**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 3rd August 2025**

**Eigheenth 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**  333 All my hope on God is founded

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 90

**Gradual** 205 Christ is made the sure foundation

**Offertory** \*418 O happy band of pilgrims\*

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  282 Faithful Shepherd feed me

**Recessional** 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

**Angelus**

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

**Tuesday 5th August 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 7th August 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 10th August 2025 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**NB There will be no service at Holy Trinity next Sunday - see notice below**

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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**Sunday 10th August, St Laurence's Day**

Next Sunday is the St Laurence Millennium Festival, celebrating 1,000 years of St Laurence's church in Long Eaton. A number of events will take place at St Laurence's church on that day and as a consequence of this please note that **there will be no Mass here at Holy Trinity at 11am on that Sunday.** We are invited across to St Laurence's for all the events and it is hoped that all will be able to make it to Mass there at 10am when Bishop Paul will be present. The full programme of events is as follows:

**10am - Festal Mass with the Bishop of Oswestry, followed by Parish Lunch**

**3pm - Hymns and Pimms in the churchyard with the Bishop of Derby**

**6pm - Evensong and Benediction with Bishop Roger Jupp** (rehearsals from 5pm to which all are invited)

We at Holy Trinity are invited to all these events and please do go if you are able to. Lifts will of course be available and do please speak up if you need transport. ***Geoff Raby and Sharon Wright Churchwardens***

**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***

**Fr Michael Brinkworth**

In view of Fr Michael's failing health, there will be a collection today Sunday 3rd August so that we can send him an attractive bouquet or arrangement of house plants. **Sharon Wright Church Warden**

**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**

**Lectio Divina**

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**

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**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Those who are sick: including 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, Natasha Smith-Thorley, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

All who have recently died, especially Joy Nottingham; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:. Frank Reginald Money, Priest, Kenneth George Smith, Eric George Manners, Terence Saxton, Blanche Henson, Margaret Amos, and George Stevenson.

**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 Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**The Theme of the Readings What Makes Life Meaningful?**

The Bible teaches that life extends beyond the temporal world; therefore, our lives only make sense if we can relate them to lasting values. If we only focus on perishable values, we make no lasting contribution.

In the First Reading from **Ecclesiastes (1:2;2:21-23)**[one of my favourite books], the inspired writer tells us that material wealth, earthly wisdom, and its illusion of prosperity are all in vain; these are temporal works that are fleeting and without a real purpose or lasting reward. Only when we relate our lives to God by building a relationship with Him in prayer and worship, by coming to understand His divine plan for humanity through the study of Sacred Scripture, and by sharing God's love for us with others can we say that we invested our efforts in a worthwhile life.

In the Responsorial Psalm **(Ps90)**, the writer tells us that only God, in His mercy, gives meaning to life. The psalmist asks God for His loving kindness and to experience gladness in His blessings. He professes to be gratefully satisfied with what God has given, even with the struggles and sufferings that are part of life. There are no bad days for someone who loves God and has faith in Him to guide their life's journey. Each passing day is a gift because it is an opportunity to serve the Lord if you "hear His voice" and "harden not your hearts."

In the Epistle **(Col.3:1-5, 9-11)**, St. Paul reminds the Christian faith community of the Colossians and us that in the Sacrament of Christian Baptism, we have died to self-interest and sin, and God's Spirit has raised us to a new life in Christ Jesus. Therefore, Christians referred to the Sacrament of Baptism as the ‘first resurrection.’ Thus, the focus of our lives must be Christ, who promises us a share in His life of glory. However, St. Paul warns that rejecting sin is an ongoing process that must result in living in the Spirit, who transforms us into the image and

likeness of Christ. All baptized believers in Christ submit their lives to God's will in their resurrected new spiritual existence, becoming children in the family of God and heirs of Christ. Living in fellowship with Jesus makes our present lives meaningful and gives us the hope of glory in the next.

The First Reading prepares us for our Gospel Reading continued from Luke **(12:13-21)**. Jesus tells the Parable of the Rich Fool to demonstrate the foolishness of striving for the material over the spiritual. His message is that temporal life is fleeting, and we cannot amass earthly treasures for our hoped-for heavenly future. The accumulation of works of love and mercy pleases God; they are credited toward eternal life and are recorded in the Lord's Books of Deeds that will be laid open at the Final Judgment.

People who only run after material goods and perishable earthly values will never be satisfied. Life becomes meaningful when it relates to God in prayer and worship, and to others in the human family, to whom we demonstrate God's love. Life has meaning then because we have God's forgiveness of our sins and the hope of eternal salvation through Christ Jesus. Forgiveness is our petition in the opening prayer: ‘Forgive us our sins and restore us to life. Keep us safe in your love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.’