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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

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OF THE COMMUNITY

Second Sunday after Trinity
13th June 2021

Looking forward to resuming normal church services at Holy Trinity Church.

As you will be aware, the Government is hoping that it will be possible to remove most remaining restrictions from 21 June, and so we are planning to returning to normal church services at Holy Trinity sometime in the summer. This will include reinstating 8.00am and 6.30pm services and coffee after the 11.00am Sunday Eucharist. We do not yet know whether it will be safe to remove all restrictions in church (social distancing, wearing masks, etc) at the same time or whether we will move more gradually. The health, safety and well-being of our congregation must be paramount, and this means balancing a number of factors.

We suspended the use of sidesmen, readers, intercessors, flower arrangers, church cleaners and coffee servers last year, to limit the number of people walking around during services and touching surfaces. At some point in the summer or early autumn we would like them to resume their important ministry. If you have been a sidesman, reader or intercessor, then I hope that many of you will wish to continue to do so. We are very grateful for your service and ministry. This new beginning could also be an opportunity for some new people to try out and take up these tasks.

Please would you contact the following people about these important roles, if you are interested in continuing or joining:

Sidesmen and readers: Mark Stockdale
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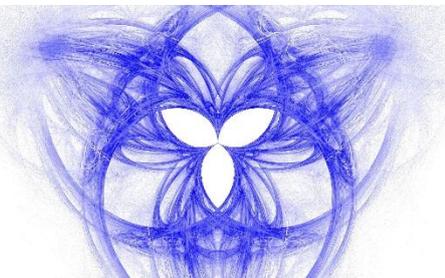
Finally, we are planning a '**Grand Parish Picnic on the Paddock**' following a Sunday Celebration, in the summer when restrictions allow. Keep a look out on our Facebook page and website for details. We very much look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to this.

God bless you all – stay safe and well.
Fr Nick



Choir News

This morning we are pleased to welcome members of our Boys' Choir to lead our music.



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Our online evening offerings are taking a break this week, but will return with a *Fathers' Day Special* next Sunday at 6.30pm. In the meantime, why not re-visit one of our earlier creations? There really is something for everyone. Looking to lift your spirits? Try [Spring Has Sprung!](#) Looking for a quick musical fix? Try our [Summer Sunday](#) playlist full of sunshine. Need a moment to reflect? Our musical meditation to mark the [National Day of Reflection](#) could do the trick. Or for the end of the day [Thoughtful Thursday](#) is only 3 minutes long but is hauntingly beautiful.



Holy Baptism

We are delighted to be hosting 3 baptisms today. This morning we welcome Jessica Ava Stone and this afternoon Fox Curtis Heywood-Smith & Joni Clementine Heywood-Smith. This is the start of their journey of faith and a special day for all their friends and family. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Holy Trinity Church, today and always.



Could you wash a seat cushion or two?

Thank you to everyone who has taken some, but we still have more to do! They can go in the washing Machine and tumble drier. Please speak to Bernadette for instructions!

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Please pray for Those who are ill...

Jill Davies, Stephen Runnacles, Lesley Fulker, David Ashwanden, Mike Springate.

Those who have died...

Gordon Frame RIP, John Gurney RIP,
Tom Copas RIP.



Readings for Sunday 13th June 2021

Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before
you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Offertory Hymn

We are still unable to sing together inside, but you may hum if you wish...

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.