

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER, TRINITY 12

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

We welcome The Revd Sarah Atkins, Dean of Chapel at Magdalene College, who is leading our services.

COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS (*in pew bibles*)

OT Psalm 139. 1-18 (p. 606-7)
NT Matthew 5. 1-12 (p. 4)

NEXT WEEK:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am All Age Communion
6pm Evensong is available at St Andrew's, Grantchester

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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
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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.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you would be interested in helping to get church ready for services, to assist in their smooth running and to pack away afterwards, might you consider becoming a Duty Warden? This is a vital but unsung ministry and may well suit people who wish to help out but are not sure how they might do so. To find out more, talk to Gareth Atkins or Sheila or Edmund, or come to the introductory briefing at **10.30am on Saturday 13 September**. (Further slots will be advertised in due course.)

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is reading *Crooked Cross* by Sally Carson to discuss at the next meeting on Thursday 11 September. All welcome - no invitation needed! For more information, please email bookgroup@trumpington.church

RIDE + STRIDE – SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

This event is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts, enabling them to make grants to places of Christian worship. As usual the church is open from 9am and we are also offering refreshments to visitors, from 10am-4pm; thank you to those who have offered help by baking a cake or welcoming visitors. Half the proceeds on the day come to our church.

ECO CHURCH MEETING

21 SEPTEMBER 11.30AM, IN CHURCH

All welcome. Please contact Stephen Reynolds if you would like to get involved: stephen@reynoldsfamily.co.uk

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.

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

- Tickets for the lunch are available today at the churchwarden's pew, suggested donation £5 per ticket; all proceeds to charity (cash or Goodbox).
- 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 Sheila for a short meeting after the service.

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

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!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, 13 & 14 DECEMBER

Would you like to be involved this year and join a small team to help organise different elements: crafts, refreshments, possible concerts, and other activity ideas. Please get in touch with Sheila.



The cost of discipleship

Julian Smith *reflects on* Luke 14:25-33

Our TV screens are full of programmes about buying, selling, renovating or building houses. One long-running favourite begins by asking would-be builders or renovators how long they plan for the work to last and how big their budget is. At the end of the programme, when we've sat through disasters, overruns of time and money, and the worst weather ever, we learn how much the work actually cost. Often the difference between the initial budget and the final spend is huge.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the cost of discipleship. One of the examples he gives is of building a tower when, he says, you must ensure that you have enough money to complete the tower before you begin work. "Don't start what you can't finish," is the advice in essence.

The over-spenders on our TV screens may have ignored Jesus' advice about realistic costing, but their commitment is undeniable. The programme works because people are deeply committed to their

projects – whether it's breathing new life into a neglected house, or blending a modern eco-house into stunning scenery. They will beg, borrow, scrimp and save because they will not walk away from a project close to their hearts.

Jesus reminds us that discipleship can cost us everything – family, friends, even life itself. But following Jesus is the grandest of designs, and it requires our total commitment. 🍷

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you but the path of discipleship is hard. Give me the courage to walk that path each day and the willingness to give up everything for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.

People of the New Testament Stephen

by Caroline Fletcher

Acts 6-8:2; 11:19; 22:20.

Stephen delivers the longest speech in the Book of Acts and, indeed, one of the longest in the New Testament. That Luke, who wrote Acts, chose to include his speech suggests that he considered Stephen a very important figure in the early Church. Stephen was the first Christian to die for his faith and Luke wanted to emphasise that following Christ would mean walking in Jesus' footsteps and suffering as he had. In his Gospel (12:11-12), Luke describes Jesus warning his

followers that they would face persecution: "When they bring you before the... authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say."

The inspired words of Stephen's speech were, in Luke's eyes, proof of the truth of Jesus' promise to help those who were persecuted in their time of need. It seems apt that Stephen, the first Christian martyr, should be remembered the day after we celebrate the birth of the man he gave up his life to follow. 🍷

How to keep faith in a wobbling world

Part 1 – introduction

by Caroline Hodgson

Thursday will see the twenty-fourth anniversary of the terrible 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and other locations in the USA, in which nearly three thousand people lost their lives.

As we watched, horror-stricken, the awful events unfolding on our TV screens, I remember a feeling of dread – the world was never going to be the same again. I don't imagine I was alone in that.

I'd experienced no personal loss, but the world felt a dangerous and uncertain place. Twenty-four years on, if anything it's even more wobbly. We're increasingly aware of the dire state of our precious planet; we've been through a pandemic that's shown us how fragile our global health is; we've seen war erupt in Europe and the terrible situation in the Middle East.

Over the next six weeks I'll be looking at ways of staying grounded in a wobbling world, and what part can faith play. 🍷

“Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with.”

Thomas Fuller (1608-1661), churchman and historian