

ST MARY ST MICHAEL

TRUMPINGTON

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER, ADVENT SUNDAY:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

We welcome The Revd Alison Kennedy, who will be leading our services.

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGS *(in pew bibles)*

NT Romans 13. 11 to end (p. 173)

GOSPEL Matthew 24. 36 to end (p. 29)

NEXT WEEK, ADVENT 2:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Communion

We welcome The Ven. Alex Hughes, who will be leading our services.

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.

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Emma's email address is: admin@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.

WHAT'S ON Check out the noticeboard in North Chapel

A PICTURE CAN TELL A THOUSAND WORDS

Do you have photos that can help illustrate our Parish Profile? Sheila is looking for images of:

Services/activities/events/people (with permissions)

The church building and churchyard (blue skies please)

The local centres: Anstey Way, Trumpington Meadows,

Clay Farm, Glebe farm (with people)

Allotments/CF community garden/schools

P&R bus station (with Guided Bus and P&R)

View of the Biomedical Campus and new station from Baker Lane or thereabouts

New skate park and other play areas

Trumpington Road (the leafy north) and the High Street.

Please email photos (at original/actual size) to

warden@trumpington.church **by TODAY.**

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.

REIMAGINING PROJECT

A quick update on the planned changes to our church, which include taking out a substantial number of pews and installing a kitchenette and toilet. This will allow a much wider range of community activities to happen here.

The Fundraising Committee, chaired by Edward Chaplin, met for the first time this week. We will develop a plan to raise the substantial sum needed, looking to a variety of charitable foundations as well as our Patron, Trinity College, for most of the funds required.

But we agreed that the first task is to spread the word across the wider Trumpington community and encourage a range of events (eg music, talks, art, films, games) to take place here. We have put an advert in the next issue of The Trumpet: copies are available in church, or from Sheila Betts, for you to take away and share with friends and neighbours.

We are also planning a brainstorming session to encourage ideas for community events and other fundraising ideas, and volunteers to help organise these. Watch this space! Meanwhile, if you have any questions or ideas, please contact Edward Chaplin via Emma at admin@trumpington.church



United Nations' 16 days of Activism against Domestic and Gender Violence from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day).

An international call for an end to all forms of violence against women and girls.

Please join the Mothers' Union in Ely Diocese and here in Trumpington by tying a prayer card on the prayer tree on the table by the pulpit (cards and pens by the tree).

Women and girls in the UK and around the world, especially in Sudan, need your prayers. The prayer cards will be blessed at services on Sunday 7 December.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, 13 & 14 DECEMBER

Can you help during the festival? Sign-up sheets are on the table near the font, or email warden@trumpington.church

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. *Everything helps – thank you!*

Being truly prepared

Caroline Hodgson *reflects on* Matthew 24:36-44

In the run-up to Christmas some years ago, a British supermarket became the first in the country to open its doors for twenty-four-hour shopping. At last it was possible to shop at two, three or even four in the morning – and shop people did. The first night's opening was a resounding success in retail terms – and a dismal failure in terms of peace and goodwill. In the scramble, many of the “luxury” items sold out. The consumer frenzy gathered pace, and by midnight people were pinching things from one another's trolleys. In the early hours, the store ran out of trolleys and was forced to close for a while to restore order.

In today's reading from Matthew, Jesus looks back to the time of Noah, when the terrible flood took people with little warning. He offers the example of ordinary, day-to-day life for people before the flood. So it will be when the Son of Man returns. The message is clear – be prepared. Being prepared, however, means spiritual rather than material preparedness. Being prepared means being spiritually prepared in day-to-day life as much in church on Sunday. The supermarket shoppers were so wrapped up in material things that they forgot or disregarded the true spirit of Christmas.

This year, are we prepared to forego or share the trimmings of Christmas, if that's what God calls us to do? 🍷

Lord God, in all our preparations this year, keep our sights on what really matters. Amen.

Walking with Rosie

Together

by Gillian Cooper

Beneath the flickering lights of the station platform, Rosie and I wait with our fellow volunteers for the last stopping train of this season. Christmas specials will steam through on the heritage railway, but our station will be closed now until the spring. There are hot drinks and home-made cakes. The final train whistles as we wave it off into the dark, and people who have worked together for months

say their temporary goodbyes, and, “See you at the Christmas dinner!”

God created us as social beings. We belong in families, in communities. The people here give up many hours of their time. They have chosen to belong to this station's family, to keep alive a bit of our nation's heritage, and to help and support one another. Here we see the best of God's creation, children of heaven being God's people on earth. And Rosie, wagging her joyful tail at everyone. 🍷

“You keep us waiting... You, the God of all time, want us to wait / For the right time in which to discover / Who we are, where we are to go, / Who will be with us, and what we must do. / So thank you... for the waiting time.”

John Bell (born 1949), hymn-writer and Church of Scotland minister

People of the Common Worship lectionary

Nicholas Ferrar (1592-1637)

by Alan Jefferies

Nicholas Ferrar (1592-1637) is commemorated on Thursday. Alan Jefferies considers his life and legacy.

An English scholar and religious leader, Ferrar is known for founding a religious community in the Cambridgeshire village of Little Gidding in 1626. At a time when England was deeply divided between Puritanism and High Anglicanism, the community lived according to the principles of the latter. King Charles I visited it on several occasions, as did Ferrar's friend, the poet and priest

George Herbert (1593-1633). Unusually for the time, the girls of the community were educated in Latin and taught practical skills such as book-binding.

Although the community existed for fewer than forty years and was home to around only thirty members, its legacy has been far-reaching. In the twentieth century T. S. Eliot was inspired by it and incorporated imagery into his poem, *Four Quartets*, published in 1945. He concludes with the words of Julian of Norwich, which form a good Advent meditation: “And all shall be well and / All manner of thing shall be well.” 🍷