



7 September 2022

Dear Friends,

Recently I overheard a conversation on “what can we do without?”. In difficult financial times, I guess many of us are tightening our belts. We will be looking carefully at our energy usage. More pullovers; fewer radiators. It would be easy to cut back on charity. But if times are hard for us, we know that things will be tougher for others. Then, in the conversation, someone said: ‘an army can do without most generals, but not without foot soldiers’. Eyes turned on me. Yes, a diocese can do without a cathedral (and probably some central staff) – but it cannot do without parishes, local congregations of faithful souls. What about us as a parish? And as I voiced that question to myself, unbidden into my mind came the answer. We cannot do without kindness and humility.

Sue Bull has been a shining example of kindness and humility in and around Holy Trinity and St Mary's for a very long time. I first met Sue as a school governor at HT School. She had (reluctantly, but with good grace) agreed to be Chair of Governors, in the period between my predecessor leaving and my arrival in Guildford. For many years, she was Brown Owl, the adult with oversight of the Brownie Pack. Many children – now adults – still think of Sue as Brown Owl, her example of wise and gentle leadership enduring across the years. Sue has been church warden – more than once. Why does the lot keep falling on Sue's shoulders? Probably because she is so trusted to show kindness and humility. Sue listens; she cares. Sue is practical and ready to serve. Perhaps this has been no better shown than in her leadership of Tuesday Lunch Club. Every month, come rain and shine, on Farmers' Market days, Sue has prepared a cooked meal for 30 or so in the Trinity Centre. It is a high point of the month. The laughter and positive attitude is very visible, probably because at the centre is Sue's warm presence.

After many years, Sue has decided to stand down from cooking this monthly meal. Although this leaves a considerable gap, we must begin by thanking her, not only for what she has done but also for the way in which she has done it.



And now? The Lunch Club is a treasure. I hope it can continue, even if the way it is run changes a bit. I have invited those already involved to discuss the future of the Lunch Club with me, at 11.15 in HT this coming Sunday. We need a few more to volunteer to cook, wash up, serve or otherwise help. No one has to do all that Sue did. We are not filling her shoes. We are walking in our own way, along the same path of kindness and humility.

Thank you, Sue.

- Robert

Rector's Notes

Prayers and all good wishes to Tom Pote as he is licensed by the Bishop of Dover for his new post, as Chaplain at King's School, Canterbury, this Sunday. There is a reception on Sunday evening followed by a service in Canterbury Cathedral at 1930. Representatives from the parish will be attending.

Daily Morning Prayer (on-line) continues each weekday at 0830, Saturday at 0930

If you would like to receive **Holy Communion at home**, we will be pleased to arrange this. Bread and wine is consecrated each Sunday. Some of this is reserved so that it can be taken later that week to people confined to their home. In that way, you are joined as much as possible with those worshipping in church on Sunday. A small group of people have received training in "Home Communion" so that they can represent the congregation in uniting those who worship at home with those who worship in church. If you would like to receive Communion, please be in touch with the Rector.

The PCC meets on Monday 11th, at the Trinity Centre, during which it will discuss:
Keeping up to date with Safeguarding training and best practice
New initiatives with our work with young people, including the Choral Foundation
Balancing our budget in a context of rising expenditure and static income.

Sunday Worship • 11th September 2022

HOLY TRINITY

[10am Sung Eucharist](#)
[Sermon by Rod Pierce](#)

Exodus 32.7-14; 1 Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10

[Choral Evensong](#)
[Led by Robert Cotton](#)

Isaiah 60.1 – 11; John 6.51 - 59

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ST MARY'S

[8am BCP Holy Communion](#)
[Led by Robert Cotton](#)

[10.30am Morning Worship](#)
[Led by Paul Glass](#)

Exodus 32.7-14 1; Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10

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[Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom 8.30am](#)

News from Holy Trinity Choir

As we start the first academic year without Martin Holford in three decades, things are looking a little different with our choir at Holy Trinity this September. Nick Graham, formerly in charge of the girl choristers, has taken over as Director of Music, while Robert Patterson (a former organist here and at Canterbury Cathedral) has taken up the post of Assistant Choral Director. We are also delighted to welcome Ruth Munro as our first vocal coach. She will support the development of our choristers' singing voices, and work particularly with those boys whose voices are changing.

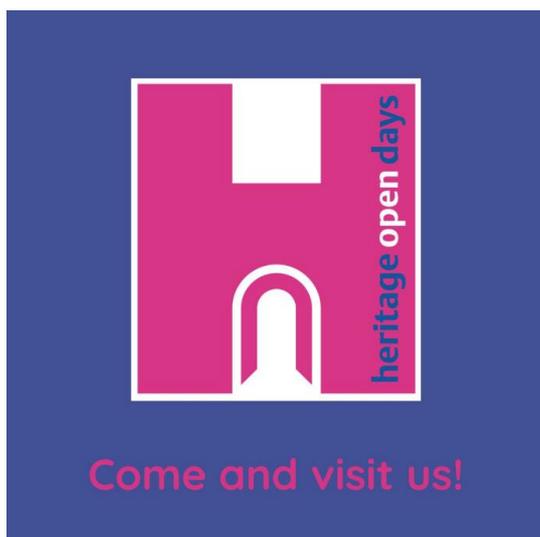
Nick and Robert will both work with all the choristers and adult singers at Holy Trinity, and you will see Nick conducting the choirs at Sunday services and Robert playing the organ at evensong. Our choristers will continue to sing alternate services most Sundays, but you may also see some new groups appearing occasionally, including the re-establishment of a youth choir of older boys and girls, the introduction of an adult choir including adult sopranos.

We're always keen to welcome more singers, young and old. If you want to find out more about the choir, please do speak to Nick on a Sunday morning, or send him an email a music@holytrinityguildford.org.uk.

Rainbow Service

The next Rainbow Service will take place at 19.30 on Wednesday 14th September in St Mary's. This is an opportunity to support and hear about the experience of LGBTI people and their families. Please let me know if you can be present to help provide a welcome on the night.

Notices, events and reminders!



Heritage Week is upon us! Both churches have lots going on this weekend, so please make a note of the below and pop in - it would be lovely to see you.

Holy Trinity Church

- Grade I listed building. The most important Georgian church in Surrey.
- Guildford Art Society will be hosting a pop up art exhibition on Saturday 10th September
- Refreshments will be available.

Opening times:

Friday 9 September: 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10 September: 10am - 5pm

St Mary's Church

- Photographic Exhibition 'Mountain Paths': by Fi Bunn, a British and Swiss Alpine Photographer and Alpinist, whose stunning, snowy scapes have been exhibited in London, Milan and Zermatt. Fi is a member of the Royal Photographic Society.
- Children's trail, visitors' guide and book available.
- Display about the bell tower, ringing chamber, bells and belfry.
- Refreshments available.

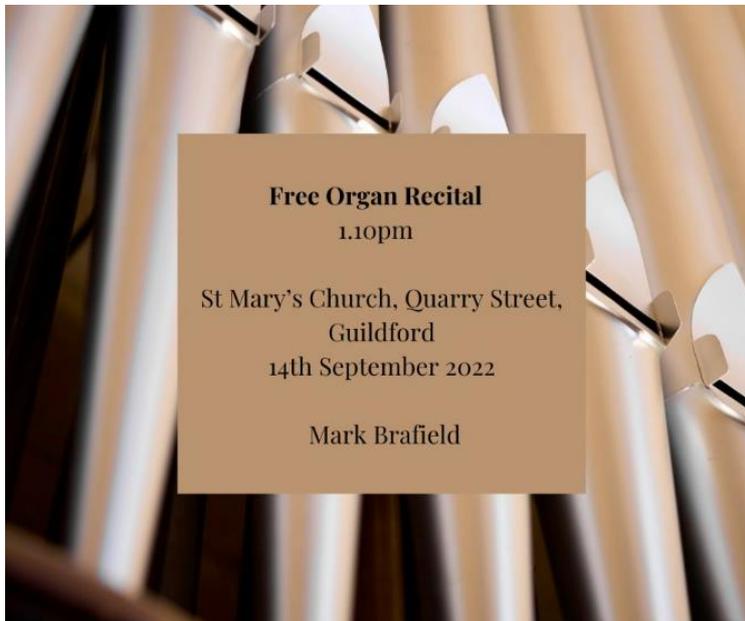
Opening times:

Thursday 8 September: 11.00 – 14.00

Friday 9 September: 11.00 - 1500

Saturday 10 September: 11.00 – 15.00

Sunday 11 September: 12.00 – 14.00



Parish Walking Group

There will be a Parish Walk on Saturday 24th September in the Selborne area. Christopher Jarrett has kindly offered to lead this walk. He assures me we are not going up the 'hangar' which is very steep. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join us so that I can give you more details.

Practical Aspects of Spirituality

You are welcome to join us for our next session of Practical Aspects of Spirituality at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford on Saturday 24th September.

The emphasis is on the word 'Practical' with the aim that you will leave the session with some tips and tools that you can put into practice straight away.

Revd Andy Wheeler has chosen 'Seeking the Face of God' as the title of his session. In this workshop you will explore the art of Rembrandt and the biblical story of Jacob.

Please arrive by 09.20 for a 09.30 start and bring a notebook. There is a 20 minute mid-morning refreshment break and the session ends at 12.30.

To reserve a place, please send an email to – rjfox@btinternet.com

REMINDERS!!

Friday 9th September: The Vigil for Ukraine continues to happen every Friday evening at St Mary's from 9pm. - 11pm. Please do come along and show your support, light a candle and reflect.

Tuesday 13th September: Common Ground Community Meeting at St Mary's 7-9.30pm.

Wednesday 14th September: Chit Chat 9.30-11am at St Mary's

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