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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR:

MARCH 2021



Dear Friends,

By the time you read this newsletter we will have begun the season of Lent and by the end of March will be in HOLY WEEK. I hope that you may be able to join me online for a series of weekly reflections as we journey together through the scriptures. Lent is a time when we, above all else, seek to see things from a different perspective than we see in the world around us. What a year it has been already. Apart from Covid 19, which we will all never forget, I think the January attack on the Capitol Building by Trump supporters will stay in my mind for ever. It was a shocking event and viewed by the whole world – highlighting a deeply divided nation and raising the question how will healing and reconciliation ever be brought about? I remember my Grandfather, a life member of the Salvation Army, saying to me as a young boy ‘People will live without God but not without the devil’. As I have thought about his words over the years, I have begun to understand that he meant that human beings are always seeking to find a scapegoat in someone or some group of people that we can make the ‘other’ – an individual or group that we can hate so that we can feel better about ourselves and the group to which we believe we belong. This is not the Christian way. We believe in a God who through Jesus Christ gave his life for all because he loved us. We live in a world where there are many loud voices calling us to label, divide, separate and hate.

As your parish priest I encourage you in the remaining weeks of this Lent to pray that people will come to know God and that we too will come to know him better.

Please be assured of my love and prayers

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Other News

SERVICES IN CHURCH:

Because of COVID-19 we continue with our reduced schedule of services. Each Sunday there is an 8am Said Eucharist in Holy Trinity. We are now hoping that we will be able to have a service on EASTER DAY, even if it is less formal and shorter than usual. Please do keep talking to each other and we will make sure we let everyone know in good time if we feel that this is appropriate.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BOOK YOUR

ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES: 07396627753

Meanwhile if you have access to the internet you will find all our Sunday services online www.holytrinityweymouth.org or on our Facebook & Youtube channels.

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

This will take place in Holy Trinity church on Sunday 23rd May 11.30am. I hope that you may be able to join us.

LIVE STREAMING SERVICES

The church now has a telephone line and internet access. Cameras to stream live worship will shortly be installed. We will not be going LIVE until our services are sung again at 10am.

PLEASE KNOW that this will **NOT** replace any of our usual Sunday worship when we come back together. It will run alongside our normal services.

MOVING ON IN FAITH & TRUST

We are pleased to report that PCC appointed Marcus Chantry from B+2 Architects as the person who will oversee the re-ordering of the church. Measured surveys have now been done and at present detailed plans are being carefully drawn up for the reordering. We still have a long way to go but we live in the hope that we shall eventually have new toilets in church, access for the disabled, a new kitchen and hall facilities. Our next stage is to appoint a consultant to assist us with work for major grant funding. This will be a significant piece of work and something that our whole congregation will be asked to be involved in. WATCH THIS SPACE!

NARTHEX AREA OF THE CHURCH

We are pleased to report that a faculty application has been submitted to complete this work. We hope will start soon. This will be to remove the dark partition that separates the church from the 'lobby' area or Narthex and to replace it all in glass to make the entrance a light and open area so that the beautiful interior of the church can be seen as soon as people enter.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH (closed)

We are pleased to report that after well over three years the church is now sold and the developers will shortly be moving in to clear the land. The good news is that from the sale of the church and land we now have funds to complete the necessary works on the church building identified at the last quinquennial inspection. Furthermore, we now hold capitol to match fund for grants for the church reordering.

THE WARRIOR WINDOW

You may be aware that this splendid window which is on the left-hand side of the nave near the gallery has been leaking water. Further investigation via drone footage has revealed that this window has had water

ingressing into the stonework for many years. From the outside the window and stonework is in a poor state. Therefore, we are compelled to address this work as soon as possible. We hope this very tricky work because of access will be completed very soon. The warrior window is interesting as it depicts several biblical characters defending their faith and rescuing others. Joshua, Gideon, David, Saul and Cornelius who we see meeting St Peter and other disciples.

LENT REFLECTIONS 2021

Canon Andrew will lead a series of five weekly reflections online each Wednesday.



Moving on as the people of God JOURNEYING WITH THE GOSPELS

Week 1 'Come and see' 24th Feb.

Week 2 'Going on in Faith & Trust' 3rd March.

Week 3 'Healing & Growth' 10th March

Week 4 'Losing & Finding' 17th March.

Week 5 'Falling & Being Forgiven' 24th March.

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LENT FUNDRAISER FOR CHURCH Jane Hall came up with a great and simple idea to take something on for Lent. Please can we encourage all our congregation to do the same. There are 40 days in Lent. Could everyone put aside £1 every day of Lent and when Easter Day comes bring your forty pounds to church to be blessed. We are like so many places struggling to keep our vast building running costs to a minimum, but the church has to be maintained and still has bills to be paid. PLEASE help your church over and above any giving you already make and save £1 a day for forty days. THANK YOU

