

A Community enriched by Christian faith, worship and values.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

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SERVING AT THE HEART
OF THE COMMUNITY

Sunday after Ascension
16th May 2021



Choir News

This morning we welcome our Choristers' Mums' Choir to sing for a service for the first time since Christmas Eve. They have been back to practices for several weeks, working hard to prepare for this morning's music.



TONIGHT - 6.30pm online
O SING PRAISES

A short offering of music and words for Ascension Sunday. Monica Harris has provided us with a lovely reading of *Ascension* by Malcolm Guite and the Choir made up of Victoria Wood, Tony Wood, Ricky Lonmon, Malcolm Stork, Joshua Mustard & Jonathan Wood give us some beautifully uplifting music. They are supported, as always, by Sara on the piano. It premieres on Sunday on our YouTube Channel *Cookham Churches*. Enjoy!



10 - 16 May 2021

This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over

their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water. Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms. Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives. Here are some local events to help raise vital funds:

Psalmathon

This month, as part of Christian Aid Week, we are invited to join with Christian Aid supporters in Marlow in reading all 150 Psalms end to end, on Zoom. This event will be on **Sunday 16th June, from 12pm to approximately 7pm**. Phew! But you don't have to be there the whole time.

We need LOTS of readers, and we hope that everyone who reads will get their friends and family to sponsor them, raising bags of money for Christian Aid. So please join in! Go to <https://tinyurl.com/psalmathon> for more details and to book your place as a reader: you will be asked to specify a one-hour slot during which you will get your turn. There is a £5 registration fee. We will then send you full details and you will be encouraged to get sponsorship. Nearer the time, we'll confirm which Psalm(s) you will be reading, and we will send you the Zoom code for the event.

Rev David Downing Maidenhead, and Marlow United Reformed Churches. Chair of Churches Together in Maidenhead



Bryan Lewis RIP

Wednesday 19th May at 11.00am

The funeral of Bryan Lewis, husband of Jean, is to take place here on Wednesday 19th May at 11.00 am and afterwards (for family only) at Amersham Crematorium. There will be no refreshments/wake afterwards. As numbers are still limited, please contact Jean if you would like to attend: 01628 523268. The service will also be livestreamed. Please contact the office for the link.



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Please pray for Those who are ill...

Stephen Runnacles, Tom Copas, Lesley Fulker, David Ashwanden, Mike Springate.

Those who have died...

Bryan Lewis RIP, Margaret Perry RIP, Michael Edwards RIP



Readings and Prayers for Sunday 16th May Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is
gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel: John 17:6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Hymn

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

Hail, the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
Far above the starry height, Alleluia!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!
Seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

