

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH WARM HOSPITALITY AND INSPIRED WORSHIP



# Trinity News



SERVING AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

**12th April 2026**

Sara and the Choirs take their post-Easter Sunday break today. Thank you to Toby Cruse for accompanying the 10am Parish Eucharist service.



## **Compline**

**Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm**

All welcome for this short, meditative service on a light Spring evening.



## **ELECTORAL ROLL 2026**

As from today, Sunday 12th April, the Electoral Roll is open for applications until Wednesday 22nd April 2026. It is open to anyone over 16 years of age in the coming year.

If you are already on the 2025 Electoral Roll you will automatically be on the 2026 roll. If you wish to join the roll the forms are available on the table by the main church door.

Being on the Electoral Roll shows you are a committed member of Holy Trinity Church, enables you to vote at The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to serve on the PCC.

Completed forms can be 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)

If you have any questions or are unsure if you are on the 2025 roll please contact

Malcolm Sturges tel 077 1055 7015 or email [malcolm81f@gmail.com](mailto:malcolm81f@gmail.com)



## **Cookham Dig – Research**

Two PhD candidates travelled up to Keele University to take part in further research and investigations on the tumours evidenced on the skeletons found in the Paddock. They used a micro-CT scanner and received specialist training from Dr Charlene Greenwood, Senior Lecturer in Forensic and Analytical Chemistry. This high-level analysis will deepen our understanding of these lesions from our unusual Anglo-Saxon cemetery which is an exciting step forward in the research.



## **Cookham Festival**

**Voices from Early Medieval Cookham: New Archaeological Insights from the Cookham Dig**  
**Sunday 3rd May at 7.30pm in HTC**  
**Tickets £10**

Discover the latest findings from ongoing archaeological excavations by the University of Reading, uncovering Cookham's golden age as a royal monastery in the 8th and 9th centuries A.D. Results from last summer's excavation will be set beside previous discoveries to offer new insights on the distinctive character and role of monastic settlements at the dawn of English Christianity for which Cookham represents a nationally important case study.

As well as building a picture of daily life, the talk will place a spotlight on a contemporary cemetery which is shedding fascinating light on the role of contemporary monasteries as centres of healing and medical care.

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**Gabor Thomas** is Professor of Early Medieval Archaeology at the Department of Archaeology, University of Reading. He has directed the ongoing excavation of an early medieval monastic site beside HTC, since its inception in 2021. As lead investigator and co-founder of the Middle Thames Archaeology Partnership, he has been pivotal in developing the project as both a research field school and a collaborative archaeological initiative.

**Mary Lewis** is Professor of Bioarchaeology at the Department of Archaeology, University of Reading. She specialises in the study of child and adolescent skeletal remains and palaeopathology. Her expertise is central to the Cookham excavations, where our monastic cemetery reveals elevated levels of disease and injury, reflecting early medieval monasteries' roles in care and healing.



**The Windsor Castle Fire**  
**Trinity Talk: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

This month's Trinity Talk is given by our very own Martin Gostling! A Cookham resident for more than 40 years, Martin joined the Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service in 1988 as a Retained Firefighter based at Cookham Fire Station. He continued at Maidenhead until he retired in 2016. Martin's talk gives the inside story of the fire at Windsor Castle, how the Fire Brigade responded and his own involvement. Trinity Talks are held monthly at Bel and The Dragon. Everyone is welcome, but capacity is limited, so it is advisable to check in advance. When reserving your place at £20 each by phone on 07870 788092 or email [stephaniediggon@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniediggon@hotmail.com), please let me know of any food allergies. Pay cash on arrival from 6.30pm (for Prosecco and canapés). Talks start at 7pm and finish around 8pm.

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Please pray for those who are ill...**

Hollie, Liz Kwantes, Vyv Rees, Eileen Seal, & Archie Kind

**Thank you to everyone who joined us for Easter!**  
And to everyone who helped behind the scenes...  
and especially to our 3 Easter bunnies!

