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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

IN THE BENEFICE OF THE
COOKHAMS.

SERVING AT THE HEART
OF THE COMMUNITY

Sunday 7th March 2021
Third 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

Private Prayer

Tuesdays at 10-12.00

SJB

Sundays at 9.15am

Wednesdays at 10.00am

Private Prayer

Wednesdays after the service until 11.30am

Booking is Required for Services

If you would like to attend one of our services,
please contact the Parish Office:

01628 529661

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

This week:

11.00 [Eucharist for the third Sunday of Lent - Recorded](#)

6.30 [Lenten Meditation – part two](#)



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 2](#) [6.30pm on YouTube](#)

Our second Lenten Meditation is a beautiful and moving blend of music, readings and prayers. All of the readers this week are from our Girls' Choir. Grab a cuppa (or something a little stronger!) and take a moment to relax and enjoy!

Don't forget - 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!



Happy Birthday!

We would all like to wish John Church a very happy 90th birthday! John is naturally upset that he cannot be with all his family and friends on this very special day, but just as we are thinking of him, he is thinking of us.



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Have you walked in the churchyard recently?

We are pleased to see that, despite a rather soggy start, our new daffodils are starting to emerge. We just need a little more of that glorious spring sunshine...



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

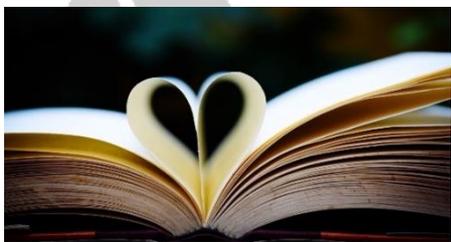


Please pray for those who are ill...

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 7th March Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,

may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the
only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

