

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 4th May (3rd Sunday of Easter)



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!

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - 12:00pm, SUNDAY 11 MAY

Our annual meetings will be held straight after the 11:00 Eucharist, when we will elect two churchwardens, up to 12 PCC members and review 2024. Agendas, papers and nomination forms should be in school this week.

RESTORATION DAY - SATURDAY 24 MAY



Our contractors are handing us back the church on Friday 9 May but as there are a few tasks to be completed after that, it will still be a few weeks before we can worship in the church again. We are having the sound system upgraded and will be arranging for a full "sparkle" clean, after the church is handed back. We are then planning to hold a "Restoration Day" on **Saturday 24 May** to put the furniture back in place and arrange the chairs, and to polish the brasses. Many thanks to people who have already volunteered to help ready the church for worship, but we still need more

people to help please. Please put this date in your diary if you are able to help.

Bernadette Clark and Mark Stockdale

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY... 8th JUNE CHURCH RE-OPENING CELEBRATION

We are planning a special Festival Eucharist at **11:00am on Pentecost, Sunday 8 June**, to mark the grand reopening of our church. The service will be led by the Ven Stephen Pullin, Archdeacon of Berkshire. Following the service, we are planning a Parish Lunch and hope that as many as possible will join this service to showcase our transformed church.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO LARA



Thank you so much for all the hard work and care you put into setting up Trinity Tots that launched this week. Your thoughtful planning and attention to detail was truly amazing. We appreciate all your time and energy you devoted, including, promotion, creating all the activities and providing a wonderful welcome for all. Lara has also had lots of help from her family in recent weeks too. They have all been busy, washing toys, setting up play areas, as well as being much needed hands-on help and support. Thank you to Lara and her family.

Lara is also looking for volunteers to help support Trinity Tots each Wednesday. If you could spare some time, please get in touch with Lara on 07421 193352.

Please take a Trinity Tots flyer, if you have friends, family or neighbours who would like to come along and join the fun at the parish centre on Wednesday morning at 9:30.



Please pray for those who are ill... Angelique Page, Eileen Seal, and Joanna Butterwick.

Please pray for those who have died... Linda Freeman and Alan Brown.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES



We are pleased to confirm the dates for the upcoming confirmation classes. These will be held at the Vicarage at 7:00 pm on the following Monday evenings:

- Monday 12th May
- Monday 19th May
- Monday 26th May (*Bank Holiday*)
- Monday 2nd June
- Monday 9th June
- Monday 16th June

The sessions will be informal, discussion-based sessions where we can explore faith together in a relaxed and welcoming setting. If anyone would like to be baptised, confirmed, or formally received into the Anglican Communion, you would be very warmly welcome. Please email Father Stephen or contact the Parish Office if you would like to find out more or are interested in joining the preparation classes.

The Diocese has now confirmed that the Confirmation Service will take place in Bray on Sunday 13th July at 4:00 pm.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH DATES

11th May at Cookham Rise Methodist Church, please contact Kathy Rickman on 01628 522797 to reserve your place.

1st June at St John the Baptist – booking details will follow shortly.

A modest charge of £10.00 per head includes drinks

CHOIR NEWS

CHOIR ON HOLIDAY

Having sung for last week's service, Sara and the Choirs are taking their post-Easter break today. Thank you to David Cuin for playing the piano for the morning service.

CHOIR ON TOUR

Next Sunday - 11th May 6.30pm

COMPLINE All welcome for our final evening service 'up the hill' at St. John the Baptist. We are very

grateful for the hospitality we have been shown since October for our evening services in Cookham Dean. Why not join us for half an hour of calm on a May evening?

CHOIR ONLINE

Available now on YouTube (Cookham Choirs)
AND SO IT GOES: Holy Trinity Cookham sings Billy Joel

<https://youtu.be/iwkEsFA1Tyw>

Billy Joel intended for this beautiful song to be hymn-like in its quality. Based loosely on the folksong 'Barbara Allen', he chose it as the favourite of all his songs when asked in 2024. Recorded, by special request, in St. Elizabeth's - to whose team we are also very grateful for their kindness during our church closure.



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