

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 28th February 2021
Second Sunday of Lent



Church Reopening

We are pleased to announce that Holy Trinity Church will reopen on Sunday 14th March for a service for Mothering Sunday at 11.00am. As before, we will be using a booking system. Details of how to book will follow next week.

From 14th March, we plan to open on the following days and times:

HTC
Sundays at 11.00am
Thursdays at 7.30am

SJB
Sundays at 9.15am
Wednesdays at 10.00am

In the meantime, we will continue to post services on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) - [Cookham Churches](#).

This week:

11.00 [Eucharist for the second Sunday of Lent - Recorded](#)
6.30 [Lenten Meditation – part one](#)



Charles Walmsley RIP

It is with much sadness that we let you know that Charles passed peacefully away last Saturday. Charles was at the heart of our church for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.



[Lenten Meditation – part 1](#) [6.30pm on YouTube](#)

A calm and tranquil offering of music and prayers read by our young choristers for the start of Lent. Subscribe to our Channel and you can set a reminder to view. Tell your friends to do the same and you can all watch together!



John Harris RIP

We would like to dedicate our Sunday evening service to the memory of John Harris RIP. John was a long-standing member of our congregation in Holy Trinity. He was a regular reader and sidesman at our evening services. He had been PCC Secretary. John was also a choir father - his three sons were all Head Choristers in the Boys' Choir and subsequently members of the Men's Choir. Our love and prayers are with Monica, Philip, Robin, Tim and their families.



COME AND SEE

Listened to an online service in your pj's and want to find out more?

Many people are asking deep questions of faith. Jesus says,

'Come and see, come and explore, let me help you to understand how all this fits together'.

So why not walk with us, as we walk with Jesus. Come and See is an invitation to everyone, for everyone. It's for anyone who feels adrift in this pandemic, whether or not they know anything about the Christian faith. Many people are asking deep questions of faith. Did you know 1 in 5 people watching church online during the pandemic didn't regularly attend before the crisis? Come and See is a free online experience to help you find out more about the Christian faith. [Register here](#)



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Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is available to join via Zoom on **Thursdays at 5.00pm**. Please email the office to receive the joining link. Everyone is welcome

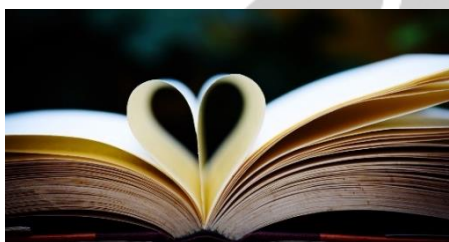


Please pray for those who are ill...

Mike Springate, Lesley Fulker, Jean Lewis, Bryan Lewis, David Ashwanden, Alastair McKerlie

Those who have died...

Charles Walmsley RIP, John Harris RIP, Irena Macielinski RIP, Joy Galloway RIP, Annette Puddle RIP,



Readings and Prayers for Sunday 28th February Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading Romans 4: 13-end

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Mark 8:31-end

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault
and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

