

# 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2021



## Choir News

We are delighted to welcome our Boys' Choir and Girls' Choir to lead our music this morning. They have been back to practices for several weeks, but this is the first time they have sung for a service since Christmas Day. It is lovely to hear their voices again.



## Bryan Lewis RIP

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.



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:

## Christian Aid Week Zoom Service

Like last year, Churches Together will be ensuring we can't forget the work of Christian Aid as we join together using Zoom for our Christian Aid Week Service. It will be at 5pm and will kick off the week.

We will sing songs, hear scripture, and learn about the work going on, in conjunction with churches across the UK and beyond! If you need help connecting to Zoom, or if you want to phone in then please let me know. The code to join us is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2557731522>

## 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.

## 300,000 Steps

This year Christian Aid are asking people to take 300,000 steps to raise money for Christian Aid; and I've accepted the challenge. In the wet, dry, cold and warmth of May I will make sure that I make sure that people who are suffering most from climate change are getting the support they need through Christian Aid. If you can sponsor me, it would be like hearing you cheer me on! You can get in touch with me via [revmandm@gmail.com](mailto:revmandm@gmail.com), or you can sponsor me directly by go to:

[www.facebook.com/donate/137225505049642/](http://www.facebook.com/donate/137225505049642/)  
Rev David Downing Maidenhead, and Marlow United Reformed Churches. Chair of Churches Together in Maidenhead



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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 9th May Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love him well;  
on the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with God in triumph seated  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

## Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

## Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all  
who heard the word. The circumcised believers who  
had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of  
the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the  
Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and

extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold  
the water for baptizing these people who have  
received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he  
ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus  
Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved  
me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep  
my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as  
I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in  
his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy  
may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another  
as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my  
friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you  
servants any longer, because the servant does not  
know what the master is doing; but I have called you  
friends, because I have made known to you everything  
that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose  
me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and  
bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give  
you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you  
these commands so that you may love one another.'

## Hymn

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

You are the Vine,  
we are the branches,  
keep us abiding in you.

You are the Vine,  
we are the branches,  
keep us abiding in you.

Then we'll grow in your love,  
then we'll go in your name,  
that the world will surely know that you have  
power to heal and to save.

You are the Vine,  
we are the branches,  
keep us abiding in you.

*Danny Daniels*

## Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

