



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

WORSHIPPING AT HOME

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 7th June 2020

WELCOME

. . . . to our Church at Home resources for this Sunday. We invite you all to stay connected with each other and the life of the Church Community, by using these Worship and Prayer resources at home.

Also, if you do have internet access, you will find a video version of a said Communion Service, with the sermon on the Church Website www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk and on the St Nicolas Church FaceBook page.

*This Week we continue to welcome Home
Worshippers from the Churches at Dunsfold and Hascombe –
it's a pleasure to have you join with us!*

There will also be **live worship** at 10am with Gabrielle Clarke available via WhatsApp and Zoom. If you want to join: (*this code is the same every week*) Join Meeting ID: 148-785-166 Or click on URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/148785166> . There is also an opportunity to join church friends for a **Virtual Afternoon Tea and Chat on Tuesdays at 4pm!** The Zoom joining code for this is ID: 804-694-233

TRINITY SUNDAY:

COLLECTS:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: *2 Corinthians 13:11-end*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God

of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 28:16-20*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

SERMON (*Written by The Revd Ian Maslin*)

Well, here I am in the beautiful church of St Peter's in Hascombe; and as I'm thinking of St Peter.

How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus? How many times did Jesus ask Peter whether he loved Him? Of course, both answers are three.

There were three righteous patriarchs before the flood; Abel, Enoch and Noah. After the flood there were three righteous "fathers" Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (who was renamed Israel). Jesus preyed three times at the Garden of Gethsemane.

The number three is important in the bible; it is used 467 times.

But here's text from scripture that might surprise you: "*Do not say 'Three'*". Where does that come from you might ask; it's not actually from the bible. It's from the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam. "*Don't say three*" is a sharp rejection of the doctrine of God as Trinity; Three-in-one.

On this Trinity Sunday it's a stark reminder that many believers in God see the doctrine of the Trinity as a serious mistake. Muslims passionately defend the oneness of God; they believe that Jesus was a prophet and not the Son of God. Other religious groups also reject the Trinitarian Christian faith, for example Jehovah's Witnesses.

It's a challenge for us at times to know how to respond to this viewpoint. Even though this morning's Gospel reading is a relatively short one it has an incredibly powerful message.

The risen Jesus commissions the eleven to make disciples of all nations. "*Baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*". This is a pivotal moment in the life of the Christian family; the life of the world

Jesus is saying that His own relationship with God is now to be opened up to all people; they are to be baptised, immersed, into the life of God the Trinity. Let's think a bit more about Jesus' relationship with God.

Throughout the story of Jesus, we see His constant sense of Himself as the Son, loved by the God whom He calls Father. And Jesus doesn't only speak of the Father; Jesus knows the love and the guidance of the Father through a distinct personal presence who He calls the Holy Spirit.

Think of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan; as the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus, He hears the Father saying, "*You are my beloved Son*" and is commissioned for the work ahead of Him. The love of the Father is poured out through the Spirit on the Son and is returned in the loving obedience of the Son to the Father, again through the Spirit.

This is God the Trinity; The Three-in-One, the God who is loving relationship in God's very self. And this has always been so; from eternity God has been Trinity.

But in the life of Jesus, God made flesh, we see something of the Trinitarian life of God active in our world. But what does that actually mean for us?

For us, Jesus' relationship with God is opened up to each and every one of us. Every person on earth has the opportunity to be in a relationship with God.

We are invited to join the relationship of love that flows within the life of God; a love that has been there for eternity and was seen in our world in the person of Jesus.

Jesus takes us by the hand and says, “Come with me and be led by the Spirit into the presence of the God I know as Father”. This is almost mind blowing; we are to share in the life of God; the God who is love. When we were baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we were immersed in the life of the God who is Love.

And, as we see in Jesus, that life isn't static, but active, outgoing, self-giving; it is a living faith! From His baptism onwards, Jesus' relationship with God was bound up with a mission, the life giving, renewing, liberating mission of God in this world.

And so it is for us as well. On this Trinity Sunday may we, and the whole Church of Christ, be renewed in our faith. The Faith of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Renewed in the faith of the God who is eternally Love; may we respond with joy and obedience to the call both to share in God's life and to participate in God's mission in the world.

Amen!

Post Communion prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways

and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYERS:

Prayer about the Coronavirus:

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.

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for new medications.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs

For as long as it takes
wherever you call us. Amen.

Weekly Prayers of Intercession

Church and Christian Ministry:

- For the Diocesan Administration Team: Peter Coles (Diocesan Secretary), Chris Ellis (Deputy Diocesan Secretary), Jo Lamberth (Parish Support and Finance Officer), Mary Peters (Information Officer) and the Team Leaders: Lynda Donaldson, Malcolm Twigger-Ross, Wendy Sleight, Steve Roberts, Peter Harwood, Craig Holmes, Steve Summers, David Welch and Alex Tear. We pray that they may be helped in their responsibilities during this challenging time.
- For our own Church Administrator, Elise Whittington
- For Christians of all denominations, especially members of the other churches here in the Village

National and World Affairs:

- For all affected by Coronavirus, and for the Governments across the world, seeking to find ways of combatting the virus
- For our own Prime Minister and Government
- For all scientists working to produce effective drugs and vaccines
- For the people of the USA amid civil unrest

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Glebe Road and The Precinct
- For all whose jobs have been put at risk and those already unemployed
- For all those who continue to work in public service, especially for NHS staff, police, fire and rescue, paramedics, and shop workers, keeping us well, safe and fed

The Sick and those in Need:

For Robin Burnett, Mike Ford, Stella Goldsmith, Tony Kenison, Libby O'Brien, Jill and Brian Pettyfer, Jean Quallington, Marion Tomkins, Mac Walker, Angela Wild, Henry Young
(And from Dunsfold and Hascombe: Sandra Baxter-Brown, Sami Bennewith, Judy Bolt, Barbara and Des Crabb, Sally Davis, Sue and Dennis Evans, Jenny Glover, Peter Hutley, Dru Ridley, Sally Rivett, Sue Simper, Lorna Thompson, Jackie Williams, Paul Wiltshire, Christine Woof, Amanda, Francesca, Hugh)

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, especially John Floud *(And from Dunsfold and Hascombe: Sue Bowden)*

NOTICES:

Emotional Support Helpline: 01483 901493 – Lines are open 11-3 Monday to Friday if you would like to chat to a friendly helpful voice!

Traidcraft: As lockdown eases, Sue Knight is able to offer Traidcraft goods for sale. Traidcraft has continued to trade during this time and has picked up more online customers. It will be more important than ever to help the poorest farmers in the world in the future. So, if you are missing the Ginger biscuits, chocolate tea or coffee, she is open for business. She has all her stock boxes on shelving in her garage so would be able to sell from there by appointment or would be willing to deliver to Cranleigh on receipt of an order. She will have catalogues or you can go on line at traidcraftshop.co.uk to see the whole range and if she has to order it in, this usually takes about a week. You can pay for any orders by BACS or she will accept cheques. Sue will also be writing in July's magazine about the situation in Uganda but she was able to send £100 from the Traidcraft account to the appeal for money for food launched by the Guildford Mukono link . So please consider supplementing your larder, and call Sue on 275032 or 07950 025137.

Plant Sale: Although the Rectory Fete has been postponed, Win Bracking and others continue to grow plants for the annual plant stall, and sales at Win's gate have been very encouraging so far. Win held a very successful sale this morning at the bottom of The Rectory driveway (Saturday 6th) and raised £230! There will not be a stall next Saturday but there will be on Saturday June 20th from 10am - 12noon (social distancing rules will be observed). She would like to thank friends Chris W, Jill S, Jean M, Margaret G, Matthew G, Ruth C, Angela W and Meri P whose contributions

she has nursed tenderly over the winter, Callers at Win's house are also welcome by appointment. (ring Win on 275573).

St Nicolas Church: Whilst the Church building remains closed, please keep praying at home, and be assured that the Church is still very much in business and seeking to support those who need our love and care. You can still keep in touch in the following ways

The Rector: 01483 800655 or email
roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Parish Office: 01483 273620 or email
elise@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Young People's Minister: 07427 748408
gabrielle@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Church Website:
www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

and on FaceBook

If you need help or would like to Volunteer: There is now a central point of contact set up by the Parish Council for anyone who needs any sort of help. **The number is 0300 200 1008** (but note that at times you may need to leave a number for someone to get back to you). This number can also be used by those who would like to volunteer to help in any way!

Meals from Rowleys: Please note that Rowleys do NOT provide lunches at the weekend, but only from Monday to Friday. They do provide a roast on Wednesdays only. Apologies for the

previous inaccurate information. Orders to Gary or Tina on 277155. Their office is open 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

Tim Clifford Hill: Our New Curate, Tim, was due to be ordained Deacon on the 5th July, but due to the Social Distancing issues, the ordinations have been postponed until (hopefully) October 10th. However, he will be licensed as a Lay Minister on July 1st and will, in that capacity, be able to start doing most of the things that he would have done as an Ordained Curate. Tim and Alexandra and young Henry have already moved into the Curate's house – please pray for them.

GDPR: If you have not completed a GDPR contact form we will be unable to contact you at all, so if this is you, please complete one as a matter of urgency. You will find them on the website. If you have received your news sheet by post and still have not completed a GDPR Form please contact the Rector on 01483 800655 or Elise on 01483 273620

MORE RESOURCES:

Pentecost (A Sonnet by Malcolm Guite)

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,

And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
 To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
 To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

In addition to our own resources, here are a few things that you may like to take note of:

- DAILY HOPE The Church of England has set up a Telephone Worship Service with Hymns, Reflections and Prayers – the content changes every day and it is totally FREE TO CALL on 0800 804 8044
- Diocese of Guildford Website (Resources for children and adults) www.cofeguildford.org.uk/
- Guildford Cathedral Website www.guildford-cathedral.org where you will find a lot of worship resources.
- Bible Society Website (Resources for children and adults) www.biblesociety.org.uk/
- Premier Christian Radio www.radio.net/s/premierchristian
- CMS Website www.churchmissionsociety.org/
- Cranleigh Community Radio weekly broadcast available each week from Friday morning. Visit www.destinationcranleigh.net/radio

Please send notices for next week to Margie Nursey at
1, Elm Cottages, Smithwood Common (01483 273693)
notices@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk by **7pm on Tuesday**

NEXT WEEK

. . . . our Sunday worship will be prepared by Revd Tricia Hislop,
with a Sermon from Judy Wedderspoon.

**If you know of anybody who would like to
receive a printed communication like this each week,
please call us on one of the numbers above!**