

Holy Trinity

HURSTPIERPPOINT

Welcome to this week's edition of Holy Trinity News - Sunday 28th April 2024

Jesus loves a good party. He started his public ministry at a wedding at Cana where he saved the groom from the disgrace of running out of wine by turning water into wine. There are numerous accounts in the New Testament of his eating with friends, such as the siblings Lazarus, Mary and Martha who lived at Bethany. Sometimes he would invite himself for a meal as when he called Matthew the tax collector to follow him (Matt. 9.9-13). When Jesus spotted Zacchaeus in a tree he said '...hurry and come down, as I must stay at your house today' (Luke 10.1-10). Sometimes Jesus' parties were huge – there are accounts of his feeding 5000 and, at another time, 4000 people. Sometimes these gatherings were more intimate, with the Last Supper being the most significant. All these occasions had one thing in common – in addition to the fellowship they afforded, Jesus used them as an opportunity to teach people about the good news he brought, news of God's love and forgiveness. Mothers' Union also likes a party, an opportunity to gather together to share food, fellowship and God's love. One such occasion, the annual Charity Lunch, will take place on Saturday, 11th May at 12 noon in the Guide Hut. It is open to all – women, men and children. It's an opportunity for us to invite friends, family and neighbours. The charge is £10 (£4 children under 12). Proceeds will be given to support MU's overseas work, which includes literacy and financial training and advice on setting up a micro-business. Tickets can be obtained from members of MU – watch for the person with the clipboard on Sunday. I do hope to see you there.

Revd Christine Ostler

HT / worship

Sunday 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am A Service of Holy Communion

Led by Revd Richard Coldicott
Preacher Revd Dr Janneke Blokland

Readings: Acts 8:26-40 & John 15:1-8

11.00am Service

Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott
Preacher Tom Dare

Readings: Acts 16:12-40



Breakfast Baps at Church on Sunday.

Jesus modelled for us the importance and value of meeting together around food, so on Sunday you are invited to come, meet others, and enjoy Breakfast Baps and coffee together. Whether you normally attend the 9.30 service or the 11am, you are so welcome to join us at 10.30am onwards. We will be serving either Sausages or Bacon (or both if you like) in a bap, with vegetarian and gluten free options available.

It is exciting to be bringing our growing church community together in this way.

Monday 29th April

9.30am The Sanctuary at the Village Centre
11.00am Funeral of Margaret Wilson
3.40pm Young Theatre Group
8.00pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting
refreshments available from 7.45pm

Tuesday 30th April

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddlers at Fairfield Recreation Ground
7.45pm Olive Branch
8.00pm Growing Together

Wednesday 1st May

11am Funeral of Fran Dowsett at Woodvale
Crematorium, Brighton
1.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Fran
Dowsett

Thursday 2nd May

10.00am Melting Pot Café
7.30pm – Bell Ringing Practice
8.00pm Room2Grow at Vicki Macken's house

Friday 3rd May

5.00pm Wedding rehearsal
6.30pm – Junior Choir practice
7.15pm - Choir Practice

Saturday 4th May

Wedding of Cecily Bryant and James Palmer

Sunday 5th May

8.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott
Preacher Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

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Preacher Jenny Brown

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Mon 29th April at 8.00pm

Hurstpierpoint Parish's annual meeting to elect churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (where other church representatives are elected) will take place on Monday 29th April in Church. The meeting will commence at 8pm and is anticipated to last no longer than 30 minutes. This is a very important meeting in the life of the church as we elect our 2 churchwardens and new PCC members, and receive reports from the various church and affiliated groups for 2023. Therefore, it would be lovely if as many people as possible could be present to support those elected and hear about the life and ministry of Holy Trinity. If you are interested in serving as a PCC member, please speak to Richard or one of the Churchwardens who will be able to give you more information of what the role entails.

Richard

Margaret Wilson's funeral

Margaret's funeral will take place in church on Monday 29th April at 11am.

Fran Dowsett's funeral

Fran's funeral has now been arranged for Wednesday 1st May at 11am at Woodvale Crematorium Brighton, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for her life, to which all are welcome, at Holy Trinity at 1.30pm the same day.

"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.

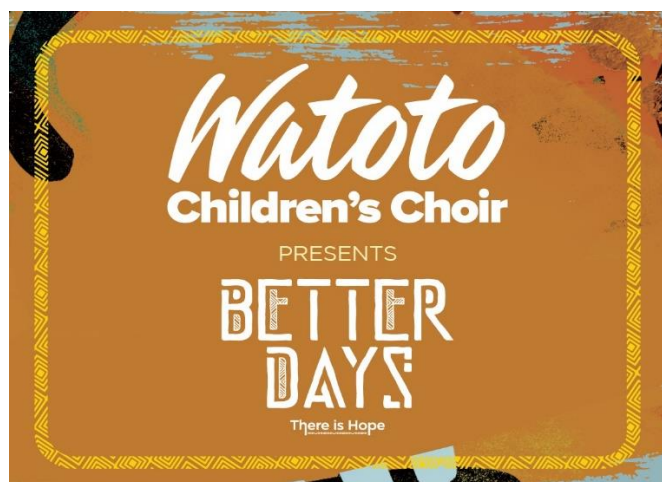
We may be old or young, healthy or infirm, employed or not - but we all have a frontline - the place where God has put us to be Christ to others. The LICC in advertising the course asks each of us to "imagine what the impact might be on our neighbourhoods, workplaces, schools - on the whole nation - 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 24th 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

Charity Lunch on Saturday 11th May at Guide Headquarters (corner of main carpark) 12-2pm

Delicious home made quiches, coronation chicken, ham, sausages, home-made salads, French bread

Followed by wonderful spread of home-made puddings, tea and coffee.

All for only £10 adults, £4 children under 12years - so please put the date in your diaries to come along and enjoy a scrumptious lunch whilst supporting our MU Overseas Projects, and meeting up with friends old and new.

Everyone most welcome.

Tickets available in church at coffee time or just come on the day.



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

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.

What's the New Testament all about?

Wed 1 May / 7-9pm (including a break) / St Edward's Church, Burgess Hill

We are delighted to have Revd Dr Earl Collins coming to lead an evening on the New Testament as part of the Diocesan year of the New Testament.

He will look at questions like: What is the NT? How did we get it? What's in it and why is it important for our faith?

Earl is the Continuing Ministerial Development Officer for the Diocese and Vicar of St John's Hove. He is a former monk, former Vice Principal of Westcott House, author and expert on Christian mysticism. He is incredibly knowledgeable and a warm and engaging speaker. All are welcome. Free entry.

Rev Jules Middleton

Missing Angel



An angel has gone missing from next to one of the memorial stones in the Garden of Remembrance. If anyone has seen it could they please contact the church office on hurstparishoffice@gmail.com

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 leaders of the nations. For our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, our government 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, Yasmeen, 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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