# Trinity Voice

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#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Sunday Services for June are detailed below.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP**. Coffee and tea are served after our 10am Sunday service. This is a great opportunity for us to talk to each other. **IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH** please introduce yourself to Trudi Shaw our Church Warden, or Carole Didcock our Lay Pastoral Assistant.

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**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is perpetually reserved for the sick and infirm.

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by May 15<sup>th</sup>

## Add one from 8 am service Add message from Andrew

## **Platinum Jubilee**



This month the Queen makes history by celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. 70 years in the job!

We join with millions across Britain and the Commonwealth who thank God for Queen Elizabeth's dedication, wisdom, and steadfastness over the past seven decades.

The world has changed so much since 1952. But through it all, our Queen has kept her long-ago promise to the British people, to serve them with all her heart and might. And, because the Queen is a Christian, we know that God has honoured her and helped her in her role.

Truly, God has blessed Queen Elizabeth II, and we thank Him for her service.

## **Church Warden News**

#### **Trudi Shaw**

## SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY DURING JUNE

## Whit Sunday - 5th June

8am Morning Prayer led by Connor Hansford 10am Family Service led by Connor Hansford

## **Trinity Sunday - 12th June**

8 am Morning Prayer led by Trudi Shaw 10 am Parish Eucharist led by Revd Geoff Warren

### First Sunday after Trinity - 19th June

8am Said Eucharist led by Revd Michael Lee 10am Parish Eucharist led by Revd Michael Lee

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 26<sup>th</sup> June

8am Morning Prayer led by Trudi Shaw 10am Parish Eucharist led by Revd Geoff Warren

## A Fond Farewell to Canon Andrew



On the 1<sup>st</sup> May, the congregation at Holy Trinity with St Nicholas said our fond farewells to Canon Andrew Gough who had been leading us in our worship since 20xx.

Connor was the first to pay tribute to Canon Andrew, who had acted as his mentor and given him the confidence to make his move towards ordination.

The Sunday School was next with a very moving address from xxxx. Andrew was presented with a beautiful card, which is pictured below



Peter Rendell spoke, very eloquently, on behalf of the rest of the congregation, expressing our gratitude and wishing Andrew, John and Buddy all the best for the future.

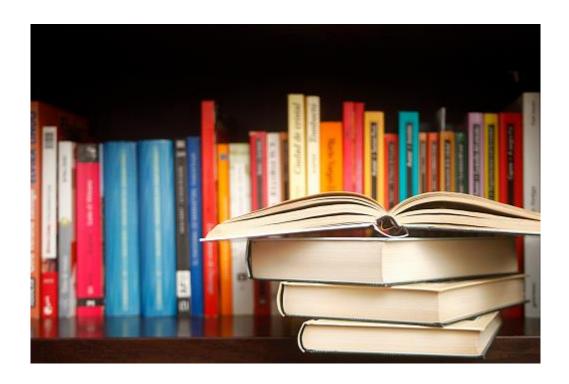


Canon Andrew would like to thank everyone for the many cards and best wishes he has received from members of the congregation and parishoners following his retirement. A special thanks for the generous gift.

A notice of Andrew and John's new address is available at the back of the church.

## **Carole Didcock our new parish LPA**

Carole will be taking on some of the role of official visiting in the parish and giving of Communion to parishioners during the vacancy. If you know people who would like a visit, please let Carole know her email address is <a href="mailto:carole@holytrinityweymouth.org">carole@holytrinityweymouth.org</a> or you can telephone her on 07746983502. Please also continue to visit each other and keep in touch by telephone.



## The basic concepts of Unleavened Bread, Passover and First Fruits

#### **Irene Leader**

The Jewish feast of Passover starts with the feast of Unleavened bread where the Children of Israel had to get all leaven out of their houses (Ex 12:15,19). Beit, second letter of the Hebrew alphabet, represents the heart and house. So, for us today, we have to get all leaven out of our heart in preparation for our Passover. The Bible tells us to guard our heart (Prov 4:23). God will lead and inspire you through your heart, so we need to get everything out of it that is not Godly, as this will block us from hearing Him. Everything Jesus did in His sacrifice we have to chew on this until it becomes real. That is how we establish our heart: that is the concept of eating unleavened bread.



Shin, the 21st letter of the Hebrew alphabet represents fire and passion. God's word should be something that you are not only passionate about and inspires you, but, like fire, totally consumes you and becomes your reality. The Passover lamb was cooked in fire and any of it not eaten was to be consumed by the fire. They were chewing on the lamb thinking of their total reliance on God.

God started the first fire (Lev 9:24) and they were never to let it go out. We have to let God ignite the fire in us and not let it go out. Jesus is our Passover Lamb, and we chew on what His sacrifice means to us.



So Unleavened, Passover, leads straight into First fruits. By giving God the first fruits, Israel acknowledged that all good things come from God and that everything belongs to God. The concept of this Feast for us is Jesus being raised from the dead (Col 1:18): He was the First fruit, the firstborn from death in sin to be raised into righteousness. He then sat down at the right hand of God and received for us an inheritance. Hebrews 5:5 (Aramaic) God says, 'Son, I beget You today'. Perhaps the very words God used to raise Jesus in Righteousness. This shows us that if we are 'in Him' we can win; we can do

anything in life because He was a man just like us. To be 'in Him': we are the reflection of Him when we look in a mirror (Prov 27:19).

If you have no experience of Holy Spirit working in you and through you, then what you have is just doctrine.

Everything you believe about God, His opinions, will, the cross, values, etc., if it is not in His Word (Scripture) then you have to get this leaven out of your heart. When my will and His will conflict, my cross to bear is saying 'No' to my will. When this becomes a way of life, I will be following the leading of Holy Spirit.

The starting place of walking with God is deciding who God is: His nature and character. Jesus showed us: He was the fulfilment of God in bodily form. As the Children of Israel journeyed from Egypt to Canaan, we journey out of the world system into the Kingdom of God based on His resurrection; there is a place in my heart to which I can journey. God does not change: He is good and good all the time. He does not change from peace with us to chaos. We have no victory that is not connected to the resurrection (Ro 10:9,10). If you can't find this victory in the resurrection, then you have 'strange fire' which is not from God (Lev 10:1).



The Feast of Unleavened bread is represented in the New Testament by dead works, which are things you are doing to earn something from God. 'I go to church every Sunday' – ceremony without any faith is dead works. You have to repent from dead works and get rid of all the religious ideas you have formed about God; for example, God is Sovereign, where He can do anything, like doing something to teach you a lesson/test you. The only test God will give you is the test of faith: I have already given you all things in Christ – do you have

faith that I have done this? If we do not repent and get the leaven out first, then this corrupts any message we hear from God.

Listen to God, and if what you are hearing is not backed by Scripture, then just because you like it or it suits you, you are not hearing God, just your own vain imaginings (Ro 1:21). You are then putting yourself in a spiritually compromised situation. Paul warns about private interpretation, where you interpret what you hear by your own goals/needs (2 Pet 1:20).

Mem is the thirteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet which represents water. Basically, the open Mem is God pouring out the water of His Word over all mankind.

The closed Mem is His Word especially for you; to apply it to your life circumstances, but not a private interpretation that is different from His Word.

Therefore, maybe your interpretation of what God is saying is not wrong, but Holy Spirit is trying to inspire you some other way to apply this in your life, but you refuse to move on and grow. This is a form of stubborn disobedience where you are relying on your own opinion or somebody else's but not God's. The first thing we have to do is to come to God with a repentant, teachable heart daily.

Take everything you do to God: raising children, business, marriage, etc; come to God with problems confident that the blood of Christ has made me clean; confident that the Passover has protected me from the wrath of God, so that no matter how much I fail or fall down I am confident that when I am ready to get back up He is not going to throw my past back at me – He is going to lead me into victory (Jer 29:11). The process of being an overcomer is always based on the death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 14 tells us the occult copies everything in the Bible but without God. Paul was addressing people who were made afraid by the legalism of religion: not to eat meat sacrificed to idols. He says they are weak in faith: they have more faith in the devil than God. It doesn't matter how similar things are, if we are doing them unto God based on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, then as long as we are clear on that, those things can't touch us.

Faith towards God in these three feasts enable us to live life as overcomers. You can quote 'in Him' scriptures and sound spiritual, win arguments, etc, but if you are not putting them into practice, experiencing and living them, then they will have no effect on your life.

We are getting ready to say 'my life is based on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus'. Therefore, what do I believe about these things; what

have I persuaded my heart; what gives me my sense of identity, see things a certain way?

First fruits: Do I really believe God raised Jesus from the dead? If it is not a heart belief, then you will not experience the Righteousness of God. If we don't believe Jesus was raised up In Righteousness then we can't believe we are made clean, baptised into the body of Christ, and live in His Righteousness, sealed with the Holy Spirit who is the deposit/down payment of proof that everything else in the Kingdom of God is ours (Ro 10:9,10; Eph 1:13,14; 2 Cor 1:22).

- 1. What do I do to continually stay engaged with the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 2. What do I do that continually reassures me that the Spirit of Promise is my confident assurance; that shows I am living life never having to be afraid it isn't real because I'm experiencing it, the Supernatural?

No matter what God has given us, until activated, although it is the truth it is not true for us and of no benefit. If you are struggling, life is a battle, living in lack, means we are not living in our inheritance. 2 Cor 1:19,20 says of my identity in Christ: is this who I see/ experience in me?

Do I have enough faith? It doesn't matter; the question is, Did Jesus have enough faith and am I in Him and He in me? Jesus fought and won all battles in His death, burial, and resurrection, and all these battles we would have to fight ourselves if it were not for the fact that I'm in Him and He in me.

First fruits: eat my flesh, drink my blood (Jn 6: 51-58a). We need to chew all this over. Do this with an open mind to God, even though we have believed other things for years. Ponder what God did for you at the resurrection.



## My trip to London

#### **Evelyn Fuggle (Choir Member)**

On Good Friday this year, I decided to go to London to hear The Crucifixion at St. Marylebone Parish Church. I love going to this performance and I usually go every year but due to Covid and other problems, I had not been for four years and was really looking forward to it. The Work was written for St Marylebone Church by John Stainer in 1887 and has been performed there most Good Fridays ever since.

I set off on the 12.20 p.m. train from Weymouth, wearing my mask of course! The train arrived (late) at Waterloo at about 3.30 p.m. I then travelled on the Bakerloo Line to Baker Street where I met my friend. We went and had a meal and then gradually wandered along Euston Road to the Church, timing it as we went. This was because I had to be back at Waterloo in good time for the 8.35 p.m. train home so we had to work out everything to last second!

The performance was marvellous (it never disappoints) and was performed by the choir of the Church, numbering about 10 in all plus the two soloists.

Unfortunately, the performance did not finish until after 7.45 p.m., we had to leave before the last hymn – All for Jesus – which was a shame. I have since written to the Vicar there asking if it could start at 6.00 p.m. in future years instead of 6.30 p.m.

Anyway, I caught my train quite easily as it was running late – typical!! I got back to Weymouth well weary at about 11.30 p.m.

London tube was a nightmare with escalators out of action, etc., but I survived. I would certainly do it again next year but definitely allow more time.



John Stainer (1840 - 1901)

## The Parochial Church Council

Phil Wise has served the PCC in many guises in recent years. Phil has taken the decision to step down as Treasurer and we are now looking for a volunteer to take over the role. If you are interested or just want to find out more about what the role entails, please contact Trudi Shaw or Phil Wise.

## The Very Reverend Stephen Lake



Following Dean Stephen's Confirmation of Election, which took place in London Friday 1 April, the next stage of his arrival into the diocese is his Consecration.

Dean Stephen was consecrated Bishop at Southwark Cathedral on 25 April. Please pray for Stephen as he prepares to be ordained Bishop, for Carol and his family, and as he moves from Gloucester to Salisbury. There will be an opportunity for all of us in the diocese to welcome Stephen early in the summer as he is enthroned at the Cathedral. More details about this will be given in due course.

## **Helping Ukraine around the Diocese**

Here are some of the great things that churches around the diocese of Salisbury have been doing to support those caught up in the war in Ukraine.

Car Washing to raise funds for Ukraine in Chitterne

The Church in Chitterne decided on an inventive way to raise money for Ukraine and set to washing cars for local people. The first two cars to be washed at the fundraising event were, by pure coincidence blue and yellow - the colours of the Ukrainian flag. Members of the village community worked very hard, and the Ukrainian flag was flying on the village hall flag pole. The event raised in excess of £560.00.



#### **Prayer Doves**

The children of Marden Vale Primary School made 'Prayer Doves' which were tied on to the school railings. Each dove contained a prayer written by one of the school children. The prayers were powerful, full of compassion and all asking God to bring about an end to Russia's war on Ukraine.

The doves are weatherproof thus giving passers-by the opportunity to stop, pause, reflect and hopefully pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine.



### **How You Could Help Someone in Ukraine**

Ukraine is in crisis. Only God knows how the situation will unfold in the coming days and weeks. Meanwhile, there is a need for food and other basic humanitarian aid.

The following Christian charities are at work in the country, and would welcome your immediate support:

- Barnabas Fund. <a href="https://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/">https://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/</a>
- Christian Aid. https://www.christianaid.org.uk
- Methodist Church UK. <a href="https://www.allwecan.org.uk">https://www.allwecan.org.uk</a>
- Operation Mobilisation https://www.uk.om.org/Appeal/ukraine-in-crisis
- Samaritan's Purse https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk
- Transform Europe Network: https://www.ten-uk.org
- World Vision https://www.worldvision.org.uk



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...