

Holy Trinity St Mary's

Friends,

Planning for public worship

From Sunday 5th July, it will be permissible to worship inside Holy Trinity church once again. We are drawing up plans to make this happen, in a way that is safe. We also need to make this spiritual – quiet, settled, communal albeit at a distance. Many of you have said how much you miss singing (as well as hearing the choir) – but that may have to be delayed a while longer. St Mary's Church will remain closed for the moment, while the building works continue.



We will continue with Zoom services and recordings, offering high quality moments for prayer and reflection. We are keen to keep the parish united, acknowledging the wide range of experiences as lockdown eases: some delighting, some rightly remaining anxious, some unsure; but all wanting to be united in

spirit. We will be asking for your assistance how to achieve this, once government and church guidelines are published.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to staff Holy Trinity which is open for individual prayer from 10:00am to 12:00noon, Monday to Saturday. If you would like to assist with this, and are not in a vulnerable group, [let us know](#).

I have just finished reading a fascinating book about where Christians worshipped in the first years of the church (30 – 300 AD). Some of this happened in private houses. Much also happened outdoors (after all, this is in the Mediterranean climate): in public gardens, in town squares, in the ancient equivalent of G Live or school halls. For the early church, worship and faith belonged in public – wherever that was possible. I can't help feeling that the early Christians would recognise our "mixed economy" of worship by Zoom, inside Holy Trinity, some recorded, some live, with Morning Prayer said daily and so on.

Keeping up with HTSM online – part 2

Over half-term Nick Graham gave the girl choristers a challenge to choose a favourite piece of music, find out about it, and send him a voice note telling him about it. Hattie (Head Chorister), went above and beyond and created a whole presentation on Edgar Bainton's anthem 'And I saw a new heaven', which we wanted to share with you on the [Parish Blog](#).

Once again, there is good news from the treasurer about further use of the Donate Here button [on our website](#). Thank you so much for responding promptly and generously, so that we can continue all our work in the parish and community. I heard recently about someone whose company makes donations to a charity of their employee's choice, through Payroll Giving. I know nothing more than that – but if it applies to you, we will gladly receive donations from your employer!

Trinity Club discussion group will next meet online 30th June 10:30am. A talk starts at 10.45am and lasts approximately 30-40 minutes. This then leaves time for discussion and questions. This month, Anthony Jacques will be addressing: 'So what do chaplains do?' "I'll be looking at the different organisations in which clergy work outside parish ministry, what sort of people this attracts, and whether it is effective or not." Zoom link: [Trinity Club • 30th June • 10:30am](#).

News from around Guildford

Even as lockdown eases, food poverty remains a big problem. As we approach the summer holidays, the need remains high, especially for families with young children. You may already be supporting local food banks. As both Holy Trinity and St Mary's have been a drop off point in church for food bank donations in the past (which remains problematic to arrange now), you may like to know about [Bankuet](#). I have recently been told about this. "You can arrange a one-off payment or standing order for Bankuet, naming the food bank you wish to benefit. They shop in bulk to save money and provide your nominated food bank with the items they most need, when they most need them. It is highly efficient, especially with general shopping habits still in a state of flux."

I am sad to report the death of Barry Williams, one-time head teacher of Holy Trinity School. He retired to the Isle of Wight, dying last week, aged 88. That school has been well served by a series of long-standing head teachers. Barry was followed by Richard Rowe, and Clare Brunet, the current head.

Sunday worship and Pause to Pray

- Robert Cotton is preaching online this Sunday on the Gospel for St Thomas's day (which falls in the calendar on July 3rd): John 14.1-6.
 - Jonathan Hedgecock is reflecting in the Sunday Pause to Pray on Matthew 10.40-42.
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- “Patience” is the theme of [this week’s Midweek Pause to Pray](#). Jemima Lovatt offers a beautiful and wise reflection on this virtue, which, I find, is so hard to put into practice. Jemima speaks wise words about the sort of patience that is required when facing difficult unjust situations (such as those that have triggered the Black Lives Matter protests).
- Following the first newsletter for Young Holy Trinity, Tom Pote has now recorded a video, re-telling a familiar parable. Keep an eye out for this on our [YouTube channel](#). Young Holy Trinity newsletter is for those of school age, and their parents / guardians – [subscribe here](#).

Links to services, morning prayer and service sheets

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

Sunday 28th June 8am Holy Communion	SERVICE SHEET
Sunday 28th June 10am Eucharist & Coffee	SERVICE SHEET
Sunday 28th June 10.30am Church-at-home	SERVICE SHEET
Sunday 28th June 11am Eucharist & Coffee	SERVICE SHEET
Pause to Pray	SERVICES ON VIDEO
Weekday 8.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom	WEEKDAY PRAYER
Saturday 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom	SATURDAY PRAYER
Download Zoom links and call-in details	HTSM NEWSLETTER

More tea, vicar?

I would like to keep more in touch with you. There are days when it's tough; there are moments when it would simply be good to see a friendly face. So every Wednesday from July 1st onwards, 3:30 – 4:30pm, I will be drinking my tea, on a Zoom call – and will be keen to see you, if you would like to drop in. Each Wednesday, Tom or Brian or I will be present – no sermon, just a friendly face and kind words. Bring your own Pimms, if tea is inappropriate. Please email office@holytrinityguildford.org.uk if you would like the Zoom link.

With best wishes,

Robert
24th June 2020

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

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Please make sure we have up to date contact details for you.
