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TRINITY 1

Weekly Diary

Zoom Login ID: 484 794 9535 Password: 700999 all meetings except Chat Group

SUNDAY 8am Communion by Zoom led by Ann Lloyd

10am Main Service available YouTube RevsRural

11.30am Coffee and Chat

TUESDAY 9.30am Zoom Ministry Meeting ID: 484 794 9535 Password: 700999

7.30pm Chat Group by Zoom - Should democracy be dictated to, by mob rule?

Meeting ID: 859 504 109 Password: 036821

WEDNESDAY 9.45am Zoom Bible Study - Violence in the name of God? Genesis 6.5-6

10-12 noon. St. Mary's Olveston open for prayer

2-4pm St. Helen's open for prayer

MORNING PRAYER is said everyday from Monday to Friday 8.30am - 9am on Zoom.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Rev Stephen Oram



I was in my early teens when I had the feeling that I wanted to become a priest. Around that time I was confirmed, I started to serve in my local church, and I became a member of the Church lads and Church Girls Brigade where the leader was influential in my spiritual development. I first went to see the Diocesan

Director of ordinands when I was 15. At the age of 20, as I was reaching the end of my training as a State Registered Mental Nurse I returned to see him and as my feelings were still the same was immediately recommended for ACCM (Advisory Council for the Churches Ministry) as

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Readings

Romans 5.1-8

Matt. 9.35 - 10.8

it was then known.

Following 3 years training at Salisbury and Wells Theological College (in Salisbury), I was ordained Deacon in Worcester Cathedral in 1984 serving as a Curate in Kidderminster.

Despite most of my formative years and young adult life preparing to become a priest I don't think I was prepared for the changes that wearing a dog collar around my neck would bring especially people's attitudes and expectations of someone who is ordained. It took several years to get used to wearing a clerical collar and growing into the role.

Being called to ministry means being set apart within God's church to fulfil a specific priestly role. Over the years I have seen that being called to ministry in the church not only has its challenges as we try to proclaim afresh the Jesus story to each generation, upholding and continuing the rich traditions of the church, but is also a privilege. Gone are the days I spent hours and hours preparing sermons. Preaching God's Word is now a joy as is celebrating Holy Communion. Above all, it has been an enormous privilege to be allowed into people's lives and to share with them life's ups and downs.

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow-ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

*THIS WEEK
For our prayers.*

Special Birthdays

Brenda Jones

For special prayer

Mariann Clark

Tessa Floyd

Hazel Griffith

Lesley Lees

Gerald Bone

Geraldine

Martin

*We give thanks for
the lives of*

Jim Hallett

June Davis

Envelopes

Thank-you to everyone for continuing to support the church, even though the buildings are closed, buildings still need to be maintained and salaries paid.

If you normally give using the envelope scheme, Tracey Black 401660 and Paul Harrod 613642 have kindly agreed to arrange for their safe collection.

Church Opening

Dear Friends,

For over 12 weeks the doors of our churches have been closed for everybody's safety. On Wednesday, the next chapter in this story begins as we can once again open our doors to people for private prayer and for funeral services. The ministry team reviewed the guidance given by the national church and made the decision that to begin with St. Mary's Olveston and St. Helen's Alveston would open for only 2 hours on a Wednesday and Sunday. Evidence shows that the virus when left on a hard surface is inactive after 72hours so by opening the church every 3 days allows us as best as we can to create a safe environment. This health and safety plan was also approved by the local funeral directors.

Please if you visit church

1. Enter by the South Door and leave by the West Door.
2. Please spray your hands with gel on entering the church
3. Please sit only where there is a yellow post-it note and remove the note once you have left your seat.
4. Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell or you are in the government "at risk" category.

Black Lives Matter

You may have seen the press Bishop Viv's response to the recent Black Lives Matter protests, following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. She has set her own commitments to address racism and inequality and this will be a priority over the coming weeks, months and years.

The protests in Bristol yesterday and the destruction of the statue of Edward Colston mark a moment in the city's history. As Bishop of Bristol I will now act with a renewed sense of urgency and determination to:

- Acknowledge and repent of the Church's past involvement in and benefit from the slave trade;
- Challenge and address institutional racism, listening to and learning from the experiences of Black, Asian and minority ethnic people;
- Recruit and support more Black, Asian and minority ethnic clergy, staff and volunteers;
- Make our churches truly welcoming to everyone, taking responsibility for the need for profound cultural change in our Church.

- Work with others in the Diocese of Bristol and the Church of England to bring these things about

The Bishop recommend the incredible poem below written by Revd Cathy Okoronkwo. I hope this weeks CHAT Group will reflect on the Bishop's tweets and comments in hair discussions.

RAGE RISES

tongues of flame

sear bones, sinew and muscle

wrapped in brown skin

limbs writhe against batons

lips swell with beatings

eyes bleed, jaw cracks

wrapped in brown skin

shackled. starved. raped.

gouged. hunted. choked.

lynched. poked. injected.

stripped. drowned. expelled.

trampled. airbrushed. kneed.

medicated. gassed. gunned



down

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years of white knuckles and heels

kick up dust clouds

in cotton fields, ghettos, tower blocks

brown skin burns,

turns flesh to dust dust dust

fills nostrils, clogs windpipes

Until

I can't breathe

By: Revd Dr Catherine Okoronkwo

Vitual Art Show

As the planned Art Show at St. Helen's could not take place in the church, we are in the process of filming a virtual art show. Already lots of works of Art have been submitted. If you re budding community artist and would like to submit your artwork please contact Anne Harrison annieh@blueyonder.co.uk.

St Helen's Knitting Group



There are a number of items for sale please contact Judith for more information tel 01454 616725

And finally

Please email me not the office if you have anything you would like to include. mossds@gmail.com

Thank-you David (Vicar)