

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent



### 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!

### LENT COURSE



### Join us for our Lent Course – A Journey of Faith and Fellowship

As we approach the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to join us on a reflective and enriching journey towards Easter. Our Lent Course begins on Thursday, **6th March 2025, at 12:00pm in the Jubilee Vestry at St John the Baptist.** We will be launching this year's Lent course with a shared lunch of soup and cheese, a simple Lenten meal to bring us together in fellowship.

Lent is a profoundly important time in the Christian year, a season of reflection, renewal, and spiritual growth. It calls us to pause, pray, and prepare as we journey towards the cross and the joy of Easter morning. Through Scripture, discussion, and shared time together, this course offers a space to explore the themes of Lent, deepen our faith, and strengthen our connection with God and one another.

This is an opportunity not just for personal reflection, but for community, encouragement, and support as fellow pilgrims in faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you have walked this path many times before or are

exploring Lent for the first time. Come as you are and let us walk this journey together.

We hope you will join us and make this season one of meaningful reflection and spiritual renewal. Together, let us embrace this time of preparation, deepening our faith and drawing closer to the joy of Easter.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Please note that timings and venues may change throughout our Lent course, but all information will be confirmed in advance as the course progresses. **Please complete our sign up form after the service.**

Father Stephen

### ELECTORAL ROLL HOLY TRINITY

The Electoral Roll is now open for applications until 13 April 2025. It is open to anyone over 16 years of age in the coming year. This year a complete revision of the roll is required and all parishioners who wish to be on the new roll need to complete an application form for enrolment. **If you are already on the 2024 Electoral Roll you still need to complete a form.**

The forms will be available in school on the table at the back of the worship hall. Completed forms can be handed in at the end of the service or posted through the letterbox at the Parish Office, alternatively you can scan the form complete it with an electronic signature and email it back to the Parish Office [office@cofe-thecookhams.org.uk](mailto:office@cofe-thecookhams.org.uk) provided it comes from your personal email address. If you have any queries, please contact Malcolm Sturges, Electoral Roll Officer, on 077 1055 7015, or [malcolm81f@gmail.com](mailto:malcolm81f@gmail.com) There is also a link to a smart form on the church website.

[The Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Church Electoral Roll - Parish Resources](#)

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH DATE

**The next fellowship lunch date is 9th March** at St John the Baptist, Cookham Dean, please contact Lorna Sykes on 01628 486874 to book your place.



**Please pray for those who are ill...** Ben Kende and Jo Atassi.

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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS



For several weeks now we have been praying for Jo Atassi whose mother, Jan, was at school with Barbara Walmsley seventy years ago! Jan had asked for Barbara's prayers as Jo was very seriously ill and last week he had a quadruple bypass which went well. Jan has been so very grateful for our prayers, she was truly touched and wanted to thank you all for praying for her son. She hopes Jo will be home soon.

Barbara Walmsley

### CHOIR

**COMPLINE NEXT SUNDAY (16th February), 6.30pm at St. John the Baptist, Cookham Dean.** All welcome for this short, meditative service as we welcome the start of half term.

**AVAILABLE NOW on YouTube** (The Choirs of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham)

**GOD ONLY KNOWS:** Holy Trinity Cookham sings The Beach Boys

Released in 1966, it is regarded as one of the greatest and best loved popular songs of all time - daring to mention God in its title and risk censorship.  
<https://youtu.be/VChMUdAxBZM>

### UPDATE ON CHURCH REORDERING

The pipes have been laid in the nave and south aisle for the underfloor heating and screed has been put down on top. As it takes a couple of weeks to set, there'll be a bit of a hiatus on work inside the church. You may have seen radiators being delivered last week. We are now looking at the challenges of laying a foul water drain from the new toilet in the tower through the churchyard to the main drain that leads from the Parish Centre out to Ferry Lane. As the churchyard is in a Conservation Area, we need to minimise any damage to tree roots and to burials, which are not mapped. At present, the project is still on track to be finished in April, in time for us to return to church for Easter.

Bernadette Clark and Mark Stockdale

### TODAYS MUSIC

#### 11am Parish Eucharist

**Anthems:** Morning has Broken – Scottish Melody arr.  
Tambling Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester – White

Christ has no body – Ogden  
Take my hands Lord - Rizza



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