

Honest and true

Dear Friends,

There are different ways of being honest. As a child, I thought being honest involved saying "the whole truth". As an adult, I know that at times kindness requires us NOT to say everything - however true it may be. That is not being dishonest, nor is it cloaking the truth. Rather we can choose what we will give our attention to, and what we want to draw to the attention of others. Later on, we can deal with other parts of a situation that are less pleasant, in need of improvement, healing or forgiveness. When, for example, I am doing someone's annual appraisal, I find that I need considerable energy and wisdom to know what I should say first, and second, and third. Only after that am I in a position to explore what needs to be improved. Yet, by approaching matters in the right order, harder truths are so often made easier to hear. Praise drives improvement; confidence creates a readiness to learn.

We should always speak the truth, and nothing but the truth - but 'the whole truth' may be beyond us at times. Dylan Thomas captured the importance of that in a stanza from 'Under Milk Wood':

We are not wholly bad or good
Who live our lives under Milk Wood,
And Thou, I know, wilt be the first
To see our best side, not our worst

-Robert Cotton



Comings and stayings



On Sunday 4th July, **Ben Cahill-Nicholls** will be ordained deacon in Guildford Cathedral. Ben will remain in his full-time employment as CEO of the Clergy Support Trust. As a 'self-supporting minister', he will have a few hours each week, and most Sundays, to give to parish work. The Bishop of Guildford has asked Holy Trinity and St Mary's to give Ben a home base. We are looking forward to assisting Ben as he develops in ordained ministry, and to enjoying his contribution to our parish life. Ben will remain living in Godalming with Ellie, his wife, and Hector, 9 months old. Ben is keen to join in with the civic and public ministry of Holy Trinity, as well as the spiritual and creative life of St Mary's. Please pray for Ben.



Please also pray for **Susie Watson** who will be ordained deacon on the same day. Susie was on placement here before Easter.

And also please pray for **Tim Clifford Hill** who will be ordained priest. (After training here, Tim has now completed his first year as a curate in Cranleigh).



Tickets for all cathedral services are severely limited. I will be present, representing the parish, for Ben's ordination; Tom will be present, on our behalf, in Cranleigh on Sunday, for Tim's First Eucharist.



Adrian Leak, ordained deacon in 1966, has served in many parishes in the Church of England, including some years as a non-stipendiary priest in this parish. During that time, Adrian ran the Citizens Advice Bureau in Dorking, and contributed a great deal to our emphasis on supporting Christians in their secular employment. Adrian designed the worship books that we still use for Advent and Lent, drawing on his profound knowledge of liturgy and spirituality. Adrian now worships quietly in the back row at Holy Trinity, writing books full of wit and gentle human wisdom. He is not leaving Guildford but, because of the increasing bureaucratic burden required to keep a Bishop's licence active, he has decided to "hang up his spurs". I am delighted that Adrian will remain a priestly presence in our

midst, living and encouraging others in the way of holiness. From that, you cannot retire! – *Robert*



Hennessey Brown Music Concert at Holy Trinity Saturday 3 July • 7pm

There are some remaining tickets in the nave and balcony for the Violin and Piano recital for Woking Mind with Harriet Mackenzie and Peter Donohoe. [Click here for tickets.](#)



Garden of Hope for Guildford

On Saturday **26 June** a small **Garden of Hope** for the people of Guildford will be opened by the Mayor at St Mary's Church. This is a community initiative supported by the local council, Experience Guildford, the Town Centre Chaplaincy, Common Ground and a number of churches. We hope you will be able to visit.

This garden will give people an opportunity to **Reflect** as we gradually emerge from the shadow of Covid19, to **Remember** someone or aspects of life they have lost, to record their **Thanks** and express their **Hope** for the future.

The churchyard will be open all the time for people to write a small message on a lolly stick and place it in the garden. When St Mary's is open people can write a longer message and add to a display along with artwork from local schools.

Could you help as a 'welcomer' to keep St Mary's open longer hours over the coming weeks? We're seeking volunteers for 2-hour slots. The aim is to open from 11am to 3pm on as many weekdays as possible and on Sundays from 12-2pm. To sign up please [click here](#).



Trinity Club@Home • Tuesday 29 June • 10:30–12pm

Working through the Coronavirus Crisis in the NHS

Rev. Adrian Teare, Chaplain to the Royal Surrey County Hospital. Next Tuesday we will welcome the Rev. Adrian Teare who will talk about the impact of the pandemic on all hospitals, including the Royal Surrey. It has been very challenging and this is an opportunity to hear at first-

hand how a major hospital copes under such conditions, and the importance of the role of hospital chaplain. All are welcome. To join us, please [email the Parish Office](#).



Come to the launch of Plenty!

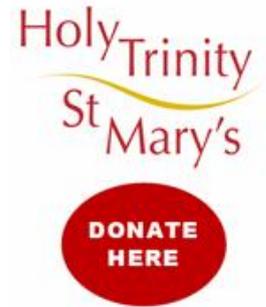
Thursday 24 June • 7pm by Zoom

Green Christian is about to produce a new resource called "Plenty! - a faith-based resource offering insight into the links between the economy and the environmental crisis". This is material for use in six different sessions for discussion groups.

More information can be found on the [Green Christian website](#).

Parish finances

To all of you who are continuing to give money to the parish, whether by Planned Giving or other donations - a big THANK YOU. Your gifts make our activities possible, as we gradually get back to a more normal pattern. Our other main source of income, bookings of the churches and the Trinity Centre, are lower than expected. We think the Covid legacy will continue to impact bookings as people and organisations recover their confidence to put on and attend events.



We are managing expenditure with great care, but in February the Trinity Centre boiler broke down. The replacement cost £15,000 - a large sum. Happily we were able to pay for it from the Emergency Repair Fund, prudently built up over previous years. But it does mean that that particular piggy-bank is now almost empty. If you are in a position to make an extra donation, please use your usual route, or use the red button on the [parish website](#). – Paul Graham, Treasurer

Easy fundraising

This is a way to raise funds for the parish at NO COST to you. It's great to support our local shops in person but, when you buy something online, you can generate a small donation to the parish through [easyfundraising](#). Using this when you switch supplier for your insurance, phone or energy contracts is particularly worthwhile.



So far, eight people raised more than £200 for the parish. If you sign up to support HTSM by **12pm on 9th July**, and raise £5 in donations during your first year of registration, they will give you a £5 shopping voucher - PLUS we will get a bonus £5 donation, it's win, win! It's simple to join and you can raise FREE donations whenever you shop online with more than 5,000 retailers. [Sign up here](#). For more information please contact [Venetia Howes](#).

'Computer said no' to tap and go

A few months ago, we installed a machine at Holy Trinity which enabled you to "tap and go", making donations to the parish by using your credit card. This has failed to work recently, leaving some of you as frustrated donors. Our apologies - and a promise that we are working on the situation as quickly as we can.

Sunday Services • 27 June 2021 • Trinity 4

8am St Mary's BCP Holy Communion • Led by Jonathan Hedgecock
At St Mary's & on Zoom

10am Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist • Sermon by Robert Cotton
Readings: Micah 6, 3-8 and Matthew 13.44-52
At Holy Trinity & on YouTube • Breakout rooms on Zoom after the service

10:30am St Mary's Morning Worship • Sermon by Adam Payne
Reading: Mark 5:21-43
At St Mary's & on Zoom

6pm Holy Trinity Evensong • Sermon by Tom Pote
Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15; 2.23-24 and Mark 5:21-43

At Holy Trinity & on YouTube

Tom Pote is leading worship at St Mark's Wyke

To receive Zoom links and service sheets by email
contact office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk | 01483 567716
You can also watch our services (LS) Livestream on the HTSM YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/c/HTSMGuildford>

If there is news that we should know, please pass it on:
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