

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH WARM HOSPITALITY AND INSPIRED WORSHIP

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM
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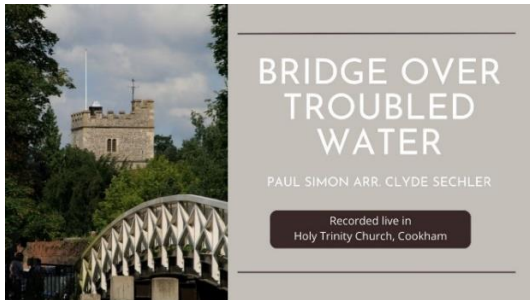
11th February 2024
Sunday next before Lent



Ash Wednesday Services 14th February

Fr Stephen will lead our services of Holy Communion with ashing:

10.00am	SJB
7.30pm	HTC



Bridge Over Troubled Water New to YouTube!

We are delighted to have a new version of Bridge Over Troubled Water by Paul Simon on YouTube. Sung by the Holy Trinity Church Choirs Quartet and directed by Sara Wood it was recorded live in Holy Trinity Church. If you're weary and feeling small take a few moments to listen...



I Need Thee Every Hour - A Lenten Meditation Wednesday 14th February 6.00am On YouTube

A new offering from the Holy Trinity Quartet goes live on YouTube on Ash Wednesday. This poignant Lenten meditation has music, readings and hymns for the season of Lent.



The Joy of the Gospel - Lent Course

Starts Tuesday 20th Feb @ 2.00pm in SJB
Books now available!

Thanks to everyone in our churches who have responded to the invitation to join 'The Joy of the Gospel' Lent Course based on Pope Francis' much acclaimed recent reflections on mission and evangelism, published as *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). The course will run from 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the Jubilee Vestry, St John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean on Tuesdays

20 February SJB
27 February SJB
5 March SJB
12 March SJB
19 March SJB
26 March WI Hall

Widely recognised as offering wisdom and vision for all Christians in a culture that is often hostile to the church, *Evangelii Gaudium* offers a positive and realistic approach to sharing faith in the modern world. We have ordered copies of the accompanying book, 'The Joy of the Gospel', by Paula Gooder, and they will be available for £7.20 (reduced from the cover price of £7.99). Please either speak to a Church Warden or email office@cofe-thecookhams.org.uk We do hope as many as possible will join the Lent Course.



Cookham Churches Together Fellowship Lunch Sunday 3 March

Please reserve your place by **Wed 28th February** by calling Marion Elly – 482637.

Future dates are as follows:-

7th April	Holy Trinity Parish Centre
12th May	St John the Baptist Vestry
9th June	Cookham Methodist Church

Our monthly Sunday lunch is run jointly by Holy Trinity, St John the Baptist and Cookham Rise Methodist Church. Please reserve your place by the Wednesday before: Holy Trinity - Bernadette Clark - 530047
Cookham Methodist Church - Kathy Rickman - 522797
St John the Baptist - Marion Elly – 482637

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The Way of Love Come and See

Online Course

Many people are asking deep questions of faith. Come and See is a *free online* experience to explore spirituality and help you find out more about the Christian faith. Our 40-day journey begins **on 14 February 2024**. This year we will be exploring how Jesus invites us into the Way of Love. Register at www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see#register and you'll receive bite-sized daily emails to reflect on and a weekly short film from the Bishop of Oxford.

In three of the four gospels, Jesus is asked which commandment is the most important. He answers not with one commandment but with two: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. Come and See shows how these two commandments can give a rhythm and a shape to our lives. Who is it for?

Searchers

Listened to the church bells in your PJs and hoping to find out more?

Thinkers

Reflecting on the state of the world and thinking more deeply on faith?

... Everyone – including families and children

Whatever stage of life you're at, join us online. There are special resources for children and families too. Register at: www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see#register

COME AND SEE

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and
with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'*

Luke 10:27



Pastures new...

You will be pleased to learn that Fr John Ainslie, who served as a curate in our churches, is being licensed as Associate Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Maidstone, Kent, in the Diocese of Canterbury, on **Thursday 21 March**. Please pray for him as he starts a new chapter of his ministry.



Spring Clean for Change!

The Partners for Change Ethiopia team is fundraising for Chole School in Ethiopia. They would love for you to have a spring clean and bag up and donate all your unwanted clothes. They are able to collect the following:

Clothes / paired shoes / handbags / hats / bags / scarves / belts / bras / socks / soft toys / jewellery / household linens / curtains / towels / bedlinen

Please leave bagged items in the back of the church ready for collection on **Sunday 3 March ONLY**. If you cannot bring your bags in on this date, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a different day/time.



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