

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, TRINITY 14 (ST MATTHEW)

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Experience & Explore

We welcome The Revd Sarah Atkins, Dean of Chapel at Magdalene College, who is leading our 8.30am service. Our 10am Service will be led by Local Team.

COLLECT

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be
an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

READINGS (in pew bibles)

NT Proverbs. 3. 13-18 (p.615)

GOSPEL Matthew 9. 9-13 (p.9)

NEXT WEEK:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

We welcome Canon James Shakespeare, Rural Dean,
Cambridge South Deanery

10am All Age Communion

We welcome The Revd Canon Dr Nicholas Thistlewaite, a
former Vicar of this parish, who will be leading our service.

CONTACTS

CHURCH WEBSITE www.trumpington.church

The church is now in Vacancy, please refer any queries to
the Churchwardens and, during office hours, to Emma.

CHURCHWARDENS

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Emma's email address is: admin@trumpington.church

Organist – Geoff Symon organist@trumpington.church

Choir Leader – Alan Howard choir@trumpington.church

Parish Safeguarding Officer – Sheila Betts 07889 706625
safeguarding@trumpington.church

*If you want to put a note in the pewsheets, please contact
Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the
note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.*

NOTICES

Please see the North Chapel notice board for What's On.

ECO CHURCH MEETING

TODAY 11.30am, IN CHURCH

Are you interested in biodiversity and making our
churchyard welcoming to wildlife? Come along to a
meeting next week – all welcome. *Please contact Stephen
Reynolds if you would like to get involved:*
stephen@reynoldsfamily.co.uk

GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life
and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
- Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.
Everything helps – thank you!

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact one of the Churchwardens if you would like
to join a group (Tuesday evening online or alternate

Wednesday evenings in person) and they will put you in
touch with the group leader.

**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AT HARVEST –
GET INVOLVED!**

Junior Church are collecting non-perishable food items to
make up a hamper, which they will then take to the
Pavilion for the Fairbite Food Club. Please leave your
donations in the box that will be by the font in the lead up
to Harvest. ***Please give generously!***

Do contact Donna with any questions: donrose1@sky.com
the group leader.

**SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – HARVEST SERVICE FOLLOWED
BY BRING & SHARE LUNCH IN CHURCH**

- Tickets available today, suggested donation £5 per ticket; all proceeds to charity (pay with cash or card).
- If you plan to come to the lunch, please see the sign-up list for suggested food items to bring.
- We shall have a raffle – could you offer a prize?
- If you can help the afternoon before with setting up, or on the day serving and clearing away please come and speak to Carolyn Aston after the service.

CHURCHYARD WORKING DAY

18 OCTOBER 9am to 3pm

In preparation for the day and to work towards some Eco Church targets, we are asking for donations of: daffodil bulbs, wild flowers, bird feeders of various types, bird baths, or other water-holding features.

All are welcome, come and join us! There is lots of planting and preparation for next spring. A box by the west door under the tower is available for donations, or speak to Stephen Reynolds.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

27 SEPTEMBER, 10 to Noon

Trumpington Residents' Association coffee morning at Trumpington Pavilion. Come join us help to raise funds for this vital work. If you would like to donate cakes, baked goods or help on the day. Please email:

admin@trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org

Connecting faith and daily life

You're fired

Julian Smith *reflects on* Luke 16:1-13

Towards the end of each episode of the BBC television series, *The Apprentice*, Alan Sugar points his finger at one of the candidates and tells him or her in no uncertain terms: "You're fired!" Crestfallen, the losing candidate must wheel his or her suitcase out to a waiting taxi and leave the process they've worked so hard to be part of.

The manager in today's Gospel reading is also told in no uncertain terms that he's fired. But in contrast to the hopeful apprentices from the TV series, he is clearly a crook who's been found out. Perhaps his punishment isn't severe enough, because it allows him to attempt to secure his future by further fleecing his master. When his dismissal is made public he'll be able to remind the debtors what he did for them, and they will be in his debt.

Contrary to what we might expect, however, when the master discovers what he's done he commends the manager for his worldly wisdom. And there's the problem. To our ears, Jesus is commending wrongdoing, although perhaps that's not how his first hearers heard things.

Like the parables of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) and the neighbour looking for bread (Luke 11:5-13), this parable contrasts earthly reality with heavenly possibility. If this is how the earthly master treats the crooked manager, how much more understanding will our heavenly Father be of us, when we turn to him in faith and trust? ☺

Lord Jesus, you challenge our comfortable certainties and illusions with the stories you tell. Help me to live in the upside down world of your kingdom, come on earth as in heaven, and so deepen my faith and trust. Amen.

How to keep faith in a wobbling world

Part 3 – embrace community

by Caroline Hodgson

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (10:24-25) encourages their readers to: "consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together". The early Church is an extraordinary example of how a community of people can pull together to strengthen and encourage one another, even in the most adverse circumstances. Of course there was in-fighting – you can hear Paul's desperation when he's trying to convince warring factions to put their

differences behind them. But his overarching message is a clarion call for peace, unity and love, prioritising fellowship over personal or cultural divisions.

So we can give thanks that we are not persecuted for our faith, or forced to worship in secret, as the members of the early Church often were. Then maybe, in our own, imperfect communities, we can take comfort and even inspiration from the fact that things don't always go smoothly. And perhaps we can also forgive ourselves a little for our divisions, and commit to moving forwards together in faith. ☺

Walking with Rosie

Where the heart is

by Gillian Cooper

Rosie and I take a trip back to my roots in Lincolnshire, the place of wide skies and sandy beaches. Rosie chases her ball on the firm sand and bravely skips in and out of the water. And I find myself talking to people I don't know, more often and more freely than I do at "home" in the West Country. I hear the accent in my voice becoming more obvious.

This is where I was born, and my heart is here.

What signs are there that I am also a child of heaven? When I speak to people, is there something of God in what I say? Is my heart in heaven as it is in Lincolnshire? Getting to Lincolnshire involves the effort of a five-hour drive. Living as a child of God in my eternal home requires an even greater effort, one I need continually to make. ☺

“Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.”

1 Samuel 25:6