

# 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
25th April 2021



Our weekly pattern of services and church opening are as follows:

## **Mondays**

Daily prayers on YouTube

## **Tuesdays**

10.00am - 12.00noon

Holy Trinity church is open for private prayer

## **Wednesdays**

10:00am

Eucharist at St John the Baptist Church

## **Thursdays**

7:30am

Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church

## **Fridays**

Daily prayers on YouTube

## **Sundays**

9:15am

Eucharist at St John the Baptist Church

11:00am

Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church

6.30pm

Evening music on YouTube



## **Terry Jackson**

Helen Jackson wishes to thank all those members of the congregation who contributed to her fundraising walk for Blood Cancer UK in Terry's memory. In total she raised £310.



## *Spring Sing!*

**Sunday 25th April at 6.30pm**

We are hosting a *Spring Sing!* in Holy Trinity Churchyard this Sunday evening. A short outdoor service with the chance to sing hymns together again - at last! Come on your own or with the family. We have plenty of space to be socially distanced. Everyone is welcome including children and dogs!! (*Thank you to Heidi Ramsay for this beautiful photo of our church*)



**Clock up your Km's!  
Thank you!**

Many thanks to everyone from Holy Trinity who donated to our campaign, We raised over £5,000 which was wonderful and will make a big difference to disadvantaged children in Debre Birhan. This photo has been sent from Debre Birhan in Ethiopia. It says "thank you to Holy Trinity Church."  
Sarah Parfitt



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### Light a candle to help you pray

By lighting a real or even a virtual candle, you're making space to pray. You can light a candle to pray for yourself, for a loved one or for a situation. Whatever is going on, make space to pray in your life. Take a moment to quiet your mind and remove all distractions from around you. Reflect on where you are in life, what you would like to pray for and the promises God had made to you. Ask God to comfort you and speak to you. You can find a virtual candle to help you reflect here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>



### Please pray for

#### Those who are ill...

Tom Copas, Lesley Fulker, Bryan Lewis, David Ashwanden, Mike Springate.

### Readings and Prayers for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection  
and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### Reading: Acts 4:5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

### Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### Hymn

*Whilst we still cannot sing together inside, you may hum if you wish*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life  
and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

