



NEWSLETTER ❖ TRINITY SUNDAY

Dear friends

The Church of England has not had a good run with its communications recently: the Archbishops' mission logo for the 2020s with its heading 'Simpler, Humbler, Bolder', reminded most people of a washing machine or a plughole. Unless it's been corrected, it currently has streamed worship advertised online for Trinity Sunday under this heading: 'God is revealed through the Trinity'. It might seem a small matter but this is *not* the Church's teaching and never has been. The Trinity is not in any way *external* to God. The Trinity *is* God. Altering just one word makes it true to the Christian faith: 'God is revealed *as* the Trinity'. There, was that really so difficult?

Given that loose talk about the Holy Trinity seems so easy, the whole concept of the Trinity can leave people feeling rather like Nicodemus in St John's Gospel: God is one and God is three. 'How can these things be?' Some might feel vulnerable to ridicule by those who are cynical about our faith, or about faith in general. We might have experienced feelings of inadequacy at not being able to explain what it means when a genuine enquirer asks, 'What do you believe about the Trinity?' We might even feel that this doctrine, in its subtlety, has become irrelevant in our world where many seem to believe that everything essential can be expressed a 'tweet' in 280 characters.

There's an old saying sometimes attributed to St Augustine's teacher, St Ambrose of Milan: *lex orandi lex credendi* - what we pray is what we believe. It serves to remind us that before the Creeds were written and before the canon of Scripture was formed, Christians prayed together. We still pray to the Father, in union with the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, because those are the dynamics of how we believe God has revealed himself to us: as Three Persons yet One God.

God is the Creator of all things who has placed the seal of his image deep within every human being. He entered our human nature in Jesus Christ that we might share in his divine nature. But since God is so utterly different from us, he sends us the gift of the Holy Spirit to kindle within us the fire of divine love, the power of love which enables us to participate in the life of heaven. Three Persons we adore, One in being and equal in majesty. These things we pray, we celebrate, year by year. So we can pray the Trinity even if we can't understand it.

– Fr Alasdair

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 30	0800 Mass 1000 Sung Mass 1800 Evening Prayer	TRINITY SUNDAY
Monday 31	0730 Morning Prayer 0800 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 1	0900 Morning Prayer 1730 Evening Prayer 1800 Mass	<i>St Justin of Rome</i>
Wednesday 2	0900 Morning Prayer 0930 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer 2100 Compline	
Thursday 3	0900 Morning Prayer 1215 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer 1800 Sung Mass with Procession	CORPUS CHRISTI
Friday 4	0730 Morning Prayer 0800 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	<i>John XXIII, Bishop of Rome</i>
Saturday 5	1100 Morning Prayer 1130 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	<i>St Boniface of Mainz</i>
Sunday 6	0800 Mass 1000 Sung Mass 1800 Evening Prayer	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Audio recordings of selected services will continue to be placed on the website here:

<https://www.allsaints-standrews.org.uk/category/virtualservices/>

Zoom Meeting Room

Wednesday coffee morning at 10.30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6465967723?pwd=UWFqNlp5M05LckFoRVBIUXhteHR6QT09>

Corpus Christi Sung Mass, Procession & Benediction with Baptism and Confirmation

Please note that attendance at the 6pm Sung Mass will require prior booking through the usual email address - allsaints-seats@mail.com - and please hold Gianluca Adamo and Dongwook Kim in your prayers as they prepare to make their declarations of faith and are sacramentally incorporated more fully into the body of Christ at this service.

At present, the weather forecast predicts a dry evening, so if you have some time during the afternoon and could help prepare the courtyard for the procession, that would be very helpful.

Two Weddings and a Baptism

June Baxter's grandson, Tom Cundall married his fiancée, Charlotte, on Friday in Yorkshire. Brendan Seenan is marrying Charlotte Hill on Saturday 5 June here at All Saints'; and William Angus Hector-Donellan is being baptised here on that day too.

Please include these lovely people and their families in your prayers at this time.

Reserving seats

Please continue to email allsaints-seats@mail.com by Friday evening with your name and number of seats requested for the following Sunday's 10 am mass. If access to the internet is an issue, one of the church wardens (Fiona: 01334 479941 or Frances: 07931 722221) can reserve a seat for you.

Volunteers for Church Open Hours

The church is open each day ostensibly for private prayer but also for those who might like to come inside and have a look; people are naturally moved towards prayer in churches like ours, where tourists perhaps become pilgrims rather easily. While we are mindful of the amount of time that is involved for those who supervise these openings, it does seem an important thing to do when many churches remain closed.

Should you be willing to spend a couple of hours in the church every so often, it would be much appreciated. Sometimes several people come in during those hours, sometimes none; some are chatty, others are silent. However, the Government asks that, for the time being, we supervise the building and encourage people, when necessary, to observe protocols to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission taking place.

The church is now open **daily from 3–5 pm**. If you are able to help - once or twice a month would be splendid - you can use the online rota to book times here: <http://bit.ly/allsaintsopendoors>. Alternatively, if you would prefer to book a time by 'phone or email, please contact the Rector.

Giving to All Saints'

Our bank details:

Bank Royal Bank of Scotland
Branch 113 – 115 South Street, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9QB
Sort code 83-26-28
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Account number 00104363

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INTERCESSIONS

In particular need

Debbie & Priscilla White, Robyn Seenan, Anne Clayton, Jeremy & Elizabeth, Elma, Jenny Bisset, Steve Scott, Samantha Thomas, Margaret Trimble, Malcolm Macgregor, Kirsty Wiley, Anna, Pauline, Alec, Vanessa Watchman

Continuing need

Effie Keracher, Jonah & Chris Andrews, Gareth & Jenni Saunders, Judy, Ashley & Kathleen Cummins, Lawrence Reynolds, Edie, Alice Bullough, Joan Day, Catherine Rowe, Lori-Mark Quate, Rebecca, Beatrice, & Alexander, Dorothy Clark, Jay Sterling, David McLean, Regan, Florence & Harrison McMillan, Shelagh Brown, Kate Jennings, Heather Cardwell

Residential care

Catriona, Fiona Ingham, Marie-Louise Moffett, *Priest*, Janet Reid, Ann Noltie, Dorothy Foster

Recently departed

Roger Gifford

Year's mind

30/5	Agnes Arnold, 1922	2	James Cummings Kirk, 1939
	Catherine Lumsden, 1934		Oliver Smith, 2013
	William Bell, 1942		Margaret Vera Thorne Sinclair, 2015
	Margo Leslie, 2017	3	Harriot Hassell Breudin, 1940
31	James Traill, 1924		Marjorie Grace Gardner, 2005
	Mary Bowden, 2019	4	David Fowler, 1926
1/6	Alice Maud Gourlay, 1940		Margaret Pizzie Patterson, 1928
	Dorothy Evelyn Herbert, 1983		Katherine Sanderson, 1992
	Eleanor Doris Bruce, 1993		Betsy Cummings, 1998
		5	John Watson, 1928
			Colin Robertson, 2014