

# Holy Trinity

## HURSTPIERPPOINT

### Welcome to this week's edition of Holy Trinity News - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

During lockdown I discovered St Paul's Cathedral Learning website. Here is the link to their learning library : [Our learning library | St Paul's Cathedral \(stpauls.co.uk\)](https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-library) There are many different sections and the ones which interest me most are the talks from well-known theologians and clergy including Rowan Williams, Steven Cottrell and Paula Gooder.

In the learning library Dr Paula Gooder – Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and a very well-respected theologian, hosts talks and interviews on a number of different topics. Most recently Paula's guest was Rev Kate Bottley. Kate is well known for her appearance on Gogglebox, Songs of Praise and her Radio 2 Sunday morning show with Jason Mohammad.

Kate spoke about her northern, working-class background, how not to be a church warden and her calling to be ordained. She describes how she felt she did not fit in at "vicar school" and how she views her ministry through the public platforms of TV and Radio. Her book – Have a Little Faith – expresses in real terms how her faith has helped and guided her through her ministerial life. Kate spoke in plain, down to earth language with a lot of humour, pathos, empathy and love for God. After her talk Kate answered a number of questions from the audience and in one of these answers to a question about whether you could have a little or a lot of faith – or whether you just had faith, she declares that there is "no one size fits all" when it comes to faith. People express their faith in different ways.

At Holy Trinity this is reflected in our different services. I believe it is important to not only think about "how" we express our faith, but also to express our faith and love of God in our daily lives. In our Gospel reading this week – John 15:9-17, Jesus tells his disciples that they have been chosen, so they can express God's love for them by obeying Jesus' final commandment to them.

In these troubled times when the outlook can be bleak, however we choose to express our faith, the one sure way of appreciating God's love for us is to love one another.

*Pat Johns (Churchwarden)*

**HT** / worship  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **8.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion**

Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott  
Preacher Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

### **9.30am A Service of Holy Communion**

Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott  
Preacher Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

*Readings: Acts 10:44-end & John 15:9-17*

### **11.00am Service**

Led by Tom Dare  
Preacher Jenny Brown

*Readings: Acts 17:1-15*

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Toddlers at Fairfield Recreation Ground

7.45pm Olive Branch

8.00pm Growing Together

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Melting Pot Café tbc

2.30pm Mothers' Union

7.30pm – Bell Ringing Practice

8.00pm Room2Grow at Vicki Macken's house

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

6.30pm – Junior Choir practice

7.15pm - Choir Practice

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

MU Fundraising Lunch at the Guide Headquarters,  
Trinity Road

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

### 9.30am A Service of Holy Communion

Led by Revd Dr Janneke Blokland

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### 11.00am Service

Led by Jenny Brown

Preacher Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

## "Life on the Frontline" House Group Course

This May the Holy Trinity house groups (with the exception of "Growing Together" which will undertake the course in the autumn) will start running a six-week course entitled "Life on the Frontline" which aims to help equip us to become disciples of Christ in all areas of our lives. This course produced by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC) encourages each of us to consider our frontline, which is the place where you spend much of your time, and where you meet people who don't know Jesus. It's the place to which God has called you, the place of possibility and potential for bringing the Good News.

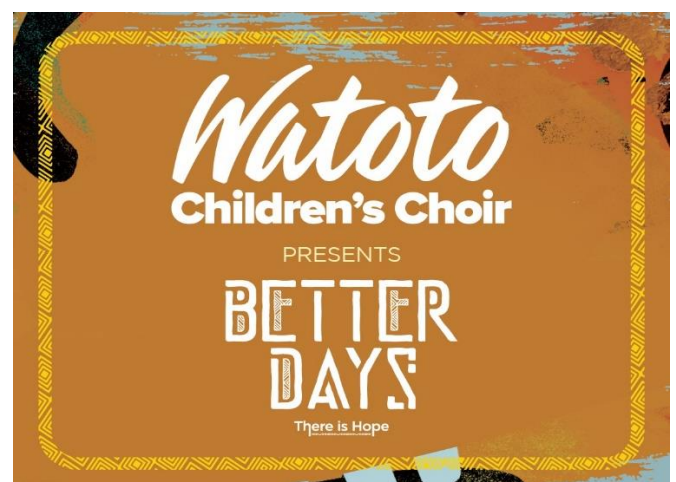
We may be old or young, healthy or infirm, employed or not - but we all have a frontline - the place where God has put us to be Christ to others. The LICC in advertising the course asks each of us to "imagine what the impact might be on our neighbourhoods, workplaces, schools - on the whole nation - if we could help each other make a difference for Christ in these places. Imagine how God could work through you, right where you are."

Each session of the course combines a short video, discussion material, Bible teaching, and real-life stories of people who live their lives for Christ on their frontlines where the Lord has placed them. I want to encourage anyone who would like to do the course but is not currently in a house group, to consider joining a house group to benefit from this excellent teaching material. Please contact Richard or Claire in the Church Office if you are not currently in a group and would like to attend the course.

*Richard*

## Watoto Children's Choir

We are really looking forward to having the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda perform at Holy Trinity on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. This is sure to be a joy-filled celebration, as the choir sings, dances and shares stories of restoration and hope. Please invite your friends, families and neighbours! All ages are welcome. The concert is FREE, but there will be an opportunity to donate towards the work of Watoto during the event, if you would like to.



## MU News

**Taize Music and a Taize visit! Thursday 9th May at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity**

**Speakers: Vicki Macken and Dena Mynett**

Come along and find out more.

Taize is a wonderful style of music known for its simple, yet rich and meditative style.

It often has a simple melody that repeats over and over, and can be used as a kind of musical centering prayer.

**Charity Lunch to raise money for MU Overseas Projects**

**Saturday 11th May 12-2pm at Guide Headquarters**

Superb 2 course lunch plus tea/coffee for only £10 (£4 for under 12 yrs)

Tickets available in church on Sunday from Christine Ostler, or just come along on the day

**Please support - Everyone will be most welcome**

**Outing to Old Mill House Garden in Plumpton - 19th June**

We are planning a visit to Old Mill House Garden in Plumpton on Wednesday 19th June at 7.30 pm and as this will be a popular outing, we need to book places in advance. The house and its water mill are both Grade II listed and the impressive garden includes: cottage garden, lawn with herbaceous plants with a stream flowing through it, orchard, kitchen garden and lake. There will be a tour of the working mill with the opportunity to purchase some home-produced stoneground wheat flour and home-grown plants. The owners are kindly opening especially for our group, and will provide homemade cakes, tea/coffee. The cost of entry including the mill tour and refreshments is £10 per head and we need to confirm numbers in advance.

**If you would like to book a place please bring your money and sign the board at the May MU meetings or contact Chris Sadler (01273 834586). We will share cars and work out transport arrangements nearer the time.**

**Everyone is welcome to join us on this adventure - all details to follow.**

**Concert in aid of FSW at St Andrew's Church, Burgess Hill 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**

I am a member of **Choir&Ko**, a modern choir that meets in Burgess Hill to sing everything from pop favourites from the past few decades to numbers from the musicals – a mix of lively songs and ballads. On the 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm we are holding a special concert in aid of Family Support Work (FSW) at St Andrew's Church in Junction Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 0LG

If you would like to spend an uplifting afternoon being entertained, enjoying tea/coffee and cake in the interval, it would be great if you could come and support us.

Please contact me for further info and tickets.

[Carolyn.bentley1@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.bentley1@gmail.com) 07713 085371 or 01273 831681. Adults £10, over 60's £8 & children £5. There will be some tickets available on the door on the day (cash only), but it is useful to know numbers in advance if possible.

*Carolyn Bentley*



The Holy Trinity family and the wider village have given generously to Christian Aid over many years. In recent

years you may remember being given the free gift of a poetry book as a 'thank you'. This year we wanted to do something a bit different and we hope to offer recipes instead of poems.

**To do this, we need your help!** We know that the church community includes many skilful cooks and bakers and we will need your favourite recipes in the book. It will be divided into sections such as Starters, Main Courses, Soups, Desserts and Cakes, according to the recipes we receive, but do feel free to send suggestions even though they may not seem to fit a category.

We have discussed costs with Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre and plan to have the booklets printed by them for a September launch. So please start sending ideas as soon as possible to Miriam Patrick [mim.patrick54@gmail.com](mailto:mim.patrick54@gmail.com)

You may feel uneasy with the idea of celebrating food when so many of the communities Christian Aid works with struggle to find sufficient to eat.

However, we hope this will be seen as a way to support those communities while acknowledging the good fortune of having a good and plentiful diet.

*Miriam Patrick.*

## **This week we are praying ....**

For King Charles III as he continues his treatment for cancer, and for Queen Camilla as she supports him. We pray for the Princess of Wales as she receives treatment for cancer, and for the Prince of Wales, their children, and for the wider Royal Family at this difficult time.

For peace and justice in our world. For Israel and Palestine. For the ongoing war in Ukraine. For the leaders of the nations. For our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, our government, the leaders of the opposition parties, the Scottish Parliament in this time of uncertainty and all who bear responsibility for our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response. Pray for the families we are welcoming to Hurstpierpoint, for host families and for the whole support network.

For those across the world suffering from the impacts of climate change. For a greater sense of urgency from politicians and major companies in tackling the causes and consequences.

For those who are in distress, who feel anxious, or are facing difficulties – may they know God's love.

For those who are unwell including Neil, Hugo, Yasmeeen, Ann, Ben, Neil, Esther, Tony, Benny, Rosemary, Susan, Paul, Roger, Pauline, Belinda, Nicki, Richard, Brian, Rosslyn and June.

For the bereaved, especially the families and friends of Fran Dowsett and Margaret Wilson.

*Please do tell us if you are unwell and would like to be included in our prayer list. Do not think that any request is too small.*



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