

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter
2nd May 2021



Choir News

This morning we welcome back members of the Men's Choir to lead our music. All four choirs have now returned to practices, and we look forward to the singing of our Boys' Choir and Girls' Choir next Sunday morning, with the Choristers' Mums' Choir returning for their first service the following week.

**Spring
has
Sprung!**

As we tiptoe towards normality...

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[Music for Sunday Evening](#)
6.30pm [YouTube](#)

Tonight sees the premiere of **Spring has Sprung!** on YouTube. A short and uplifting celebration of Spring as we tiptoe towards normality. A delightful mix of music, poems and the bells of Holy Trinity!

<https://youtu.be/Qsi0mba0iec>



Spring Sing!

Thank you and well done to the lovely and very enthusiastic crowd who attended 'Spring Sing' in the churchyard on Sunday (25th) evening. With the Choir Quartet to lead, under the direction of Sara, seven

hymns were sung together - interspersed with prayers, a reading and three short choir anthems - in a bracingly windy half-hour service.

The hymns were as follows:

- Thine be the glory
- Praise my soul, the king of heaven
- To God be the glory
- Lord of all hopefulness
- Lead us heavenly father
- Guide me, O thou great redeemer
- Abide with me

Child Bereavement UK

REBUILDING LIVES TOGETHER

Merry Wives of Windsor 27-31st July
Stubbings House

The Garden Players are planning an exciting new production of one of Shakespeare's greatest plays. The lawns will be open for picnics before the play. Directed by John Timewell who will be directing his sixth production with the company. John has gathered around him a particularly strong cast of well-known local actors from around the Thames Valley, All proceeds of The Garden Players' production are donated to charity. This year they are supporting Child Bereavement UK:- a national charity supporting parents and children when there is a bereavement in their family. Box Office Please call the box office at Stubbings on 01628 825454 or alternatively book online at www.stubbingsestate.com

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

A graphic of a sun rising over waves, with the sun in yellow and orange, and the waves in purple and blue.

**Please pray for
Those who are ill...**

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

Those who have died...

Bryan Lewis RIP, Peter Newton RIP



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Readings and Prayers for Sunday 2nd May Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Reading: Acts 8:26-end

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Hymn

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

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy host above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

