



ONE2ONE
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Friends.

‘You don’t have to go to church to be a Christian’, is a phrase people often seem to say to me. It’s one that I don’t particularly agree with. It’s like saying, ‘You don’t need a partner to be married,’ or ‘You don’t have to go to school (in some form) to be a student’. When people say this to me what they tend to really mean is that they broadly agree with Christian principals, but they find the ritual (and self-discipline of churchgoing) an unnecessary burden, or boring, or not particularly high on their list of priorities. However, the Bible makes it clear that to be a Christian involves an active participation in a community of believers. Such a community takes many different forms, but it always involves other people worshipping, studying, praying, and living out their faith together. By not going to church we are denying the body of Christ the gifts God has given to us. I remember when I was preparing for Confirmation the vicar and our Junior church leaders took us on a camping weekend. As we sat around the campfire the vicar took out from the fire a burning ember and placed it in front of him. He told us to watch it and as we did the ember slowly faded and went out. As St Paul makes clear in his letter to the Corinthians, Church is a group of people which he compares to a human body – where each person represents a different part – all the parts are needed to make a healthy body. Your church needs you if it is to be the healthy body God wants it to be. The times ahead are going to be challenging for the whole of society, but I hope that members of our church start coming back to church and to the church family where we can grow together as Christians in both hearing God’s word and sharing together God’s sacraments.

Your priest and friend

Fr Andrew

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BOOK YOUR ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES: 01305 779063

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS: If anyone male or female are interested in helping the priest during Sunday services. To find out more contact the vicar. Details on the back of this newsletter.

JOE BIRCH – THANK YOU

Joe has recently stood down as the coordinator for our acolytes and servers at church. A role she has carried out for several years. Joe’s loyalty, commitment and love for our young people has enabled her to help many of them go on to be well balanced and caring individuals with a firm knowledge through the Church that God loves them. Members of the church presented Joe with a beautiful print of the harbour as a thank you. Although Joe has stood down through ill health, she and Allan will be back with us soon together in the congregation. Thank you, Joe, from us all.



ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING:

Thank you to all who attended the meeting and for your questions. It was a very good and helpful meeting and well received by all. We are pleased to report that our churchwardens elected for this year are Philip Wise and Trudi Shaw. The PCC election filled all vacancies and also co-opted the recommended number.

PARTICULAR CONCERNS were highlighted at the APCM with reference to **CHURCH GIVING:** Giving has reached an ALL TIME LOW as we have had fewer services. We ask church members, whether you are attending at present, or not, to keep up your financial giving to Holy Trinity. If you already give and would be so kind as to increase your giving, we would really appreciate it. THANK YOU

UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDING FOR REPAIRS AND REORDERING. Although we did not receive any an offer of funding from the National Heritage Lottery at this time, we were given some constructive feedback and encouraged to take positively the advice given and apply again in three months. Our project team and heritage consultant have started work on taking on the advice given, and we will keep everyone posted. Although the church PCC are by way of their appointment only able to make the final decisions on future reordering and repairs a project group has been set up to focus solely on work planning and research into this. These are: Canon Andrew, Phil Wise, Trudi Shaw, Cllr Kate Wheller, Jenny Keates, Jane Hall, Julia Hutchings, Geoff Pritchard.

LOOKING AHEAD

'PipeUp' Scheme: This free event is taking place at Holy Trinity church on Saturday 10th July from 10am –4pm. This is an opportunity for young people across the Diocese of Salisbury to receive organ tuition from qualified teachers at a reduced rate, courtesy of generous funding from the Tindall Trust and the Michael James Music Trust.

A WEEKEND OF MUSIC is being planned for Holy Trinity church from the 27th – 29th August. The event will involve music from the Ravenscroft singers and joining our own Trinity choir other visitors from other choirs in the area. The weekend will see a culmination of music at a full CHORAL EVENSONG Friday 27th August and a CHORAL EUCHARIST on Sunday 29th August.

SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE While we continue to work at the problems for weekly live streaming services, the Vicar will continue to prerecord the Sunday Eucharist and sermon and you can take part with him in worship on Youtube, Facebook or via the church website www.holytrinityweymouth.org. The service provider for our telephone and livestreaming has caused us several problems which have been less than satisfactory. Unable to get a satisfactory outcome Canon Andrew contacted 'Rip off Britain' who were about to publish an interview with him. But in the meantime, a bit of pressure from the BBC may well have paid off. 'Watch this space'.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

Communion continues to be offered at Holy Trinity church at all Eucharistic celebrations. The Chalice/cup continues to be not recommended at present. Thus, we continue to administer Communion in one kind at present. For those who wish to take communion we ask that you follow the instructions on the Sunday pew sheets. However, for those who feel the time is not yet right for them please be assured that it is fine to continue to receive spiritual communion at the moment.

WEYMOUTH 450

Organisations in Weymouth are being encouraged to take part in the celebrations that joined Melcombe Regis to Weymouth by Royal Charter in 1571. We are hoping to organise an event at Holy Trinity later on in the year around the end of September. More details in next month's One2One.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank you to all who donated from Holy Trinity church for Christian Aid week we raised £302.10



COMING OUT OF LOCKDOWN ROADMAP The government continue to provide the nation with a roadmap to normality. On the 17th May further restrictions were lifted. It is anticipated that by the 21st June all remaining rules stopping people mixing together will be lifted. It is lovely to see people slowly coming back to church. We miss you all and want to see you as soon as you feel able .

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:

On Sunday 18th July at the 10am Parish Eucharist The Right Reverend Stephen Venner (formerly Vicar of Holy Trinity) will preside, preach, and dedicate three new eucharistic chairs or Sedilia in memory of the late Reverend Anne Dunn. Anne was a faithful member of Holy Trinity as churchwarden, Reader, and latterly locally ordained priest. Many will remember her with great affection. It would be good to welcome everyone to this service. We also look forward to her sons Chris, Stephen and Andrew with their families being with us in church.

DAN IN THE DEN is coming to Holy Trinity church Weymouth on Saturday 20th November for an afternoon matinee for all the family. Performed by the Oddments Theatre with an all-age professional production team which is fun and lively with an exciting stage set and costumes. It tells the story of Daniel in the lion's den and what it means to trust God. **PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY**

FAREWELL TO THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY

As many will know Bishop Nicholas retires at the beginning of July. The Diocese will say their goodbyes to Bishop Nicholas and Helen at Choral Evensong 5.30pm in the cathedral on Saturday 3rd July. Because of covid restrictions it is not yet known how many will be allowed to attend but the service will be streamed live from the cathedral and it is hoped that many will join in the worship wherever you are. If anyone wishes to make a donation to the Bishops retirement gift you can do so by following this link.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thanksgiving-gift-for-bishop-nicholas>

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