

YOUR GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION IN OUR COMMUNITY

At St John's we are very grateful to all our congregation and visitors for their kind and generous donations to the church. These donations are crucial in ensuring we can continue to operate (we don't receive any funding from the diocese to cover the cost of running the church), and the suspension of services is likely to have a very significant impact on church finances. Further details on how you can support St. John's provided on previous pew sheets or from Caroline Gulliver (gulliverjc@aol.com).

EASY FUNDRAISING.

Another easy way to raise fund is to use the Easy Fundraising initiative. This allows you to do your online shopping as normal, whilst helping to raise funds for St John's Church. All you need to do is register as a user (for free) at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and nominate St John's Church Lacey Green as your nominated beneficiary. Retailers include M&S, Vodafone, Amazon, John Lewis, Sports Direct, Boots and many more (4,000+). Easy to use. More details from Caroline Gulliver (gulliverjc@aol.com).

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The Church of England guidance currently remains the same, with the church building being closed to worship on Sundays and other days of the week. Although our usual pattern of Sunday Services and mid-week gatherings must be put on hold, this does not mean that the Church of England has "shut up shop". We may not be able to worship together and pray for people in the ways that we are used to, but we can certainly pray for people from our homes.

The Church of England is broadcasting services on-line, including on the Church of England and Diocese of Oxford web sites, both live and as recordings. We have now started running simple Morning Worship services on Sundays at 10:00 on-line using Zoom. These are being led by Canon Tony and all are welcome to join. Details of the service for this Sunday are on Page 2 of this pew sheet and in the email sending out this pew sheet.

Where we are able, we can certainly offer practical care and support. Keep safe and please continue to pray for one another. *Canon Tony, The Churchwardens & The PCC*

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2020
TRINITY SUNDAY

FOCUS ON ... TRINITY SUNDAY

"The Lord works in mysterious ways", so says Elmore Blues time and time again in the two Blues Brothers movies. "The Lord works in mysterious ways". And at no time in the Church's calendar is the divine mystery more at the heart of our worship than it is on Trinity Sunday.

In the pages of Scripture, we see how the early Church sought and struggled to engage with this mystery of One God who is also Three Persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But the word "Trinity" itself never appears in the Bible. Later generations of Christians discovered it to be a very helpful way to try to describe the indescribable, the mysterious concept of a Three-in-One God. What does emerge in the New Testament, however, is a simple acceptance that there is only one God, yet there are three distinct characters who are, nevertheless, each quite definitely God. So, then, no clever models of intersecting triangles, or overlapping circles, nor the leaves of a shamrock, appear in the Bible. All of that would come later, as subsequent generations of Christians tried to make sense of this paradoxical experience of faith - and to seek to describe it to others. Later, too, would come the more sophisticated interpretation of a perichoresis of interactive divine love. But, for the earliest followers of the Way of Jesus Christ there was just a simple acceptance that these Three Persons relate to one another somehow, communicate with one another and with us, yet are One! A mystery, indeed, before which like the prophet in Isaiah Chapter 6, we simply fall down in worship! Because we too recognise that God's essential nature is in so many ways a deep and unsearchable mystery. And so Christian discipleship is about trusting in a dynamic God of loving relationship, self-emptying, and self-giving for the sake of the love of another. This indeed is the divine mystery at the heart of Trinitarian faith.

Tony Bundock

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TRINITY SUNDAY

Following the first successful service on Zoom, St. John's is pleased to be hold a similar Morning Worship service to on **TRINITY SUNDAY**. The service will be led by Canon Tony and start at 10:00. The hymns will be led by Cher and the Mole Family with other members of the congregation taking part. Details are being supplied in the email sending out this Pew sheet, and are as follows:

Topic: My Meeting

Time: June 7, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79850065628?pwd=Rm9pcmZOZDNGNUJ0Vkx4ZEhza2Q5UT09>

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Meeting ID: 798 5006 5628

Password: 0dy9gU



COLLECT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.

READINGS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah Ch. 40 VV. 12 – 17 & VV. 27 – 31

2 Corinthians Ch. 13 VV. 11 – 13

Matthew Ch. 28 VV. 16 – 20



PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(Graham King)

Lord of all, let your Spirit of truth inspire your church in new ways of ministry and mission. Remind us that we are a community of peoples, who, whilst separated physically, are joined in one spirit of love.

Lord of all, we pray for our local community and those in need at this time; those suffering from doubt and despair, financial worries or mental anguish. May we be Christ's hands and feet in serving those around us.

Lord of all, we pray for our world and those in authority. May they exercise their power wisely and for the common good protecting the poor, vulnerable and hungry at this challenging time, for they are all Your children made in Your image.

Lord of all, we pray for those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, that you will give them rest. For those who are ill and those who have died and their families, and for all who selflessly care for them. Protect, comfort and guide them by your Spirit, we pray, for you are Lord of all and nothing can separate us from your love.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Notes

- We pray for all parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and the souls of those who have died. We pray for those working in the NHS, Care Homes and Social Services who are working with the sick, the elderly and the disabled.
- We pray for those in our parish who are isolating themselves due to age or infirmity and those supporting them.
- For those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Phillipa King and Barnaby Woods.
- For the recently departed. May their souls rest in peace.
- For our Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, that that MP's of all parties will come together in the National Interest.
- For the USA following the tragic death of George Floyd. We pray that the message that all lives matter will be heard through peaceful actions and reflection, and not violence.
- For our mission and ministry in this community with our shared faith.
- For our Linked Parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.