
St Mary The Boltons

rooted in faith - open in thought - reaching out in service



Friends,

This Sunday we are keeping Trinity Sunday – the last of the great festivals of the Church’s year which begins the long green season called Ordinary Time, so called, because the Sundays after Trinity are numbered – or ordered - first, second, third.... all the way to Advent.

Trinity is a time of growing in our faith, living with the gospel story and making sense of it anew in a new time, a new season. This year it truly is new, as we work out what it means to live in the best way under the changing constraints of the Coronavirus pandemic, in a world that has changed utterly.

At the heart of it all, of course, is the God whom we worship as Christians – God who is Father, and Son and Holy Spirit, that mystery of the Trinity which defies explanation but which reveals something God’s love and nature to us.

We are likely to need to keep our doors at church closed for several more weeks, so cannot welcome people back on Sundays yet, but we are pleased that this newsletter and the podcasts are keeping you connected to the worshipping life of St Mary's. If you've not tried it yet, do click on the link to the podcasts – it's an audio file, with prayers, readings, a homily and some excellent music for Sundays. No need to Zoom or anything like that – just listen and respond, and sing the hymns loudly in the privacy of your own home.

This week's podcast can be heard [here](#) and the order of service, with words to the hymns and prayers can be downloaded [here](#) with a large print version, [here](#). I hope that you'll listen on Sunday morning at 10.30am with us, and sing along with gusto in the hymns. Once again, we are grateful to John Ward who has been putting these together week by week.

Join us for coffee afterwards at our Zoom Sunday Coffee Time each Sunday at 11.30am – a chance to see familiar faces, and even to chat in small groups for a while. After last week's Zoom chaos (Not caused by me, I was glad to discover) we'll be glad to see as many of you as would like to come along. Bring your own coffee.

The link to Zoom Coffee Hour is here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83346676568?pwd=OWdLcE9MY3k0a3JCUzJVejc5TTBmUT09>

Just click on it and follow the instructions, making sure your camera and microphone are on so that you can be seen and heard. (If you are using a smartphone, you'll need to download the app).

Or if you want to join in by telephone, dial 0203 051 2874 and follow the spoken instructions.

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Daily Prayer

A few people have been joining in a zoomed service of Morning Prayer each day at 8.30am using the Church of England's daily prayer app <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> If you would like to join us, use this Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89960059757?pwd=UGcwU0tjSWJTRXV3R3lyVENoK3U3QT09>

or dial in via your telephone and follow the instructions.

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News from the wider church

Statement from the Archbishops on the death of George Floyd and the protests in the US and here <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/statement-archbishops-canterbury-and-york-response-events-united-states>

St Paul's Cathedral invites us to consider Hard Questions for Hard Times - Where is

God? A series of short theological explorations. <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning/hard-questions-for-hard-times>

The Clarion for June is available [here](#) to download. There are paper copies available in the church porch, and you are welcome to pick one up, to share with friends. The next issue will be our Summer (July-August) edition, and the theme will be Unction - or Anointing of the sick. The healing ministries have been much on our minds recently. Perhaps you have something you'd like to write about for the Clarion.. Your COVID and lockdown experiences are also welcome! Deadline Jun 28.

Silent Prayer continues on Wednesday 10 June at 11am. Usually this group meets in church as you know but we are all invited to join the group from our own homes. Simply sit at home, comfortably, but without distraction, for 20 minutes, then take a short break to change position, and sit for another 20 minutes, on 10 June at 11am. You will join an invisible group who are very much present. There are no prescribed prayers or exercises; just relish the silence and let it speak to you in its characteristic 'still small voice'.

How to Live: A new parish book group on Wednesday evenings, from 10 June, using the wonders of videoconferencing. Non-computer users are also able to join these meetings by telephone, so everyone can be included. There will be further information in the June Clarion, about how it will work, but I wanted to give people a chance to get hold of the book we shall be reading together. We will begin with *How to Live: a guide to the Christian Journey*, by Stephen Cottrell and Stephen Croft. The book is available to order from Church House Bookshop for £9.99, but I will gladly order it for you, if you let me know. All are welcome to join in. The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84209186525?pwd=QU04VTk3SIhnMSt3VGFwWb3RiMkhoUT09>

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Let me know if you'd like to join by telephone.

Bells for Grenfell You'll have seen in this month's Clarion that on the 3rd anniversary of the Grenfell Fire, the churches in London will ring their bell 72 times for each person who died in the fire. Our bell will also be rung. If you are elsewhere in London on that evening, do listen out to see if your local church is joining in this act of remembrance.

St Mary's Quiz We are planning a parish quiz for sometime in June, and hope that lots of people will join in. This is still in the planning stages, but we wanted to give you enough notice to start boning up on the works of Shakespeare or the winners of the FA Cup. More information will come soon.

Finance and giving

As with all of us, the financial situation at St Mary's is serious. Our church still needs to meet its costs of paying our Common Fund to the diocese and the salaries of our lay staff who are continuing to work or be furloughed. Our Sunday collections and income from services have stopped during the closure, as has the important income from hall

lettings. Thank you to all those who have continued to support St Mary's through regular giving and one off donations. Can I please encourage you, if you are one of those would normally put your donation into the plate on Sundays, to consider giving by bank transfer, whether each week or by standing order? It is easy; we can still benefit from your GiftAid, and it will help us to maintain our ministry in this difficult period.

PCC of St Mary with St Peter and St Jude

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Food Banks Remember, when you manage to do your shopping, that lots of people are hungry at this time, particularly those whose children depend on free school meals, not to mention those who have lost jobs and income. Dad's House continues to need our support for their food banks, including one at 22 Lillie Road in Fulham. They are open 7 days a week between 10am and 3pm, and would love to receive your food donations. **NB They are also looking for clothes** for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years old who have grown out of their clothes in the past couple of months. Can you help?

Help available for those who need it Are you or someone in your neighbourhood needing extra help with groceries, or could benefit from regular hot meals being delivered to them; or who needs help with getting prescriptions? A new local multi-church initiative called Love Your Neighbour (#LYN) has started a hub at Holy Trinity Brompton, which provides food parcels for anyone who needs them and also is able to deliver hot meals cooked at one of the local schools or other institutions on request. Please let me know if this would be useful to you or someone else, so that those who are in need can be helped.

Keeping in touch (while keeping our distance)

I am trying to phone members of the congregation whose phone numbers we have, but in case I miss you, I'll be glad to hear from you! Please remember to let us at St Mary's know if you need any help or support, or if you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, or if you simply want to chat. We are all missing each other at this time. Remember too, that the Intercessions group is continuing to pray for all those on the prayer list, and we will be very glad to pray for new people as needed. And the Buddy System has plenty of people who are ready to chat, run errands or generally support people in the parish. Contact with the Parish Office, office@stmarytheboltons.org; 020 7835 1440 (Jane is working remotely holding it all together) and we will try to match you with someone local to you, and share your contact details with them. We then leave it to you to make further arrangements. Note that we will informally vet people offering assistance; please be in touch with us if any safeguarding concerns arise.

And one last thing – the Summer Fair was to have been this month, but obviously we have decided to postpone it until the end of September, assuming we are allowed to gather in numbers greater than 6. More information will come, when we have it.

Blessings,



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