

# Holy Trinity St Mary's

**Hello parish children, young people,  
parents and guardians!**



**Pippa Mitchell**  
Children & Families Co-ordinator

We wanted to say how much we miss being together on Sunday mornings in Holy Trinity. We know that many of you will be missing singing in the choir, coming to Junior Church and Breakfast Club or helping to serve during services. Our time in church on Sunday mornings is really special and we can't wait to be back together again.

It has been great to catch up with lots of you each week on Zoom. We'd love to see you Thursdays for Café Club and on Sunday mornings we've launched a new Children's Chat Room at 10.30am. Of course, for those of you in the choirs, it's really strange not to be able to sing in church, but we know that lots of you are joining in with virtual choir practices with Nick and Martin.

A big thank you to those who have read so beautifully during the Zoom services and have recorded yourselves for our videos. Lots of people have told us how much they appreciate your readings.

We are so lucky to have computers and tablets which help us to keep in touch with each other to and to see how much our hair has grown during lockdown! We hope to see you on Zoom soon!

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Café Club – Thursdays @5pm for ages 12+

Children's chat room – Sundays @ 10.30am

[Holy Trinity St Mary's Junior Church videos](#)



**Martin Holford**  
Director of Music

Since April, the boys and adults have been meeting weekly for choir practice on Zoom. It is moving to see those that turn up faithfully each week. For so many of us 'Thursday evening is choir' come what may. It inspires us all to see the choral community come together as best we can. We not only sing, but also share news and celebrate birthdays.

Where else - I wonder - does a group of people meet where the age range is 80 years from youngest to oldest? But we can't wait to be back together making music again - in the same room.



**Nick Graham**  
Director of Girl Choristers

The Girl Choristers are now Zoom veterans having sung together virtually nearly 20 times for online rehearsals. Of course it's not quite the same as singing together - we can't wait to be back at Holy Trinity. Still, despite our gatherings being online, we've had lots of fun learning new music including a gospel-inspired setting of words by Jane Austen!

We've also sung old favourites, and completed weekly challenges with the most recent for each choir member to compose a piece of music. It's great to see such creativity. Well done to all who keep singing at this time.

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**Tom Pote**  
Curate

Dear parents and guardians,

Thank you for encouraging your children to take part in choir practices, Café Club, and Children's Chat Room on Zoom and to have a look at the Junior Church videos we've been sending out.

We know that for many of your children this is yet more screen time but we also know how they enjoy seeing friends and familiar faces and being part of the community, even at a distance. Please keep in touch with us and let us know if we can do anything more to support them or change the way we do things on Zoom.

As we move towards the summer, we're going to produce a regular fortnightly Junior Church video on our parish YouTube channel, which will include a Bible story and a prayer. We hope that you will enjoy watching these with your children, and look forward to being able to tell the stories in person again soon!

Every blessing,  
Pippa & Tom

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### **A prayer to say together at home**

Jesus, you are good and wise  
we will praise you when we rise.  
Jesus, hear this prayer we send  
Bless our family and our friends.

Jesus, help my eyes to see  
All the good you send to me.  
Jesus, help our ears to hear  
Calls for help from far and near.

Jesus, help our feet to go  
In the way that You will show.

Jesus, help our hands to do  
All things loving, kind, and true.  
Jesus, guard us through this day  
In all we do and all we say.

**Amen**

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