

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH WARM HOSPITALITY AND INSPIRED WORSHIP

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM
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SERVING AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

19th May 2024
Pentecost



**Pentecost
Sunday 19th May**

Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church. Celebrate with us after the service today with a glass of bubbles and some cake!



**New to YouTube
[Come Holy Ghost](#)**

A celebration of Pentecost from the Men's choir with a reading, beautiful music and a prayer. Recorded live in Holy Trinity Church.



**Cookham Parish Flood Meeting
Tuesday 21 May at 7.00 – 8.30pm
The Parish Centre**

This meeting will have representatives from the Environment Agency, Thames Water and RBWM as well as local Councillors Mark Howard and Mandy Brar. The purpose of the meeting is for those organisations to share information on the floods in January, communicate progress on lessons learnt and gather feedback from the local community.



Seeking Singers!

The Girls' & Boys' Choir is always pleased to hear from potential new choristers. Open to young people aged 8+, the choir meets for a weekly rehearsal in the church on Tuesdays = 6.30pm—7.05pm (with weeks off for half term, during August, and after Easter and Christmas). The choir works hard singing a variety of music for services - singing usually at one morning service (11am) a month and occasional evening services (6.30pm). There is no audition and no previous singing experience is required - just a wish to sing and to be a part of our existing friendly and enthusiastic group (currently aged 9 to 18), reaping the mental and physical rewards of singing. Many of our choristers have gone on to receive choral scholarships at university and a huge number have maintained music as part of their life or even as their career. Please contact Sara, the Choir Director, for more information if wished - 01628 522593, sarawood44@hotmail.com



**Cantorum Choir: Gala Concert
HTC Sun 19 May at 7:30PM**

For this year's Cookham Festival Gala Concert, Cantorum Choir has been invited back to present the festival finale. They are thrilled to be presenting the joyous and uplifting program of Will Todd's 'Mass in Blue' and John Rutter's 'Feel the Spirit'. They will be joined by a live 12 piece band and the formidable talent that is former Swingle singer, Sara Davey. All led by musical director Oliver Gooch. Please join us for this wonderful celebration of music. Tickets are £25.00 and are available through www.ticketsource.co.uk



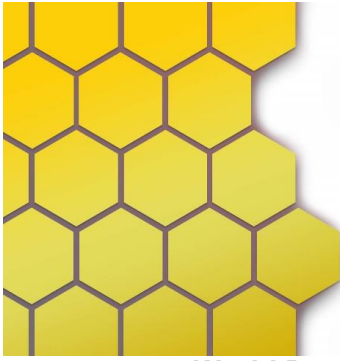
Please pray for those who are ill...

John Davies, Chris Harris, Hugh Gallagher, Valerie Hamer, Philip Stacey, Lucy Hull, Sylvia James

We pray for those who have died...

Sue Poad RIP

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**World Bee Day
20th May 2024**

You may not be a beekeeper but you can still help bees! You can plant bee friendly plants in your garden and encouraging the council to plant wildflower meadows and leave grass verges to allow wildflowers to bloom. Don't panic when you see bees buzzing around. Bees have very little interest in people and the breeds of bee in the UK are not aggressive. Flying bees are looking for plants or sometimes water, but they can become confused and attracted by some sweet smells like perfume – or particularly honey! If you are afraid of bees, move away from where they are flying rather than swatting at them, you are much less likely to be stung. Once bees are mature enough to fly away to forage they do all they can to collect pollen. By planting the right kinds of plants, you can attract bees to your garden or window box. Here are a few examples:



What Flowers do Bees like?

Lavender – Instantly identifiable, lavender has an iconic colour and scent, and is attractive to bees – not least because bees see purple more clearly than any other colour.

Marjoram – Studies have found Marjoram to be the most popular plant for all pollinators including bumble and honeybees, hover flies, and butterflies and moths. Closely related to oregano, marjoram is a herb which is used fresh to add a delicate flavour to Greek or Italian dishes. Sow and grow inside until early summer and then move it outside to a sunny, sheltered spot.

Ivy – Often seen more as a pest that strangles trees and wrecks flower beds, evergreen ivy actually provides bees with much of their pollen and nectar in its flowering autumn months when bees build up their winter stores and other sources are in decline.

Borage Blue – A plant with beautiful looking flowers, very popular with honeybees. The flowers can be used to decorate summer drinks and puddings, freeze in ice

cubes, or even wilt the leaves for pasta sauce. Plant after the last date of frost in a herb or flower garden, ideally near strawberries to attract bees and increase your fruit yield.

Rhododendron – A hardy plant flowering in spring, and a favourite among bees. There is a large variety of Rhododendrons, but Marcel Menard is a particularly good choice to attract bees with its pollen rich, purple coloured flowers.

From www.worldbeeday.co.uk



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