

# The Holy Innocents

28<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

RED

## Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!  
As the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maid  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
until he has mercy upon us.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy  
upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of  
contempt.  
Our soul has had more than its fill  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.

## Jeremiah 31:10-17

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too  
strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height  
of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness  
of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the  
herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the  
dance, and the young men and the old shall  
be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness  
for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my  
bounty,  
says the Lord.  
Thus says the Lord:  
A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
because they are no more.  
Thus says the Lord:  
Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears;  
for there is a reward for your work,  
says the Lord:  
they shall come back from the land of the  
enemy;  
there is hope for your future,  
says the Lord:  
your children shall come back to their own  
country.

## Matthew 2:13- 18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord  
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get  
up, take the child and his mother, and flee to  
Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for  
Herod is about to search for the child, to  
destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the  
child and his mother by night, and went to  
Egypt, and remained there until the death of  
Herod. This was to fulfil what had been  
spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out  
of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by  
the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent  
and killed all the children in and around  
Bethlehem who were two years old or under,  
according to the time that he had learned

from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

‘A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they  
are no more.’



*On behalf of the Trunch Group of Parishes, a  
massive thank you to all who have assisted  
and served in our Christmas services and  
events*



## **THE TRUNCH GROUP OF PARISHES**

Bradfield, Gimingham, Knapton, Mundesley,  
Paston, Swafield, and Trunch

**28<sup>th</sup> December | The Holy Innocents | RED**  
10:00 **BCP Holy Communion** St Margarets, Paston  
10:00 **NO SERVICE**, St Botolphs, Trunch

**4<sup>th</sup> January | The Second Sunday after Christmas | WHITE**  
10:00 **Holy Communion** All Saints, Mundesley

**Café Church** will be recommencing **11<sup>th</sup> January, 11am**

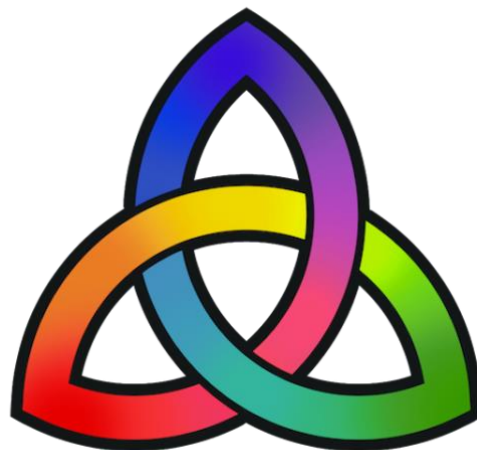
### **During the week:**

**1<sup>st</sup> January | 12noon Silent Prayer**, St Giles, Bradfield

### **Mundesley Community Hub:**

Wednesday 10:00 – 11:00 **Holy Communion**  
Friday 09:00 **Community café**  
10:00 – 12:00 **Community Larder**

**Everyone is warmly welcome to all of our  
events/services**



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