**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 27th July 2025**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**11am Parish Mass  Celebrant and Preacher Fr Max**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

Today's hymns are from New English Hymnal (Green)

\* Omit starred verses \*

**Introit**  104 \*At the Lamb's high feast we sing\*

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 138 On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord (said)

**Gradual** 372 He who would valiant be

**Offertory** 263 \*All creatures of our God and King\*

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  305 Soul of my Saviour

**Recessional** 440 \* Praise to the Lord \*

**Angelus**

**Services at Holy Trinity for the week ahead and next Sunday**

**Tuesday 29th July 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 31st July 7.00 pm Mass**

(Mass is said also at St Laurence's, Long Eaton on Wednesday at 12.30 pm and on Saturday at 9.30 am)

**Next Sunday 3rd August 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max**

 Welcome to our worship this Sunday. Baptised and communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you’d prefer to receive a blessing, please carry a Mass booklet with you. **Please join us for refreshments afterwards in the church hall**

**This week's news:**

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**Newsletter, Facebook and Website**

 These are all essential features of the church's communication and for many years now Richard Pykett has generously looked after these. Richard has decided that the time has now come for him to stand down and the first thing to do is to acknowledge the invaluable work he has put into this for many years and especially remembering the time of lockdown. So a huge THANK YOU must go to him.

 Richard wants to bow out no later than the end of this year and ideally much sooner. To enable this essential aspect of the church's work to continue, we are now calling on others to volunteer to take over some or all of this work - it needn't be just one person; for example someone could do just the newsletter and someone else Facebook. Additionally, there is of course some flexibility as to how these things are carried out, for example the newsletter could perhaps be simplified. Also, we will be looking at revising the website at some stage to bring this up to date so the requirements there may be more straightforward. If anyone feels that they would like to make a contribution please in the first instance speak with either Geoff or Richard, contact them on the phone or email - details given in this newsletter.

***Geoff Raby and Sharon Wright, Churchwardens***

**Andrew Smith - an update**

Andrew's progress has had a setback. He was due to have had an appointment at hospital when his consultant would review the outcome of his operation and decide whether he could now safely put weight on his rebuilt leg. Unfortunately that appointment has been cancelled and he will have to wait until another one is scheduled. Please continue to hold Andrew in your prayers.. **Helen Crisp**

**Wednesday 30th July Lectio Divina**

 Our next Bible Study session has been moved to Wednesday 30th July at 1:45 for 2pm in the Church Hall and finishing about 3.00pm. There will as usual be no meeting in August, and meetings then continue on the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting on the 24th Septemberl. Hopefully Andrew will then be back with us. At each study we will be using the following Sunday’s Gospel reading.  Everyone is welcome.  **Helen**

**St Anne's Parish Picnic Sunday 3rd August from 13.00 pm**.

 All are welcome (especially children who would like to play games) at the house/garden  of Fr Giles & Jane Orton, Brun Meadows, Kirk Langley, DE6 4LU. Bring your own picnic including drink and a chair if you want to be sure of a seat, though some food, drink and seating will be available. Hopefully the sun will be shining but in the event of rain the event will continue indoors.

**Parent and Toddler Group**

We have just one session left before the end of this school year. Time has flown by. It has been a wonderful year with so many happy families with us each week. We restart on Wednesday 10th September, and there are one or two spaces left for next term. All enquiries please to me on 07790 876015.

 **Helen Crisp**

**Shrine of Our Lady of Egmanton - Society of our Lady of Egmanton**

This year's second pilgrimage organised by the Society takes place on Saturday 2nd August beginning with Mass at 12 noon when the guest Preacher will be Bishop Paul Thomas, Bishop of Oswestry. The Society's website at www.shrine-egmanton.net gives further information.

**Collection taken on Sunday July 6th**

 The retiring collection for the mission of the church in Papua New Guinea raised the sum of £205. Thanks to all who contributed. **Margaret**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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 Those who are sick: including H.M. King Charles , Kate, Princess of Wales, Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, David Howling, Jean Jarvis, Gary Marsh, George Mills, Stuart Mills, Annette Parsons, Anne Riley, Len Shelbourne, Andrew Smith, Martha Smith, Paul Smith, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

 All who have recently died, especially Joy Nottingham, Donald Rose, and Mark Meakin; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:.Robert Arthur Bostock, Margaret Lenny, Hetty Wheatley, Robert Norfor, Priest, Nicholas Riley, Annie Vize, Anthony Gregory, Joyce Whitehead, Francis West, and Walter Beardsley.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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**Church Hall Bookings:**Mrs Christine Hudson

Tel. 0115 932 2796, or email: hudson.owlhudson@btinternet.com. The Church Hall is a community facility and we welcome bookings especially from local people and groups. Please contact Christine for further details and availability.

**Commentary on the Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time: Andrew Smith writes**

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**The Theme of the Readings: Ask, and You Shall Receive**

 The First Reading **(Genesis 18:20-32)** and the Gospel Reading teach us to pray with perseverance, trust the Lord, and be willing to accept His divine judgment and mercy. In the First Reading, God took Abraham into His confidence, revealing His plan to deliver His just punishment against the wicked citizens of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The purpose of taking Abraham into His confidence was to allow His trusted servant to plead for mercy for the people of Sodom. Abraham's series of petitions to the LORD [Yahweh], as he negotiates on behalf of the Sodomites, are the first examples of intercessory prayer in the Bible.

 This morning's Responsorial Psalm **(Ps 138)** is from one of the hymns the faithful pilgrims of the Sinai Covenant sang as they journeyed up the mountain to worship at the Jerusalem Temple. The psalmist begins by giving thanks to the Lord God for having heard the prayers and petitions of a faithful pilgrim. He then praises Yahweh, who is all-powerful and exalted yet cares for the poor and lowly. The hymn ends with a profession of the psalmist's trust in God, who has heard his prayers and whose faithful covenant love for His people endures forever!

 In the Epistle **(Colossians 2:12-14)**, St. Paul refers to the Sacrament of Christian Baptism in symbolic terms, comparing it to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. St. Paul writes that when we pass through the waters of baptism, we die with Christ to sin, and we are then, like Christ, raised up out of the baptismal waters to a resurrected new life. St. Paul taught that the Cross is not a sign of

Christ's condemnation by His enemies but the sign of God's love. The bond of the old Mosaic Law with its legal claims that condemned the covenant people for all intentional sins, is nailed to the cross in Jesus's self-sacrifice. Jesus liberated the faithful from the burden of the old Law, lifting the people of God out of sins that condemned them and offering them forgiveness in the Law of the New Covenant by opening a channel of mercy and forgiveness sealed in the Blood of the Saviour.

 In the Gospel Reading **(Luke 11:1-13)**, at the request of His disciples, Jesus gave a formula for prayer known as both the ‘Lord's Prayer’ and the ‘Our Father,’ a title taken from the first two words of His prayer. Jesus's exemplar of prayer encourages His disciples in every generation to approach God confidently and call upon Him as ‘Father’ when making petitions. In the Aramaic (the language of Jesus), this intimate address would be ‘Abba’ and indicates a new relationship with God based on the gift of a new and eternal covenant in His Son, the Redeemer-Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth.

 Each of the readings today encourage us not to be fearful or hesitant about approaching our heavenly Father and to understand that He is always ready to hear our petitions. When we seek Him in Jesus's name to ask for His guidance and mercy, we should remember God the Son's promise when He said, ‘Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.’