

Pre-schools in church halls ...

Following the new guidelines from the Government, pre-schools (along with schools) are allowed to open again in June. The Church of England advice is that where pre-schools meet in church-owned buildings they can only reopen if they have sole use of a building and undertake full responsibility for Covid19 safety. Please be aware that our two benefice pre-schools which open this month will be firmly within this guidance.

Shoemakers Reopening

Shoemakers Christian Bookshop has re-opened their website from Monday, 1st June. It can be accessed at www.christophershoemaker.org.uk for all Christian books, CDs, DVDs and so much more. They are also aiming to open the Bookshop (with suitable changes for social distancing) on Tuesday, 16th June, of course the café will remain closed.

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Newbury, St George & St John

7th June 2020
Trinity Sunday

The Trinity is not a mystery to be solved, not a meta-physical conundrum to explain. If we try (and there have been many attempts with eggs, ice-cubes, clover leaves, etc), we realise they all miss the point.

The mystery of the Trinity reminds us that God is beyond our understanding, beyond explaining, almost beyond words ...

But the Trinity also tells us that God is a relationship that gives and embraces and draws all; plants, planets, atoms, angels, you and me. The love of God, revealed in Jesus, and present to us through the Holy Spirit, is like a dance which weaves through time and space, and finds a home in open hearts.

So enjoy the mystery of love as we celebrate this holy feast. And be glad that God is not like an ice-cube!

Benefice Service, Sunday at 10.00am

Please join us for our online Benefice Service of Holy Communion. The service will be available on YouTube here: <http://tiny.cc/stg-stj>

Or go to the new benefice website and click the link www.stg-stj.org.uk

'Virtual Coffee and Chat' at 11.00am. Details via email. **See note on back page about new Zoom register requirements.**

Thursday Worship for Corpus Christi

This week's midweek worship is a Benefice Eucharist on Thursday 11th June. It will be available via Zoom at 7.30pm and the password is on the Friday email. The service will include Ave Verum sung by the combined Benefice choirs and the Service Sheet is on the Benefice Website from Wednesday morning.

Readings for Sunday, 31st May 2020

The Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of
your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
Amen

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Gospel: Matthew 28. 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son
and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Prayers for the week

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do. The weekly Prayer Diary that is sent out by email with this newsletter includes prayers for named individuals, together with prayer intentions for the week for our benefice, the local community and the wider world.

The full monthly cycle of prayer can be found on the website.

Upcoming services

Thursday Worship	Zoom	11 th June
Corpus Christi		7.30pm
With <i>Ave Verum</i> from our benefice virtual choir.		

Sunday Worship	YouTube	14 th June
		10.00am

All our services (except Zoom) remain available on the Benefice Website and on YouTube.

Telephone church

If you know anyone who cannot access the Internet and would like to listen in to the Sunday service, **Simply dial this number 01635 959050** which is charged at local rate.

- It will announce that this is a 'Trial Account' and asks the user to press any key to proceed/'execute'.
- There is a short announcement by a robotic voice introducing the service.
- The service will then play, (although there may be up to a 30 second delay before starting). The service will remain available at this number for the rest of the week.

Please pass this on to anyone who may benefit

In need of help?

If you need a listening ear, or a have a prayer request contact the clergy on the numbers overleaf.