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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor 13:14

Trinity: A Community of Welcome, Invitation and Inclusion

The season of Trinity reminds us that at the very heart of the Christian faith is relationship. Father, Son and Holy Spirit exist in perfect love, communion and fellowship. God is not isolated or distant, but a living community of love that reaches outward and invites others in. As a church, we are called to reflect something of that same welcome, hospitality and belonging within our own parish life.

Over the past few months, it has been encouraging to see how our church community has continued to grow as a place of welcome and participation for people of all ages and backgrounds. One of the joys of recent weeks was our youth service focusing on faith and the environment. It was wonderful to see younger voices helping us reflect on our responsibility to care for creation as part of our Christian calling. We were especially grateful to Kim, our local councillor, who spoke passionately about rare birds and the importance of protecting the natural world around us.



Our thanks also go to Steve, Charlotte and Dan for leading the music so beautifully and helping create a joyful and reflective atmosphere.

These moments remind us that church is not simply a place we attend, but a community in which everyone has gifts to share. The Trinity itself models this shared life—unity without uniformity, diversity held together in love. In the same way, our church seeks to be a place where every person can feel valued, included and encouraged to participate.

As part of this vision, we are looking forward to our family-friendly Sunday service in the first week of June. This service is especially intended to welcome toddlers, young children and their parents into the life of the church in a relaxed and joyful way. Many families today are searching for spaces of peace, meaning and belonging, and we hope this service will help make church feel accessible and welcoming to them. We also hope to help explain and share the meaning of Holy Communion in ways that speak clearly to all ages and stages of faith. The Eucharist is, after all, a sign of God’s generous invitation—a table where Christ gathers people together in love.

We are also pleased to be beginning confirmation classes during May. Confirmation is an important step in the journey of faith, offering an opportunity to explore Christian belief more deeply and publicly affirm one’s commitment to Christ. In a world often marked by uncertainty and division, it is encouraging to see people seeking faith, community and spiritual grounding.



The Trinity reminds us that God continually reaches outward in love and draws people into fellowship. As a church, we pray that we too may become more fully a community that welcomes, invites and includes—not only those already within our congregation, but also our wider community and those who may be searching quietly for hope, friendship and faith.

May our church continue to reflect the love of the Triune God: a place of grace, belonging and joyful participation for all.

Revd Joshva

The current heatwave has put me into holiday mode, and I thought of this piece from August 2017 reproduced here with Linda's permission.....

What does the word holiday mean to you?

The word holiday comes from the old English word haligdaeg (halig 'holy' + daeg 'day'). This word originally only referred to special religious days but in modern use it means any special day of rest or relaxation, away from normal days at work or school.

In medieval times you were given time off from work to go to church and celebrate with the community. The greatest holidays were Christmas and Easter but there were many other holy days, sometimes connected with your employment. Carpenters did not work on the feast of St Joseph and (allegedly) women had a day off on the feast of St Anne.

The ancient holy pattern of work and rest was swept away by the reformation, when the most extreme Protestants, the Puritans, banned all holidays, including Christmas, ignoring the fact that our Lord kept the Jewish feasts.

When I was a child the calendar in our kitchen had the dates of the main religious holidays, and bank holidays, coloured red. The roots of this practice are thought to date back to the Roman republic (509-27 BC) from which a calendar has been found on which important days are marked in red.

In England the term red letter days is a reminder that in the First Book of Common Prayer, 1549, festivals such as Christmas and Epiphany, and important Saints' Days, were marked in red. This practice, which followed the traditional practice of medieval Books of Hours, continued in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.



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June Services and Events

Monday 1	19.30	Knit & Natter Group in the Leverton Room
Wednesday 3	10.30	Knit & Natter Group in the Leverton Room
Saturday 6	09.00	Men's Breakfast at Horton Golf Park
Sunday 7	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	09.30	Family Friendly Communion
Sunday 14	08.00	Holy communion (BCP)
	09.30	Sung Communion – Vocations
Wednesday 17	20.00	PCC meeting in the Cuddington Hall
Thursday 18	14.30	Afternoon Club in the Cuddington Hall
Saturday 20	10.00	Women's Group in the Cuddington Hall
Sunday 21	09.30	Sung Communion & Children's Groups
Sunday 28	09.30	Sung Communion

Morning Prayer is said in church every weekday morning at 9am

Everyone is very welcome

