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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

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October 11th 2020

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year A)

The Lord's Wedding Feast

In Christ Jesus, God fulfils all our needs, as lavishly as only God can. All of us, no matter how unworthy we may be, are invited to the wedding feast of his Son. We have only to respond to his invitation to come, and enter.

Mass

First Reading: *Isaiah 25: 6-10*

Responsorial Psalm 22
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20:*

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 1-14*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 456 Teach me, my God and King
Gradual: 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide
Offertory 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise
Communion 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
Recessional: 383 Jesu, Lover of my soul
(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**

Readings and Collect for the 28th in OT:-

First Reading: *Isaiah 25: 6-10*

The reading from the Book of Isaiah is a prophecy regarding the promised salvation that was to come. "On the mountain" is a figure of speech that is traced to pre- Israelite, Canaanite literature, representing a glorious heavenly banquet of eternal happiness. This prophetic passage expresses the longing of the people for the days of the absolute triumph of God over the enemies of His chosen people and the Messianic banquet that will follow in the Kingdom of God.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20:*

St Paul places his complete trust in the Lord to provide for his daily needs. Paul had learned to be content with whatever he had. He had learned the secret of being well fed, this referring to spiritual food. He found strength in the Lord Jesus. While Paul had to endure for a while, he saw the grace of God that came

with such suffering. He endured all that was being sent his way for the sake of the spreading of the Gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

In the Gospel of Matthew, we see that there is a spiritual meaning involved. We are no longer at a Great Feast but at a Royal Wedding Feast. It is a Wedding Banquet that the Father gives for His Son. The Son is Jesus. The Bride is the invisible Kingdom of God on earth, the Mystical Body of Christ that is made visible through the Church. These generous invitations echo the abounding love and mercy of God that reaches out towards all, forgiving the sins of those who will sincerely repent of their sin in order to embrace a life of righteousness.

[The notes on the Readings, by Fr Tom, previously appeared in the Newsletter three years ago.]

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.

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 11th October 28th in Ordinary Time

Mass at Holy Trinity 11.00 am

Tuesday 13th October St Edward Confessor

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 14th October

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 15th October St Theresa of Avila

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 16th October

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 18th October 29th 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: Robert Howling, Barbara Webster, Florence Halford, Arthur John Trueman, Horace Edward Price, Hilda Eaves, Gladys Whitehead, Gwendoline Smith, Harriet May Strong, Jack Taylor, and William Severn.

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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 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.