**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 20th April 2025 Easter Sunday (Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

**Introit** 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 118 This is the day the Lord has made

**Gradual** 117 The day of resurrection

**Offertory** 271 Alleluya! Sing to Jesus

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  118 The Lord is risen

**Recessional** 120 Thine be the glory

**Regina Caeli**

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

**Tuesday 22nd April 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 24th April 7.00 pm Mass**

**(Mass is said also at St Laurence's, Long Eaton on Wednesday at 12.30 pm and on Saturday at 9.30 am)**

**Next Sunday 27th April 2025 Second Sunday of Easter**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max**

**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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**Lectio Divina Wednesday 23rd April**

Our next Bible Study session will take place on Wednesday 23rd April at 1:45 for 2pm in the Church Hall and then monthly on the 4th Wednesday (except August and December) finishing about 3pm in the Hall. At each study we will be using the following Sunday’s Gospel reading. Everyone is welcome and I will be leading the meetings for the time being. **Helen**

**Electoral Roll**

In compliance with Church Representation Rules (CRR) an entirely new Electoral Roll must be prepared in advance of the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) in every parish in the Church of England. Everyone on

our existing Roll is required to complete an application form and newcomers wishing to be on the Electoral Roll will be given an application form on request. All applications are required to be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer before Sunday 27th April 2025. **Maureen West – Electoral Roll Officer**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Those who are sick: Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Oliver Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Margaret Clayton, Frank Clewes, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Gary Marsh, George Mills, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

All who have recently died; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:.Victor Arthur, Evelyn Johnson, Madeleine Page, Mary Hardy, Russell Lambord, Edna Brock, Clarence Shaw, Vera Enoch, Violet Willis, and Bill Enoch, Priest.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Geoffrey Gower-Jones, and also of the late Eric Stevenson.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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Donations to Holy Trinity may be made at any time using the QR code below:

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**Newsletter** Please send material for each Sunday's Newsletter to Richard Pykett as soon as it is ready, and at the latest by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday. 07850 428299.

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Printed copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning;it can be downloaded from our website, and you can receive a copy as an email attachment. Please let me know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the email distribution list **Richard Pykett**

**Website / Facebook** For more about Holy Trinity, visit our website:-

w*ww.holytrinityilkeston.org.uk*. Follow us on Facebook: 'Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston'.

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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.

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**Commentary on the Readings for Easter Sunday:**

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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR C**

**First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43**

On this occasion Peter was speaking to Cornelius. Cornelius was the Roman centurion who already reverenced God and had had a vision that he should invite Peter to come and instruct him. Peter shows that Jesus was a real human being. He went about, bringing God’s peace to everyone he could meet. Nevertheless, he was executed as a criminal. So God reacted by raising him from death to a life that was totally new. This was the fulfilment of all the promises made to Israel, bringing to completion God’s plan in creation. Life moved into a new gear. Peter expresses this that God has appointed the Risen Jesus to judge the living and the dead. The Jews expected that at the end of time, at the completion of all things, God would come to set everything to rights, to judge things according to their true worth. Now Peter says that Jesus is the one who will be this judge. Jesus is the Lord who will bring all things to completion and to judgment. By his rising from the dead Jesus comes to this position of supreme authority over the whole world. Paul put it that he was ‘constituted Son of God in power’ by the resurrection.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

In this passage Paul is obviously referring to the Jewish festival of the Passover (Pesach), at which a lamb was sacrificed. This festival was originally the meal commemorating the move of pastoral nomads at the beginning of spring from their winter to their summer pastures. A lamb was sacrificed as an offering to the gods. After the exodus from Egypt the festival came to celebrate the great trek of the children of Israel through the desert, and the Covenant of Moses on Sinai, when Israel became God’s people. When Israel settled down and became agriculturalists, this festival coincided with the Week of Unleavened Bread, marking the beginning of the wheat harvest, when all last year’s wheat-products and leaven were cast aside as corrupt and out-dated,

(obviously the first occasion of ‘past their sell-by date’…). Leaven is,

after all, fermented, and so in some sense corrupt. Thus the Passover Festival became associated with total newness. At the Last Supper Jesus sealed the New Covenant and gave himself to his disciples as the new paschal lamb, the sacrifice of this New Covenant. Paul uses this symbolism to indicate that Christians are people of total newness. Their conduct must be purged of all the old corruption and marked by a new freshness, the innocence and purity of new life.

**Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9**

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each ‘performance’ is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings stress two factors: the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. They are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the unnamed Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings him to faith. And such should be our response to the Risen Lord.

*[The above Commentary, by Fr David Lawrence-March, previouly appeared in the Trinity Newsletter for 17th April 2022 ]*