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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

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October 4th 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

The Vineyard of the Lord

The Church rejoices in being the vineyard of the Lord. At the same time we have cause here for much heart-searching and prayer..

Mass

First Reading: *Isaiah 5: 1-7*

Responsorial Psalm 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 6-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 21: 33-43*

Hymns All LON (Blue):-

Introit: 125 All things bright and beautiful
Gradual: 226 Come, ye thankful people, come
Offertory 718 We plough the fields and scatter
Communion 165 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Recessional: 186 Brother, sister, let me serve you
(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Notices:-

Announcement of new Parish Priest

We are delighted that an announcement has recently been made from the Bishop of Derby's office that Fr David Lawrence-March has been appointed as the new Vicar at St Laurence's and Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity. We are all looking forward to his arrival which we hope, and expect, to be before Christmas. The Covid-19 crisis makes it difficult to say at this stage exactly how we will be able to welcome Fr David but we will give further news when we can.

Fr David is currently the Priest-in-Charge of two parishes on the Isle of Wight and before that spent a large part of his ministry in school chaplaincy. He himself is delighted to be coming to us as our Parish Priest and is very much looking forward to meeting both congregations. **Geoff and Nicky Track and Trace and the NHS Covid-19 app**

Ever since we opened the church again at the beginning of July we have been required to keep a list of those coming into the church for track and trace purposes. This has to be kept for 21 days and is then destroyed. With the launch of the new NHS track and trace app, the church is strongly encouraging us to use this app and Holy Trinity now has its own QR code and this is displayed in the church hall. This is applicable to those who have smart phones and we will still be keeping a manual list for those who don't. To download the app you should go to the App store on your phone and the NHS Covid-19 app should be the first thing to appear - if it isn't you can easily search for it. When you come to church you then tap on the app icon and then venue check-in and point your phone at the QR code. Thanks for your co-operation. **Geoff and Nicky**

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: *Isaiah 5: 1-7*

The theme of Isaiah's parable symbolizes Israel as God's vineyard. He "planted" them as His "cherished vine" in the Land of Canaan, where their lives were to produce the "good fruit" witnessing to the Gentile world. However, Israel became a vine that failed to yield, and only produced the "wild grapes" in failing to keep their covenant with God. In judgment for the failures, Israel would forfeit His divine protection. He would allow a foreign power to trample and destroy His vineyard that failed to produce the "fruit of righteousness" to call His people to repentance.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 6-9*

Paul wrote this Epistle from his imprisonment, probably in Rome, to the Christian community in Philippi, a city in northeastern Greece. Paul's message is

one of encouragement. He wrote if we truly have faith and trust in Jesus, then we should have no anxiety about earthly struggles because we belong to Christ and are under His protection. Instead of focusing on all the bad things that can happen in life, we should try to continually recommit ourselves to a life centred on **prayer** [and the Eucharist] upheld by the Love of God.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

In the Parable of the Tenants of the Vineyard, Jesus teaches about the leadership failures of Israel. In Jesus' parable, there are blessings for obedience, and judgments for failures. He also teaches us on the leadership of the coming Kingdom of Heaven. The followers of Jesus are the branches grafted onto the "true vine" that is the Christ, and calls us to bear the "good fruit" by relying on Christ, and having confidence "that the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" will guard our "hearts and minds in the knowledge of Jesus Christ."

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Services for this Sunday and the week ahead:-

For the time being the pattern of services continues the same as in recent weeks, with a Sunday Mass in church, and Zoom Masses at the usual times during the week. Zoom login details remain the same each week.

Sunday 4th October 27th in Ordinary Time

Mass at Holy Trinity 11.00 am

Tuesday 6th October

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 7th October

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 8th October

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 9th October

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 11th October 28th in Ordinary Time

Mass at Holy Trinity 11.00 am

Please remember in your prayers:-

Those who are sick, especially: Margaret Tyler, Debbie Collins, Maria Perkins, Joyce Seals, Maureen Benson, Andrew Smith, Amanda Green, Bethany, Betty Fisher, Michael Gallagher, Tanya and family, and Irene Bostock.

Those who have recently died; and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Florence Buttery, Hilda Baker, Emma Fox, Vera Stone, Claris Beardsley, Ada Chambers, Irene Robinson, Vera Enoch, and Samuel Brock.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Joseph Bilsbrough, and also of the late Edna Gilbourne.

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Newsletter

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Church Finances

Although we are now back at church on Sundays (for the time being at least) our finances continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. As a result regular giving is well down on where it would normally be and this is impacting upon our ability to maintain a healthy financial position. **We thank all of you** for the contributions that are being made and for your continuing support of the church. We also appreciate that some of you have been adversely affected by the pandemic both from a health point of view and financially and we as a church community are here to give whatever support we can in these very difficult and trying times.

The church still has to meet its ongoing financial commitments and these include utilities, insurance and various other expenses. Importantly, we also have to try to maintain our 'Common Fund' payments to the diocese of £1541 per month. Most of our income is obtained from regular giving from the congregation. Some do this by direct debit through the **Parish Giving Scheme** but most has been given through regular weekly cash donations with the envelope scheme. We know that some of you who cannot yet return to church or who wish to limit your interaction with other people have made arrangements to keep up your contributions. If you need any guidance about how you should make payments if you are not coming to church then do please speak with Margaret who will be pleased to help - telephone, 0115 944 0020/ 07951 060667.

It is of importance to the church to try to maintain continuity of payments even in normal circumstances but this has been particularly highlighted by the extraordinary circumstances of the last few months. Maintaining cash flow for the church is one of the advantages of the **Parish Giving Scheme** which is used by a significant number of the congregation. If anyone is interested in signing up to this at the present time please see the separate note below. **Margaret, as the PCC Treasurer, would like everyone to know that she now fully supports the scheme.** Although she wasn't initially keen on using it she and her family

have now come to appreciate the advantages, both to them and the church, and will be making arrangements to sign up.

Geoff Raby, Nicky Bailey, Margaret Breedon

Parish Giving Scheme

Holy Trinity signed up to this service in 2018 and quite a number of the congregation make their offerings via this. Basically, a direct debit is set up (usually monthly but it can be quarterly or annually) so that you never miss a donation and the church can be assured of continuity of cash flow. The scheme is administered centrally and has been widely adopted across the Church of England and is supported by Derby diocese. You can sign up for this in one of two ways: either by completing a paper Gift Form or via a new telephone service which was set up in response to the coronavirus crisis. Geoff has all the necessary forms for a paper application - contact him on Tel: 0115 932 9461/07905 323116, Email: geoffreyraby@aol.com

The telephone service is designed to enable prospective donors to set up a Direct Debit donation to the parish over the phone. If you want to do this the number to phone is 0333 002 1271 - you will need to give the name of our parish and the code for Holy Trinity which is 120612273. You will also need to have your bank details to hand for the direct debit. If you want any additional information about this or to discuss please contact Geoff.