

## Vicar's Easter message



**"He is not here."**

What a surprising thing to say. Over two thousand years ago, some people went to a graveyard in Jerusalem. They were going to one of the tombs, just one among countless other similar tombs there: carved out of rock like little caves. According to their culture and tradition, they were going to anoint the body of their friend who had died and had been buried there a couple of days previously. But as they approached the place, they saw that the huge stone that had been put across the mouth of the tomb had been moved, by persons unknown. And, even more surprising, they were met by someone who said this odd thing: "Why are you looking for your friend? He is not here."

He is not here? But he must be here. We saw him laid here with our own eyes two days ago, surely?

And so the most baffling, extraordinary and sensational story of all time began in earnest.

It is surprising, the Easter story, the arrest, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Christian Church was born out of a surprise and continues, to some surprisingly, to this very day. It will continue surprising long after you and I have gone.

Perhaps this year with the COVID -19 virus we may not be able to celebrate Easter as we usually do. But we are people of faith and we are called to face the fears of this moment with courage and with God at our side. As Easter people Jesus calls us, his followers, to serve the common good by taking responsibility for each other and to look out for and support the most vulnerable in our community. That is living the resurrection life

May God bless you and those you love this Easter and please stay safe!

Canon Andrew



## **A LETTER FROM THE VICAR RE COVID-19**

Dear All,

I write on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to tell you all that the clergy have just received from the Archbishops office having consulted with the government that **ALL public worship be suspended as from now.**

Therefore, there will be **no public worship at church until further notice because of the COVID-19 virus**

There is a notice on the church door of Holy Trinity as there will be in many of our churches throughout the land. Please pass the word around to people who are not on email.

However, we must be strong in our faith and know that all is in God's hands. We must also stay safe and take the necessary precautions recommended. We take one day at a time.

Please email, ring or let me know of any additions to the prayer list so that I can pray for them.

It is my intention to offer a private Eucharist and prayer in church **alone** but on behalf of the congregation and parish once per week. It is important that the parish know that the priest is praying for them and that our congregation can feel God's comfort through this very challenging period.

God bless everyone  
Father Andrew

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:**

**Funerals: REST IN PEACE**

31<sup>st</sup> January – Keith Wilson

6<sup>th</sup> March – Margaret Partridge

13<sup>th</sup> March – Reg Carter

18<sup>th</sup> March – Angela Bament



**EVENTS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 2020**

**Concert Weymouth Salvation Army Band and Songsters**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm with refreshments

**Choral Evensong RSCM south west choir**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 4.30pm

**Concert Vox Serenata**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm with refreshments

***ALL OUR MUSICAL EVENTS ARE FREE.***

***DONATIONS***

*of gratitude for the music and refreshments most welcome towards the church restoration fund*

***BECAUSE OF COVID-19 Please check our website for updates on all our events.***



## **Annual Parish Church Meeting**

**Sunday 31st May 11.30am**

Those who are entitled to attend are lay persons whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll Meeting to be held in Holy Trinity church The chairman of the meeting must be the vicar. Minutes will be taken by the PCC secretary.



The meeting will be free to discuss:

1. A report on the Church Electoral Roll;
2. An annual report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally.
3. Annual report on the financial statements of the PCC for the preceding calendar year, independently examined.
4. A report upon the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
5. A report on the proceedings of the deanery synod

The meeting will also:

Elect representatives to Deanery Synod ;  
Elect lay representatives to PCC;  
Appoint sidespersons;  
Appoint the independent examiner or auditor

### **Annual Meeting for the Appointment of Churchwardens**



This is a separate meeting which is normally held immediately before the APCM. The business of the meeting is the appointment of churchwardens.

### **A PRAYER TO USE AT HOME DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

**PLEASE CHECK OUR CHURCH NOTICES AND WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES due to COVID-19 AT PRESENT THESE SERVICES ARE CANCELLED.**

**However, should the situation change we intend to carry on with our Holy week and Easter celebrations.**

### **PALM SUNDAY: (5th April)**

8am Said Eucharist & giving of palms  
Parish Eucharist & giving of palms

10am

### THE EASTER TRIDIUM

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY (9th April)**

Eucharist of the last supper, feet washing,  
the Altars & watch

7.30pm

stripping of

#### **GOOD FRIDAY (10th April)**

Liturgy of the Day with veneration of the cross

2.30pm

#### **EASTER DAY (12th April)**

8am Said Eucharist

**10am THE PARISH EUCHARIST OF THE RESURRECTION** with Lighting of the paschal candle, renewal of baptismal promises and holy baptism of Henry Edward Wilson

### **SOLAR CATHEDRAL**



Our Cathedral is about to get greener with the introduction of 92 solar panels. Wiltshire Council has approved Salisbury Cathedral's application to install 92 solar panels into its cloisters.

It comes as the Church of England is working towards its aim of reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2045.

One of the steps to get to that point is to stop heating cathedrals and looking into how the Church of England heats its 40,000 buildings, among them many large cathedrals.

The panels will be installed on the south roof of the cloisters, and won't be visible from the ground to visitors of the 13th century cathedral.

The panels should generate over 30,000 kWh per year of electricity, the equivalent of 8 average UK houses.

This will reduce the carbon dioxide emissions of the cathedral over a year by approximately 7.5 tonnes, with the panels in place for a minimum of 20 years.

## **WALKING OVER CANCER:**

A vicar who endured 2 battles with breast cancer has found her own way to "Walk All Over Cancer" in Dorset. Revd Deb Smith, who was once very much part of Holy Trinity church, later became Rector of Wyke Regis and is now Team Rector of Bridport, set herself the challenge of walking 5 miles every day while she underwent her treatment and has walked 10,000 steps a day throughout last month as part of the nationwide campaign to raise money for cancer research. Deb was first diagnosed after a routine mammogram, underwent 6 rounds of chemotherapy before having a mastectomy in March 2017, followed by radiotherapy and then further surgery to remove her lymph nodes. She said: "I made myself go out and walk every day no matter how bad I was feeling, and it was the best thing I could have done. It made me feel so much better both physically and mentally. Even when I felt at my lowest and weakest, walking made a massive difference to me." But Deb didn't have to walk alone, she was accompanied by her dog Polly and together they still take regular walks on West Bay beach. "Cancer can be a scary thing when you first hear the word. When I was first diagnosed, I remember being so frightened, thinking that I might die, but I am here as proof that people can and do come out the other side and we have research to thank for that. It certainly changes you and makes you grateful for what you have. I've been fortunate that I have an amazing family and friends and have met some incredible people along the way. If there is one thing cancer teaches you, it's how kind and supportive people can be in the worst of times."



## **EVENT COMING UP IN WEYMOUTH:**

**VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY SERVICE and event  
At the Nothe Fort Friday 8th May 3pm. ALL**

**WELCOME** May 8th 1945 was the date the Allies celebrated the defeat of Nazi Germany formally

recognising the end of the Second World War in Europe. This became known as VE (Victory in Europe) Day. On 25th April 1945, Allied and Soviet forces met at the Elbe River, the German Army was all but destroyed. Five days later, Hitler killed his dog, his new wife Eva and then committed suicide in his Berlin bunker. His successor, Admiral Karl Doenitz, sent General Alfred Jodl to General Dwight Eisenhower's Supreme Allied Headquarters in Rheims to seek terms for an end to the war. At 2:41 am on 7th May, General Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of German forces, which was to take effect from 8th May at 11:01 pm. After six years and millions of lives lost, the Nazi scourge was crushed and the war in Europe was finally over.

## CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES

- **Intinction is not recommended** as an alternative to the Common Chalice/Cup. It is a route for transmission from the individual through handling the wafer/bread/host, and tiny fragments could affect people with allergies to gluten etc.
- Please note that the **distribution of individual cups** for use by communicants is **not a lawful practice** in the Church of England.
- Ask **those attending services to wash their hands** as they come into church.
- Ensure **ministers of the Eucharist wash their hands** before and after distributing communion.
- **Suspend catering** (teas, coffees etc) where multiple people touch mugs, utensils and foodstuffs.
- **No pastoral visits should be undertaken to people who are self-isolating** until isolation ends. However, do offer phone support.
- When **visiting parishioners at home**, wash hands before and after giving the sacraments.
- **Suspend the use of holy water stoups.** **Visits to people in care homes or Hospitals** should follow advice from the staff on infection control.
- Ensure **good, regular cleaning of surfaces people touch regularly**, including such things as door handles, light switches etc.



## Net Zero by 2030

Bishop Nicholas has spoken about the new 2030 target set by the General Synod. Talking about the new target, which was set 15 years before the official recommendation, he said:

"We aren't under any illusion that this will be easy. Synod's target sets a serious challenge for the whole Church to examine urgently the steps necessary to achieve the kind of year-on-year carbon reductions we need. This is a national goal which will need more than 16,000 local plans supported by the right policies and resource.

"But the science tells us there's no time to lose if we are to limit the warming of the planet humans are causing. The tone at Synod was overwhelmingly that Christians should respond urgently to our calling to safeguard God's creation, and go as fast as we can.

"The measure of our intent will be how many dioceses, deaneries, parishes, cathedrals, schools, and all the bodies responsible for church property put the matter high on the agenda and review their plan regularly, with a named local lead, and engaging the whole community."

The new target was welcomed by the environmental adviser to the Archbishops' Council, David Shreeve. He agreed with the Bishop's view that the first job was to quantify the scale of the task:

"If I were running a cathedral or a church of any size, I'd want some guidance," he said.

He had been trying to get the Church to take environmental awareness seriously for years:

"I'm just sad it's taken a climate emergency to get it this high up the agenda.

"It's going to be a big challenge, but I'm not a fan of the word 'impossible'. It's a great opportunity, and now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get on with it.

"There is a lot of support for the Church to lead on this. We're one of the few organisations that people can join, get together, and represent their community. If we're going to take part and comment on international events like the COP26 climate summit, or Lambeth 2020, we have to show we mean what we say and get our own house in order. It's great to see the Church of England leading the way."

## OTHER EVENTS AT HOLY TRINITY



### **DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH SEDILIA**

given in memory of the late Reverend Anne Dunn by her family.  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – within the 10am Parish Eucharist

**Celebrant & Preacher: BISHOP STEPHEN VENNER**

### **ASCENSION DAY**

Eucharist at Holy Trinity church

**Thursday 21st May, 7pm**

On Ascension Day we are called by just as the first Christians were. We proclaim the Kingdom of God and are strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Romans 5.5, '*God's love has been hearts through the Holy Spirit.*' We witnesses today in our homes, with our neighbours in our parish called and challenged by Christ not good news of the gospel, but to do whatever we can to share it with others we meet.



Christ and sent out are asked to like them, we too as St. Paul tells us in *poured into our* are Christ's our families and with community. We are only to hear the

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 10th – 16th May.**

We need helpers to deliver envelopes. We no longer have to return and collect. Please help if you can. Join thousands of who will take to the streets to post red envelopes to houses up and down the Speak to Marcia Headon or Canon Andrew if help.



Christian Aid is a charity which works with 700 organisations around 50 countries in the They help poor communities and enable them with hardships, including climate change and possible threat of natural disasters. Alongside Christian Aid also helps with the education, sanitation, health, and reconciliation of certain communities.

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Christian Aid Week began in 1957, with the aim of encouraging public awareness: this led to the Charity adopting the name Christian Aid in 1964. Its aim in the 1960s was to make people aware of the threat of hunger and the possibility of famine.

**Christian  Aid**  
We believe in life before death

## **NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NURSERY**

### **Our Learning, Our Journey, Our Future**

Through our journey of life, we strive to follow the values of  
Faith, Respect, Harmony and Life-Long Learning;  
made possible through God's love. "God is Love" (1 John 4;16)

Staff at Holy Trinity Primary School are delighted with the enthusiastic response following the expansion of Nursery provision within the Early Years Foundation Stage base. We are now welcoming 2-year-olds to our Nursery to enable them to access childcare within an education setting with a qualified teacher and qualified staff. A parent visiting prior to her child starting said, "I was blown away with the provision on offer and really excited to see the fantastic facilities available."

We are accepting applications for Nursery sessions and are happy to put those who register early onto a waiting list to ensure they do not miss this opportunity. For more details of the Nursery provision, please see the school website [www.holytrinitypri.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.holytrinitypri.dorset.sch.uk) or contact the school office on 01305 783200.

This term has seen many inspirational learning opportunities for our pupils. Year 4 visited the New Field Barn Centre for a residential trip and had a great time learning about and experiencing how Vikings lived.



Carving runes



A longship made from clay



Reception went to Cinderella's Ball and enjoyed parading in, wearing their ball gowns and smartest outfits.

Each class told part of the story of Cinderella and performed dancing in front of the parents.

Everyone was very surprised when Prince Charming arrived with a sparkly shoe. He wanted to see if it fitted anyone in his search for Cinderella. Lots of girls tried on the beautiful shoe, but it was too big for them so Prince Charming went on his way. We had so many lovely comments from parents and grandparents who joined us and enjoyed this special event.



Prince Charming helps a guest try on the sparkly shoe,  
Unfortunately, it was too big



### **ANNIVERSARY OF BAPTISM PRAYER**

We pray for those who have been baptised in our church

29.4.18	Florence Page
14.5.17	Hollie Northway
05.5.19	Demi-Lea Travess
12.5.19	Chloe Adams-Smith

'Heavenly Father, surround these children with your love'

## **ANGELA BAMENT 1951 – 2020 R.I.P**

The Holy Trinity community was very sad to learn of the death of Angela Bament last month. For many years she played a vital role in the life of the church and the wider community but more essentially in the life of her family.

Moving from Barnstable to Weymouth soon after she married Ted and made lifelong friends. With the arrival of Clare, followed three years later by Rich, she took a keen interest in their activities, helping at school. And in other ways.

Her's was a happy family life as daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. A life of help and love to the family, of homemaking in the best sense of the word, of enjoying activities with family and friends. Travelling and holidays in interesting parts of the world and many friendships were made.

Ange, Ted and the family became part of the Holy Trinity community about 40 years ago, all playing their part. Ted served twice as Churchwarden and Ange was a great support to him in that role. But what a contribution she made herself in so many ways! Organising the flower arrangers, front and back of house at social events, Shrove Tuesday pancake parties, social events, Christmas bazaars, Summer Fetes and a host of other events and activities. She also brought her professional Human Resources expertise to the role of Safeguarding Officer.

Everybody will have particular memories. I will remember the sense of purpose she brought to life, her "can do" approach and her sense of humour which could bring a sense of fun and occasional ridicule when needed to most situations.

The church and the wider community will miss her; but nothing to the loss felt by Ted, Clare, Rich and her grandchildren, to whom we send love and prayers at this time.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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## **REG CARTER R.I.P.**

A long-standing association with Holy Trinity ended in the death of Reg Carter at the age of 93. His family's involvement with the life of the church went back to the 1890s at least, when his father Jack, who served as churchwarden and in many other ways, was born. Reg served as a sidesman and as a chalice assistant, until prevented by failing health. A regular attender at the 10am Eucharist at Gracewell, he became a familiar figure to others who did not know him in earlier days, and he joined in the service although hampered by deafness.

May he rest in peace and rise and glory.

## **WHAT DOES THE GOVERNMENT CLASS AS UNSKILLED? AN EXPLANATION, PLEASE!**

(With thanks to Keith Whittock for drawing attention to this item)

Revd Solveig Sonet was ordained Deacon last year to serve her first curacy at the Swanage and Studland Team Ministry.

She voiced her sadness at the new immigration rules which would have left her unable to "make the cut" to come to the UK. She came to the UK from France with no job offer or money or spoken-English skills as a student 15 years ago. After working as a verger in Winchester and Salisbury cathedrals she trained at Ripon College, Cuddesdon and was ordained.

However, the new immigration rules led her to post on Twitter: "Just lost for words. I came to the UK with no job offer, no salary, no English, no "skill"; I would simply never make the cut. Yet here I am burying your loved ones, baptising your new babies, holding your hand when you're scared, offering you a home in your local church."

The post went viral, leading to fierce criticism of the new points-based system that will close borders to low-skilled workers and those without the "required" level of English or a job offer. She comments that people in her parishes have been very welcoming and the new rules came as a real shock. Many of her fellow students came from outside the UK and the Church will be affected by these moves.

The Revd. Richard Coles also posted on Twitter: "After seven years of training, fifteen years in Ministry, four degrees, a Fellowship of Kings College London, a university Chancellorship and a respectable showing on *Masterchef*, I am officially unskilled!"

Others pointed out that "a certain Jesus of Nazareth would never have been allowed into the UK under these conditions."

The Church of England had at the time of this article yet to issue a response to the new immigration rules

## **AND FINALLY.....**

An Alsatian, a Doberman and a cat all died.

In Heaven all three faced God, who wanted to know what they believed in.

The Alsatian said, "I believe in discipline, training and loyalty to my master."

"Good" said God; "you may sit at my right side."

"Doberman, what do you believe", asked God.

The Doberman answered, "I believe in the love, care, and protection of my master."

"Aha", said God; "you may sit on my left."

Then God looked at the cat and asked, "And what do you believe?"

The cat replied, "I believe you are sitting in my seat..."

With acknowledgement to Boxgrove Bugle, the magazine of Boxgrove Priory.

(Gandalf, our cat, looked blank when I told him this)