

SCHOOL REPORT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

In the benefice of the Cookhams

Serving at the heart of the community

Sunday 8th December 2024 (2nd Sunday of Advent)



PEW NEWS/SCHOOL REPORT

REMEMBER...When we return to the church in the spring, we'll be sitting on new chairs rather than pews. We'll have to find a new name for Pew News / School Report in the spring, so do start thinking of bright ideas!

REORDERING PROJECT UPDATE

This week, the contractors have dug down to expose the top of Victorian brick vaults underneath where the pews used to be and are working with our and the diocesan archaeology team to decide how best to maintain the integrity of the graves. Please rest assured that our contractors will be treating human remains with the proper respect and work within established guidelines. We had anticipated finding burials but had not anticipated finding them consolidated in large vaults. Our budget had included 10% for contingencies such as this and we hope that remedial work will not add too much to the cost.

We still need to raise further funding in order to complete this exciting project. Much of our effort has been focused on grant applications as they take time and we need allow time for queries and decisions. Please get in touch with **Tim Sharples** if you are able to contribute, or if you have any interesting ideas for fund raising.

Best wishes

Mark

CHRISTMAS – COFFEE, CAKES & CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Monday 9th December 11:00-3:00pm at the Parish Centre Once again the nimble knitters of Holy Trinity have been busy devising ways of keeping everyone warm this winter.



Do come and join us where we will be offering coffee, cakes and the opportunity to find one-of-a-kind knitted or textile items and decorations that are not available anywhere else. Everyone is welcome and all the proceeds will be going towards the heating and reordering that is underway.



Please pray for those who are ill...

Valery Trodd, Ben Kende, and Batima Giles

Please pray for those who have died...

Shirley Kay

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DECEMBER DATES



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS Monday 9th December 11-3pm, Holy Trinity Parish Centre.

CANTORUM CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 14th December, 5:30 pm, St Michael's Church Bray. A concert to get you into the Christmas spirit with carols old and new for all the family.

Tickets: available from choir members or online www.cantorumchoir.org.uk £20 (incl programme & drink, Under 18s £10, Under 10s free)

CRIB SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th December, 4:00pm, Holy Trinity churchyard. More information to follow shortly.



CHOIR NEWS

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE TONIGHT SUNDAY 8th December at 6.30pm at St. John the Baptist. Advent hymns, readings, choir carols and prayers - our annual celebration of the season. Music led by the Youth & Men's Choirs.

Available now on YouTube (The Choirs of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham). THE HOLLY & THE IVY Advent 2024

If you are missing the inside of our lovely church, have a peek inside in this short recording (recorded in church in July) <https://youtu.be/2PaaQzLw-4I>



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