

# 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**

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
22nd August 2021**



## Queen Cynethryth's 'lost' monastery found in the Paddock

We are very excited by the discovery of the 'lost' monastery ruled by Queen Cynethryth in the Paddock at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham.

We look forward to working with Dr Gabor from the University of Reading, and local archaeological groups, over the next 2 years on a planned programme of further excavations. As previously arranged, the dig is closing this weekend (20/8/21). We are looking forward to welcoming Dr Thomas and his team back again next summer.

Queen Cynethryth was married to King Offa of Mercia, one of the main Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Written records show she became royal abbess of a monastery after the death of her husband.



*Cynethryth, who it is believed died in 798 AD, is the only Anglo-Saxon queen known to have been depicted on a coin.*

Dr Gabor Thomas, the University of Reading archaeologist leading the excavation, said: "Cynethryth is a fascinating figure, a female leader who clearly had genuine status and influence in her lifetime. We are thrilled to find physical evidence of the monastery she presided over, which is also very likely to be her final resting place."

Remains of timber buildings that would have housed the inhabitants of the monastery have been found so far and they have also unearthed artefacts including food remains, pottery vessels used for cooking and eating, a delicate bronze bracelet and a dress pin, likely to have been worn by female members of the community.

Dr Thomas said that despite its documented royal associations, little was known of what life was like at the monastery, or others nearby. "The items that have been uncovered will allow us to piece together a detailed impression of how the monks and nuns who lived here ate, worked and dressed," he said. He added that the lost monastery of Cookham had long "puzzled historians" but the mystery had now been solved "once and for all".



## Trinity Talks

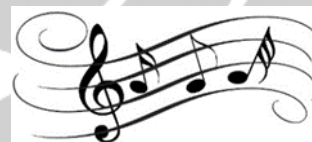
Dr Thomas has kindly agreed to give a talk to the Trinity Talks meeting to be held at The Bel and The Dragon on Monday 15th November at 6.30pm. Tickets available from Steph Diggon:  
[stephaniediggon@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniediggon@hotmail.com)



## Terry Jackson RIP Memorial Service

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 4.15pm**

Helen has asked us to let you all know that members of our congregation are very welcome to attend Terry's memorial service.



## Music

During August our four choirs take a break from practices and services. We look forward to welcoming them all back in September.

During Sara Wood's well earned summer break, we welcome David Cuin and David Colthup as visiting organists to HTC. We are most grateful to them both.

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## Dragon Boat Crew needed for 4 September!

We need 10 paddlers and a lightweight drummer. No previous experience is required, lifejackets are provided and the boat comes with a qualified coach. It is always great fun and aspiring crew members are asked to contact Anne McNeil:

[annemcneil30@btopenworld.com](mailto:annemcneil30@btopenworld.com)



## Volunteers Needed!

Can you spare an hour or so to help us clean the church? It will be in small sections at a mutually agreeable time. Please contact Bernadette for more details and to arrange a time to meet.

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[bernadette@tapestryoflife.co.uk](mailto:bernadette@tapestryoflife.co.uk)



## Please pray for those who are ill...

Val Neal, David Ashwanden, Mike Springate. Michael Sykes, Sue Harris.

## Those who have died...

Jefta Lakovic RIP, Bill Edge RIP, Stan Walter RIP



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