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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 28th July 2024**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Ken Johnson**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

Today's hymns are from New English Hymnal (Green)

**Introit** 52 O Worship the Lord

**Gloria**  Gloria 4

**Psalm** Psalm 144 You open wide your hand, O Lord

**Gradual** 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

**Offertory** 336 Angel voices ever singing

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  305 Soul of my Saviour

**Recessional** 386 O Jesu, King most wonderful

**Angelus**

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Ken Johnson as Celebrant and Preacher at Mass this morning**

**Services at Holy Trinity for the week ahead and next Sunday**

**Tuesday 30th July 9.30 am Mass Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Thursday 1st August 7.00 pm Mass Fr Bob Boyle**

**Next Sunday 4th August 18th Sunday inOrdinary Time**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Ian Falconer**

**PLEASE KEEP A TIME OF QUIET AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST TOGETHER.**

 Welcome to our worship this Sunday. Baptised and communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you’d prefer to receive a blessing, please carry a Mass booklet or hymn book with you when you come to the communion point. Gluten-free communion hosts are available – please let a sidesperson know if you require one. Large-print copies of the Order of Mass and children’s Mass Booklets are also available. Refreshments are served after Mass in the Hall – please join us.

**This week's news:**

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**Update on the Vacancy at Holy Trinity**

 We would like to make everyone aware that we are moving forward in the process to fill the Vacancy at Holy Trinity (and St Laurence's). A Parochial Church Council meeting was held at the beginning of July at which Archdeacon Karen Hamblin was present and she was able to give us an update from the perspective of the diocese. She has been working with both Bishop Libby and Bishop Paul (of Oswestry) and all are keen to get the process moving as soon as possible. We discussed the Parish Profile (which gives information for prospective applicants and outlines the sort of Priest we are looking for) and it is hoped that that will be finalised and in the public domain within a matter of weeks, with advertising for the post in September and shortlisting and interviews to follow. This is all very much quicker than has been the case in the past and we are much encouraged by the progress that is being made. We will give an update when there is anything further to report.

**Geoff Raby and Sharon Wright Churchwardens**

**Rosemary Hoole elected as Diocesan Synod member**

 We are please to be able to let you know that Rosemary put herself forward again as a candidate for Derby Diocese Synod and she has been re-elected. She is one of just 9 lay members from the South East Derbyshire Deanery and it is good that someone from Holy Trinity continues to be involved at a diocesan level. Our thanks and appreciation go to Rosemary.

**Geoff Raby and Sharon Wright, Churchwardens**

**Betty Fisher RIP - Funeral Arrangements**

 As most of you will know, Betty Fisher recently passed away. There will be no funeral in church but it will be at Bramcote Crematorium on Wednesday 31st July at 1.30pm, followed by refreshments at the Sherwin Arms, and the family have said that people from Holy Trinity would be welcome. Betty was a long term member of Holy Trinity and had been coming since she was an infant and had taken on a number of roles at the church and was for many years a member of the PCC. We therefore think it appropriate to have a Requiem Mass for her and we will let you know the arrangements in due course but it's likely to be sometime in August and probably on a Thursday evening.  **Geoff and Sharon**

**A message from Ann Riley**

Ann would like to thank all her friends at Holy Trinity for their prayers, good wishes, and lovely cards received while she was recently in hospital for surgery. She is now at home recovering.

**Lectio Divina – Bible Study in the Benedictine Style**

 Lectio Divina meetings are now taking a summer break and will resume in September.**Andrew Smith**

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Egmanton Sat 3rd August 12 00**

 Below is a copy of an email concerning this pilgrimage. In the past, a few people from Holy Trinity have attended this and if there are a number of

people who would like to go then we may be able to coordinate this with regard to transport etc. So, please do speak up if you are interested.

 All are invited to come on pilgrimage to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Egmanton** -12.00 Sung Mass: **The Rt Revd Stephen Race**, SSC, Bishop of Beverley is the celebrant and preacher'. If you would like a light lunch provided in the village hall at a reasonable price, please kindly book it by letting me know, or you are welcome to bring a picnic lunch (in which case no need to book). It would be very helpful if you could kindly let me know the approximate numbers if you are hoping to attend

 The Shrine Church of Our Lady of Egmanton can be found on Tuxford Road, Egmanton, Nottinghamshire, NG22 The Shrine website: <http://www.egmanton-shrine.net/>

  If you would like any further information, then please feel free to contact me. Fr Philip Reynolds, Membership Secretary of the Society & Shrine of Our Lady of Egmanton  07805 509469 life.draw@btinternet.com

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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 Those who are sick: we include at this time His Majesty King Charles and HRH The Princess of Wales as well as Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Oliver Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Sue Coman, Pat Daniel, Chris Dickinson, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw,

Jean Jarvis, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Underwood, and Christine Wicks.

 All who have recently died, especially Betty Fisher, Lee Wooley, and Diane Gellner-Ward. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:..Hetty Wheatley, Robert Norfor, Priest, Nicholas Riley, Anthony Vize, Annie Gregory, Joyce Whitehead, Francis West, and Walter Beardsley.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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**Contact for Church Hall Bookings:**Mrs Christine Hudson

Tel. 0115 932 2796, or email: hudson.owlhudson@btinternet.com The Church Hall is a community facility and we welcome bookings especially from local people and groups. Please contact Christine for further details and availability.

**About today’s Mass readings:**

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**First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44**

 The prophet Elisha was renowned for the wonders he worked; others are related before and after this incident. Here he is repeating Moses’ miracle of providing bread or manna for his followers. For Christians, however, the greater interest is that the miraculous feeding by Jesus is recounted in terms which deliberately recall this incident: the chance-comer who provides barley loaves and more, the prophet’s command, the disciple’s incredulous question, the repeated command, the feeding and the food left over. The same six steps may be seen in the gospel. So Jesus is repeating the Mosaic miracle after the pattern of Elisha, only a thousand times as generously: instead of twenty ‘loaves’ (small pitta-breads, effectively) among a hundred people, Jesus shares out five among five thousand. What is the point of this modelling of the story? For the writer of the Fourth Gospel Jesus is a second Moses, standing in the same tradition but greater than Moses, making God known just as Moses had done, bringing to completion all that Moses had begun. ‘The Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ’, as we read in the Prologue to the Fourth Gospel.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6**

 Most theologians and biblical scholars now think that St Paul’s letter to the Ephesians was written not by Paul himself, but by a follower steeped in Paul’s thought. The continuing disunity among Christians makes today’s passage difficult to read with a clear conscience. It is perhaps the strongest plea for unity in the New Testament, with the possible exception of Jesus’ prayer at the Last Supper. Is there really a ‘peace that binds you together’? One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all – all this is undeniable. One faith? Perhaps not in the sense of a set or list of beliefs, but all Christians profess the same awareness of inability to save ourselves; we all rely on and put our trust in God’s promises, fulfilled in Jesus Christ. In itself that awareness should be enough to draw us together. What can still justify our disunity? One comfort is that immense strides have been made in a lifetime since the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was established each January, a heartening desire to understand one another and our still separate traditions. The work of the one Spirit is clear in that the generation that began this search can hardly have hoped for such rapid convergence. Gradually we discover that the traditions in different Church communities express the same fundamental values in slightly different ways.

**Gospel Reading: John 6: 1-15**

 Today, and for the next few weeks, the Sunday Gospel comes from the Fourth Gospel, the Gospel according to John, as the Gospel according to Mark is rather short … Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus, which comes just before this passage, centred on being born again of water and the Spirit, which is fulfilled in the Church by the sacrament of baptism. Now the focus has changed to the other great sacrament of life, the Eucharist. The starting-point on which Jesus will reflect is the feeding of the five thousand. In the synoptic Gospels the background (and so the meaning) of this wonderful feeding was Jesus as the shepherd, taking pity on the sheep without a shepherd, feeding them on the green grass beside the flowing waters. In John, however, the allusion goes further back, to Moses giving the people manna in the desert: Jesus goes up the mountain, as Moses went up the mountain of Sinai, and the Passover, the festival of the trek through the desert, was near (verses 3-4). We will hear that the manna given by Moses was not the true bread from heaven. There was a greater gift to come. This is seen as one of the seven signs worked by Jesus which punctuate the Fourth Gospel, and they immediately recognise him as a prophet. As a first step he is acting as did the prophet Elisha, who fed his hundred followers with ten loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44), but now the gift of Jesus is on a far larger scale: five loaves among five thousand. If we look further back in the spirit of the writer of the Fourth Gospel, Jesus is also acting as the prophet Moses, who gave the whole people manna, and they all had enough. A further numerical reminiscence is given by the twelve baskets of scraps, representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

*[The Commentaries above, written by Fr David Lawrence-March, first appeared in the Newsletter for Sunday 21st July 2021.]*