Trinity Voice

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Services for March are detailed below.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP. Coffee and tea are served after our 10am Sunday service. **IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH** please introduce yourself to Trudi Shaw or Philippa Walker, our Church Wardens.

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SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY DURING MARCH

The Second Sunday in Lent - 5th March

8 am Morning Prayer led by Connor Hansford 10 am Family Service led by Connor Hansford and Trudi Shaw

The Third Sunday in Lent - 12th March

8 am Said Eucharist led by Reverend James Menzies 10 am Sung Eucharist led by Reverend Geoff Warren

The Fourth Sunday in Lent - 19th March

8 am Said Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley 10 am Sung Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley

The Fifth Sunday in Lent - 26th March

8 am Said Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley 10 am Sung Eucharist led by The Very Reverend Nicholas Papadopulos, Dean of Salisbury

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March

JESUS IN OUR TIME. A shared journey of reflection through Lent. 5 structured and led sessions held in the Crypt each Thursday 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Sessions will include prayerfulness, dialogue and meditation.

Please commit to the entire programme if you are able.

Welcome to the March Edition of Trinity Voice.

We have another great edition for you this month, covering in particular, the Bishop of Salisbury's visit to Holy Trinity on Sunday 19th February. There is also an interesting piece from Holy Trinity Primary School, which is a great way to keep in touch with all the exciting things going on there. Connor has put together some very interesting articles reflecting on the Old and New Testaments, as well as his usual 'Saint of the Month' piece. This month we focus on Geoff Pritchard, whose history in Weymouth is a long and fascinating one. Irene reaches Part 3 of her serial, Three Days which changed the world. I hope you enjoy reading Trinity Voice and, as always, your contributions and comments will be gratefully received.

Message from Church Warden Trudi

Hello and Welcome everyone to this issue of Trinity Voice. Holy Trinity is on a bit of a high at the moment following Bishop Stephen's recent visit to us as part of our grand re-opening. We were on a tight schedule to get everything prepared in time and a burst pipe the Sunday before did not help. But, as ever, the sterling support from the team at Robert R Whites got us back on track and ready on time. I want to thank everyone involved on the day for making everything possible. I would like to make a special mention to Leo, Toby, Lydia, Alfie and Dylan our brand new serving team. For some of them the Bishops visit was the first time they had served and what a professional job they all did! I was nervous and if they were too, they did not show it. Well done to all of you, Holy Trinity thanks you and are very proud of you all.

I will just like to use a quote from Bishop Stephens' sermon and will use it again no doubt in the future, Holy Trinity has just re-booted itself just like our tablets, mobile phones, laptops etc need to do to get back on track from time to time.

We have lots to look forward to. We have a lent group running over five consecutive Thursdays during Lent leading up to Maundy Thursday when we will be holding an 'agape' meal prior to our washing of feet service and watch. We will also be holding a Good Friday and Easter Sunday service.

We are setting up an events committee to plan this year's fundraising activities, the first of which will be a concert by Bovington Military Wives Choir, which will join forces with Holy Trinity Primary School choir for a concert at Holy Trinity on Friday 28th April at 7.30 am. Tickets will be on sale soon.

We have a wedding and some baptisms coming up over the next couple of months which is exciting news for us.

Plans are also under way to continue with the repair work that is needed.

We look forward to welcoming you all at future services, events or when you are just popping your head though the doors to look at our magnificent church.

News from Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School & Community Nursery

Our Learning, Our Journey, Our Future

Through our journey of life, we strive to follow the values of Faith, Respect, Harmony and Life-Long Learning; made possible through God's love. "God is Love" (1 John 4;16)

This half term our theme is Justice with our Collective Worship focussing on this. Our Reception pupils invited their parents to a Cinderella Ball! As part of their topic, 'Happily Ever After' pupils came to school dressed for a ball. They demonstrated their ballroom dancing and parents joined in and danced too! This was a super end to their learning of the story of Cinderella, which had inspired them to discuss events and characters, learn how to create a story and to be able to retell a story verbally using actions, puppets and by writing it down. Prince Charming visited and tried to find out who the beautiful shoe belonged to. As a surprise 'Cinderella' arrived and spent time with the children, singing songs and playing games with them and we were very grateful to Wish Upon a Starre who generously provided her visit.



You will be glad to know that Prince Charming found the person that the shoe

belonged to in our playground! We were so pleased to receive so many positive

messages from parents who shared the ball, commending the children, the teachers and thanking staff for such a special event for both them and their children.

Year 6 had an amazing and informative trip to the Tank Museum at the end of last half term. The knowledge gained from their World War II history unit showed, as they answered questions about rationing, the home guard and funny tanks of World War II. The trenches, with realistic figures, loud bombing and an air of darkness provided the children with some excitement and the older adults with some memories!



Mr Firkin with pupils from Year 6

Year 6 Leader, John Firkin said that this was "A fantastic, educational trip for all."

Year 6 pupils have also been looking at art of people sleeping in underground

stations by Henry Moore which has inspired them to create some incredible sketches in his style of art.



The Right Reverend Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury visits Holy Trinity Weymouth



It was truly wonderful to combine the grand re-opening of our church with a visit from the Right Reverend Stephen Lake the Bishop of Salisbury. What an amazing coincidence that both should come together at exactly the right time.

As we all know, the scaffolding and building work has been on-going at Holy Trinity Church for well over a year. This has affected church goers, the Weymouth community and visitors to our beautiful town, because of the prominent position Holy Trinity holds as the Harbour church of Weymouth.

Everyone has worked so hard to get work started and local building contractors David Whites worked even harder to get the work done and the church returned to its former glory.



When we heard that the Bishop of Salisbury was to pay us a visit and take a sunday service for us, we were really honoured and it was all

hands on deck to make sure we were able to offer him the welcome we all wanted to give him.

The Bishop arrived on a glorious sunny day. He recalled earlier visits to the Church and confided that his essays written as part of his training for ordination were marked by Reverend Richard Franklin who was vicar of Holy Trinity from 1994 to 2016.



The Bishop was supported by a team of young acolytes and servers, together with Trudi Connor and Carole.

The Bishop's sermon was uplifting and encouraged us all to "reboot" and look to a brighter future which left everyone keen to re-launch our glorious church.



The Right Reverend Stephen Lake with (left to right) Leo Shuttleworth, Alfie Beezer, Connor Hansford (behind), Dylan Shuttleworth, Lydia Newman, Toby Keates, Trudi Shaw and Carole Didcock (behind)

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Focus on Geoff Pritchard



I was born in Cardiff in 1948 but moved to Weymouth with my mother, father and elder sister who is five years older than me, when I was six months old. My father was taking up a post as the administrative officer for the newly created Fire Brigade in Dorset. We lived for most of my childhood, first of all Faircross Avenue and then Wyke Road. I went to Holy Trinity infant and then junior school and have exceptionally fond memories of it. I cannot today hear the prayer of St Richard but I think of Miss Richardson, as we said it every Wednesday during assembly repeating after her. Because of school I know the Merbecke Communion Service setting. I was taught in the upper years by the most brilliant teacher George Laidlaw and my wife often comments today that she thinks listening to me that Holy Trinity must have been a truly excellent primary school because of the breadth of things we were taught. I passed the 11 plus despite having spent a long absences from school because of a series of illnesses.

During these years my father and I were in St Mary's church choir. Each year we had a choir outing with destinations ranging from Corfe Castle to Looe and Polperro and the newly consecrated Guildford Cathedral. I was attracted to Holy Trinity Church in 1963 by a talk given by Canon Earnest Walls who had become vicar after serving in South Africa for nearly 30 years. Since 1974 I have been a regular member of the HT congregation. At age 11 I went to Weymouth Grammar School and on leaving started a 37 year career in local government. I worked first for Dorset County Council then for Weymouth and Portland Borough council. During this time my duties often involved historical research and organising civic events and elections, hence my knowledge and interest in local history and events. In 1995 Marcia and I were married at Holy Trinity by The Rev Ray Weaver. She was at that time headteacher at Royal Manor Portland. She then moved to Wey Valley and subsequently became an HMI. While working for Ofsted we spent 18 months living in Bristol where we attended Holy Trinity Westbury-on -Trym.

I love music and especially choral music and singing. I have been a member of Weymouth Choral Society for over 50 years. Since retiring I have been clerk to 5 school governing bodies, served as an exam invigilator and written two books on local postcards with my friend the late Andy Hutchings. We have also travelled abroad, visiting relatives in South Africa and Australia as well as other places. We now have two delightful grandchildren who with their parents Noel and Cheryl have recently moved from London to West Sussex. After an excellent visit from the Bishop I look forward to a rejuvenated Holy Trinity

Some reflections on the Old Testament, part two

Connor Hansford

Where to start? Last time I wrote on the Old Testament, I had just met Jacob, son of Isaac. Since then, I've finished Genesis and Job and am a good way through Exodus. I think I'll start by saying a word about Job (pronounced Joe-b). In it Satan persuades God to allow him to test Job, a righteous man, to prove his theory that people only love God when the going is good and not, as Billy Ocean sings, when the going gets tough. Recently someone told me about a lady who attended an Evangelical church. Her son died tragically in a car crash but instead of supporting her as she had hoped, her 'friends' attributed her misfortune to sin. In other words, you've brought this on yourself. Needless to say, she never went back.

The Book of Job is notable for numerous reasons, among them God's rebuttal of the idea that all suffering is self-inflicted. Job's friends, like the woman's, tell him, 'You must have brought this on yourself,' but Job fires back, 'God never punishes us without explaining why'. He prays for an advocate to plead his case before God...

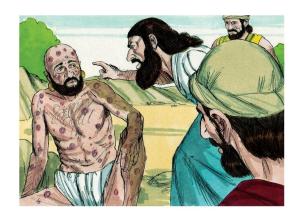


Figure 1 Job is a troubling chronicle in many ways.

The end of the Book of Genesis tells the story of Jacob's children, most notably Joseph. When he is a young man growing up on his father's farm, Joseph experiences many dreams which he tells to his brothers. In them his brothers are seen bowing down to Joseph. Joseph's brothers are enraged by this and push him down a well before selling him to a band of passing slavers. They tear Joseph's famous robe and dip it in blood, suggesting to their father that his beloved favourite son has been hideously mauled to death. Unbeknownst to him and to Joseph's brothers, Joseph is bought by a prominent Egyptian called Potiphar. Time passes and Joseph's personality sees him rise above his station, though he is still a slave. Potiphar's wife repeatedly tries to seduce Joseph to no avail before finally accusing him of assault. Joseph is arrested but once again his personality sees him assume responsibility over his fellow inmates, including the Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer (a foreshadowing of the bread and wine?)

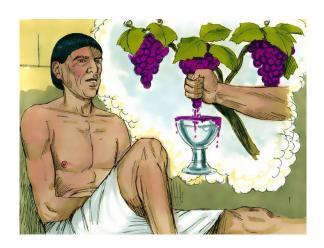


Figure 2 Joseph interprets the dream of Pharaoh's cupbearer.

They each have dreams which they ask Joseph to interpret. To cut a long story short, the baker is killed, the cupbearer released. Eventually the Pharaoh too begins having strange dreams. He calls on Joseph who tells him that seven years of prosperity will be followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh makes Joseph his second-in-command and he sets to work stockpiling food to ensure Egypt's survival. The famine comes as Joseph predicted, and among those who travel to Egypt seeking food are Joseph's brothers, the other eleven tribes of Israel – the special name God gives their father Jacob. Joseph forgives his brothers in time to be reunited with his father who dies in Egypt at the age of 147. 430 years later another prominent Egyptian, Moses, leads the Israelites out of Egypt, where they have become enslaved – a timely reminder of the dangers of racism. What else can I say? The Last Supper took place on the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which has its roots in Exodus. The Lord tells Moses and Aaron not to break any of the bones of the Passover lamb, and indeed when the centurion checks to see if Jesus is dead, he does not break His legs as was the custom, but instead pierces his side with a lance...



Figure 3 The blood of the Passover Lamb.

Reflections on the New Testament – Part One

Connor Hansford

A few weeks ago, I led a Collective Worship on the Wedding at Cana. I wasn't supposed to, but I don't see how children can be expected to be learn about and be inspired by Christ if He's never mentioned. The Gospel of Luke was reputedly written in consultation with, among others, Jesus' mother, Mary, hence the Annunciation, Visitation, the Presentation in the Temple, and so on, all things only Mary would know. (Incidentally one wonders how much Luke left out, like, for instance, the fate of Joseph and Jesus's life before he turned 30. Oh, to have been a fly on the wall during that conversation. People often ask me, if I had a TARDIS, where would I go...)



Figure 4 Jesus' first miracle takes place in Cana.

Anyway, I have never known a Collective Worship like it. The children were transfixed. Jesus was wholly God and wholly man but the emphasis on the God part causes us to forget that he was also human, like us. When Mary tells Jesus 'They have run out of wine', Jesus' reaction is that of a petulant teenager, though by this point he is 30. 'What's that got to do with me?' (I'm paraphrasing). The children laughed. Then I said, but wait – Jesus' reluctance to help is not because he can't be bothered, it's because he knows that as soon as he starts drawing attention to himself, he puts himself at risk – (what happens to him in the end? I ask. He is crucified.) Jesus says, my time has not yet come. In other words, I'm not ready for this. I'm scared. I'm enjoying living an ordinary life, I don't want this – not yet. He prays to his Father and it's as if He is saying, 'Father, I am not ready for this responsibility', and as if God, in response, says to Jesus, as he sometimes says to us, 'you may not think you are, but I know you are'. Jesus turns the water into wine and not just any wine – the best any of the guests have ever tasted, for Jesus is 'the one true vine'.

It's good for children to see and understand Christ's vulnerability – I can't wait to tell them about the Agony in the Garden. Anyway, that's Luke. I'm currently reading Matthew, which I have read before. A

peculiar thing occurs when you read Matthew's gospel out loud from start to finish. Jesus' tone shifts from teaching, teasing, to pure fury. My theory is he knows he's going to die, and he's scared out of his wits. Confronted by the chief priests and teachers of the law, Jesus reads them the riot act, accusing them of hypocrisy, of liking the good life, prizing money over God, and so on and so on. The repetition of 'Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!' sees Jesus' anger build and build – it's no wonder he was sentenced to death. The modern-day equivalent would be turning up at General Synod and accusing bishops and clergy of not knowing what they're talking about. Nicky Gumbel in his commentary rightly points out that this extraordinary attack should not be used to pour scorn on our fellow Christians; it is, rather, a specific call for those in authority to practice what they preach. I consider Jesus to be my friend; I love him, I'm also terrified of him. I recently attended a formal, three-course dinner in Oxford, and I kept looking at the door, thinking of the bit in Matthew when Jesus warns us servants to always be ready for our master's return. What would he think, I thought, if he saw us laughing and swilling expensive wine when so many in our world don't even have access to clean drinking water? 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' I still feel sick, and not because of the pâté.



Figure 5 Check your privilege.

Some passages to read and reflect on:

- Matthew 23
- Matthew 24 42-51
- Matthew 25 35-45

Holy Trinity and our Choral Tradition

Philippa Walker

A Year in the life of Holy Trinity Church - Weymouth 1898

We have now arrived at 1898, which appears to have been a busy year for the church and the choir. In the previous year, Eliot's Bank had crashed, seriously affecting church funds, in particular the Organ Fund. The church lost about £203. Some of this was made up by a business owner, Mr Morris of St Mary's Street, whose generous employees held a concert in the Jubilee Hall and raised £70-5-6. At Easter the Choral Celebration was to a setting by Taylor (in F) and at the evening service the choir performed two choruses from the Daughter of Jairus by Stainer. The collection from both services raised £68!

In Summer a Fěte Champetre was held in Portmore in aid of fund for St Nicholas. There were prizes for the best decorated pushchair as well as many prizes concerning bicycles!! There was a musical ride by eight ladies (on bikes), a race involving dropping potatoes into flower pots (from bikes), an under-sixteen cycle race for boys and girls, an obstacle race (on bikes) and a tortoise race (slow bicycle race). The fěte raised £64, enough to pay off the debt on the fund.



The choir men went to London as usual and experienced the 'new electric railway' under the Thames. The boys outing was to Swanage where Mr Thorne gave an organ recital at Corfe Castle Church.



At about this time HMI found 53 boys in a classroom designed for 22. It is not clear whether this was rectified but the Inspector was not impressed.

3 Days that Changed the World: Pt 3 of 3 The Resurrection

Irene Leader

'So that He would be the firstborn of many brothers' (Ro 8:29). Jesus being raised from the dead is more than just knowing that He was dead and is now alive. Elijah and Elisha raised people from the dead, Lazarus was raised. However, Jesus was raised because of His faith. Jesus died as a sinner, so He was the first born from sin. The power of the resurrection says sin has no power over me; the curse of the law has no power over me, and the devil has no power over me.

What Jesus did in conquering death, hell, grave, was to experience the resurrection power of God raising Him up from our sins, so when we believe and become one with Him, we experience that resurrection power out of sin. That is why sin has no power over us because it is a manifestation of the Grace of God freely given and works in our heart.

Jesus' blood provided purification for sins (Heb 1:3). Jesus entered the Heavenly Holy of Holies. His blood 'sprinkled over the mercy-seat' once for all time (Heb 9:23-25). The Book of Job tells us Satan had access to heaven before the Cross because he was in heaven accusing us before God. Jesus cleansed the Heavenlies which Satan defiled when he sinned; He stripped all principalities and

powers (Col 2:15) and Satan cannot come before God again (Rev 12:10).

After this, He then sat down at the right hand of God and received His inheritance (Heb 1:3). This was not immediate (grave to heaven), because He said to Mary in the garden. 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My father (Jn 20:17)'.

Baptised and born again are synonymous: when we go down in the water our 'old man' died and was in the grave. Up from water represents we are born again in Him as He rose. Our old man is anything, thought, description, idea that is not 'in Christ': being broke, not healed, not living my dream. All this is sin. In Christ we have all the blessings of Deut 28. All that He inherited we share in. I am in Him, so I get what He deserves (Rom 5:8,9,10,17,18,19).

God made a covenant with Noah, 'Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth" (Gen 9:11).

Now, God has made a lasting covenant with Jesus. It was the last will and testament of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it came into effect at the Resurrection.

Col 2:14,15 says that now God only sees our righteousness because Jesus is our mediator.

The question is do I believe I am baptised into His body by Holy Spirit and rose with it?

We need to know we have authority given to us in the garden, and it was never taken away; that we are the likeness and image of God. All of God's Word is in harmony with every other Word, and we have to make up our mind whether we believe this because, like God, we are

also Sovereign (as in self-governing). Jesus encompasses the whole Logos of God, of what He thought, what He said, His character, nature, wisdom, reality.

Our authority needs to be aligned with what Jesus did, and us using our authority to establish it in our life, otherwise it does not work.

Would God give you sickness to teach you something – is that your cross to bear? Would that draw you closer to Him? This is not harmony with His Righteous Word! Jesus never did this to people. Proverbs 12:28 says, 'in the way of righteousness is life and in its pathway there is no death.' God will not pour onto us any penalty that Jesus already took. If He did that, He would be taking His own name in vain and saying Jesus is not enough.

When we say we are saved by what Jesus did, are we meaning His earthly life, or His death, burial, and resurrection?

When one enters into Christ's risen life, whatever experiences I am going through, I choose not to let them define me, who I am or the realities of my life. This means I am not subject to what happens here because I have other resources. Ponder how much does God loves Jesus? This is how much He loves me!

Jesus was a sinless man and, in the Resurrection, showed us how, that in the power of Holy Spirit, we can also be free from sin. Jesus came to show us how to function in our life yielding to Holy Spirit and manifesting God. We have to participate in His one sacrifice for all time, trust in Him and believe what He did: trust what He did and rise with Him.

To get this kind of life we have to die daily to our own lusts, opinions, views, prejudices, fears, and our ego. Look to Jesus and put on God's. Jesus breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (Jn 20:22).

This is the same air that we breathe in; not something magical. Therefore, die to self, die with Him, rise with Him to His inheritance, and be lifted up with Him to see things from God's

perspective.

If Jesus had not done this for me, I would have gone into eternity in a spiritual death being separated from God forever, because I could never have done it for myself.

No one was ever born again until after the resurrection and Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. Therefore after the resurrection, personal ministry changed: All believers now have Holy Spirit working in them and through them.



Saint of the month: Maximillian Kolbe

Connor Hansford



Maximilian Klobe

The point of Saint of the Month is to draw your attention to lesser-known saints, like St Wite and Maximillian Kolbe, whom Pope John Paul II called 'the patron of our difficult century', for reasons that will become abundantly clear shortly. Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. When he was 12 he had a vision: 'I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both.' In 1927, Fr Maximillian founded a monastery near Warsaw called Niepokalanów and remained there even after Poland was invaded by the Nazis in 1939. Throughout the war, Maximillian sheltered around 2000 Jewish refugees which eventually led to his arrest and incarceration at the nearby Pawiak prison. From there he was transferred to Auschwitz, where he continued to act as priest despite regular beatings and lashings. One day a prisoner escaped from the camp, and so SS-Hauptsturmführer

Karl Fritzsch chose ten men to be starved to death in an underground bunker to deter anyone else from trying to escape. When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, "My wife! My children!" Kolbe volunteered to take his place.

According to Wikipedia, Each time the guards checked on him, he was standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell and looking calmly at those who entered. After they had been starved and deprived of water for two weeks, only Kolbe and three others remained alive. The guards wanted the bunker emptied, so they gave the four remaining prisoners lethal injections of carbolic acid. Kolbe is said to have raised his left arm and calmly waited for the deadly injection. He died on 14 August 1941. His remains were cremated on 15 August, the feast day of the Assumption of Mary.



Prisoner's Prayer To Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Introduce me to Mary, the Immaculata, Mother of God. She prayed for Jesus in a Jerusalem jail. She prayed for you in a Nazi prison camp. Ask her to comfort me in my confinement. May she teach me always to be good.

If I am lonely, may she say, "God is here."

If I feel hate, may she say, "God is love."

If I am tempted, may she say, "God is pure."

If I sin, may she say, "God is mercy."

If I am in darkness, may she say, "God is light."

If I am unjustly condemned, may she say, "God is truth."

If I have pain in soul or body, may she say, "God is peace."

If I lose hope, may she say: "God is with you all days, and so am I."

Amen.



Magazine Editor: Philippa Walker Contributions to the April magazine will be gratefully received. Please let me have articles or ideas by

March 15th