

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH WARM HOSPITALITY AND INSPIRED WORSHIP

SCHOOL REPORT –HALF TERM EDITION

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM

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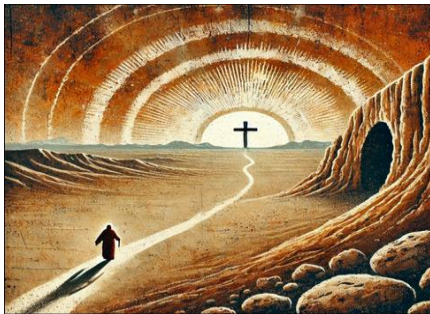
Sunday 23rd February 2025, 2nd Sunday before Lent



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



As we approach the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to join us on a reflective and enriching journey towards Easter.

The first session of the course will start with a soup and cheese lunch at 12 noon on Thursday 6th March in the Jubilee Vestry at Cookham Dean church. The course will then continue on the following five Thursday afternoons at 2pm, concluding on 10th April.

The course we are following is On the Third Day by York Courses, written by John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford.

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.

Please sign up for this course by contacting the Parish Office on 01628 529661.

ELECTORAL ROLL HOLY TRINITY

Even if you were on the 2024 Electoral Roll you still need to complete a form. Registration 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 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 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, Jo Atassi, Angelique Page and Eileen Seal.

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Prosecco and canapés). Talks start at 7pm and finish around 8pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Please come along to our Ash Wednesday **service 5th March, 7.30pm at St. John the Baptist**

Ash Wednesday Eucharist with hymns for all to sing and music led by our Men's Choir

CHURCH REORDERING UPDATE

We can now report that the last of the pews have been disposed of, which means that thanks to Mike Clark, all the pews have gone to "good homes". Work started this week to lift and relocate a couple of the ledger stones (grave slabs) in the tower, ready for work to install an accessible toilet and associated plumbing on the south side. On the fundraising side, we are delighted to report that the Benefact Trust have granted us £12,000 and we raised a further £13,000 for "teas and tours" thanks to some very generous people. We are still hoping for further grants in March and are confident that we now have sufficient funds to complete the project, but we would like to raise a further £70,000 to replenish reserves.

Bernadette and Mark

NEXT TRINITY TALK 17th MARCH

Father Stephen explores the existence of angels and demons and their impact on our world, delving into theological insights, historical perspectives, and personal reflections to examine whether these spiritual entities are mere folklore or bear a significant influence on our lives.

When reserving your place at £20 each by email (preferably) stephaniediggon@hotmail.com or phone on 01628 527465, please let me know of any food allergies. Pay cash on arrival from 6.30pm (for



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