


Friends,

Wisdom and knowledge

“Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.” That quotation is variously attributed - but I believe it originates with Miles Kington. As with any pearl of wisdom, the identity of the original author gradually matters less and less. What matters is that others learn a new perspective. The wit of Kington’s quotation helps fix it in my mind – and I am a better person when I remember that wisdom surpasses mere knowledge. Wisdom is what we are being given, week by week, in the Midweek Pause to Pray videos.

Each week we are being offered a spiritual fruit salad – a mix of wise perspective, faithful praying, gentle Bible reading, and, now, the singing or saying of a psalm. Appropriately, the current series is based on the “fruits of the spirit” (Galatians 5). I treasure this list – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - not only because it simply and clearly names ways of godly living, but also because there is no hierarchy. Peace is not better than patience; generosity is not more fundamental than faithfulness. It’s the sort of list that emphasises the need for fellow Christians. It is only a whole congregation that can be fully holy. Each perspective enriches another. Some of the spiritual power and effectiveness of the Midweek P2P videos is that a range of insights and voices is on offer.





Pause to Pray (Holy Trinity and St Mary's, Guildford)


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Keeping up with HTSM online

All our recorded services are available online – Midweek Pause to Pray (with contributions from members of our congregations), Sunday Pause to Pray (which generally has a recorded version of the sermon given at the 10am Zoom service), special services for our young people, and our music recordings.

Links to these are posted weekly in this newsletter (see below), on [our website](#) and on [Facebook](#), but perhaps the easiest way to access our videos is by subscribing to our own YouTube channel – [HTSM Guildford](#)!

Visit the link above and press the red ‘Subscribe’ button, and you will then receive a brief notification when a new video is uploaded.

You can also find a specific video if you click on [‘Playlists’](#), where you will find them arranged under three headings: Pause to Pray, HTSM Virtual Choirs & Congregations, and Junior Church.

Churchwardens report on opening Holy Trinity for Individual Prayer

Putting on the lights of Holy Trinity and hauling open the doors was exciting on Monday 15th June, welcoming people inside the church once again. The West-end door bolts for wheeled access were stiff, having not been open for over two months but eventually yielded to jiggling.

As soon as the doors were open, two separate visitors came inside, as if they had been waiting expectantly for this moment, both stayed over 15 mins. On Tuesday, a similar thing happened, as soon as the doors opened a visitor arrived, staying and praying for over 20 minutes. So, opening Holy Trinity is much needed in these strange times.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered. If you would like to join us to help keep Holy Trinity open in the morning Mon-Sat and are not in a vulnerable group, please [get in touch by email](#) to let us know.

Many thanks,

Helen Parkinson and Tricia McIntosh

Many thanks and Young Holy Trinity

- Thanks to Pete Brayne, Hilary Cotton and Andrew Jobson for their contributions to last week’s Midweek Pause to Pray reflecting on Joy, and to Charlie Alcock and Jonny Hennessey-Brown for this week’s reflection on Peace.
 - Special thanks to Martina Smyth who played the organ voluntary for our morning service last week. Thanks to Tim Stewart who is playing for us this week.
 - We are starting a fortnightly letter for “Young Holy Trinity”. Of course, we are all young-at-heart; but this mailing will be for those of school age, and their parents/guardians. If you would like to be receiving this, please [subscribe here](#).
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Postscript

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With best wishes,

Robert
17 June 2020

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Links to services, morning prayer and service sheets

[SUBSCRIBE](#) to this newsletter to receive the Zoom Links to services (sent by email only).

Sunday 21st June 8am Holy Communion

SERVICE SHEET

Sunday 21st June 10am Eucharist & coffee

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Sunday 21st June 10.30 Church-at-home

SERVICE SHEET

Sunday 21st June 11am Eucharist & coffee

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Pause to Pray

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Weekday 8.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom

WEEKDAY PRAYER

Saturday 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom

SATURDAY PRAYER

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