

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Eileen Smith, Ashley Powell, Colin Graham.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Maureen Palmer, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Mary Gunn, Julie Ann Parson, Elsie Smith, Ann Harrison, Jimmy Hunter, Stephen Scott, Shirley Talbot.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Judith Harrison, Margaret Wilkinson, Joseph Lewins, Thomas Durham.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:

Frank Scott, Eric Walker, Elizabeth Todd, June Robson, Robert Wright, Barry Jones, Gordon Proud, Stuart Winship, John Lather, James Wynn, Alma Wood, Robert Cooper, Irene Robinson, Sarah Wilkinson

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9 June

10.00am Holy Communion in church
7.00pm Quiz night (online)

Wednesday 10 June

9.30am Trinity Tots
12.30pm Funeral Joseph Lewins
6.00pm Office Hour
7.00pm Baptism Preparation (by invitation)

Thursday 11 June

6.00pm Wedding rehearsal
7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 13 June

1.30pm Wedding Rachel Sarah Watson & Corey James Barnes
4.00pm Wedding Susan Elizabeth Harwood & Stuart William Thompson

Sunday 14 June – Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in church
10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir
2.30pm Church Wardens visitation at Durham Cathedral

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Romans 5.1-8
Gospel Reading Matthew 9.35-10.8

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church

COLLECT

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

Romans 4. 13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s

womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

Alleluia, Alleluia

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed

him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Foodbank Sunday

Today is our regular Foodbank Sunday. Please leave your donations at the back of church. Your donations are very gratefully received by Washington Community Food Project.

Church Stall

If you use the contactless device to pay for items from the church stall, could you please write down what you have purchased, and how much you paid, on the sheet provided? This is simply to help us keep track of stock when we don't have physical money to count. Thanks so much. Jenene.

Churchwarden's Visitation

Next Sunday at 2.30pm in Durham Cathedral, our churchwardens Audrey and Barbara will be officially 'sworn in' for another year in office. All are welcome to attend this service to support them and give thanks for the sterling work they do for and with us at Holy Trinity.

Mothers Union 150 Anniversary

In 1876, the first Mothers Union group was set up in Hampshire by Mary Sumner. She was a rector's wife who believed that women could help each other to bring up their children within a secure, stable Christian family, across all financial and social divides.

In 2026, Mothers Union has over 4 million members in 84 countries. The core tenets of promoting stable relationships and ensuring children's safety remain, although how this is achieved has evolved to meet current local and global need.

We are celebrating 150 years of this wonderful organisation with services all over the UK and the world, but locally at Durham Cathedral on Tuesday 16th June at 2pm. All are welcome to attend this service and join in with the many joyful hymns. There is currently one seat available on the minibus – if you have already arranged to travel on the minibus, your £10 needs to be paid to Helen or Susan today – but Park and Ride services and the shuttle bus up to the cathedral are also recommended.

Please see Helen if you require any further information. Thank you.

Church opening this Summer

We are hoping to open the church to visitors on selected days over the Summer. When we have done this previously, we have welcomed people from all over the world, interested in our history, from people exploring a family connection or reliving a memory. Some come to light a candle or to sit in quiet contemplation. Some come looking for a friendly face and someone to listen. Whatever their reason, it provides us with a chance to make them feel welcome in God's house.

We are looking for volunteers to welcome our visitors. You do not need to be an expert on the history of Holy Trinity, just willing to make folk "feel at home". Nobody will be expected to be in church on their own. And you do not need to commit to a lot of sessions.

If you think this might be something you could do, please speak with Andrew Cresswell who is coordinating the sessions. Thank you.

The Sunday service will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email office.htcw@gmail.com to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm

All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month's email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 870 6505 4582 followed by # (hash) and the password is 726138 followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us.