

# Holy Trinity News January 2014

## Dates of services and events

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am: Sung Eucharist celebrant Rev Ken Gibson.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 10am: Holy Communion celebrant Bishop Nigel.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am: Sung Eucharist celebrant Canon Bill McAusland.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm: Joint Vestry Meeting with Bishop Nigel at Holy Trinity.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 10am: Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament- Bill McFawns (Lay Reader).

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am: Sung Eucharist celebrant Bishop Nigel, Traidcraft Sale to follow service.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm: Vestry Meeting in church hall.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10am: Holy Communion celebrant Canon Bill McAusland.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30am: Joint Service at Holy Trinity celebrant Rev Ken Gibson.

## **Christmas celebrations**

The church was beautifully decorated for our Christmas worship. Services were well attended and enjoyed by the congregation and their friends and relations. It's always nice to see our former Young Church people home for the holidays. Our final Christmas celebration was the Evening Epiphany Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January, which was followed by lovely food and another of Derek's "killer" quizzes, won by Chris Rogers.

## **Vacancy news**

The Holy Trinity Vestry will be meeting with Bishop Nigel and Holy Rood Vestry on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. We hope to have a clearer idea of how we can proceed and will bring you news of this meeting in the February edition of this newsletter.

Some members of the congregation joined vestry members for an informal conversation after a Sunday service in December. Derek and Fiona led two groups in discussions about "hopes and fears for the future", "what kind of priest are we looking for", "can we afford to fund a priest", "what would you like to see at Holy Trinity". The views and ideas expressed were noted down and will be used to help inform our discussions with the Bishop and Holy Rood Vestry.

## **Lectionary Year Gospel Readings**

2014 started at the beginning of January however the church year starts on Advent Sunday. (1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2013 this year)

We use a Three Year Lectionary that lists the readings for each Sunday service. We are now in Year A and most of our gospel readings will be from Matthew. Next year will be Year B and the gospel readings will be taken from Mark. Year C has Luke as its source. There is no one year for John's gospel as it is used every year to supplement that year's gospel, especially at Easter and Christmastime.

If anyone is interested in Studying Matthew's gospel please let a member of the Ministry Team know and we can perhaps incorporate this into our Lent Studies.

## **Advent Appeal**

Our Advent Appeal for the people of Swaziland was launched at the beginning of December at the Evening Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January donations were returned at the Epiphany Service.

If you have a donation that has not yet been returned please bring it to any service in January.

## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is an important area that concerns the vestry. We are good at taking care of our buildings but taking care of our members is just as important and sometimes not as easy.

The Ministry Team and the Pastoral Care Group need to know when Holy Trinity folk are unwell or unable to come to church. Please let us know if you would like a visit from someone in the ministry team or if you would prefer a visit from one of the Pastoral Group. If you know of someone who is in hospital or ill at home please let us know.

We have been lucky with the weather so far this winter but if you find that you are unable to come to church because of snow or slippery pavements please contact the Ministry Team if you would like to receive Home Communion.

We all need to take care of one another, especially now during a vacancy. If you require pastoral care, hospital visits or have any other enquiries please contact a member of the Ministry Team.

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