

SCHOOL REPORT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

In the benefice of the Cookhams

Serving at the heart of the community

Sunday 15th December 2024 (3rd 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

Although there isn't much to see from the outside, the inside of the church is a hive of activity. The human remains in the Victorian brick vaults have been successfully covered with membranes, in accordance with the guidelines set by our archaeologists and the Diocesan archaeologist. The remains were not disturbed. The contractors are now seeking advice on the best mix for a foam concrete mix on top of the membrane and the estimated drying time, before they can put on a new cover over the protected remains.

In other news, on Thursday a large lorry delivered bags of approved heritage plaster to apply to the damaged walls in the church. The walls look even worse since the pews came out. Plastering work should start next week.

Best wishes Mark



KNITTING SUCCESS



There's a rumour that Holy Trinity's Knit 1, Purl 1 group is powered by cake. It is amazing what can be achieved with a pair of knitting needles, a ball of wool and some creativity, but what really powers the group (that meets on Mondays at 2pm) is friendship and commitment. Once the decision was taken that there would be a Christmas Coffee and Crafts day, all sorts of items appeared: the popular fingerless gloves, scarves, shawls, hats, decorations, headbands, toys and more.

The cupboard filled up in readiness for the sale and on Monday there was a steady stream of guests. It was wonderful to see the Parish Centre so full and busy with the hum of conversation. Once again the Hand Made Cake Company were kind enough to donate cakes to add to the ones that individuals had made. The day was a resounding success and for the second time in under six months the group managed to raise over £500 pounds towards the heating and reordering work.



In total this year the two Coffee and Craft Days (the first was held at the end of August) and the stall at the Cookham Regatta have raised well over **£1300** for Holy Trinity which is a brilliant achievement. **Whether its cake or commitment, Knit 1, Purl 1 deserves congratulations on their hard work!**



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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FELLOWSHIP LUNCH DATES FOR 2025



12th January 2025 at Cookham Methodist Church,
Please ring Kathy Rickman 01628 522797

9th February Holy Trinity Parish Centre

9th March 2025 St John the Baptist, Cookham Dean

Further booking details will follow shortly.

DECEMBER DATES

CRIB SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th December, 4:00pm, Holy Trinity churchyard. Come to our family-friendly service and see our Christmas Cribs.

This is an outdoor service so please wrap up warm.



CAROL SERVICE CHRISTMAS DAY, 6.30pm a special carol service held at **St. John the Baptist, Cookham Dean** this year. Start your evening festivities, with congregational carols, bible readings, poetry, prayers and choir carols.

Music will be led by our 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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