

Friends,

Easter greetings and warm good wishes to you all!

Holy Trinity
St Mary's

A time to praise, and a time to thank.

The May Bank Holiday has been moved, as I am sure you know, from Monday in this coming week to Friday, since May 8th is the 75th anniversary of VE day. This day marks the anniversary of the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces in 1945. Public celebrations will understandably be muted this year. Her Majesty will address the nation; the BBC will broadcast a repeat of Winston Churchill's speech accepting the surrender. My hope is we will be able to focus on public service, expressed in different ways, and how service often involves sacrifice.

Winston Churchill was a brilliant orator. One of his less well-known lines is worth noting: "we make a living by what we earn; we make a life by what we give". The truth of that is so clear now: you have the power to influence others now by your kindness, your prayers, simple acts of practical help, and by the encouragement you offer through keeping others in mind. May the celebrations this week be focussed not on defeating enemies but on service, not on conquest but on making friends!

There will be a chance to pray about this anniversary at a special online Evening Service on Sunday 10th May.

Knit for Kwasa

The news from South Africa is not good. All schools – including Kwasa College – are shut. Our youth trip that we had planned for this summer is unlikely to happen. We had hoped to take out a hand-knitted hat for each school child at Kwasa. But Stephi Pratley writes: "I would like to be able to give an accurate update on our Kwasa hat knitting project but need some help first. All the navy wool has been handed out and I'm sure many hats are being completed whilst we're all stuck at home. Please email the Parish office to let me with how many completed large navy hats and small colourful hats you have ready. If you have any navy wool left over that would be useful to know too. There's no rush to get the job done but the next person to travel to South Africa will have a lot of hats in their suitcase!"



What's happening in the town centre

Rod Pierce, who is a trustee of the Town Centre Chaplaincy, writes: 'Community Angels' is the service operated by the Chaplaincy alongside the better-known 'Street Angels'. It was set up for volunteers to visit and befriend lonely infirm and elderly residents who can't easily get out of their homes in Guildford and surrounds. Due to the current crisis, of course all 'visits' are being replaced by regular telephone calls by the Community Angels. They have had 30 new requests for befriending, some elderly, some young mums, and some involved in situations of domestic abuse. It's great to report that the Chaplaincy has also had a significant number of fresh volunteers for this work – so many indeed that there is now a waiting list for volunteers who must have DBS checks due to their involvement with vulnerable adults.

Sunday Services by Zoom

Our Sunday Zoom services are working well and proving popular. We are keen that you can all take part in this, if you wish. If you are having difficulty with accessing these services, please let us know. You can now access our Zoom services by a landline phone (without a smartphone, computer or tablet). We can help you make this happen – just call the Parish office on 01483 567716 or [click here](#) to download call-in details for services and morning prayer.

New Donate Button

Thanks to all those who have already used the new "Donate" button on our website. As we reach a wider range of people, we are very grateful to all those who help support the parish's ministry – both new donors, and those who are maintaining their regular giving.

Support for children and families

Holy Trinity Pewley Down School has been doing fantastic work recently, not only providing education online but also offering support for families who may be struggling with various new pressures. Clare Brunet, head teacher, told me recently about how stress is understandably affecting most families in new ways. Some families who normally cope well, will be finding these circumstances extra challenging. Clare says: "I'm sure some of your children are finding things upsetting. As you know, behaviour can be affected by any sort of stress... and is always a way that children communicate when they don't have words to express what they're feeling. We recommend the Family Lives website which has lots of parenting ideas and a helpline."

Please remember in your prayers the families of those who have recently died:

- Peter Beazley
- Bill Hawkins
- David Maclachlan
- Rose Storey
- Winifred Twidell
- Sally Zavos

Prayer and Fellowship

Zoom links are sent out by email only. [SUBSCRIBE HERE](#) if you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive this newsletter and links to Zoom services by email.

Sunday 3rd May 8am Holy Communion	<u>SERVICE SHEET</u>
Sunday 3rd May 10am Eucharist	<u>SERVICE SHEET</u>
Sunday 3rd May 10.30am Morning Worship	<u>SERVICE SHEET</u>
<u>Midweek Prayer - Easter Reflection</u>	<u>PAUSE TO PRAY</u>
Weekday 8.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom	<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>
Saturday 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom	<u>SATURDAY PRAYER</u>
Join a Zoom Service by phone - instructions	<u>SERVICES VIDEOS</u>

Finally

Here are a few lines from a favourite hymn, which encourage us to be grateful:

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.

With gratitude for all you are and do.

Robert
30th April 2020