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NOVEMBER NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

As autumn begins to take hold, the clocks change and the nights draw in, there's one thing we can say about the COVID pandemic, and that is as much as we would like it to be, it is far from over. In the past few weeks we are witnessing a rising number of positive cases and sadly more deaths as a result of this devastating and terrible virus. We are into the second wave of the pandemic and as we navigate as a country through various local lockdown measures the situation appears more complicated than in March. The pressure and challenges of living together and looking out for each other seems to get more involved and added to this a sense of tiredness it is hard to know where to turn for hope and stability. But we must continue to encourage one another.

Many will regard the month of November as one strongly associated with saints and remembrance. Two great and ancient commemorations start the month: All Saints' and All Souls' Days, followed closely by Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

In my 'More tea Vicar' Thursday video's I have spoken recently about the former Chora Church, Istanbul (recently turned back into a mosque having been a museum for many years) In it there are some wonderful fresco's. On one such fresco Christ is seen literally *dragging* Adam and Eve out of their tombs to experience new life in him. Around his feet lie broken locks and chains – a sign of the self-imposed burdens which we ourselves create and which keep us from his Divine Love. Yet trusting in him breaks down all these bonds.

Many hymns for All Saints talk of the Heavenly Jerusalem, and this wondrous imagery is the promise of the unity we believe to be the destination of our journey's end. But the Kingdom Life – experiencing and helping to bring about the New Jerusalem – begins here and now. I hope that despite the horrors of the covid pandemic we are all experiencing we may know that God's promise is with us always and we must leave all things in Gods hands who is our hope and salvation.

Please be assured of my love and prayers

Canon Andrew

CHURCH OFFICERS:

We are pleased to announce that Philip Wise and Trudi Shaw were elected to serve as Churchwardens for the next twelve months. Special thanks to Steve Booth who has completed three years and stood down because of family and work commitments.

We also have a new PCC with several new members and co opted members. David Picton and Trudi Shaw are our new Deanery Synod representatives.

NEXT PCC MEETING: Thursday 3rd December at 6.30pm in church.

MUSIC:

We are delighted that the choir are able to lead us in worship as there is no congregational singing at this time. Our Director of Music James Thomas would welcome anyone who is interested in joining the choir to contact him at www.music@holytrinityweymouth.org

WEEKLY ENVELOPE SCHEME

There are still several box sets of envelopes with peoples names on them not yet collected. Most who are unable to get to church because of being in the vulnerable category because of covid. If you live near anyone and could deliver would you please take a box, sign for it, and deliver for us.

The new sets of envelopes begin on the 1st November 2020. If you already give through the weekly envelope scheme, we thank you for your continued support. We would be grateful if you would consider how much you give this coming year in your envelopes. Our cost of keeping the church in good repair keeps rising and our income keeps falling, more so, since the pandemic.

The new envelopes are on the table in the organ transept.

CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Keith Whittock has designed a Christmas card of Holy Trinity church to sell. If you would like to buy packs of cards or individual cards please speak with him after church. A portion of the proceeds for church funds. Also cards on sale for the SUDAN.

WHAT'S ON:

As we write we do so with planned services and events that maybe subject to change or cancellation because of covid and new government regulations which may suddenly come into place.

Our usual Sunday services continue EACH WEEK 8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist

SUNDAY 1st November

ALL SAINTS DAY

8am Said Eucharist

10am SOLEMN Sung Eucharist

11.30am Baptism Emilia Pirt

Monday 2nd November

ALL SOULS DAY

10.30am Sung Requiem Eucharist (remembering departed loved ones)

Sunday 8th November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8am Requiem Eucharist and Act of Remembrance

10am Requiem Eucharist and Act of Remembrance

6.30pm ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Service of Remembrance at Holy Trinity church

Sunday 22nd November

Final Sunday in the church's year

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING or Stir up Sunday

8am Said Eucharist

10am Parish Eucharist

This will be concluded with the stirring of the COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAKE.

Sunday November the 29th

ADVENT SUNDAY

8am Said Eucharist

10am Parish Eucharist

DURING ADVENT at the lighting of the advent candles the choir will lead us in the O antiphons, also known as the great Os traditionally sung in advent as we anticipate the coming of the Saviour.

6.30pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE (29th Nov) for all the family. This will be led by the choir in dispersed with readings and musical interludes.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAKE

Thank you to all who have promised ingredients for the cake. Cheryl Wise is making the cake for us. As seen elsewhere Canon Andrew will be stirring the cake on THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING/ Stir up Sunday (collect for the day from the Book of Common Prayer) Because of covid we shall do this slightly differently this year.

PLANNED SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

These services/concerts will be subject to rules laid down by the government and Church of England regarding how we should conduct ourselves at worship during covid.

All attending church will, as we write, be required to use Track and Trace QR code or give your names to a steward as you enter the church.

FACE COVERINGS are required at all services and events along with distancing and hand sanitisation.

SINGING IN CHURCH

Congregational singing is still not permitted during acts of worship. However, the choir can sing and will continue to lead ALL worship until we are advised otherwise.

RECEIVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT or Holy Communion at the Sunday Eucharist. The vicar along with the PCC have agreed that we will continue to practice Spiritual communion for the time being. This is reviewed at each PCC meeting. Churches are doing different things and the Bishop's guidelines are giving several choices. We have opted for one of the Bishop's options:

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER Instructs us

Quote: *'that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves. Making a Spiritual Communion.....and it fulfils the duty of receiving Holy Communion.....'*

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