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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

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October 18th 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

The Lord of History

God is king. Earthly rulers, political regimes, Cyrus or Caesar, are called by God to reveal something of his power and majesty and his plan for the human race. But they only hold their power for a short time. Our concern is not with them, but with God whom we worship in this celebration.

Mass

First Reading: *Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6*

**Responsorial Psalm 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10
Give the Lord glory and power.**

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5*

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 15-21*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 206 Christ is our corner-stone
Gradual: 379 In the Cross of Christ I glory
Offertory 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus
Communion 416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Recessional: 417 O God, our help in ages past
(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*

At times earthly rulers can become God's instrument of salvation. This is what God announces through His prophet Isaiah concerning Cyrus, the pagan king of Persia, in the First Reading. Isaiah foretells the appointment of a man named Cyrus as God's vehicle of good in restoring the covenant people of Israel/Judah to their homeland after the years of the Babylonian exile. King Cyrus of Persia, to his credit, historically fulfilled his divinely appointed destiny.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

In the Second Reading, St. Paul tells the Thessalonian Christians that they can fulfil the destiny for which God created them by becoming images of Christ and instruments of God's love and peace. Paul teaches that our Christian virtues are found in the labours and works of love we offer when we live in the image of Jesus Christ and continue His earthly ministry. Our works of love joined with the works of others within the Christian community give vitality to the Church militant; moreover these works build upon the works, labours and acts of love of those gone before. No act of love however small is ever wasted.

Gospel: *Matthew 22 : 15-21*

In the Gospel Reading, when confronted by the religious and civil leaders concerning the payment of the Roman Emperor's tax, Jesus makes the point that God has authority over all, even Emperors, Kings and Princes. While the Roman coin used to pay the tax had the image of the Roman emperor on the face of the coin, the emperor was created by God, and he bears the image of his Creator. Therefore, the emperor, like all human beings, is subject to the sovereignty of God the Father, the Divine King over his life.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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.

Notices:-

Retirement of Archdeacon of Derby

The Venerable Dr Christopher Cunliffe, the Archdeacon of Derby since 2006 will retire at the end of this year and will move away from the diocese. Archdeacon Christopher has been very supportive of Holy Trinity (and St Laurence's) over many years and through some difficult times and we think it particularly important to express our gratitude to him in a tangible way. A collection is being made for him throughout the diocese and we at Holy Trinity want to contribute to that. The PCC will be considering what amount is appropriate for the Parish to give but we also want individual parishioners to have the opportunity to contribute as well. Margaret Breedon will be co-ordinating this and will you please send cheques to her at Babbibgton House, Babbington, Nottingham NG16 2SS payable to 'Bishop of Derby's Confidential Account' . These should arrive no later than 4 November. **Churchwardens**

British Summer Time - a Reminder

British Summer Time ends next weekend, and clocks should be put back one hour on the night of Saturday 24th October.

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 18th October 29th in Ordinary Time

Mass at Holy Trinity 11.00 am

Tuesday 20th October

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 21st October

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 22nd October

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 23rd October

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 25th October 30th 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: Gertrude Lloyd, Harry Lacey, Lexi Donna Kate Cain, Ron Instone, Harold Newton, Marie Taylor, George Albert Stevenson, and James Pollard.

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Newsletter

Please send material for each Sunday's Newsletter to Richard Pykett as soon as it is ready, and at the latest by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday. Email: richard.pykett@techademic.net, 07850 428299. Copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning, on our Website, and by email. Please let me know if you would like to be added to or removed from the email distribution list **Richard Pykett**

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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.