



HOLY TRINITY PRESTWOOD

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June Services

Sunday 4th

Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23

8.00am

BCP Holy Communion

9.30am

Parish Eucharist

Ministry team – Pamphylians

Sunday 11th

Trinity Sunday

*Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end; 2 Corinthians 13.11-end;
Matthew 28.16-end*

No 8am or 9.30am service today

11.00am

Benefice Family High Mass followed by

'Bring and Share Lunch' – sign-up sheet at back of church

Ministry team –Parthians

Sunday 18th

1st Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 19.2-8a; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8[9-23]

8.00am

BCP Holy Communion

9.30am

Parish Eucharist

Ministry team – Medes

Sunday 25th

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 20.7-13; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39

8.00am

BCP Holy Communion

9.30am

Parish Eucharist

Ministry team –Elamites

Midweek services

Mondays at 11.45am

Monday Prayers

Tuesdays at 9.30am

Informal Holy Communion & coffee

Wednesdays at 10.00am

BCP Holy Communion & coffee

Thursdays at 9.30-11.30am

Toddler Thursdays! (during term time)

Join the Global Wave of Prayer **May 25—June 4**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Visit www.thykingdomcome.global

"I cannot remember in my life anything that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit." - Archbishop Justin Welby

Between 25th May and 4th June, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ.

There are loads of different ways to join in. Here are just a few ideas. You can pray for five people to come to know Jesus Christ:

- Tie a piece of string with five knots to represent people you will pray for. Wear it on your wrist or put it in your pocket.
- Gather five small stones and write five names on them of people you are going to pray for and place by bedside table or desk.
- Make a card the size of a credit card and put the five names on it and pop it alongside your credit cards.
- Stick post-it notes around the house with your chosen five on it.

Pray for just one particular person around you that he or she may know Jesus.

- Every time you turn on a tap today pray for someone you know to know the living water Jesus gives.
- Pray for someone next door to know Jesus.
- Pray for the person who serves you in a shop today to want to serve Jesus.
- Pray for just one young person that you know that they may find Jesus.

First Communions and Confirmations

We are putting some groups together for people who want explore Communion and/or Confirmation in the Autumn. There will be groups for young people and adults. They will be relaxed and friendly, and if this is something you'd like to think about please speak to the Rector or Teresia.

Thought for the Month by our Rector

They say politics and religion don't mix, but that's not true. I think traditionally the idea that your (essentially private) faith might influence your (essentially public) political intentions is what people have a problem with. It implies that there might be a "right" (as in correct!) way to vote, and if you don't vote in that way then perhaps you aren't a proper Christian...

But who decides what is the correct way for Christians to vote? Of course, no one does. But you might like to reflect on how your faith impacts on your politics. Have you prayed about this election? If not, I hope it isn't too late for you to start. (You will, I hope, also pray for the

new government whether or not it is the one you wanted!) Have you prayed about who you will vote for? For all the candidates in this constituency? What about praying that the candidates will know and understand the needs of the country? And also that the voices of those most in need, the most difficult voices to hear, will be heard? If nothing else, I hope you can take the opportunity that the election gives us to pray for our country, to give thanks for our democratic institutions and to hold our common future before God.

If you search on Google for “Archbishops highlight the place of faith in British life” you’ll find a three page letter that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written about the election. Here are some of the main points, as reported on the Church of England website:

Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu urge people to set aside "apathy and cynicism" and draw new inspiration from the ancient Christian virtues of "love, trust and hope".

Following divisions of recent years, it calls for reconciliation drawing on shared British values based on cohesion, courage and stability.

At a time when political differences may be felt more intensely than ever, the Archbishops insist that Christians' "first obligation" during the election and beyond is to pray for those standing for office and recognise the personal costs and burdens carried by those in political life and by their families.

But Christians also have a duty to play an active part in the process, they add.

"This election is being contested against the backdrop of deep and profound questions of identity," they say.

They call for a generous and hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants but also warn against being "deaf to the legitimate concerns" about the scale of migration into some communities.

Faith, they argue, has a unique role to play in preventing extremism and religiously motivated violence.

In an interview with The Guardian ex-Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, said:

There was a danger of “executive power emerging independently of the rule of law ... in other words, an erosion of real accountability in public life”.

In the UK, next month’s election was a “very difficult moment, not least because a lot of traditional party loyalties are up for grabs”, he said.

“There is lots of peering into lots of abysses at the moment.”

The focus on Brexit was “taking our eyes off the ball in some other areas. What we need is a systematic programme of prevention. We look at how much money we need to throw at a problem to solve it, rather than in the longer term what we need to invest to stop these problems arising.”

Among the issues Williams cited as not being properly addressed were penal policy, homelessness and “alienation that leads to poor performance among children and young people”.

He said: “There is innate short-termism in our political language ... We need to build as broad a consensus that we can on long-term issues [rather than] party political issues for this election. If we don’t, the spring coils tighter and tighter.”

There is much there that we can use to pray with. As this election reaches its conclusion and a new government begins to take shape let our prayers for our nation be as important as our vote.

Deiniol

Notes on the PCC Meeting on 9th May 2017

PCC meetings have moved from the fourth to the second Tuesday of the month so reports will hopefully be more up to date than sometimes in the past (sorry readers!). Also there will be only eight meetings per year rather than ten as the PCC felt that much routine business could be carried out electronically in future: there is no meeting in June. Matters of interest will however, still continue to be reported in the *Monthly Herald*.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and exciting reports to the PCC was provided by our new Marketing Officer who is setting in motion a number of new initiatives: firstly on 12th July (make a note in your diary) we are hoping that Chiltern Vintage Cinema will set up a “pop-up” cinema in the Church and will be showing “Billy Elliot” (a great film about a boy who want to be a ballet dancer set against the miners’ strike in 1984-5) and ‘The Artist’ (black and white, award winning and featuring the dog Jack). This latter film will feature a live musical performance in the style of silent movies. A must for all dog lovers.

The Feathers Music School Summer Workshop is coming to the Hall between 31st July and 4th August (Performance on the 4th): the aim is to teach children (5+) singing, dancing and acting thus boosting self confidence and self-esteem. Watch your service sheets for further information: this might be a good present from grandparents ?

On a more boring note, new booking forms and associated paperwork are in preparation and first drafts were welcomed by the PCC.

Those of us who attended the Spring Concert will be pleased to learn that this raised over £850 for HTP and those who did not missed a

treat: Diane Goford is to be congratulated in putting together a really jolly evening and she has a lot to live up to as she will be putting together one next year too! Did we know that both Teresia and Deiniol had such good singing voices? Eurovision eat your heart out.

The PCC discussed the Lent Course: the simplicity of the presentations and the messages therein was welcomed by everyone who attended all or part of the course: attendees generally seemed to be encouraged to think “outside the box” and the interactive (question and answer) parts of each presentation produced much in the way of helpful thoughts and insights. Trust between participants was seen as a crucial aspect of the discussions. The book on prayer was thought to be an easy read. Soup and roll / coffee and biscuits was also considered to be a better way of working than being in the local pub (as last year). The PCC would welcome any further thoughts on this course which could be fed into next year’s ideas (send to me please). The major discussion for the day was focussed on the prayer life of Holy Trinity - what resources might be available to advance and/or deepen the prayer life of our church family? The PCC looked at the website << <https://www.thykingdomcome>>> which was considered a simple message, well worth further thought. Members of the PCC described some of their individual ways of praying (on a bike, whilst washing up) and we hope to draw up some sort of list of ideas for individuals to use (with the emphasis on practicality).

It would be good if there were more people willing to take the Intersessions part of the Sunday services: PCC recognised that this could be daunting and will look further at how to lead more individuals gently into this part of the service. One tool “The Daily Examen” is a technique for daily prayerful reflection (<<<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen>>>

which is simple to use. All HTP members were encouraged to “pray about their prayer lives”.

The financial position of HTP this financial year is on line with the budget with slight increases in both income and expenditure. Over £3000 was raised in the Lent Appeal for African Village Support (AVS) and Colin McBride and Robert Hart (authors of the original report on outreach) have been asked by the Rector to see how we develop our relationship with AVS.

There has been much activity on the buildings front - planning permission has been granted for the lighting to the overflow car park and air curtain heaters will be installed by the West door to reduce draughts. HTP is making a small but significant contribution to the Parsonage Board for the repair of the drive to the Rectory. A number of inspections have been carried out (no significant problems). The cleaning of the grout in the Church floor is under discussion and estimates are being sought.

Functioning of the sound/hearing loop systems was raised at the APCM: there was general agreement that much of the problem may well lie in use of the microphones and training for those using microphones might be helpful (provision of a training manual). The Rector considered that for future concerts and other activities a dedicated person on the sound desk would be an asset.

The Ashes Garden (under and around the flowering cherry tree) is nearly full and different ways of keeping space available were discussed: it was thought that maybe a memorial wall with plaques (like Little Missenden) could be a way forward and Geoff Watts will be looking into this: the need to maintain the peace and serenity of this little patch of land was emphasised.

The proposal for the location of a Geocache (<<<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geocaching>>> and, no, I didn't know what this was either) will be dealt with by email. Other actions arising from the APCM have not been forgotten.

Those of us praying for rain have now had our prayers answered.

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18 May 2017

Lent Appeal Thanks

We have received a letter from African Village Support thanking us for our contribution made through our Lent Appeal. The final total for the Lent Appeal is £2967.50 plus £620.00 of Gift Aid, making a grand total of £3587.50. In it Marie Coates writes, *"Please can you enable all members of your congregation to receive our utmost thanks. I know that I have suggested that one of us comes back to church with a fuller report but I don't want to delay our thanks-I know that you won't need me to tell you what you have achieved with your amazing generosity towards the Lenten Appeal for AVS which raised over £3,000."*

June dates for your diary

Mondays at 7.30pm		Table Tennis – Church Hall
2 nd Fri	1.15pm	Pot Luck Lunch – Church Hall
11 th Sun	Midday	'Bring and Share Lunch' for Trinity Sunday
18 th Sun	9.30am	AVS Update with Marie Cates

Prestwood on Sea

THIS August, for the 10th year running, local senior citizens will be making their way to “Prestwood on Sea” for the annual holiday club run by local churches. The club was the brainchild of Christine Marsh, Licensed Lay Minister at Holy Trinity, who saw the need for an activity for older people during August when many families and friends are away and local clubs close down. Initially held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, the venue is now the Methodist Church Hall in the High Street, which is more central to the village. Activities, entertainment and good food as well as a lot of chat, are enjoyed by the ladies and gentlemen who attend. The dates this year are 10, 17 and 24 August and you can book your place now by contacting Mary Wiles on 01494 866783. The organisers are very grateful to Sweet Charity for their help with towards the cost of providing this facility for our older residents.

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People raises thousands of pounds each year by the sale of used postage stamps. Please tear or cut the stamps off the envelopes leaving a small border and give them to Pete and Sylvia Sanderson who will pass them on to the charity.

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