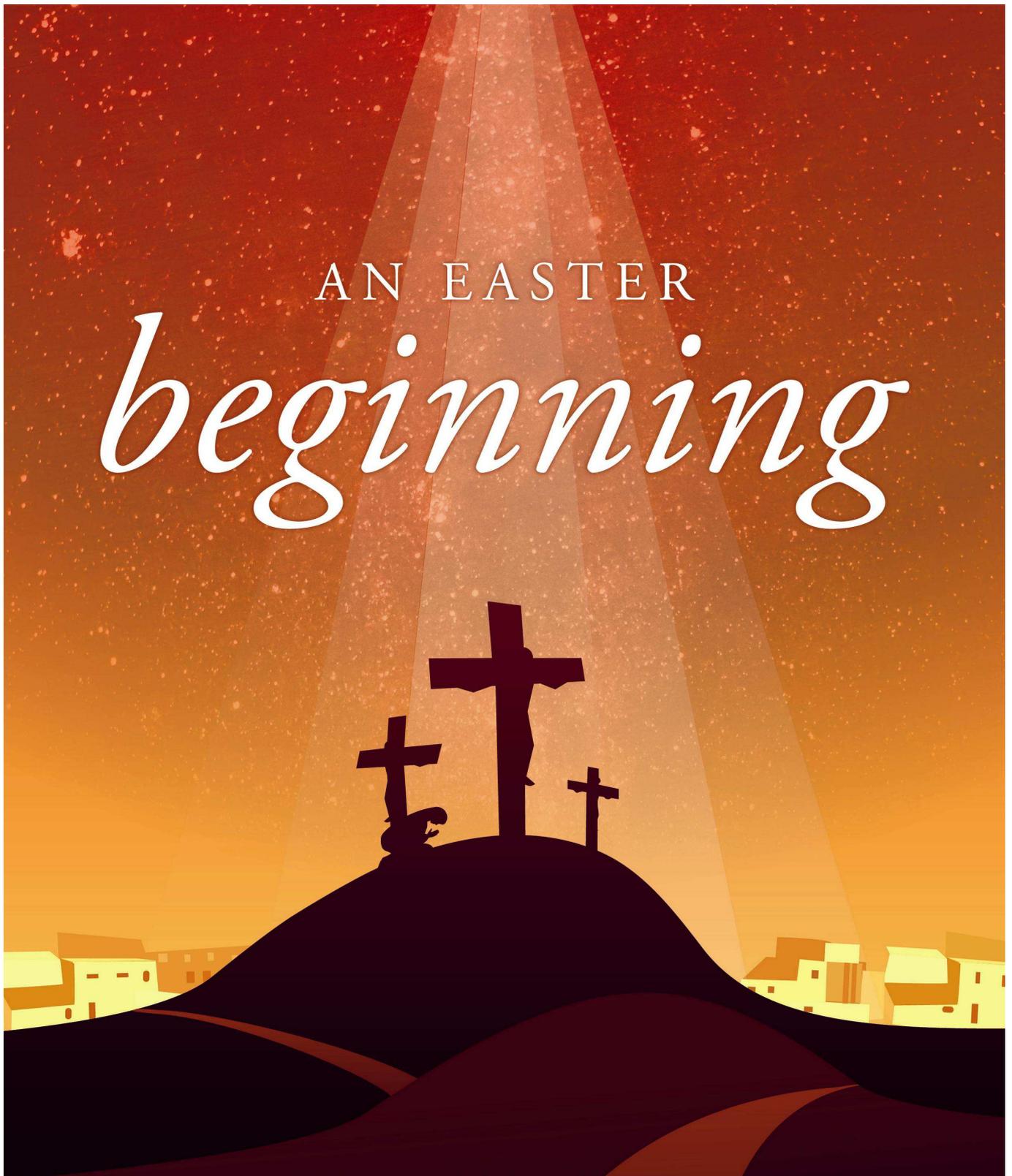


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REGULAR CHURCH GROUPS and ACTIVITIES

Group/Activity	Location/Times	Contact	Tel. (01491)
Church Flowers	Holy Trinity Church	Mary Burton Maureen George	57 2971 57 7895
Study Groups	Various	Michael Forsdike	61 2161
Little Chimes	10:00 a.m. every Friday in the Parish Room	Lucy Brewster	07758 843461
Knit & Stitch Group	2:00 p.m. on Thursdays at various homes	Mary Burton Jean Smith	57 2971 57 3714

DIARY DATES

Friday 3 rd April	<i>Trinity School's Easter Service.</i> 10:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday 7 th April	<i>Trinity Together.</i> 8:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church
Good Friday 10 th April	<i>Readings & Hymns.</i> 12:00 noon. Falaise Square. (followed by Hot Cross Buns at d:two)
Good Friday 10 th April	<i>Good Friday Reflections.</i> 3:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church
Easter Sunday 12 th April	<i>Son-rise Service.</i> 6:30 a.m. Mill Meadows Bandstand (followed by bacon butties at Christchurch URC).
Easter Sunday 12 th April	<i>Easter All Age Service.</i> 9:15 a.m. Holy Trinity Church
Easter Sunday 12 th April	<i>Easter Communion.</i> 10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity Church (with Easter Egg hunt)
Sunday 26 th April	<i>Annual Meetings.</i> Holy Trinity Church. Follows the 10:00 a.m. service, followed by Bring & Share lunch (see pages 6-7).
Tuesday 5 th May	<i>Trinity Together.</i> 8:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church
Thursday 21 st May	<i>Ascension Day Holy Communion.</i> 6:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

Please be aware that all of these dates are provisional due to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York having put on hold public services until further notice as the country fights the coronavirus epidemic.

Some or all of these dates could be cancelled. For more information please go to:

<http://www.churchofengland.org>

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

What is the meaning of the cross?

Simply put, the meaning of the cross is death. From about the 6th century BC until the 4th century A.D., the cross was an instrument of execution that resulted in death by the most torturous and painful of ways. In crucifixion a person was either tied or nailed to a wooden cross and left to hang until dead. Death would be slow and excruciatingly painful; in fact, the word *excruciating* literally means “out of crucifying.” However, because of Christ and His death on the cross, the meaning of the cross today is completely different.

In Christianity, the cross is the intersection of God's love and His justice. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (*John 1:29*). The reference to Jesus as the Lamb of God points back to the institution of the Jewish Passover in Exodus 12. The Israelites were commanded to sacrifice an unblemished lamb and smear the blood of that lamb on the doorposts of their homes. The blood would be the sign for the Angel of Death to “pass over” that house, leaving those covered by blood in safety. When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John recognized Him and cried, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (*John 1:29*), thereby identifying Him and God's plan for Him to be sacrificed for sin.

One might ask **why did Jesus have**

to die in the first place? This is the over-arching message of the Bible—the story of redemption. God created the heavens and the earth, and He created man and woman in His image and placed them in the Garden of Eden to be His stewards on the earth. However, due to the temptations of Satan (the serpent), Adam and Eve sinned and fell from God's grace. Furthermore, they have passed the curse of sin on to their children so that everyone inherits their sin and guilt. God the Father sent his one and only Son into the world to take on human flesh and to be the Saviour of His people. As the sinless Son of God, He could provide the unblemished sacrifice that God requires. God's justice demanded judgment and punishment for sin; God's love moved Him to send His one and only Son to be the propitiation for sin.

Because of Jesus's atoning sacrifice on the cross, those who place their faith and trust in Him alone for salvation are guaranteed eternal life (*John 3:16*). However, Jesus called His followers to take up their cross and follow Him (*Matthew 16:24*). This concept of “cross-bearing” today has lost much of its original meaning. Typically, we use “cross-bearing” to denote an inconvenient or bothersome circumstance (e.g., “my troubled teen is my cross to bear”). However, we must keep in mind that Jesus is calling His disciples to engage in radical self-denial. The

cross meant only one thing to a 1st-century person – death. “Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (*Matthew 16:25*). Galatians reiterates this theme of death of the sinful self and rising to walk in new life through Christ: “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (*Galatians 2:20*).

There are places in the world where Christians are being persecuted, even to the point of death, for their faith. They know what it means to carry their cross and follow Jesus in a very real way. For those of us who are not being persecuted in such fashion, our job is still to remain faithful to Christ. Even if we are never called to give the ultimate sacrifice, we must be willing to do so out of love for the One who saved us and gave His life for us.

Best wishes,

Duncan

The Reverend Duncan Carter

Duty Done (For this month)

Sitting there, on Sunday morning,
Congregations in their pews
Read their magazines, informing
Them of all the latest news.

All save one who sits there smiling –
He knows that journal very well
Having spent a month compiling –
He knows what those pages tell!

He it was who, deadlines facing
Got those varied items in
Phoning, asking, pleading, chasing
Each a battle he must win!

Though he earns no princely wages
Though he gladly gives his time
Efficiently he fills those pages
Choosing pictures, prose, and rhyme.

So he sits, his rest deserving
For this month his duty's done
Maybe he's just strength conserving –
Soon he starts another one!

Nigel Beeton

Trinity at Four

Dear friends,

Many of you will already have heard about an exciting change coming up at Trinity at Four.

By God's grace, we are growing. Over the past year, we have grown from a weekly attendance of 40 adults and 30 children to about 60-70 adults and 40+ children. This is wonderful and it's our prayer and hope that this will continue.

However, as this happens, it is increasingly clear that the facilities at Holy Trinity are struggling to adequately accommodate us. The building itself is large and welcoming and provides a beautiful space for our main service. However, there are real limitations for our children's groups. With only one self-contained space for our growing number of pre-school children, we have had to create a creche (Sparks) in the chancel. The potential for noise distraction has been far from ideal, either for the parents or the rest of the congregation. Also, whilst the walk over to the school for our primary aged groups is working ok, it is a big ask for our younger children, especially those who are new.

Our concern about this is two-fold. First, our hope is not just to accommodate our current numbers, but to continue to grow. It is difficult to imagine how that could be possible in the current set up. Second, whilst our regular church family are happy to put up with extra noise, or the walk over to the school, I'm concerned that this could be off-putting for newcomers,

and especially those who are not used to church.

So in close consultation with our Trinity at Four leadership team, and with Duncan and the Holy Trinity P.C.C., we have agreed that Trinity at Four needs to find a new meeting place for our Sunday services. Wonderfully, our friends at Christ Church have agreed to give us use of their whole centre and church auditorium every Sunday afternoon.

So from **Sunday 19th April**, we will be meeting as Trinity at Four, in a new venue:

The Christ Church Centre, 46 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1AG

Here are a few answers to questions which that might raise:

What does that mean for our identity as Trinity at Four?

In short, nothing. We are not changing identity, but simply our venue. Duncan and I will continue to work as closely together as ever, and we will work as hard as we can to communicate our identity as a congregation rooted at Holy Trinity church.

Will this be a permanent relocation?

Whilst it is difficult to predict the future with any accuracy, in due course, we would love to be back at Holy Trinity! We are already discussing in the P.C.C. how we can work towards that goal. It won't be able to happen over night, but it remains our firm hope and aspiration.

Why relocate to the Christ Church Centre?

The Christ Church Centre best provides us with a venue that is central and well known, has a good auditorium, and importantly, a whole suite of on-site rooms and halls for our children's groups as well as good facilities for our refreshments and food.

Is a move really necessary?

I love meeting at Holy Trinity, and could list a dozen reasons why I would prefer to stay put! (You can ask me about these another time!) However, Duncan and I have become

convinced that a decision *not* to move, would make it impossible for us to grow much beyond our current size, and therefore limit our ability to fulfil Christ's call on us to make disciples of all nations. The purpose of a move is not to find a more comfortable meeting space, but rather to enable us more effectively to fulfil Christ's fundamental calling on us.

Duncan and I are very happy to field any specific questions about the move, so do just get in touch. And please do pray for us all in this.

With grateful thanks,

Sam

The Reverend Sam Brewster

Women's Snooker

The Betfred World Snooker Championship, which returns on the 18th of April, has announced that this year for the first time it will be allowing women to compete alongside the men. It is hoped to see some women's names appear on the trophies, and to become as well known as some of the men. There will even be women on occasions doing the commentary and it is believed this could bring about a massive positive change to watching snooker.

One of the women hoping to compete is Izzy Carter. She will be playing her qualifying matches on the 1st of April. Duncan says she is a formidable player, very able to get century breaks, and is confident that she could become the first woman in this new mixed snooker to get a maximum 147 break. Izzy has set her goals even higher, and hopes to become the first snooker player to get a possible 155 break, and also hopes to play against Ronnie O'Sullivan.

Let's wish her all the best at the Crucible.

Annual Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will take place after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday April 26th. The purpose of the meetings is to elect Churchwardens, P.C.C. members and Deanery Synod representatives; to

hear reports from the P.C.C. on the fabric and ornaments of the church, the financial accounts for 2019 and to discuss anything else covered in the P.C.C.'s annual report.

The meetings will be followed by a bring and share lunch. At the time I write this there is some talk about banning of mass gatherings in order to counter the coronavirus outbreak, but I am assuming that these meetings will be going ahead.

This is time of year when the church's Electoral Roll is brought up to date, so

if you are new to the church and would like to be added, please have a word with Peter Jones, Electoral Roll Officer.

With reference to the Deanery Synod, I am standing down and not seeking re-election, so we will be needing nominations for the two vacancies, as well as nominations for the P.C.C.

Mike Hails

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PRACTISE GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES

Individuals should follow good hygiene practices when in church including:

- (1) If you feel unwell, stay at home; do not attend church services, or other events.
- (2) Use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, and afterwards bin the tissues.
- (3) Assume that all surfaces are infected. Coronavirus spores can stay alive on some surfaces for up to ten days.
- (4) Do not touch your face without first washing your hands.
- (5) Use a sanitiser gel (containing at least 60% alcohol) on hands to kill germs. If washing facilities are available in church, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (If you sing whilst doing so, sing the first verse of your favourite hymn).
- (6) When taking your seat in church, if space permits, sit at least one metre apart from others, and use alternate rows.
- (7) Stand a minimum of one metre apart when talking to one another, and do not talk for longer than two minutes in one place at a time.
- (8) When sharing the peace, do not shake hands, but use the old church custom of greeting, namely, men bow, and women curtsy.
- (9) Coronavirus spores can contaminate coins and notes. Church giving is best done using direct debit, or, where accepted, by debit cards.
- (10) If you catch Corona virus, take the opportunity to read your bible from cover to cover during your self-isolation period.

Watch out for the latest updates issued by Public Health England

[ce/ox/jb217/churches/03/03/2020](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ce/ox/jb217/churches/03/03/2020)

During this crisis, the Food Banks are struggling to feed everyone. Please remember to support them and pray for them, especially now.



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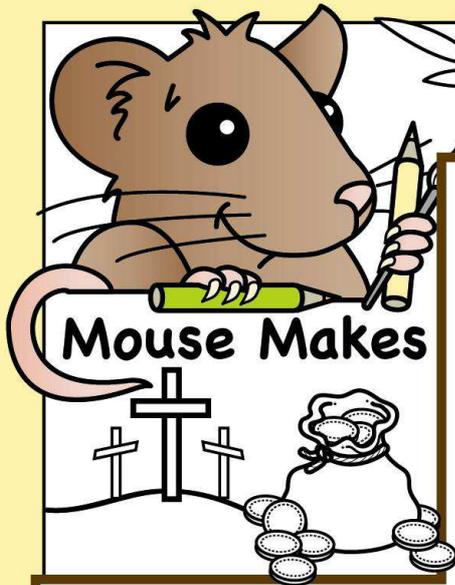
Passover

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through His Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.

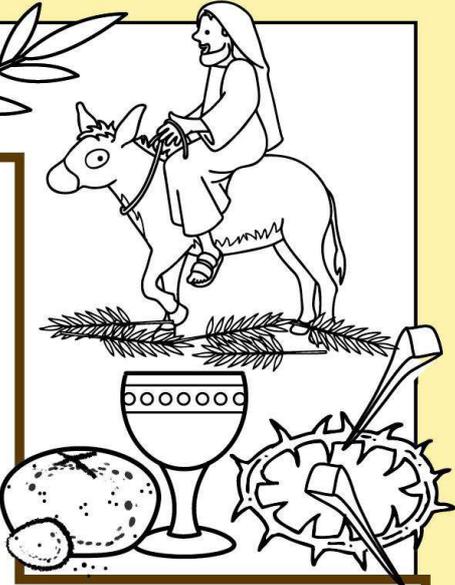
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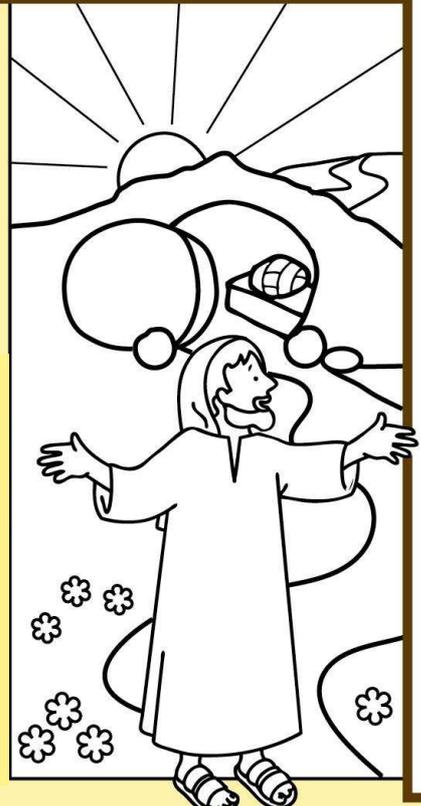
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Provisional SERVICES in APRIL

The Vicar, the Reverend Duncan Carter, will lead the morning services, with the assistance of the Licensed Lay Minister, Michael Forsdike. The Reverend Sam Brewster, will lead the Trinity at Four services.

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL

10:30 A.M. TRINITY SCHOOL'S
EASTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 5th APRIL Palm Sunday

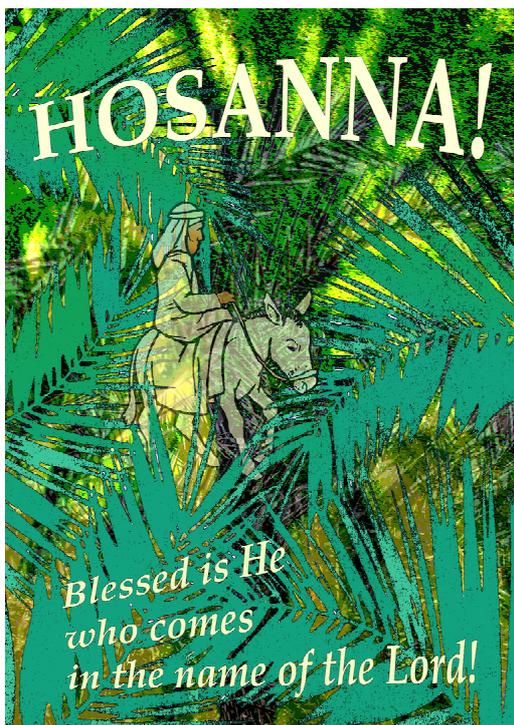
8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP

Sidesman Andrew Galletley

Readings Andrew Galletley

4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
for all the family

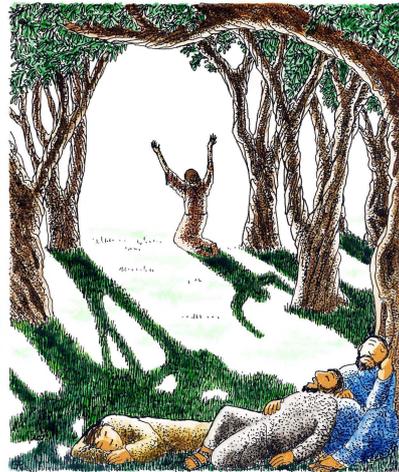


MONDAY 6th – THURSDAY 9th Holy Week

6:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

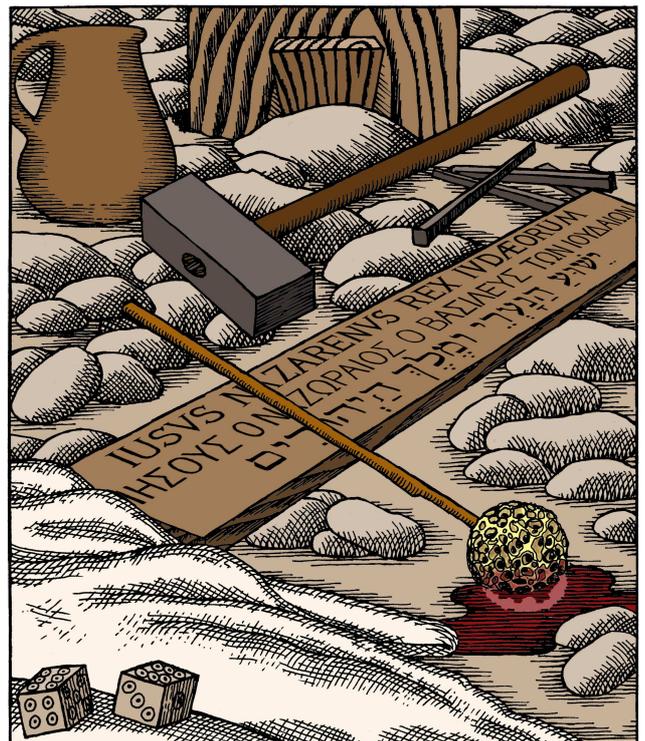
TUESDAY 7th APRIL

8:00 P.M. TRINITY TOGETHER



FRIDAY 10th APRIL Good Friday

3:00 P.M. REFLECTIONS





SUNDAY 12th APRIL
Easter Sunday

6:30 A.M. SON-RISE SERVICE
at Mill Meadows Bandstand

9:15 A.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
Easter Praise for all the family

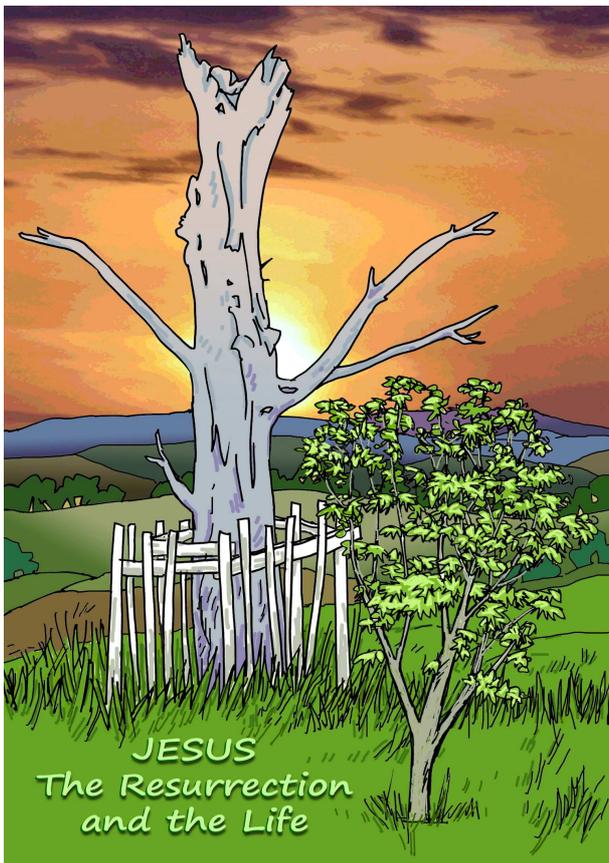
10:00 A.M. EASTER COMMUNION
with Easter Egg Hunt!

Sidesmen Jean Smith &
Maureen George

Readings Lesley Somers

Offertory Ian & Ruth Forster

Verger Andrew Galletley



SUNDAY 19th APRIL
Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP

Sidesmen Peter & Barbara
Williams

Readings Vicky Smiley

4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
at Christ Church URC



SUNDAY 26th APRIL
Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
followed by A. C. M's and Bring &
Share lunch

Sidesman Peter Hanford

Readings Peter Jones

Offertory Tony & Pat
Herrington

Verger Maureen George

4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
at Christ Church URC

Provisional SERVICES in MAY

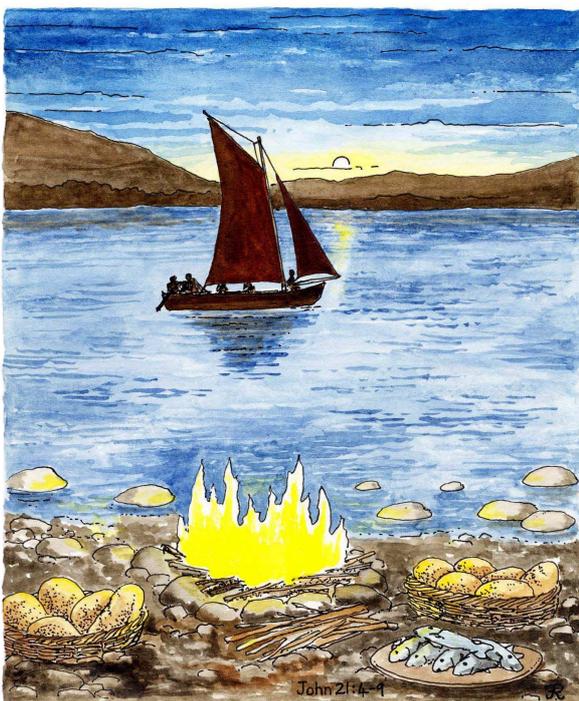
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SUNDAY 3rd MAY Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
 10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
 for all ages
 Sidesman Andrew Galletley
 Readings Bhavina Kotas
 4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
 at Christ Church URC

TUESDAY 5th MAY

8:00 P.M. TRINITY TOGETHER



SUNDAY 10th MAY Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
 10:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
 Sidesmen Jean Smith &
 Maureen George
 Readings Barbara Williams
 Offertory Ian & Ruth Forster
 Verger Stefan Kotas
 4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
 at Christ Church URC



May 2020

SUNDAY 17th MAY Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
 10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
 & BAPTISM
 Sidesmen Peter & Barbara
 Williams
 Readings John Smiley
 4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
 at Christ Church URC

THURSDAY 21st MAY Ascension Day

6:00 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 24th MAY
Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

Sidesman Peter Hanford

Readings Mike Hails

Offertory Tony & Pat
Herrington

Verger Maureen George

4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
at Christ Church URC

SUNDAY 31st MAY
Whit Sunday
Pentecost

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
for all ages

Sidesman Sarah Cook

Readings Richard Young

4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR
at Christ Church URC



SUNDAY 7th JUNE
Trinity Sunday

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP

4:00 P.M. TRINITY AT FOUR

From The Registers

BAPTISM

23rd Feb

Henry Graham Watson

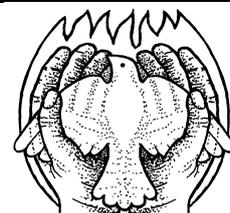
**A prayer for all those affected by
coronavirus**

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Reverend Duncan Carter

Holy Trinity Vicarage
Church Street
Henley-on-Thames
Oxfordshire RG9 1SE
Tel: (01491) 574822

The Vicar is always glad to see anyone needing help or advice. Talking through problems and praying with people are his top priorities. Do not feel worried about sharing your problems, whatever the concern, large or small. For your reference, his day off is Saturday.



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF V.E. DAY

This 75th anniversary is a celebration of a remarkable generation of people who saved our world from the evil tyranny of worldwide domination by foreign powers, and enabled us to retain our independence

On 8th May 2020, we shall celebrate the 75th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War in Europe. 75 years ago in Britain, May 8th 1945, V.E. Day, marked the official ending of the war. After nearly six years of fighting, the allies had won the European war. The German Nazi machine, which had secretly prepared for worldwide domination, had been destroyed. The forces of Germany, together with those of the other European countries in the Axis Alliance, Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania and Finland, had surrendered.

A worldwide audience listened to Churchill's speech at 3:00 p.m. on V.E. Day, broadcast from Downing Street. The Prime Minister officially announced the end of the War in Europe saying that "we may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing, but let us not forget for a moment the toils and efforts that lie ahead".

King George VI gave a reflective and notably relevant speech, broadcast from Buckingham Palace, in which he gave thanks to Almighty God for a great deliverance. He went on to say: "Let us remember those who will not come back: their constancy and courage in battle, their sacrifice and endurance in the face of a merciless enemy; let us remember the men in all the services, and the women in all the

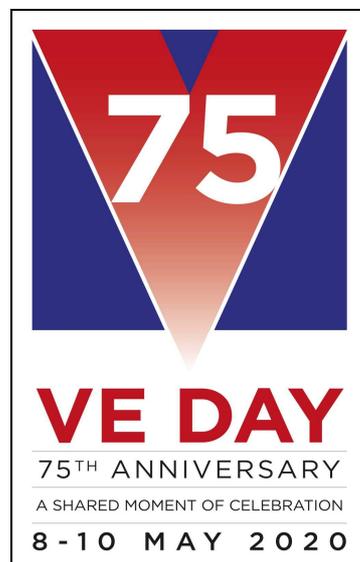
services, who have laid down their lives. We have come to the end of our tribulation and they are not with us at the moment of our rejoicing.

'So let us resolve to bring to the tasks which lie ahead the same high confidence in our mission. Much hard work awaits us both in the restoration of our own country after the ravages of war, and in helping to restore peace and sanity to a shattered world.

To that, then, let us turn our thoughts to this day of just triumph and proud sorrow, and then take up our work again, resolved as a people to do nothing unworthy of those who died for us, and to make the world such a world as they would have desired for their children and for ours.

This is the task to which now honour binds us. In the hour of danger we humbly committed our cause into the hand of God and he has been our strength and shield. Let us thank him for his mercies and in this hour of victory commit ourselves and our new task to the guidance of that same strong hand."

After V.E. Day, it was to be another three months before the Allies won the war in the Far East, and the Second World War was finally at an end.



V.E. DAY 1945 + 75 YEARS

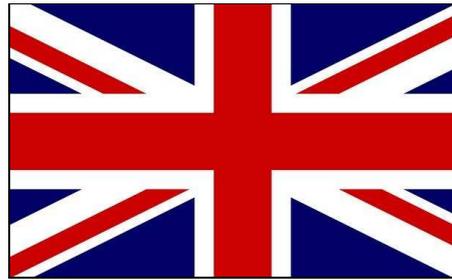
I wonder how many Trinitarians remember V.E. Day way back in 1945. Quite a few I expect. May sees the 75th anniversary of that memorable day, and various events held around the country to commemorate the occasion.

For those who did not experience the war years, it must be hard to imagine just how bad times were. On the home front in 1940 the threatened and dreaded Nazi invasion never came, thanks to the brave heroes of the R.A.F. who thwarted the Luftwaffe from gaining control of the British skies. Because of this, 'Operation Sea Lion', the Nazi plan to invade and conquer the British Isles, was permanently postponed. However, bombing raids by the Luftwaffe continued, causing extensive destruction of our cities, factories and ports during the years to come. Over sixty thousand civilians, men women and children, were killed and many more injured, and over two million homes were destroyed. Worse still, many hundreds of thousands of our brave forces were killed in action. The war bankrupted the country, and after the war we were plunged into a long period of austerity in order to repay our debts. All this takes courage to even think about, and it all happened within the living memory of many of us alive today. It was such a horrendous catastrophe we could hardly forget it.

After six years of all-out war, the long-awaited peace eventually came following Germany's signing of the instrument of unconditional surrender. The war officially came to an end at one minute past midnight on 8th May 1945. This is

the day we shall be commemorating in May. Of course, the Pacific war was still being fought, mainly by the Americans, and V.J. Day was yet to come.

V.E. day 1945 is an occasion that sticks in my memory. At the time I was only a young lad, but I have vivid recollections of that day. People suddenly started to behave differently; they were joyful. The atmosphere was ecstatic; it was like an extra-special Christmas taking place. How wonderful it was that the war in Europe was over; people's smiles said it all. Flags were flying everywhere; I had a large flag which I took great delight in running around and waving, and a Union



Flag flew from the bonnet of our family car for weeks afterwards. I was taken to see a Victory Parade in our nearest town where crowds packed the main street to watch a parade of lorries go by, each one

gaily decorated with a topical display. Marching bands played, it was indeed a great day for celebrating. Everyone was excited and overjoyed at the news of Victory in Europe; they were going around greeting and hugging each other, even people that they had never met before. The lights were on again and the world could sing again. Later people danced in the street, elated at the prospect of peace at last. They could now breathe a sigh of relief and make merry for once after suffering a long drawn-out ordeal in a world of anxiety, rationing, blackouts, air raid shelters, and make do and mend. In the evening there was a huge bonfire in the town which could be seen from miles around.

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The Vicar's Letter (June 1945)

My dear Friends,

These are wonderful days, and were our difficulties and trials in the Far East at an end, our cup of glad relief would be full. As it is, we have welcomed home many prisoners of war, others have joined their families on home leave, extended in some cases to an extra day or two, and every mail brings letters in increasing numbers from those whose hearts are turning homewards. And what fine letters these are, manly letters from those who left us as mere boys, and are now clear, independent thinkers whose manhood has been forged in the furnace of war. Many of them will carry the mark of battle to the end of their days, but these lads are to be the builders of the future era and we must do all we can to help them. After all they have been through, all they have endured, they may at first feel restless and unsettled, not knowing what is wrong with them, unable to put a finger on the remedy, ready perhaps to take the first chance of employment or occupation. Some of them possibly may fall an easy prey to crafty and skilled adventurers intent on depriving them of their small hard-earned gratuities and savings. Unfortunately, such bestial parasites abound and, after the manner of their kind, batten on the lifeblood of humanity especially upon men and women, weakened after nearly six years of trial and affliction

and, who pardonably feel the right to trust everything and everybody on the Home front.

We have been notified that Trinity Hall may be returned to us or 'de-requisitioned' (ugly word!) under certain conditions, but until we are clear what these conditions really are, we are not at all sure where we stand in this important matter. We want the Hall very badly, and regret our stupidity in being unable to understand (without deep study and some advice from those accustomed to strip the camouflage from official documents), what, in plain English, this notification means.

But our knitted brows smoothed out amazingly when we left the writing desk and sallied forth to V.E. Teas. And what teas! Streets, playgrounds schoolrooms, all gay with bunting and flags; joyous shouts of children, everybody wearing a victory smile. What a round your vicar made on several afternoons! And how he almost wept because there were several which he simply couldn't attend after expressing his intention of being there. Please forgive him, he's not such a contortionist as he fancied he was! And there were so many toothsome dainties at those teas !

Yours sincerely,

E. L. WORMALD

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On How to Run Your Notice Board

The Rectory
Saint James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to place a notice board outside your church seems a good one – and its design in blue plastic with luminous red detachable letters seems entirely in keeping with the aesthetics of your building. Make sure that it is lockable, however, as an innocent notice saying ‘all are welcome’ may be modified by a devotee of anagrams to say something far less polite by the following day.

We recently replaced ours, which had disappeared shortly before last bonfire night. That the Scouts’ bonfire had a board which closely resembled our old one in its centre was, I am sure, a complete coincidence. The Venture Scouts’ collective smirk during the following week’s Parade Service did give one pause for thought, and the Cubs’ collapse into helpless laughter at the chorus ‘So light up the fire and let the flames burn’ only increased suspicion.

On reflection, you may not have been wise to use your notice board to tell everyone your holiday dates. Certainly, various local burglars were tripping over each other inside the vicarage while you were away. However, the

note the last one left you, saying that next time he broke in, he would bring you something, since you had so little left, was quite touching.

Inevitably, now that your church has a notice board, there will be open warfare over who is allowed to display notices on it. Will the Slimmers Club be seen as biblical? Why is the Ladies Guild notice twice as large as all the others? And do remember that while everyone will want space to display their notices, no one will ever remove them once the event is over. Plaintive announcements of Christmas parties in April or of Summer Fetes in November only serve to take people down memory lane.

Here’s the best way to manage a notice board: create that panacea for all problems: a sub-committee. These poor people only ever exist in order to get the clergy out of tight corners and to make sure that matters are discussed at such inordinate length that every issue eventually dies a natural death. And if even that fails, you could have a quiet word with our Scouts before next year’s bonfire night.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Parish Pump



PARISH JOTTINGS

Parish Flooding



Geese on the towpath

Holy Trinity Parish Flooding

The southern extremity of our parish has suffered flooding over the past weeks. The towpath from Hobbs' boatyard to beyond Mill Meadows has been under water, and walking along it has not been possible. This year, February saw some of the heaviest rainfall on record fall on Henley.



Riverside walk under water

Trinity at Four on the move

The Trinity at Four Sunday afternoon service is to move its venue to Christ Church in Reading Road, Henley, where more space is available for its growing congregation. Some 70 adults and 40 children now attend the service, and the numbers continue to increase.

There are five age groups of children provided for, each needing a separate space for their various activities.

Trinity at Four, launched in 2018, is a church for modern families, and has proved to be a successful and growing enterprise under the leadership of The Reverend Sam Brewster, the Minister for Trinity at Four.

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

The Church of England recently released good practice guidance for churches in respect of the coronavirus outbreak. The guidance reiterates the current government advice issued on 4th March, that individuals should follow good hygiene practices, including carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and then binning the tissue. Hands should be washed using soap and water (for 20 seconds), or use sanitiser gel if washing facilities are not to hand. Watch out for advice updates.



NHS hygiene poster



Flooding in Mill Meadows in Holy Trinity parish (February 2020)

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