



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing this on Thursday afternoon having spent some time this morning in St Mary's with Barbara, Michael and Martin moving furniture and discussing more details of our planned re-opening of the church building on 6<sup>th</sup> September. The good news is that even following a fairly substantial removal of chairs and the installation of a temporary nave altar St Mary's still looks and feels like 'our church' and I am genuinely excited about being there again, with at least some of you lovely people. I appreciate that not everyone will be able to be there from the start, indeed we can only seat about 30-40 people for communion, so we will continue to Zoom the communion service from church so that everyone can be included, wherever you are.

The other good news is that now the chairs have been moved and we are supplied with hand sanitizer we can also open the church for private prayer, starting from next week. My proposal for next week is that on Wednesday I shall celebrate communion at 9.30 am (either from The Vicarage or from St Mary's if the broadband is working) and the church will then be open that day for private prayer from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. I shall be in the building the whole time and will be available to talk, if required, at an appropriate distance. If I am not required then please simply spend some time back in our shared sacred space.

This may not be the pattern every week - some weeks we may need to open later for those at work during the day or we may need to otherwise vary it as things change. But, for this week, do please come and say 'hello' either to me, to your church or, more importantly to God in that place. Not that you can't pray at home but you know what I mean...

In the meantime I look forward to seeing some of you at our Zoom worship at 10am on Sunday and / or at the 11am coffee afterwards.

God bless,

Paul

### *Parish News*

**July and August Services** A list of all live-streamed services is available on the website or [here](#).

**Sunday 10am Eucharist for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity** In order to get the service started on time, do feel free to start joining from about 9.50am onwards. The order of service will appear on the screen as we go, and is also available on the church website or [here](#). If you are not on the email mailing list for the Zoom invitation, please let Paul 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.

**Wanted: more volunteers for Zoom Intercessions and Readings** If you would like to lead the intercessions or read a lesson during our Zoom Sunday services, please contact Janice who is drawing up a rota for August.

**Food Bank** A reminder that we are there for those in need. If you know of any person or family who might be in need of food support, please do not hesitate to refer them to Paul.

**East & West Peckham Pilgrimage Trail** As lockdown eases, and the need to get out and about increases, why not pack a picnic and walk East & West Peckham's own pilgrimage trail. This signposted circular 7 mile walk ambles gently between Holy Trinity Church in Bush Road, East Peckham to St Dunstan's in West Peckham to St Michael's, East Peckham's old church on the hill. The walk makes use of quiet country roads and public footpaths and passes close-by the (hopefully open) Bush, Blackbird & Thrush and the Swan on the Green pubs. For further details of the walk with map and guide visit: <https://britishpilgrimage.org/portfolio/east-west-peckham-pilgrimage-trail/>. Sadly, the trail does not come through Hadlow!

**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](mailto: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

**Libraries Update** From Monday 13 July, KCC will be opening 12 libraries, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. This includes Tonbridge Library, but not Hadlow. Limited services will be available, including pre-bookable computers and WiFi but not bookshelf browsing. Meantime, from 7 July books can be borrowed via a Select and Collect service where orders can be made online and over the phone, allowing customers to pick up their items from one of the 12 libraries at an agreed date and time.

Subject to government guidelines, additional libraries will be opened over the coming months providing further services, including bookshelf browsing.

### **Collect for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the  
Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your  
faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen

### **Today's Readings**

Isaiah 55: 10-13  
Mathew 13: 1-9,18-23

### **Next Week's Readings (Trinity 6)**

Genesis 28: 10-19a  
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

### **Prayers for the Week**

**We pray for all those living in:**  
Marshall Gardens and Brookfields

**At the first anniversary of his death this week we pray for:**  
Harry Fowle

**We pray for those who have recently died:**  
Grace Burrows

**From our Book of Remembrance we pray for:**  
Betty Daniels (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Colin Welch (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Joan Juddery (15<sup>th</sup>)  
Edith Frost (16<sup>th</sup>)  
Robert Deckers (18<sup>th</sup>)

*If you would like a loved one added to the Book of Remembrance, please contact Janice at [office@stmaryshadow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadow.org.uk)*

