

Connect

The weekly news from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 30th May 2021 Trinity Sunday



A Guide to worship in the Church

during this strange time of COVID



Step 1 Please book in advance by the Friday before the Sunday

Service that you wish to attend. Phone 663 7000
or email: office.stlandm@gmail.com to book in.

Step 2 Remember to come If you find yourself unable to attend please do try and let us know to allow someone else to attend if possible.

Step 3 On the Sunday bring your mask and keep your distance

A 2 metre social distancing is encourage inside and outside the building. If there is a queue please be patient and wait to be welcomed in.



Step 4 Mask On - Hands Sanitised - be shown to a seat

We will welcome you and register your attendance.

You will be asked to sanitise your hands and then be guided to a seat. Please do feel free to say hello to those near by but keep your distance.



Step 5 The Connect News should be on your seat.

The Liturgy for the service can be found at the back of the Newsletter Please take the Connect News home with you. Be still and pray for God to bless you and those who gather with us for worship.



Step 6 Please do join in with the worship and responses. Sadly, singing is not to be encouraged but music and hymns will be played.

Step 7 Communion - Mask, Sanitise, Receive, - Mask, Sanitise, Return

At this time only communion bread will be served. When invited to come forward to receive please do so respectfully of others. When you come forward remove your mask, then sanitise your hands before receiving and consuming the bread. Then replace your masks and sanitise your hands before returning to your seat.

It is ok to pass by each other briefly as you move to receive communion. (If you are infirm or unable to come forward the Priest will come to you. Please ask to sit in an accessible place.)



Step 8 Leaving the Church

You will be directed to leave from the seating closest to the door leaving first. Please sanitise your hands as you leave.

As regulations ease we hope to return to offering Tea and Coffee after the service but currently we ask for you to fellowship briefly outside, if the weather allows, while remaining socially distant.





TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday following Pentecost. The Holy Trinity is at the heart of every act of our worship as we worship "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Explanation of the meaning on the Trinity Icon.

Rublev's Icon represented on the front cover is an artistic interpretation of the story where Abraham receives three visitors as he camps by the oak of Mamre. There he serves them a meal. As the conversation progresses he seems to be talking straight to God, as if these visitors were in some way a metaphor for the three persons of the Trinity. In Rublev's representation of the scene, the three figures are seated around a white table on which a golden, chalice-like bowl. In the background of the picture, a house can be seen at the top left and a tree in the centre. Less distinctly, a rocky hill lies in the upper right corner. The composition is a great circle around the table, focussing the attention on the chalice-bowl at the centre.

On one level this picture shows three angels seated under Abraham's tree, but on another it is a visual expression of what the Trinity means, what is the nature of God, and how we approach him. Reading the picture from left to right, we see the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Colours

Rublev gives each person of the Trinity different yet similar clothing. On the right, the Holy Spirit has a garment of the clear blue of the sky, wrapped over with a robe of a fragile green. The Spirit of creation moves wherever it chooses in all living things you and I owe our lives to the breath of God in us.

The Son has the deepest colours; a thick heavy garment of the reddish-brown of earth and a cloak of the blue of heaven. In his person he unites heaven and earth, the two natures are present in him, and over his right shoulder (the Government shall be upon his shoulder) there is a band of gold shot through the earthly garment, as his divinity suffuses and transfigures his earthly being.

The Father seems to wear all the colours in a kind of fabric that changes with the light, that seems transparent, that cannot be described or confined in words. And this is how it should be. No one has seen the Father, but the vision of him fills the universe.

The light that shines around their heads is white, representing pure light. Only light will do, and that same white forms the holy table, the place of offering holy and pure.

The Father looks forward, raising his hand in blessing to the Son. "This is my Son, listen to him..." The hand of the Son points on to the Spirit. The Spirit then stirs within us to come and complete the circle. The Spirit touches us, even though we do not know who it is that is touching us. He leads us by ways we may not be aware of, up the hill of prayer. It may be steep and rocky, but the journeying God goes before us and is with us on the journey. As we come to Jesus there is the depiction of a tree. A great tree in the heat of the day spreads its shade. It offers a place of security, a place of peace and life. The tree of life also reminds us of the sacrifice of the one who hung on a tree for us. The cross has been transformed into a life-giving tree of life.

As we look to the Father we see the house, our Fathers house. It is our journeys end. Its door is always open for the pilgrim. It also has a tower, with an open window. Our Father incessantly scans the road for us, longing to glimpse our return as the prodigal child whom he longs to embrace.

Staffs for the journey

Each person holds a staff, a sign of authority, each one has the same authority, power, wisdom and might . Together they are one in authority yet each one equal. The rod and staff of God guides us on our journey.

The Table

The table lies at the centre of the picture. It is the place of Abraham's hospitality to the visitors, and yet speaks of God's hospitality to us. That ambiguity lies at the heart of our communion and worship. As we set our table for the Lord, it becomes our Lord's table. It is we then who are welcomed to come. There is space at the table as we look towards the Father, Son and Holy Spirit who welcomes us to come and sit at the table. For the space at this table is on our side. We are invited to join in to commune with God as the three in one commune with each other.

We are invited to complete the circle. To join in by responding to the Spirits prompting, to ascend the hill and come to Christ as the life giver as we rest in his presence before our journey home, to the place prepared for you in the house of your Father. Come let us worship the three in one.

With love from Peter lost in the mystery of God



Mass-craftivism to put the Earth centre-stage at COP26

Stitches For Survival is a group of knitters, crocheters, stitchers and crafters from across the UK and beyond with a heart-felt message to the COP26 climate talks to be held in Glasgow 1–12 November 2021. It is time to put the Earth and not money, centre stage in political decisions. This is the time to take bold and binding action to stop the devastating climate havoc and ecological breakdown that is evident across the world.

We are knitting, crocheting, stitching a 1.5 mile scarf of climate messages for the negotiators to urge them to take bold and binding action together. Why 1.5 miles of knitting? 1.5 represents the temperature rise target that was set by the Paris Climate Agreement .

After COP26 the scarf will be repurposed into blankets for refugee communities. Some of the more creative sections will be kept for an exhibition, and be used for ongoing campaigning.

Can You Help? If you can speak to Vicki Clark. Each piece of the scarf needs to measure 60cm x 100cm. This will make it much easier to assemble the full 'scarf', and also help re-purpose the pieces for blankets. The shorter edges will be the ones we join together so each piece will contribute 100cm to the length of the scarf. So if you want to do an image or writing on your piece make sure it is the right way up (60cm high and 100cm wide).

Pieces can be plain or intricate, include designs of animals or plants threatened with extinction, or include words in any language. Be creative!

Pieces have to be done for Sept 30 and passed to Vicki Clark who will forward them on to Christine Thompson, our Regional Coordinator.

More Knitting - Baby Hats for Simpsons

If you have been knitting baby hats for us to donate to the Simpson Baby Unit please pass these on to Vicki or Fiona who will then deliver them to the baby unit on our behalf - Thank You.



Jzzy's News

Hello everyone,

Rain, Rain go away come again another day!

Oh what unpredictable weather we seem to be having and very confusing to know whether it's a cosy up on a couch day sort of day or a bark at the door and head out for a walk day. Then when you do head out

the sun quickly disappears, leaving me wondering why did they cut off my lovely winter coat that kept me cosy through the cold months.

Someone did say "Ne'er cast a clout till may is out!" and I think the same goes for my hair cut.

I have been enjoying cuddling up on the couch watching Springwatch and see all the new life and baby chicks growing. Even they have mentioned that this wet and colder weather is having an effect on nature. Less or more late flowering plants results in less insects, which amazingly signals to some birds to only produce two or three eggs rather than a batch of six. Nature is a wonderful thing and so diverse and full of beauty even if you don't like every creepy crawlly they are fascinating to watch.

Dad is happy too because Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan, Gillian Burke and Lolo Williams the Springwatch presenters say that we shouldn't cut our lawns until after May. So not just clouts that are not to be cast away in May it the lawn mowing too.

Why you might ask? Well there has been a drop in the number of bees and other pollinators. An uncut lawn helps flowers to grow like the beautiful Dandelion, often thought of as a weed yet provides so much for insects to live on in early spring.

To be honest Dad its been so wet lately it will take a week for the grass to dry and then we will be in June ready for you to cut the grass again. I hope you enjoy more sunny days to come too.



PRAYER IN THE PARK



Pray and Litter Pick

Saturday 5th June

meeting at St Mary's 2:15 pm until 4pm

All Welcome

To mark World Environment Day on June 5

we are inviting you to join us for a national day of prayer and activity.

Prayer in the Park is a prayer event uniting people and churches across the UK organised by Tearfund as we celebrate the beauty of God's world, repent for the damage we've done, and seek God's heart for a sustainable future. To do nothing is to turn our backs to our God-given duty. It is up to us as those who are called to love our neighbour to do just that in a number of different ways both in prayer and action. How can we claim to love God and to love our neighbours if we do not care about the environment globally and where we live locally?

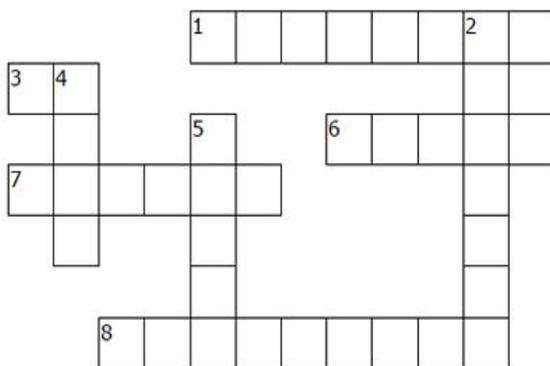
We plan to meet at St Mary's at 2.15pm and gather in the Community Garden opposite the church. In the open, socially distanced, where we will begin with a short act of pray. Prayers of thankfulness, lament and hope for ourselves and the world will be offered. Afterwards we invite you to join in with the litter pick or if you chose to stay and continue to pray in your own way or walk around the estate on a prayer walk.

The litter pick will take place after the prayers session and will focus on the High Street, St Andrews St and the surrounding area. If there are enough numbers some may travel to help litter pick at the Sainsbury's in Woodburn.

Bible Puzzles

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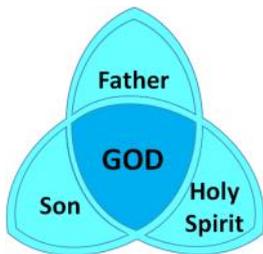
ACROSS

1. Giving instructions to a group of students
3. The opposite of stop
6. The planet on which we live
7. The place where God lives
8. Followers of Jesus

DOWN

2. Groups of people living in a certain area; countries
4. To follow the commands, rules, or guidance
5. The Son of God

WORSHIP



Trinity Sunday

Sunday 30th May 2021

Join with us online for our worship this

There are a selection of ways to join in on ZOOM using

ID: 656 157 5203

PHONE in dialling (0131) 460 1196

Catch up or Watch Live on by joining our Facebook Group

Look for "St Mary's and St Leonard's Church Family"

I pray that you will be able to use the following liturgy to guide you through the service or use for your own meditation at another time



Our Birthday Blessings
this week go to

Joy Mooney and Alison Bolan



Online Coffee at Mary's
10:30 am Saturday Mornings

*This event is kindly hosted by Andrew Watt
To obtain your weekly Coffee invite please speak to Andrew
or email andrew@andrewwatt.org.uk*

Welcome *Jennie*

We gather for worship in the name of the
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!**

Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee:

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who were, and are, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Confession *Jennie / Peter*

As we gather in the presence of our Holy God,
let us confess our sins with penitence and faith

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved
as you would have us love.**

**We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us
through Jesus Christ our Lord**

Father of power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins
Heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in
Christ our Lord, your Son. **Amen**

A Reading of God's Word *Jennie*

Hear the word of the Lord according Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 28: 16-20

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Give thanks to the Lord for His glorious Gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

Reflection *Peter*

Prayers *Anne*

The Peace

The Spirit of the Lord calls us to live in peace
May the peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Creed: **OUR FATHER EVERLASTING**, the all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified.
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life.
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father

(Bridge) Yes I believe in You
 I believe You rose again
 I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

Eucharistic Prayer *Peter*

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

At supper with his friends we remember that

Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke the bread and gave it to them,

saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father we do this in remembrance of him

his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper taking the cup of wine

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father we do this in remembrance of him his blood is shed for all.

So by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit

we worship together as one body and offer up our sacrifice of praise

as we lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

Come Holy Spirit, come afresh upon us and upon this bread and wine
**As we remember your love make us one body living to the glory of
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us to pray;

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

are yours now and for evermore. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Distribution of Communion

When directed please come forward to receive communion.

Remember to remove your mask and sanitise your hands before receiving.

After you have consumed the bread please replace your mask

and sanitise your hands before returning to your seat. Thank You.

(Mask, Sanitise, Receive, Mask, Sanitise, Return)

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty and eternal God, may we worship you in all that we do,
and proclaim the majesty of your glory. Amen**

Hymn **THE SPLENDOUR OF A KING**, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
The beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

*Please remember to leave beginning with those seated nearest the main door.
You are welcome to gather outside for a **short time** of fellowship
and remind you to **keep socially distant** at that time
Thank You*

St Leonard's & St Mary's



Next Sunday Worship at St Leonard's 11.15am

As we prepare for worship to resumes within the church buildings we encourage those wishing to attend next Sunday's Worship to advise us of their intention to do so.

Please phone / email the Church Office preferably by Friday.

This will help us prepare the church for your arrival.

Thank You.



St Mary's

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and on a Wednesday Mornings at 10am**

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**Do let us know if any need arises at this time
and we will try and help.**