

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH WARM HOSPITALITY AND INSPIRED WORSHIP

SCHOOL REPORT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

In the benefice of the Cookhams

Serving at the heart of the community

Sunday 1st December 2024 (1st 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

The contractors are making good progress with lifting the pew platforms and the old concrete floor areas. The photograph of Fr Stephen in a hard hat and high vis jacket serves as a reminder that **the church is a work site and is strictly off limits.**



It remains our medium-term aspiration to add a tea and coffee servery at the back of church or in the tower and water is being put into the tower to enable this to happen following this reordering project. It is beyond the scope and budget of the current project and although it will require further fund raising and would require a faculty (permission from the diocese) it should be possible.

And finally, some really good news. We are delighted to let you know that the Garfield Weston Foundation, who helped to fund tower repairs a few years ago, have generously awarded us a grant of £50,000. We still have a lot more money to raise but this is a very significant contribution. Mark Stockdale

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.

OXFAM FAST 2024 - BARBARA'S RISING TOTAL

The total for my fast is creeping up and the total now stands at over **£14,400**. Many thanks again to all who contributed Barbara Walmsley.



Please pray for those who are ill...

Valery Trodd, Ben Kende and Rev'd Chris Mann and Batima Giles

Please pray for those who have died...

Shirley Kay

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KNEELER PROJECT UPDATE

A dream team of washers and stretchers has worked wonders on cleaning all the unpicked tapestries and Sheila Gostling, Diane Carpenter and Nicola Stingelin deserve thanks and a mention for their hard work. We've all been surprised at the detail and colours that have appeared and are looking forward to when they can be seen together and fully appreciated.

The difficult part of the process is the next stage. Despite their similarities, there are significant differences in their sizes which means the designs will need rethinking. In addition, plastic inner pads have gone to new homes either with individuals or to local allotment societies too.

DECEMBER DATES



COOKHAM FELLOWSHIP LUNCH Sunday 8th December at St John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean. Please contact Lorna Sykes on 01628 486874 to book a place. *The rate for lunch is now £10.00*

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.



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CHOIR NEWS

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 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 SOUND OF SILENCE - Words & Music by Paul Simon**



Recorded by our Choir Trio in St. Elizabeth's Church, Cookham <https://youtu.be/nBBefQnmAul>



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