

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 25th May (6th Sunday of Easter)



INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHURCHWARDEN ANDY OXLEY

Most of you reading this will know that I've recently taken on the role of Church Warden, following Mark's retirement after nine years of sterling service. As this is my first opportunity to write, I thought it only right to briefly introduce myself to those who don't know me. I'm 69 years old—though I like to think I look closer to 40! (I am due an eye test, which may explain that optimistic view.) My wife Jane and I have lived in Cookham Rise for over 20 years

My first career was as a police officer, which I did for eight years during the late 1970s and early '80s. After that, I joined the family business and ran a garden centre for around 18 years. In my late 40s, for several reasons, I decided to retrain as a Mental Health Nurse. I earned a degree, fortunately passed, and spent the next 18 years working for the NHS—first at Broadmoor Hospital and later in the community, visiting seriously unwell patients in their homes. Many of them became dear friends. I retired three years ago.

I'm delighted to begin this new chapter as a Church Warden. I don't come from a Christian background, but God found me when I was 17, and my faith has been a central part of my life ever since. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve in this way.

I can't replace Mark—he's a great man and was a dedicated Warden—but I will try to do my best for the Church. I'm learning quite quickly but give me a little time to improve please!

I thank everyone who has been so kind and supportive in this initial phase of my new journey.

Mark Oxley

RETURN TO CHURCH



The church officially opens with our first service on Pentecost **Sunday 8th June at 11am**. The doors will then be open for all to visit from Monday 9th June. Please spread the word!

Our 8th June, 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.

SERVERS REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY AND SPECIAL SERVICES

We need your help, and full training will be given. I always feel it is an honour to serve God in this way. Please come and talk to me if you think you can help. Many thanks, Kay Weallans.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes continue to be held at the Vicarage at 7:00 pm on the following Monday evenings:

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

For further information, 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 Confirmation Service will take place in Bray on Sunday 13th July at 4:00 pm.



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

Please pray for those who have died... Sylvia James.

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GOING HOME



Thank you to several members of our choirs for the loan of sack trolleys for the purpose of transporting the choir music filing cabinets from the Parish Centre back into church. And thank you to members of the Men's Choir for assisting with the transportation on Wednesday. It's lovely to be returning 'home', even if it does mean seeing music files and boxes in our dreams . . .

DATE FOR THE DIARY- SUNDAY 15th JUNE

All very welcome in church on a summer's evening, for our first evening service back home: REJOICE IN THE LORD, 15th June 6.30pm.

CHOIR ONLINE Available on YouTube (The Choirs of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham) REJOICE IN THE LORD An Anthem of Thanksgiving

ORGAN CONCERT – ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

We are delighted to welcome back the world-renowned organist and conductor Paul Leddington Wright (Organist Emeritus of Coventry Cathedral). Paul entertained a packed church in 2019 and 2023 and he's returning on **28th June 2025 at 7 pm**.

Tickets, £15 each, available from TicketSource, or directly from Ros Hazeldine- 01628 476963 (no booking fee).

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cookham-festival/teanvgmq> Scan the QR Code below.



TRINITY TOTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please remember that if you would like to volunteer and help Lara at Trinity Tots, please call 07421 193352.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH DATES

1st June at St John the Baptist – Please contact Lorna on 01628 486874 to reserve your place.

A modest charge of £10.00 per head includes drinks

TODAY'S MUSIC

Here is bread – Kendrick arr. Iliff
Little Lamb, who made thee? – Archer
Going home – Dvorak arr. Fisher



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