



Friends,

Finding our way as lockdown eases

As with so much over the last few months, we are finding our way this weekend. We will be continuing with the Zoom services as well as opening Holy Trinity for public worship. That is what is being recommended by the government regulations. We are testing out the best and safest ways to do this, wanting to keep us united as a parish and safe in all we do. Comments and feedback are appreciated.

- **Holy Trinity's Zoom service will now be held at 10am only.** A new Order of Service for July is published below, which you may wish to print. I am sure that we will be continuing these Zoom services for months to come. It has been a wonderful way of being together (with the breakout rooms), of including new people to Guildford as well as those who left some years ago, and of ensuring that all can be united in worship (whatever our needs or situation may be). In the poll held last Sunday at the end of the Zoom services, a large majority of you voted for “please keep things as they are”. How encouraging! If you have suggestions for maintaining the quality of worship, please [let me know](#).
- **There will be a Eucharist at 10am, open to all, in Holy Trinity church.** This service will be broadcast on Zoom. I am in awe of those who make the technology work for us. It does mean that, as much as possible, we will be united in the same act of worship – Zoom and live. Sound production is the main challenge. This week, we will be testing the best ways of ensuring good quality sound. Please bear with us, as we try to get this right.
- **There will also be a Eucharist at 11am in Holy Trinity.** I expect that the congregation at this service will be smaller than at 10am. So, this may be more suited to those who will feel more comfortable being in a smaller gathering. The music, readings and sermon will be the same as at 10am. I hope that some of you may wish to support this service time, so that we can see if offering two services works well. This gives us confidence that we will be able to accommodate all those who wish to attend.

As you can see, each act of worship has a positive contribution to make to the ongoing life of the parish. Your presence at any of these services will be good (in terms of prayerfulness) and be supportive of others.

Worship at Holy Trinity

So, as we open Holy Trinity Church for public worship, we rely on the many ways that you can take care of yourself and others. We each know how our behaviour can affect the safety and health of those close by. With the church wardens, we are doing all we can to implement guidance and regulations safely, wisely and with care, so that worship is “Covid-19 secure”. Here are some practical matters:

- If you are coming to the 10am service, please arrive earlier than usual. On a “normal” Sunday, 90 percent of the congregation seem to arrive with one minute to go!
 - If you are coming to the 11am service, please arrive at the north door (overlooking the High Street) and wait patiently outside, allowing the earlier congregation to leave first.
 - There will be people greeting you on each of the main doors, including the ramped access in the South West corner. Hand sanitiser will be available at each door. If you wish to wear a mask, please bring your own.
 - The disabled toilet will be open for use. Even better: “please go before you come to church”!
 - There will be a paper copy of the words of the service on each seat. You are asked to take this away afterwards. Perhaps this is a moment not to be using your phone or other IT device. Worship can be a moment to relax and be fully present, in the presence of God and others.
 - Currently, no singing is allowed. However, Martin will be playing the organ so we will have live music – and that will contain familiar melodies.
 - At the distribution of communion, you will be offered bread only.
 - Refreshments will not be served after worship.
 - The collection plate will not be passed around. We continue to encourage you to use the [Donate Here](#) button on the website. If you wish to use a gift aid envelope with cash/cheque, please do so. The donations box will be clearly situated under the gallery near the west doors.
 - At the end of the 10am service, you will be invited to leave by the west doors fairly promptly, while continuing to practice safe social distancing of 2 metres. If you are able to move some chairs, that will help prepare the way for the congregation at 11am. Clear guidance will be given.
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News from around Guildford

You are invited to join Jen Clay, Fundraising and Partnership Manager at Oakleaf (Guildford-based mental health charity) for Mental health and COVID-19; supporting yourself and your loved ones, Wednesday 8th July 7-8pm, hosted by St Nicolas' Church.

This online talk will discuss how to look after both your own mental health and that of loved ones as COVID-19 continues, including practical tips and advice, resources, and a Q&A. Click the button below to join this Webex meeting (similar to Zoom). This will take you through a simple set up and connect you first to a preview window then you can join the meeting.

Mental health & COVID-19 • Weds 8th July • 7 – 8pm

You may need the following information so keep it handy:

Meeting number (access code): **152 203 0555**

Meeting password: **vCMYEYDj786**

To join the meeting by phone, call **+44 (0) 207 660 8149** and enter the meeting number: **152 203 0555** then password: **82693935**.

Holy Trinity is open for Individual Prayer

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

Sunday worship and Pause to pray

- Robert Cotton is preaching this Sunday on the passage: "Come to me, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens", Matthew 11.28-30. Please see the new service sheet for July linked below.
 - Brian Roberts is preaching this Sunday for St Mary's Church-at-Home. There is a new order of service linked below with bible readings – please note that it is 16 pages if you're thinking of printing it!
 - "Kindness" is the theme of [this week's Pause to Pray](#) with a lovely reading of Psalm 103 by different voices and a tender, personal reflection about kindness by Yvonne Cameron.
 - Young Holy Trinity has started a fortnightly newsletter for children, young people and their parents/guardians – [subscribe here](#).
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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 5th July 8am Holy Communion	<u>SERVICE SHEET</u>
Sunday 5th July 10am Eucharist & Coffee	<u>SERVICE SHEET</u>
Sunday 5th July 10.30am Church-at-home	<u>SERVICE SHEET</u>
<u>Pause to Pray</u>	<u>SERVICES ON VIDEO</u>
Weekday 8.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom	<u>WEEKDAY PRAYER</u>
Saturday 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom	<u>SATURDAY PRAYER</u>
Download Zoom links and call-in details	<u>HTSM NEWSLETTER</u>

If you're free for a chat this afternoon, do 'drop in' online for [More tea, vicar • Wednesdays • 3:30 to 4:30pm.](#)

You might find the updated [What's On](#) listing on our website of use as well this week.

With best wishes,

Robert
1st July 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.
