00pm | Seapatrick Village

Join us for carol singing and refreshments on the Green in Seapatrick Village, as we sing of the joy of Christmas and share this joy with others in our community! We'd love to see you and your family and friends there!

Carols by Starlight

Thursday 22 December at 7:00pm | Holy Trinity Church

After a great evening of carols under the stars last year, we're looking forward to this year's Carols by Starlight, with all your favourite carols. We are delighted that Dynamic Brass will be present to play and lead us in singing carols. Spread the word and invite others to come with you!

The collection will be for B Positive, the charity was formed by Adam, Sara and David Watson following Adam's cord blood transplant in May 2021 which changed his blood group from O+ to B+. The charity's aim is to help improve patient and parent experience while staying on the Children's Cancer Ward at The Royal Victoria Hospital for Sick Children.

There will be a few parking spaces for those who have Blue Badges and some seats available for those who need them. Please get in touch with the Office if you need to book a car parking space.

please see overleaf to discover more of what's on



Celebrate Christmas & New Year

Nativity Comes to Life!

Saturday 17 December at 3:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Grounds | Free Event

Come for a walk around the church grounds between 3:00pm - 4:30pm. Visit the shepherds and their sheep, pet the donkey in the stable, hear the angels sing, and find out how all these people and animals fit into the greatest story ever told - the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Son of God into the world! Join us for tea, coffee, or hot chocolate to finish off a great afternoon. Everyone is welcome!

Love Remembers - Afternoon Tea

Sunday 11 December at 3:00pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Recognising that Christmas can be a difficult season, individuals and families who are grieving the loss of a loved one, or especially missing a loved one at this time, are invited to Afternoon Tea, as we remember, give thanks, and support and encourage one another. All are welcome.

Epiphany Day of Prayer

Friday 6 January from 7:00am - 7:00pm | Holy Trinity Church

To mark Epiphany - when the wisemen came to worship the new-born King - and to prepare our hearts for all that 2023 will hold, we are holding a Day of Prayer.

You're invited to sign up for a 30 minute slot, during which time you will have the prayer space to yourself. While some might enjoy the space to be still and quiet in prayer, there will also be some prayer aids available - and the time always goes more quickly than you might expect! You can sign up for a prayer slot by going to our website (bchurch.co.uk) or by getting in touch with the Parish Office.

At 7:00pm, we'll unite all our prayers together and join as a church family for a short service. There's no need to sign up for the service - so come along and bring a friend!

BChurch New Year Lunch

Sunday 8 January at 12:15pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

We are inviting everyone to enjoy lunch together. No matter what service you attend, please do come for lunch. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Church family to renew friendships and make new ones.

The lunch is free, but there will be a basket at the door for those who would like to make a donation to cover the costs. Please make a special effort to come and invite others. It would be helpful for catering purposes if you would let us know you are coming. Please sign-up at bchurch.co.uk or contact the Parish Office: 028 4062 2744.

Hope Explored

Thursday 2 February 2023 | Holy Trinity Church Hall

Where can you find a hope that will never disappoint? This three week course explores the great and unfailing hope we find through Jesus Christ! It's open to everyone, so save the date and spread the word - everyone needs hope!

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