

## INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

THE PARISH OF AMBLECOTE HOLY TRINITY  
26 December 2021

**THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH: we pray for those who teach and guard the faith in this diocese:**

- ✠ John, our Bishop
- ✠ Martin of Dudley
- ✠ Justin of Canterbury

**for our sisters and brothers in other places...**

The Church of the Province of South East Asia, with their Archbishop, ✠ Melter Tais  
The Diocese of Mikkeli (Finland), with their Bishop, ✠ Karl Veiteberg  
The Diocese of Chichester (Canterbury), with their Bishop, ✠ Martin Warner

**for our fellow Christians in Stourbridge...**

The congregation who meet at the Brickworks Church Plant, and their Pastor, Fred Swartz

**SOCIETY AND THE WORLD: we pray for...**

- Elizabeth our Queen and those who hold authority in her name
- Greater honesty and integrity from politicians
- The leaders of all nations; for wisdom and kindness
- Those whose research helps counter the new variants of Covid
- Greater care of the earth and her resources

**OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITIES: we pray for...**

- Our parishioners, especially those living in Trefoil Gardens, Trinity Road, Troutbeck Drive, Vale Street, Vicarage Close, and Vicarage Road
- Those serving prison sentences  
*and that God will bless all that is good in our lives and relationships*

**THOSE IN NEED KNOWN TO US:**

**for the healing and comforting of...**

Susan Lyall	Jill Nicholls
Sue Tucker	Catherine Gould
Eileen Potter	Hilary Atkins
Elizabeth Wyatt	Charlie Secker
Winnie Tombs	Sally
Joyce Matthews	Fr Paul Tongue
Rose Hill	Pat Jones
Jacquie Devlin	Jason, Simon
Ray Shakespeare	Adam Cartwright

**THOSE WHOSE EARTHLY LIFE IS COMPLETE:**

**the recently departed:**

Susan Taylor (1 Dec)	Christine Corker (15 Dec)
Kelly Wesson (27 Nov)	

**those in our year's mind;**

26 Alan Homer (2019)	
27 John Knight (2001)	Edith Powell (2004)
Mary Walters (2010)	Irene Hazelwood (2001)
28 Doreen Harris (2017)	
29 Ronald Williams (2005)	Agnes Woods (2014)
30 Ivy Hill (2016)	
1 Stephanie Hipkiss (2015)	

**THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS:**

**joining our prayers with those of...**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, S Stephen, S John, the Innocents, S Thomas Becket, John Wyclif, the Apostles, Martyrs, and all God's Servants and Saints...



## SAINT STEPHEN First Martyr

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Gracious Father,  
who gave the first martyr Stephen  
grace to pray for those  
who took up stones against him:  
grant that in all our sufferings for the truth  
we may learn to love even our enemies  
and to seek forgiveness  
for those who desire our hurt,  
looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us,  
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**READINGS FOR THE MASS**

First Reading	Acts 7.51-end
Responsorial Psalm	119.161-168
Second Reading	Galatians 2.16b-20
The Gospel	Matthew 10.17-22

**HYMNS FOR THE MASS**

**SOP**

Int	bel	Good King Wenceslas looked out
Grad	55	Of the Father's love begotten
Int	63	The first Nowell
Off	47	In the bleak mid-winter
Rec	60	See him lying on a bed of straw

**GOOD KING WENCESLAS**

Good King Wenceslas looked out,  
on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about,  
deep and crisp and even;  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
tho' the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight,  
gath'ring winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me,  
if thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
underneath the mountain;  
Right against the forest fence,  
by Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,  
bring me pine logs hither:  
Thou and I shall see him dine,  
when we bear them thither."  
Page and monarch, forth they went,  
forth they went together;  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
and the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now,  
and the wind blows stronger;  
Fails my heart, I know not how;  
I can go no longer.”  
“Mark my footsteps, good my page.  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage  
freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master’s steps he trod,  
where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod  
which the saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,  
wealth or rank possessing,  
Ye who now will bless the poor,  
shall yourselves find blessing.

#### PSALM RESPONSE:

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

#### READINGS FOR VESPERS when said

*Psalm 86 / Genesis 4 .1-10 / Matthew 23.24-end*

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, AMBLECOTE

*RCL – Yr C : S Stephen / DEL – Yr 2 : Christmas Week*

#### SERVICES THIS SUNDAY – 26 December 2021

#### S STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

1000 PARISH MASS

#### THIS WEEK: NO SERVICES IN CHURCH, EXCEPT SATURDAY

**MON** S John – Apostle and Evangelist

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**TUE** The Holy Innocents

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**WED** S Thomas Becket – Archbishop, Martyr, 1170

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**THU** Christmastide

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**FRI** John Wyclif – Reformer, 1384

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**SAT** THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

1 1100 Mass of the Naming of Jesus

#### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY – 2 January 2022

#### THE SEOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.00am Said Mass (Traditional Language)

10.00am PARISH MASS

6.00pm Vespers

#### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading Jeremiah 31.7-14

Responsorial Psalm 147.13-end

Second Reading Ephesians 1.3-14

The Gospel John 1.1-18

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#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH

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Website [www.holytrinityamblecote.org.uk](http://www.holytrinityamblecote.org.uk)

## NOTICE BOARD

#### WORSHIP IN CHURCH

The following rules **STILL** apply, as agreed by the PCC:

- **Masks will be worn – THEY ARE NOW MANDATORY: they protect those around us from air-borne particles**
- We will sing hymns with our masks on as far as possible
- Anti-bac to be used
  - on entry and exit
  - prior to walking up for communion
- A card will be placed by you on the seat that you have used prior to your leaving
- Post-service refreshments may be served while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

**ALL the above are particularly important as the infection rate is increasing rapidly day by day, and we now have variant omicron. Please get your covid booster jab!**

#### FUTURE SERVICES

1 Jan 11.00am Mass of the Naming

5 Jan 7.30pm Sung Mass of the Epiphany

#### REPLENISH FOOD BANK and WOMEN’S REFUGE

On the first Sunday of each month we will be collecting for the food bank, and we are continuing to collect toiletries for the Refuge. Please place your gifts in the marked boxes at the back of church. Thank you.

#### OPERATION SANTA

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards Operation Santa. As a result of which more children will be able to feel part of the Christmas festivities.

