

St Mary and All Saints, Dunsfold
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ePEWS NEWS

YOU MAY BE AT HOME BUT YOU'RE
STILL IN TOUCH

TRINITY SUNDAY



COLLECT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversaries: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS:

OT: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end.

NT: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 16-20

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If you feel lonely or afraid or perhaps just need help with shopping, please call on any of the names listed here for help.

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GEORGE FLOYD AND THE GLOBAL FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY FOR ALL RACES

There can be no doubting that the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis has sent shockwaves all over the world.

Demonstrations have erupted in many cities in the United States as well as places further afield including in the UK London, Birmingham and Manchester.

Anybody who has seen the video of the Minneapolis policeman kneeling on Mr Floyd's neck until he was asphyxiated will have been stunned by the footage. We carried a prayer on our website in the wake of the worldwide protests this week which we print below and hope you will be able to share in your own time.

"Gracious God, you love and delight in all your people, help us to respect the differences among our sisters and brothers whatever their creed and colour: we place our hopes for racial harmony in your eternal presence and guidance to all mankind; may all people live in peace and respect for one another: we ask this through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

And given the life he endured under the apartheid regime of South Africa, it is always good to remind ourselves of the words of the late Nelson Mandela. He said: "No-one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

THE PASSING OF SUE BOWDEN

It was with great sadness that news reached Dunsfold this week of Sue Bowden's death. For many years Sue was a cornerstone of our village life. With her husband Tony, who pre-deceased her, they ran the Dunsfold Village Shop and Post Office. In her retirement Sue had moved to the Lake District.

A full tribute to her will appear in our Parish Magazine for July. Our prayers are with Sue's children, family and friends.

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Please follow church news and our prayer for the day at www.achurchnearyou/dunsfold. And if you have friends who wish to be subscribers to ePews News ask them to email davidwalker2020@hotmail.co.uk

The number of people watching videos of church services and visiting our website during the lockdown has rocketed. In the past year there have been over 11,000 visits to www.achurchnearyou/dunsfold. And almost 600 this week.



REFLECTIONS ON THE TRINITY SUNDAY GOSPEL BY REVEREND IAN MASLIN

Even though this morning's Gospel reading is a relatively short one it has an incredibly powerful message.

The risen Jesus commissions the eleven to make disciples of all nations.

“Baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

This is a pivotal moment in the life of the Christian family; the life of the world.

Jesus is saying that His own relationship with God is now to be opened up to all people; they are to be baptised, immersed, into the life of God the Trinity.

Throughout the story of Jesus, we see His constant sense of Himself as the Son, loved by the God whom He calls Father.

And Jesus doesn't only speak of the Father; Jesus knows the love and the guidance of the Father through a distinct personal presence who He calls the Holy Spirit.

Think of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan; as the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus, He hears the Father saying, “You are my beloved Son” and is commissioned for the work ahead of Him.

The love of the Father is poured out through the Spirit on the Son and is returned in the loving obedience of the Son to the Father, again through the Spirit.

This is God the Trinity; The Three-in-One, the God who is loving relationship in God's very self.

But in the life of Jesus, God made flesh, we see something of the Trinitarian life of God active in our world.

For us, Jesus' relationship with God is opened up to each and every one of us. Every person on earth has the opportunity to be in a relationship with God.

We are invited to join the relationship of love that flows within the life of God; a love that has been there for eternity and was seen in our world in the person of Jesus.

Jesus takes us by the hand and says, “Come with me and be led by the Spirit into the presence of the God I know as Father”

This is almost mind blowing; we are to share in the life of God; the God who is love.

When we were baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we were immersed in the life of the God who is Love.

And, as we see in Jesus, that life isn't static, but active, outgoing, self-giving; it is a living faith!

From His baptism onwards, Jesus' relationship with God was bound up with a mission, the life giving, renewing, liberating mission of God in this world.

And so it is for us as well.

On this Trinity Sunday may we, and the whole Church of Christ, be renewed in our faith.

The Faith of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Renewed in the faith of the God who is eternally Love; and may we respond with joy and obedience to the call both to share in God's life and participate in God's mission in the world.

Amen

A longer version of Reverend Ian's reflections will constitute his sermon for Trinity Sunday which you can find, as part of a full Holy Communion service with hymns, at www.achurchnearyou/dunsfold

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

CHURCH: The work being done by dioceses throughout the Church of England, especially here in the Guildford area, to prepare for the day when our churches can re-open.

WORLD: We pray for countries like Yemen and Venezuela, afflicted by COVID-19 where they have no running water to wash their hands with so the disease runs rampant.

THE SICK: Amanda and Hugh, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Barbara and Des Crabb, Jenny Glover, Henry, Sally Rivett, Sue Simper, Jackie Williams, Christine Woof, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Peter Hutley, Sally Davis, Lorna Thompson, Francesca, Paul Wiltshire, Sami Bennewith, Dru Ridley.

THE DEPARTED: Sue Bowden

HOW TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

Major income streams have been denied your church during the coronavirus lockdown. We appreciate many people and families are facing their own challenges at this time but if you feel able to make a donation or take up regular giving please either contact our treasurer John Gray at treasurer@dunsfold.co.uk or you can make a donation to our account which is:

Account name: Dunsfold PCC

Sort code: 30 94 41 Account number: 01828639

Thank you.

