

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

First Sunday after Trinity
6th June 2021



Choir News

This morning we welcome our Girls' Choir to lead our worship

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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Intercessors: Fr Nick fr.nick@ymail.com

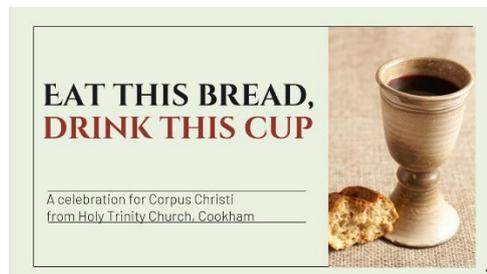
Flower arrangers: Bernadette Clark
bernadette@tapestryoflife.co.uk

Coffee servers: Kay Weallans
kay.weallans@btopenworld.com

Church cleaners: Bernadette Clark
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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



EAT THIS BREAD,
DRINK THIS CUP

A celebration for Corpus Christi
from Holy Trinity Church, Cookham

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup Tonight at 6.30pm on YouTube

A celebration of Corpus Christi: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. With the Men's Choir.



Digging in the Paddock.

Reading University Archaeology Department are interested in exploring the archaeology of Cookham and the PCC have agreed to them undertaking some fieldwork in the Paddock with students over the summer. This study is likely to be of interest to the wider community as well.

They are starting with a coring survey on Wednesday and Thursday 10 June to reconstruct the geomorphology of the site. They will use the results to inform their fieldwork strategy. They will then open up 4-6 test pits by hand from Monday 9 to Saturday 21 August.

Please be assured that they will fence around the limits of the excavation and include clear signage to prevent accident and injury. All areas will be backfilled and reinstated by the end of the season.



Could you wash a seat cushion or two?

In preparation for the full opening of church again we need some help to wash our cushion covers. They have been in isolation since lockdown and are in need of a spring clean! They can go in the washing machine and tumble drier! If you can help please speak to Bernadette who will give you full 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...

Tom Copas RIP



Readings for Sunday 6th June 2021

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our
mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-end

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying,

'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.'

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Offertory Hymn

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

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another - I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.