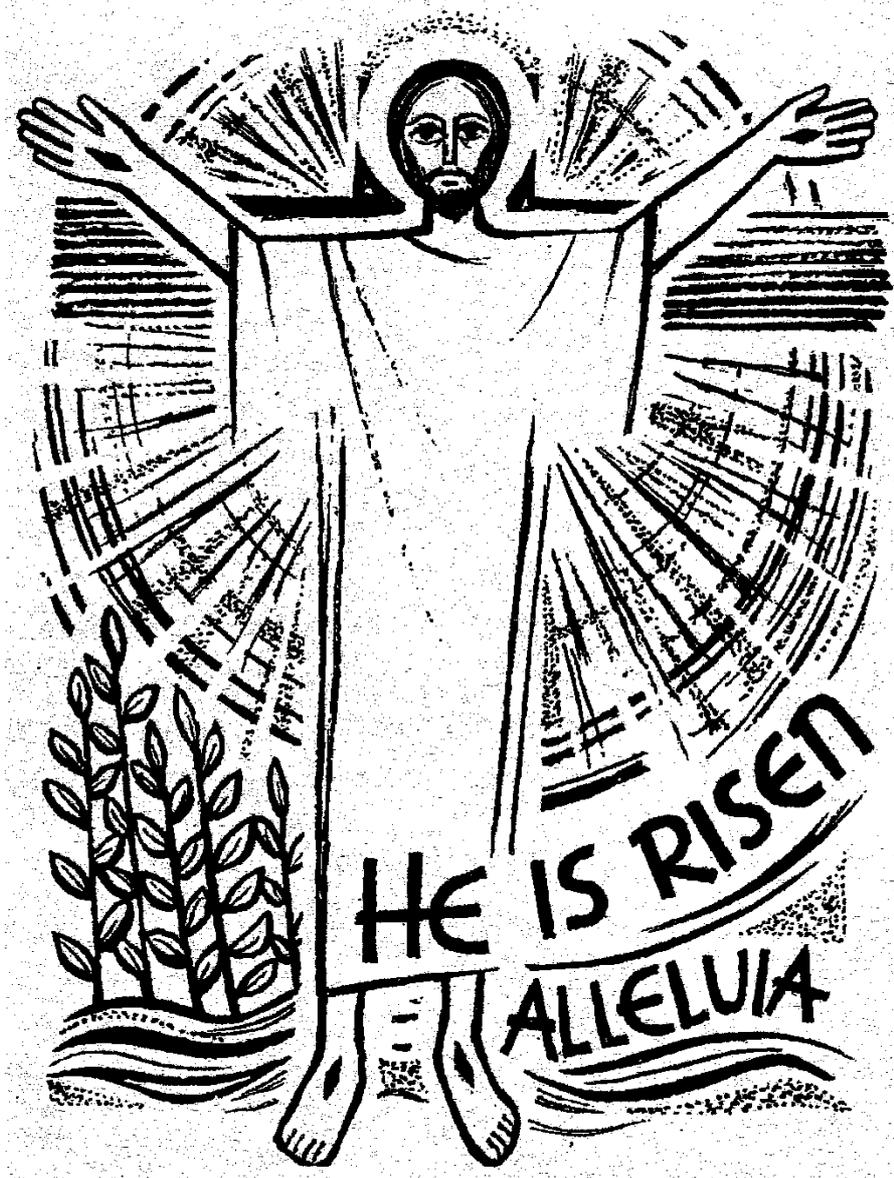


Welcome to Holy Trinity Church



5th Sunday of Easter

April 29th 2018

A Warm Welcome to Holy Trinity, Gosport!

A Church of England Church in the Anglican Diocese of Portsmouth

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Welcome! If you are new to Holy Trinity this morning, we hope that you enjoy worshipping "in the round" with us. Everything you need for the service is contained in this booklet. The notices (other service times and coming events) are also in the back of this booklet.

If you are not familiar with our style of worship (perhaps you have never been to a service in a circle, or experienced incense [holy smoke!] or bells) then we are sure you will find it valuable to experience Holy Trinity more than once, and gradually find out more about the meaning and symbolism of our worship. At the time of Holy Communion the church family gather around the altar - please come forward with them. If you are used to receiving Communion in ANY Christian Church you are welcome to receive communion here. If you would prefer a blessing, do still come forward and **hold a service booklet**.

A collection will be taken during the second (offertory) hymn.....please make a donation to our work as a church, and if you are a tax-payer you can use the giving envelopes to increase the value of your donation, at no cost to you.

After the service, do stay for a chat, and please come for refreshments in the Capper Room upstairs near the entrance (lift and stairs available!) and make yourself known to us.

Please turn off, or mute your mobile phone before Mass!

**The Vestry Bell will ring five times at 10.55am.
Please keep silence from that point.....**

Organ: Meditation on 'Brother James' Air' (Harold Darke)

Opening Sentence: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo ! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Prayers of Penitence: Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart. *(Pause)*

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

May the God of love and power, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (*Tune: "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven"*)

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son'

Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;

As it was from the beginning, evermore shall be, Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Prayer: Let us pray.

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. *All Amen.*

Let us sit and listen carefully to the Holy Word of God.

A reading from the First Letter of John *1 John 4.7-21*

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

²⁰Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*From Psalm 22*)

R. Those who seek the Lord shall praise him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him. **R.**

All the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.
How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him? **R.**

He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
They shall come and make known his salvation,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

Organ intro...

Al - le - lui - a, Al-le-lui - a. Al - le - lui - a,
Al-le-lui - a. Al - le - lui - a -, Al-le - lui - a. Al - le - lui - a -, Al-le-lui - a.

Jesus says, "Abide in me, as I abide in you."

(Repeat Alleluia)

Gospel: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Repeat Alleluia)

Sermon

Creed:

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Intercessions:

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace **and rise in glory.**

**All Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of
God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn A COLLECTION will be taken during this hymn

The bread and wine being presented today has been sponsored by

Mary Ball in loving memory, and in thanksgiving for
the Revd Mike Hearn;

Trish Emm in thanksgiving for **granddaughter Lola's 7th birthday.**

A new commandment I give unto you:

that you love one another as I have loved you

that you love one another as I have loved you

By this shall all know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another. *(Repeat)*

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing. *(Repeat)*

True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal. *(Repeat)*

The Peace: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia! **All Alleluia!**

Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

It is suggested that you only share the Peace with those immediately around you.

As you exchange the Peace, please begin to form a circle around the altar.

Now, as we gather round God's Holy Throne we offer ourselves, our gifts and our
prayers, and prepare ourselves to receive the gifts of the kingdom.

Incensing Song



*(Cantor) I have called to you Lord; hasten to help me! Hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer arise before you like incense, the raising of my hands like a pure morning offering.*



Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this
bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become
for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this
wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us our
spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you. Lord, God of all creation. You called us into being and have now gathered us together. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may live to your glory and come to share the life of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Gifts: Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest: make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The - Lord be - with - you And - with thy - spi - rit

Lift - up your - hearts We lift them up un - to - the Lord

Let us give thanks un - to - our Lord-God. It is meet and right so - to do -

Preface: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion, Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing forever the hymn of your glory:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Acclamation

Org.

Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come a - gain.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; **by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence, in the words our Saviour gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one Bread.**

Agnus Dei

(Organ)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. world, Grant us peace.

[A period of silence is kept, to prepare to receive Christ.]

Communion Antiphon:

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him.

If you have ever received Communion in ANY Christian church, you are welcome to do so here. If you have never received Communion before, but have been baptised/ christened, then you can also receive Communion – this includes children, if those responsible for them are happy for them to. (Ask the priest if you have any questions). If you are not receiving Communion, but would like a blessing, please hold this service booklet in your hands.

Music during Communion: By the waters of Babylon (George Dyson)

Communion Hymn

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia; Allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

Notices (*verbal notices may be given. Other notices are in the back of this booklet*)

Final Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

Thou, who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind, O now to all mankind let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light!

Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide let there be light!

Blessing: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God, who by the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead has given us the victory, grant you joy and peace in your resurrection faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All Amen*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Regina Coeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven! Alleluia.

He whom thou was meet to bear. Alleluia.

As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia,

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, has promised to give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech you, that with the help of His mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Organ: Paraphrase on 'See the conquering hero comes'
from Handel's Judas Maccabeus (Alexandre Guilmant)

Do come up the stairs (or in the access lift) for coffee, tea and weekly raffle in the Capper Room!

TODAY

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

THIS WEEK

(The Vicar takes Monday as a day off)

Monday April 30: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday May 1: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Wednesday May 2:

Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion **(with Healing Prayer)**

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Friday May 4: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

**From the Artistic Director from our Facebook Page:
*Music and the Arts at Holy Trinity***

'Our Tea-time concert on Sunday 6th May promises another great hour of music - from Baroque Ad Hoc, characteristically playing music from the Baroque period plus 'Maple Leaf Rag' by Scott Joplin! We are really looking forward to welcoming the group back to Holy Trinity and very much hope to see you there to help us give them a really big welcome! FREE ENTRANCE with retiring collection; all donations raised for the organ maintenance, church fabric and arts funds. As always, a warm welcome awaits you . . .'

**Maggie McMurray, Artistic Director, can be contacted on 07717 038924 or
artisticdirector@holytrinitygosport.co.uk**

NEXT SUNDAY: May 6 [6th of Easter]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion **(with Healing Prayer)**

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion **(with Healing Prayer)**

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert; Baroque Ad Hoc

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Our Weekly Pattern

Please check the weekly Calendar above for any deviations.

Mondays: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice
(The Vicar takes Monday as a day off)

Tuesdays: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Wednesdays: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning
Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Fridays: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning
Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Key Dates in the next Two months

Events for today and through to next Sunday, are above.

There is an online Calendar - which you could save as a *Bookmark* or *Favourite*. Just go to our church's website.

Tuesday May 8: Christ Church, 7.30pm P.C.C.

Wednesday May 9:

Christ Church, 10.30am to 12noon Coffee Morning for Floor Fund

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

Thursday May 10: Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Saturday May 12: Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

Sunday May 13:

Christ Church, 6.30pm Celtic/Taize Service for "Thy Kingdom Come"

Tuesday May 15: 7.00pm Mother's Union

Wednesday May 16:

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Saturday May 19: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm Baptism (Robinson)

Sunday May 20: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm Baptism (Good and Atkins)

Monday May 21: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Wednesday May 23: Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

Thursday May 24: Holy Trinity, Alzheimer's Society Fair

Saturday May 26: Holy Trinity, 12noon Baptism (Simmons)

Christ Church, 1.30pm Baptism (Lennon)

Sunday May 27:

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Joint Service with Christ Church for Trinity Sunday

(No 9.30am Service at Christ Church)

Tuesday May 29:

Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

Saturday June 2: Joint Summer Fair (at Holy Trinity)

Sunday June 3: Corpus Christi

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

Wednesday June 6: Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

Saturday June 9: Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 2.00pm Renewal of Vows (Bradshaw)

Wednesday June 13:

Christ Church, 10.30am to 1.00pm Alzheimer's Society "Cup Cake Day"

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Thursday June 14: Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Saturday June 16: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Baptism (Fogwill)
Monday June 18: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital
Tuesday June 19: 2.00pm Mother's Union
Wednesday June 20: Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)
Saturday June 23: Christ Church, 2.30pm Wedding (Boucher and Stacey)
 Christ Church, 5.00pm onwards, Parish Barbecue at the Groves'
Sunday June 24: Christ Church, 10.30 After Church Meeting: "Giving"
Tuesday June 26: Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"
Friday June 29: Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Race night with refreshments

Notices

Joint Summer Fair (Sat 2 June, 10.30am to 2.00pm at Holy Trinity)

We have had two very successful Fairs together – as two churches – so let's all get actively involved once again, so that we are able to draw on twice the number of people, and generate far more ideas and more points of contact with our local communities!

Can you? Distribute posters and flyers; provide bunting; help make colourful signs; help out on the day; help run stalls; help with preparing and serving food and drink; Sell raffle tickets, provide raffle prizes.....

Can you Donate cakes, jams, marmalade, bottles, toys, CDs, DVDs, jigsaws, plants, bric-a-brac, books, new or nearly new quality clothing, jewellery and craft items....?

The Revd Margaret Hay: will be presiding at the Wednesday 6.30pm Masses on these dates: 9th and 23rd May; 6th and 20th June.

Coffee Morning for Christ Church Floor Fund! Wednesday May 9th, 10.30am to 12noon in Christ Church. All welcome! Organised by the Ladies' Group.

Mollie's Tailpiece: Christine Harris has been kindly donating to Holy Trinity from the sales of her delightful book *Mollie's Tailpiece* (based on the columns that used to appear in the parish magazine, *The Trinity Times* – written by her late and much-loved dog, Mollie). So far, £41.00 has been paid into the organ fund, and another £24.00 into general church funds.....£65.00 in total. Thank you, Christine!

"Thy Kingdom Come": 'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. It runs for the ten days from Ascension Day to Pentecost. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. We shall mark this call by a Celtic/Taize evening service on Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm at Christ Church.

"Heart for the Homeless": WE NEED: Socks, men's jeans/track trousers - waists 32" 34" 36" (there are no overweight homeless) T-shirts, light rain-proof jackets. Small tubes of sun cream, small packets of wet wipes, hand gels, razors, small tubes of sudocream, lip salve, vaseline, rucksacks, sleeping bags, trainers all sizes. We at Heart for the Homeless really appreciate your kind and generous donation **"Heart for the Homeless"** is a "Churches Together in Gosport" (CTiG) project, which is actively supported by members of Christ Church and Holy Trinity. There is a free lunch in Christ Church Centre: 1.00pm to 3.00pm every 4th Sunday. Please spread the word about the lunch....

New Oil Candles on the High Altar: Following the theft of the high altar candles, we now have two brand new ones! Many thanks to those of you who offered to pay for them. The first offer was from Elizabeth and Alan Hodgson – we thank them very warmly for giving our candles back to us. Those of you who offered as well, watch this space, as there will be other opportunities to sponsor items that enrich our worship!

New Rota Available: The Duty Rota for **May to August** is now available.

If you haven't/ can't receive it by email, please ask for one!

We welcome two new sidespeople, Peter and Jenny Darcy.

Prayer List: Praying for people by name during our services is important and special. But to save the list getting longer and longer, please let us know if a name can be removed.....

Fair Trade Stall Note: **There has been a £25 donation from Fair Trade stall to Traidcraft's young entrepreneur programme - matched by the Government!**

Thanks to David and Tessa Bloodworth, there is a Fair Trade stall here at Holy Trinity (usually on the Second Sunday of the month, but this may vary) for you to peruse after Mass. " *Established in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty, Traidcraft is the UK's leading fairtrade organisation. Its mission is to fight poverty through trade, pioneering, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries transform their lives*". David and Tessa take no profit and cover their own costs - so the prices are 10% less than in the catalogue.

@CofE Portsmouth - Brand New Magazine: Our diocese's brand new, quarterly magazine

@CofE Portsmouth has replaced the monthly *Pompey Chimes*. The four editions each year come out in March, June, September and December. Designed to give churchgoers and non-churchgoers an insight into life in our parishes and church schools, combining longer features with stories about people and columns written by the bishop and others on significant issues.

Topical news stories and forthcoming events can be found more easily on the Diocese of Portsmouth website: **www.portsmouth.anglican.org**

Opening Holy Trinity for Art Exhibitions: *Fr Andy writes:* I'm sure we all agree that opening our beautiful church to welcome visitors is a privilege and a joy. I have been discussing with Maggie, our Artistic Director and others the best use of our church for the art exhibitions that we host. We propose that we have four exhibitions running for about a month at a time between Easter Monday and the eve of Advent Sunday. This means that the church will not have any displays during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. During a month when an exhibition is running, we hope to advertise that the art can be viewed when the church is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Although these periods are already often covered by our faithful "gargoyles", it would be really good to have a list of people that we could call on to be stewards; and as it will be for a set period of a month, it may be more convenient for many than a longer term commitment. **Please could you let me know, by email, phone, text or in person, whether you would be willing to be on the list of Art Exhibition Stewards, and indicate which day/s (Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat) you would be willing to help on (and whether you would be able to cover a month's worth of sessions.....or fewer).**

With thanks, in anticipation!

Our Social Life and Fellowship together.... is a very important part of what makes Holy Trinity what it is! Please do make a note of the following "social dates" for next year, especially if you are new to the church.....they are a great way to get to know people better! **Saturday January 27:** 7.00pm Douglas's 70th Birthday Chinese Night

Tuesday February 13: 6.00pm Pancake Party

Friday March 23:

5.45pm (after 5.00pm Mass) Annual Meeting (with fish and chips at 6.30pm)

Friday April 20: 6.30pm St. George's Night Bangers & Mash with Quiz Evening

Saturday June 2: Joint Summer Fair (at Holy Trinity)

Friday June 29: 6.30pm Race night with refreshments

Thursday October 11: 6.30pm Harvest Supper

Friday November 23: 6.30pm St. Andrews Night with Haggis, Apple Pie dessert

Saturday December 1: Joint Christmas Fair (at Christ Church)

Organ Book and DVD: We have a beautiful book about the history of our famous "Handel Organ". Copies available for just £5.00!and now a DVD (with commentary by Pam Rhodes) for just £10.00!

Supporting our Food Banks: by placing gifts of non-perishable food and other useful items in the shopping trolley in church. Gosport Basics Bank have thanked us for the very generous donation of food and other basic needs which we made at Harvest. The need goes on throughout the year and the Bank is finding that more and more people have to call for help, and this is likely to increase further as Universal Credit is rolled out. Among items in short supply at present are jam, sugar and size 6 nappies. UHT milk is always needed. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please remember that food banks can only give out food which is in date.

Could you be a Gargoyle? Could you spare two hours a week to provide a welcome to visitors, and help ensure our beautiful church is open for a while every day? We try to be open on weekdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm; and we need to have at least two people in the church at the same time. Could you help?or, if you couldn't manage a two hour slot per week, could you be on a list of "reserves", for stepping in as required?

WE CLEAN NOW, ON FRIDAYS AS WELL AS WEDNESDAYS!! Please help keep the church clean! Church cleaning is done **EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**, while the church is open from 1.30pm to 3.30pm....please help!

Prayer Cards: When you light a candle for someone, you may wish to let them know that you have remembered and prayed for them at Holy Trinity. Why not take one of our prayer cards, which says, "**a candle has been lit for you and a prayer said today**"? You can give it to them, send it to them, or put it through their door, perhaps with a personal message written on the back. The cards are in small boxes where we light candles - by Our Lady and by St Francis; and on the table in the foyer. Our thanks are due to Tessa and David Bloodworth for passing on the idea and for sponsoring the first batch of 1,000 cards; and to Geoff O'Neill for the design and for organising printing.

Sponsoring the bread and wine on a Sunday: You have the opportunity to sponsor the bread and wine which is presented at Parish Mass, for a donation of £5.00. It can be for a departed loved one or for a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. The details will appear in the Sunday booklet. See the list on the back table.

Sunday Raffles: Over coffee each Sunday, there is a chance to win a prize ***or, you can buy your tickets on your way into church, if you are not staying for coffee.*** Since the Sunday Raffle was started we have raised **over £9000.00** so a big thank you to everyone who has donated prizes or purchased tickets. If you are able to support this venture by providing a prize, a list is on the table at the back of the Church.

Church Chairs: There are dedication plaques on many of our chairs. If you would like have one dedicated to someone (living or departed) there are forms on the back table. A donation of £40.00 is asked.

"Friends of Holy Trinity": If you are not yet a member, and would be happy to pay £12 per year for individual membership, or £20 a year for couple/family membership, please ask Fr Andy for a form. Last year we raised £500.00! We'd like that total to increase year on year, as we use the money to enhance our building.