

Holy Trinity News



The Newsletter for Holy Trinity Church, East Finchley

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A Leap Year!

Some say that leap years are unlucky...

Some superstitions related to a leap year are as old as its invention by Julius Cesar in the first century BC, others have been made up over the centuries. Both the ancient Greeks and the Romans had superstitions regarding starting anything new on a leap year.

The definition for superstition in the Oxford Dictionary reads as follows: the belief that particular events happen in a way that cannot be explained by reason or science; the belief that particular events bring good or bad luck. It is not my intention to debate here the nature of various superstitions, particularly of those related to a leap year. However, I should say that I do not believe in superstitions.

Therefore, I am looking to the year ahead confidently and I do hope that, together, we will start new projects here at Holy Trinity Parish Church. Among other things, I would very much like to invite you to explore together new / different ways to be a worshipping community. The Cafe Church project is still in its planning stages, and we hope that we will be able to announce a starting date soon.

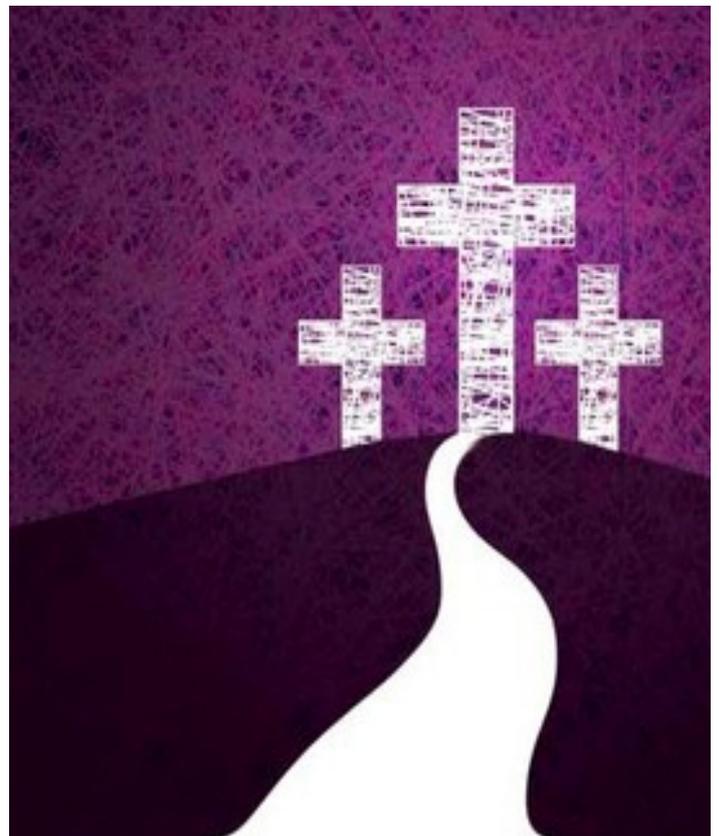
Our journey together as a church community will be marked throughout the year by liturgical services and social events. (Please to check out in this newsletter the significant dates of our church calendar for 2020). I trust that you would agree with in saying that things do not simply happen. Everything we do here at Holy Trinity Church requires vision, planning, commitment, and hard work. Things do not simply happen. We must make them happen. While I am truly grateful to all of you who have been involved in our church life in one way or another, I would like to invite all of you to think about how you could contribute more for the benefit of others in the community.

On Ash Wednesday, 26th February, we will begin the season of Lent, the preparation period for Easter. Traditionally, people give up things for Lent as a means of spiritual purification. Giving up things and

habits requires discipline. But so it does starting up new things and habits.

We will do something new / different this year in church during Lent. We will not hold Lent Group discussions, but we will give way to silence. I would like to invite you to join me in our church every Wednesday evening in Lent for short reflections on the Stations of the Cross followed by 15-20 minutes of silent meditation. I hope that you will come to 'taste' and enjoy meeting God and yourself in the quiet of our little church.

It is a leap year. So, let us prove the superstitions being just that, superstitions. Let us be people of faith! Let us trust in our knowledge of Jesus Christ who came on earth to make all things new and have the courage to be instruments of transforming our church and local community.



The Year Ahead



Ash Wednesday	26th February - Imposition of Ashes	@ 7:30 pm
Wednesdays in Lent	4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March; 1st & 8th April	@ 8:00 pm @ 8:00 pm
PCC Meeting	19th March @ The Vicarage	@ 8:00 pm
Palm Sunday	5th April - Parish Eucharist	@ 10:00 am
Holy Week:		
Wednesday,	8th April - Lent Service	@ 8:00 pm
Maundy Thursday	9th April - Eucharist & washing of the feet	@ 6:00 pm
Good Friday,	10th April	
	- Children Service	@ 10:30 am
	- The Passion of the Lord	@ 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday	11th April Easter Vigil Service	@ 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday,	12th April - Parish Eucharist	@ 10:00 am
APCM & Vestry	Sunday 26th April following the Eucharist	
PCC Meeting	Wednesday 20th May	@ 8:00 pm
Pentecost	Sunday 31 May - Parish Eucharist	@ 10:00 am
Trinity Sunday	Sunday 7th June - Vicarage Garden Party	
Parish BBQ	Sunday 5th July after the Parish Eucharist	
Leavers' Service	Sunday, 12th July	@ 10:00 am
PCC Meeting	Wednesday 15th July	@ 8:00 pm
PCC Meeting	Wednesday 23rd September	@ 8:00 pm
Barn Dance	3rd October	
Harvest Festival	4th October	@ 10:00 am
Remembrance Sunday	8th November	@ 10:00 am
Autumn Fair	14th November	@ 12:00 pm
PCC Meeting	Wednesday 18th November	@ 8:00 pm
Christ the King	Sunday 22nd November	@ 10:00 am
Advent Sunday	29th November - Parish Eucharist	@ 10:00 am
Advent Groups:	Wednesdays: 2nd, 9th, 16th December	@ 8:00 pm
Carol Service:	Sunday, 20th December	@ 5:00 pm
Nativity Play	Thursday 24th December	@ 4:00 pm
Christmas Midnight Mass	Thursday, 24th December	@ 11:00 pm
Christmas Day Eucharist	Friday 25th December	@ 10:00 am

Holy Trinity School in church

Friday 27th March 2.00 pm
 Sunday 12th July 10.00 am
 Friday 17th July 9.30am
 Friday 16th October, 2.00 pm
 Friday 4th December, 2.00 pm

Easter Assembly
 Leavers Service
 Leavers assembly held at the church
 Harvest Festival
 Christingle Service

Nativity and beyond!

It now seems a long time ago that we all gathered in the warmth of Holy Trinity for the Christmas Nativity. Where yet again the amazing writing skills, imagination and ability of our very own Sarah Tyner to blend; witt, current affairs and tradition into a beautiful nativity left many of us in awe. Well done Sarah and well done to all the children that took part.



News from All Saints Church

Fr Ian Chandler was inducted as the new vicar of All Saints on 23 February. We're delighted to welcome him to East Finchley.

Coming soon to Holy Trinity...

Café Church is coming – 29 March and every last Sunday in the month
Explore the bible and exchange thoughts over a cup of tea.
Look out for more information

A Christmas Tradition

Wikipedia dates the Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols back to Truro cathedral in 1880. So, it is a tradition that has survived in varying forms for 140 years. The best-known offering is surely the Christmas Eve service in King's College Cambridge. Our own version also tells the story, from creation to incarnation, in word and music. We have been blessed over the years with contributions from readers, singers and musicians who have enabled us to engage afresh with the 'good news', which itself never changes.

But of course, for us things do change. Now the once, perhaps hesitant, little angels and shepherds, from the Nativity Plays of years past, have become confident singers, musicians and readers in their own right, joining the ever-growing forces that enable the rest of us to reflect again on the meaning of the story we know so well. And we get to have a good sing too! Thank you to Wiebke and all

those who worked so hard to make it a memorable occasion once again.

Strictly speaking, it may be inaccurate to equate Joseph and Mary's experience in Bethlehem with being homeless. Paula Gooder, the renowned theologian and new Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, suggested at a recent talk that it might have been more akin to the last option on the AirBnB website. Squeezing into someone's home, where all the animals would be kept too. An intriguing thought. Whichever it was, in recent years we have taken the Carol Service as an opportunity to remember, and raise money for, those facing homelessness as a year-round reality. This year we raised £300 (a record) to support the work of the Night Shelter project in Barnet. Thank you.

Stephen Hiscock

Autumn Fair Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who supported our 2019 Autumn Fair Raffle, which raised an amazing **£738** for our Church.

The following businesses were particularly generous with donations and as usual we would encourage people to continue supporting them: Tesco Waitrose Sainsbury's Budgens Genzo Windsor Castle Five Bells La Rugoletta, Stewart-Duncan Optician, Hair 202, Jennie Mann Florist, Everyman Cinemas, Phoenix Cinema, Amy's Store, Amici Delicatessen, Galaxy Store, Links Pharmacy Spark Supermarket. Also my grateful thanks to Sonia for her wonderful hamper. Don't forget - if you have any surplus Christmas gifts I am always willing to look after them for you till the next raffle!

Regards from Val Jeffery

Wedding day!

Congratulations to Tom and Poppy on their wedding.

1st February 2020: a very special day for them, and for our church.



Our Churchwarden asks: Can you Help?

I know we ask for Parish Giving and we do have a great many who contribute to our beloved church but we NEED YOU!

Our welcome team needs folk to prepare and hand out hymn books, and greet people as they arrive.....

Our server team needs new recruits to assist Fr Marius, light the candles, do the hymn boards, process and honour the Gospel reading

Our reader team needs new voices to add to our services.....

Our Parochial Church Council, PCC, needs new members, especially young parishioners.....

And I need someone to be a churchwarden alongside myself.....

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Please come and talk to me or Fr Marius.
Ps. I will be your friend for life!

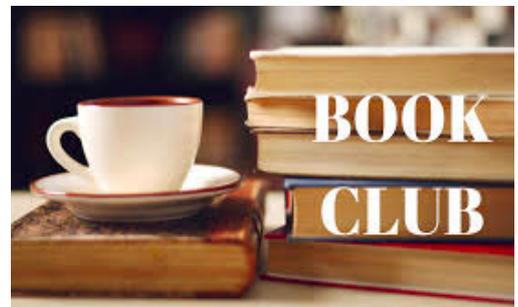
Sylvia Duthie



Holy Trinity Book Group

Holy Trinity Book Group is alive and well.
Despite its lack of publicity we are still meeting regularly.
Just a reminder that it is open to all

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