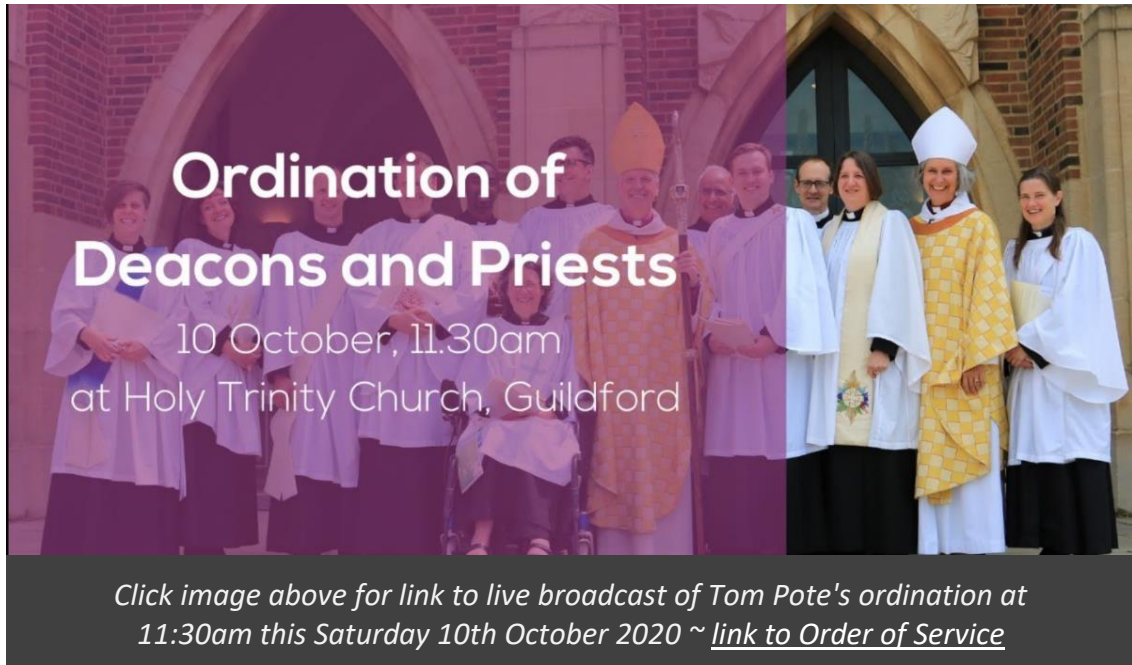


# Holy Trinity St Mary's



**Dear Friends,**

This week we pray with delight and thanksgiving for Tom Pote as he is ordained priest by Bishop Jo in Holy Trinity on Saturday. Please hold in your prayers Tim Clifford Hill who will be ordained deacon at 9:00am at St Bartholomew's in Haslemere also on Saturday, and 26 others around the diocese.

At [Tom's ordination on Saturday](#), I understand that many will want to see and greet Tom as a new priest. I hope some of you will, as usual, participate in the service on Sunday morning on Zoom. Some of you will greet him next Sunday when he leads Holy Communion for the first time at St Mary's (with the girl choristers singing). And some of you will be present in Holy Trinity this Sunday. We are not planning to issue tickets for that – but, as you will understand, we are limited to about 110 attending, so that we can keep everyone as safe as possible. If more arrive at Holy Trinity than we can accommodate, the service can be watched in the Trinity Centre – and Holy Communion will be brought to people there. We want everyone to be as involved as possible. Usually after an ordination, we throw a party – but you will understand that we are unable to do that on this occasion. When circumstances permit, we will have much to celebrate – and will do that in style.

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## Prisons Week

[Prisons Week](#), 11–18 October, was formed to pray for and raise awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all those who care. This year's theme is 'You are not alone'. [Daily prayers](#) focus on a particular group affected by prison or by criminal justice. We are also asked to reflect on what we as a church or as individuals might do or offer as part of our response.

Several members of the HTSM congregation already undertake prison work. Some have been doing this for many years, while others are recent recruits. All share a passion and enthusiasm for demonstrating God's love in whatever way they can to the children, women and men with whom they work.

- Admin volunteers set people at ease while escorting them to and from appointments and even deal with phone cables nibbled by rats!
- A recently retired Samaritan is involved in training 'Listeners', serving prisoners who provide a Samaritan service to other inmates.
- Mentors assist women with preparations for release in Making Connections, a programme that significantly reduces reoffending.
- Mothers' Union volunteers supervise and play with children on visits to a parent in prison as well as preparing handicraft packs.
- Prison Fellowship volunteers write letters to those prisoners in desperate need of outside contact, and help deliver the Sycamore Tree programme, a victim awareness course enabling offenders to take real steps towards changing their lives.
- A volunteer tutor helps offenders with their literacy.
- A health adviser discusses bringing support and counselling into prisons via the telephone.

To an outsider, prisons might seem unlikely places in which to look for hope, but today, in our series '[Sources of Hope](#)', we share thoughts and reflections that paint a different picture.

As one volunteer says, 'There is always hope. You may have to hunt for it. Sometimes it is there shining in your face. But it's always there.'

*The Prisons Week prayer for Sunday 11th October - Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.*

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## **Making a safe church**

You will have read news this week about the report on the Church of England from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. This makes for sobering reading. Standards of Safeguarding have been rising in the last 20 years, but too little and too slow. The report identifies that the Church of England has sometimes been “a place where abusers can hide”. Above all, the report declares that there needs to be a culture change so that victims and survivors are those who are considered first. The Church of England needs to learn more about “responding with sympathy and compassion, accompanied by practical and appropriate support”.

This parish is committed to uphold the highest standards in safeguarding – both with children and with vulnerable adults. We have been well served by those who have been the Parish Safeguarding Officer (currently Sarah Stewart) and Designated Safeguarding Lead (Grayson Jones). But best practice in safeguarding relies on us all taking this matter seriously, being attentive to those who are vulnerable and being courageous to name it if we see situations which cause concern. If you wish to talk further about this, please be in touch [with me](#), [Sarah](#), [Grayson](#) or [one of the church wardens](#).

**- Robert**

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## **Trinity Club report**

Last week the Trinity Club enjoyed a great treat on Zoom (masterminded by David Uzzell). Martin Harris, a member of our congregation and Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave a fascinating talk entitled 'Lost in transition - Reflections on postings in Romania, Ukraine and Russia'.

His knowledge of those countries, their political life, their histories, their cultures, their languages, and their faiths, beautifully nourished our understanding of these distant lands. Martin's twin themes of 'End of Empire' and 'End of Communism' gave us a fresh lens through which to see and understand their ambitions, fears, and relationships with each other, and most important their relationships with the West.

During Q&A Martin explored subjects as diverse as the role of the Orthodox Church, the rule of law and the relationship between the leading politicians and the law, as well as Russia's understanding of national sovereignty and spheres of influence.

**- Brian Roberts**

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### Beethoven Plus One: Fali Pavri & Tim Gill

10th October 6:30pm at Holy Trinity Church & online  
Celebrating 250 years since the birth of Beethoven, Tim Gill and Fali Pavri perform the 3rd cello sonata in A Major and the Brahms F Major cello sonata. Tim Gill is principal cello with London Sinfonietta and has performed as a soloist all over the world including with the RPO and RTE orchestras. Fali Pavri was described by Rostropovich as "A very great talent." For those who cannot make it to the live concert, it will be available online with a live Q&A with Tim Gill and Fali Pavri on Sunday 18th October at 6.45pm. To book tickets [click here](#).

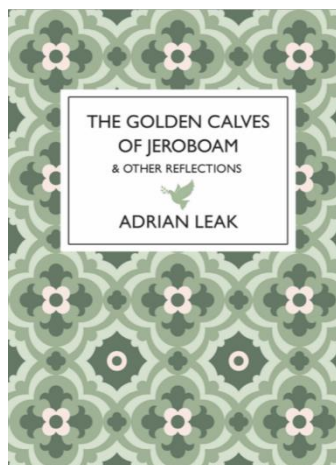


### Organ Recitals at St Mary's Church

St Mary's will be hosting Organ Recitals beginning again Wednesday 14th October at 1:10pm with Stephen Farr (All Saints, Margaret Street). Admission is free.

For those wishing to attend the Organ Recitals at St Mary's Church please inform the Parish office by [email](#) or telephone: 01483 567716.

[Click here](#) for additional Organ Recitals planned at St Mary's Church.



### Invitation to the Launch of Adrian Leak's new book (via Zoom): The Golden Calves of Jeroboam & Other Reflections

A reminder that you are invited to a virtual 'launch' party, hosted by Robert Cotton 6.00 - 6.30pm on Wednesday 14th October. If you would like to attend the book launch party 'via Zoom' please request the link from the Parish office by [email](#).

*'A beautiful, surprising, welcome book. It's spiritual consistency and theological acuteness make it a compendium of Anglican wisdom'.*

- Rowan Williams



### Exhibition: Guildford Museum Town Take Over

3 October - 31 December 2020

Guildford Museum's objects are a tangible link to the town's stories and history. Some of these stories are widely known, while others are not. The objects included on posters in town and on display at the museum connect Guildford now to events which happened here decades, hundreds, or thousands of years ago. As you walk through our town look for the places that link to the objects and places we explore including [The Bluecoat School at Holy Trinity](#).

### Worship in the parish this week

- On Sunday at Holy Trinity, The Rev. Tom Pote will be presiding for the first time following his ordination on Saturday and Robert Cotton will give the sermon. Readings are Philippians 4.1,4-9 and Matthew 22.1-14.
- Allan Taylor will offer a reflection at St Mary's; the reading is Matthew 22:1-14.
- For Sunday's Evening Service, Stephen Marriott will offer a reflection. Readings are Proverbs 3.1-18 and 1 John 3.1-15.
- Morning Prayer weekdays at 8:30am and Saturday at 9:30am.
- [Click here](#) for the full schedule of What's On in the parish.

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### Links to services (sent by email only) and service sheets: 10th - 17th October

<a href="#"><u>Sat 10 Oct 11:30am Ordination of Tom Pote</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SERVICE SHEET</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Sunday 8am Holy Communion</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SERVICE SHEET</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Sunday 10am Holy Trinity Eucharist</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SERVICE SHEET</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Sunday 10:30am St Mary's Worship</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SERVICE SHEET</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Sunday 6pm Evening Service</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SERVICE SHEET</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Pause to Pray</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SERVICES ON VIDEO</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Weekday 8:30am Morning Prayer</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>WEEKDAY PRAYER</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Sat 9:30am Morning Prayer on Zoom</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>SATURDAY PRAYER</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Download Zoom links and call-in details</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>HTSM NEWSLETTER</u></a>

*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.*

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