



1st Sunday of Trinity

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What happened to the Summer? I suppose I shouldn't complain because so much of my staycation sabbatical was spent enjoying the gorgeous weather, but it suddenly feels as though Autumn has arrived, and we are still only in June! I expect it will be back and, yes, I know that the gardens need a drop of rain too...

It was great seeing so many of you at the Holy Communion on Zoom last Sunday. I really hope that we can build on that week by week, both in terms of numbers and in terms of interactivity. Although it will never be as good as the 'real thing' the more people are able to join in and feel like it is your service then the more it will be. If you did not get an invitation to the service then please send me your email (to pauljohnwhite@gmail.com) and I shall put you on the list. In addition, if you know a member of the congregation who ought to come please feel free either to send them the link direct or point them towards me. Even though we are currently online we are still the church for everyone, not the select few.

Moving forwards you have doubtless all seen and heard announcements from the Government about when churches can reopen for private prayer and funerals. There is nothing yet about collective worship. The standing committee and the PCC will be discussing these things in due course. I would assure you that there is no one keener than I in getting back into the church. However, we also need to ensure that the steps we are required to take are practicable for us to carry out (e.g. how many people and how much equipment will be required?) and that it is the right way for us to be using our resources. Many clergy I know are urging their churches to proceed cautiously and to make the most of online worship until such time as things are safer and clearer. One for your prayers.

Finally, on the subject of online worship and prayers, I am grateful for all those who have faithfully joined me for the daily offices on Facebook live. Although we can't 'interact' as much there it is good to know that I am genuinely praying with you. If you would like to come along please just search for St Mary's Hadlow on Facebook and 'like' the page to be notified when services are happening. If you can't or won't do Facebook (and I do understand) I would still urge you to join me in praying Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline throughout the week, using the Church of England Daily Prayer app or the book of the same name. We can lend copies of this book to those who are interested in joining in. Because, in all our different circumstances, we are each called to be a people of prayer.

God bless,

Paul

Parish News

June Services A list of all livestreamed services for June is available on the website. At present the plan is for weekday services to be live-streamed on the Church Facebook live page. Sunday services are planned to be livestreamed via Zoom; invites will be sent out to the mailchimp mailing list and advertised on [St Mary's facebook page](#).

Sunday 10am Eucharist for the first Sunday of Trinity In order to get the service started on time, do feel free to start joining from about 9.50am onwards. This will be conducted from the Vicarage. The order of service will appear on the screen as we go, and is also available on the church website or [here](#). If you have not received the invitation contained in an email from Paul, please let him have your email address.

Zoom Coffee. We are planning to have coffee 'virtually' between 11.00am and 12.00pm again this Sunday after the service, via Zoom. If you would like to join us, the link will be the same as for the 10am service.

Financial giving. Thank you to all who are continuing to give to St. Mary's at this time. Your contributions are vital to maintaining ministry and meeting ongoing costs. If you would like to give on a regular basis, a standing order with your bank would be much appreciated. Please contact me on mhmassy@btinternet.com or 07725 603952 for further details, or if you would like to give by cheque or have your envelopes collected. Martin Massy – Treasurer

Collect for the 1st Sunday of Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 forever.
Amen

Today's Readings

Exodus 19. 2-8a
Matthew 9. 35 – 10. 23

Next Week's Readings (Trinity 1)

Genesis 21. 8-21
Matthew 10. 24-39

Prayers for the Week

We pray for all those living in:

Caxton Lane and Waterslippe

We pray for those who have recently died:

Brenda Hammerton
John Soper
Bruno Argento

From our Book of Remembrance we pray for:

Nina Lilian Tickner (15th)
Ronald Debenham (16th)
Julian Livingston Booth (19th)
Dennis Arthur Graves (19th)

If you would like a loved one added to the Book of Remembrance, please contact Janice on office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

