

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER, SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

We welcome Canon James Shakespeare to lead our service today.

10am Experience & Explore

Our Local Team will be leading our service today with a focus on safeguarding and caring for one another.

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us
new hope that all creation will one day be healed, in Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS (in pew bibles)

NT 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13 (p. 222)

GOSPEL Luke 21. 5-19 (p.90)

NEXT WEEK:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

We welcome Revd Julie Gawthorpe, who will be leading our service.

10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

We welcome The Revd John Summers, Trinity Chaplain to lead our service.

12 noon Private Baptism

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

Edmund Brookes 01223 840374

edmundbrookes@outlook.com

Sheila Betts 07889 706625

warden@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

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 pewsheet, 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

APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICAR: UPDATE

The PCC is pleased to report that it met last Monday with the Archdeacon of Cambridge, the Venerable Alex Hughes, to agree on next steps towards the appointment of a new vicar. We now have a timeline for the advertisement and for interviews, both of which will happen early in 2026, with a view to installing the successful candidate next summer or autumn. We have also agreed on the text for the Parish Profile - for which Sheila is looking for photos! Look out for copies of this in church in due course. Please pray for the process as a whole, and especially for Edmund and Katie, who were elected unanimously to serve as our parish representatives. We are grateful to them for taking the responsibility of speaking for all of us.

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 30 November.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, 13 & 14 DECEMBER

Sign-up sheets to help during the festival are now available, please see Sheila 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!*

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you would like to join our electoral roll (church register of members) please fill in a form, located on the warden's pew. If you can't find them, please speak to Edmund or Sheila.

Gillian Cooper

reflects on Luke 21:5-19

It seems the disciples are a bit over-confident about the durability of the Temple. As visitors from Galilee, they marvel at the building's size and beauty. They are impressed by the dedication to the God of Israel that it represents, believing that God will honour it by being present there for ever. But Jesus warns them that the Temple is not as durable as it appears. He speaks of destruction and disaster to come, not only in Jerusalem but throughout the known world. Even more frighteningly, he speaks of persecution and betrayal aimed especially at those who maintain allegiance to him.

But there is good news. There is no use in relying on the physical presence of the Temple, Jesus says. But that does not mean that Jesus' followers are without resources, or that they should despair. He promises them wisdom, so that they will know who to believe and what to say. They can endure, he says, because the kingdom of God is near. God's presence with the people does not depend on the existence of the Temple. God's kingdom does not require an earthly throne, but is an ever-present reality.

Jesus has a harsh but realistic message for his disciples. There are times when we might find the state of the world overwhelming. Everywhere we look there are warnings of impending doom and catastrophe – be it environmental, political, or economic. But like the disciples we have a choice – to despair of the world or to hope in the kingdom. ☺

The creeds

by Kathryn Fleming

If human understanding of God is at best limited, should we say the creeds at all? "Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent," said Wittgenstein, and it seems a cheek to attempt to codify the attributes of God. I'd imagine most of us sometimes struggle to honestly profess each clause, and that we all have days when it seems best to gloss over the complexities of the virgin birth

or bodily resurrection. It's a relief, then, that the Nicene Creed is explicitly corporate – "we believe" allows for individual uncertainty to be carried in a majority conviction that includes not simply those present, but the wider Church, too.

Even so, it might be wiser to pare down the creeds to a minimalist alternative, like this from David Jenkins: "God is. He is for us, and therefore there is hope. God is. He is as he is in Jesus, and therefore it is worth it"

I'm pretty sure I can sign up to that, even on a bad day. ☺



Hope in
the kingdom

Lord Jesus, in times of doubt, despair and when I feel overwhelmed, remind me that I have the choice to hope in the kingdom. Amen.

World toilet day

by Lee Tulfer

November 19 is World Toilet Day. It might be an unpalatable subject, but it's hugely important for anyone concerned about social justice throughout God's creation.

The United Nations declared access to sanitation and water a human right in 2010, and "safe toilets for all by 2030" is one of the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 6 – but the world is seriously off track. 3.5 billion people still live without safely managed sanitation.

Lack of safe toilets has huge implications for human health, spreading diseases such as cholera and dysentery, while untreated sewage threatens to contaminate the environment and food chain. One fifth of schools worldwide have no toilet facilities, which can prevent girls attending once they start menstruating. And women with no choice but to "go" in the open, especially after dark, are vulnerable to attack.

So on Wednesday, why not pray about what you can do to help? You can find out more at: www.un.org/en/observances/toilet-day ☺

“How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of
your wings.”

Psalm 36:7