

A Community enriched by Christian faith, worship and values

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

**IN THE BENEFICE OF THE
COOKHAMS.**

**SERVING AT THE HEART
OF THE COMMUNITY**

Sunday 4th October 2020
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



NHS Test and Trace

You will have noticed QR codes in the Church and Parish Centre. Please scan them with the NHS Covid-19 App to check in. Please wear a face covering in Church. Ask for a mask if you've forgotten yours!



This morning we welcome back our Mums' Choir for the first time this term.



You are the new day

You are the new day by John David remains a constant favourite of The Men's Choir. Do you remember when the choir broadcast it live on BBC Sunday Worship back in 2009? Newly recorded for you here, it never loses its ability to invigorate and refresh. It can be found on [YouTube](#) or on the online music page of our [website](#). Enjoy!



Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is open for applications until Saturday 10th October. It is open to anyone who will be over 16 years of age during the coming year. If you are already on the 2019 Electoral Roll or you completed an application form in spring 2020 you DO NOT need to complete a form. The forms are available in church on the table by the entrance door, completed

forms can be left in the adjacent posting box during services or put through the letterbox at the Parish Office. The Electoral Roll is a list of all regular worshippers at Holy Trinity (and those unable to attend for health reasons). Being on the Electoral Roll enables you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and serve on our Parochial Church Council. Joining the Electoral Roll indicates that you are a committed member of Holy Trinity Church. Any enquiries to Malcolm Sturges 07710557015 or malcolm81f@gmail.com



We haven't seen John Church or Grace Biffen in church since March. They're both well and send you greetings, but self-isolating across the river. John has recorded clips that have been included in some of our online services and many of you will have pondered on his reflections that have appeared in the Parish Magazine. During the long hot summer he recorded some reflections and you can listen to these on our new [SoundCloud](#) pages at:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-779427752>

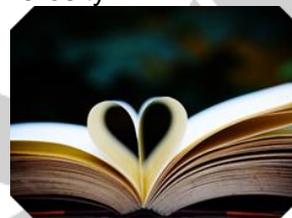


Prayer Leaves

All of our prayer leaves will be displayed on our tree this week. Thank you to all those who took part and left a harvest thanksgiving prayer. And thank you too to Alex and all the children for making such a wonderful Harvest display.

Thank you from Food Share

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Harvest Foodshare last week. We filled a car boot... the back seats... and the floor! Well done and thank you for your generosity!



Readings and Prayers for Sunday 26th July 2020

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

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who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-end

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Hymn

After the Peace and during the Preparation of the Altar, the Choir will sing the following hymn. You can follow the words and hum if you wish.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Please pray for those who are ill...

Natalie Thomas, Margot Whittle, Charles Walmsley,
David Ashwanden, Margaret Tuck.

Those who have died...

Jean Johnson RIP