

The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 30th May 2021

Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: All Saints

10:30 a.m. Partnership Service on Facebook

Followed by All Saints Coffee Time on Zoom

Trinity Sunday

This week our Church Calendar moves us into the long season of Trinity where there are few major Festivals to celebrate. Trinity Sunday is unique as the only festival which celebrates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or an event.

In fact, at every service where we recite a version of one or other of the Creeds, we are remembering the three parts of the unique entity of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

How can we understand what this means?

It takes little knowledge of maths to know that the statement **one plus one equals one** is untrue but if we think of the different parts of the Trinity effectively multiplying each other we get **one times one equals one**.

What about water, ice and steam? Three states of the same substance. We are familiar with ice melting into water and water boiling into steam but can all three states exist together? A scientist would be able to tell us of what is known as the Triple Point when, under a particular combination of temperature and pressure, water can exist in all three states in the same place and at the same time.

We can relate easily to God, initially as Creator, Lord and Yahweh in the Old Testament and later as the Father in the New Testament. To Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus describes their relationship as "I and the Father are one." [St John 10: 30] and "...so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I am in the Father." [St John 10: 38].

We also have the two great statements, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" [Genesis 1: 1] and "In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God..." [St John 1: 1] linking the Father and the Word—Jesus the Son. The Holy Spirit, is seen as the enabler; "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters" at the beginning of Creation [Genesis 1: 2] and linking with Jesus and in response to Mary's concerns "The Holy Spirit will come upon you." [Luke 1: 35]. At Pentecost we heard of the gift of the Holy Spirit made to the disciples which enabled them to expand their number and to spread the Good News throughout the then known World.

We may find it difficult to fully understand the Holy Trinity with our earthly thinking but we have the final command from Jesus [St Matthew 28: 19]

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

What should we do next?

We have so much to learn as a congregation and as individuals about what God wants for us as we recover from the past year. We need to read our Bibles to find out more about the teachings of Jesus. We need to pray regularly and listen to the Spirit talking to us.

Why not join the Diocesan Prayer Community or Generous June, join us in our monthly Prayer Meetings or utilise you talents and skills in the many tasks that will be needed.

Clarification:

We apologise for the confusion created and have been asked to clarify that Norma Sharpe, a member of the congregation at St Michael's, continues to live and be cared for at the Grove Care Home in Thurnscoe

Prayer Requests Please pray for

Olive & Raymond Shaw Pat Bentley Steven, Kate and their families Steve & Val Myers The relatives of Margaret Burkill Stella and Raymond Firth

Contact: Carol Hunter 07542 527331

A Special Prayer Request for Linda: that she might have strength and courage for what she needs to do and for healing in mind and body.



Generous June, is back in a slightly different guise for 2021.

It is a chance for us to understand God's Generosity and how it can influence all parts of our daily lives.

Find out what a generous life look like and how we can pursue it.

You are invited to engage with Generous June, to take stock, to see what God has already given you and to consider what you might be able to share. This covers your time, skills, relational capital, financial capital and much, much more. With all our resources, we are invited to give thanks for the grace and blessing that God has already shown us, and to consider how we can live a more generous life in response.

Daily Podcasts will appear soon on www.generousjune.co.uk hosted by the Diocese of Winchester or you can sign up for more information at https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/generosity

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Trinity Sunday Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of Your Truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of Your Love, that we may truly worship You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 29

Romans 8: 12-17 St John 3: 1-17

Bible Readings for this week

May:

30th 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 31st 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

June:

1st 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 2nd 1 Corinthians 3: 10-23 3rd 1 Corinthians 4: 1-13 4th 1 Corinthians 4: 14-21 5th 1 Corinthians 5: 1-13

WANTED - YOU!

As we move towards more services in our churches, we need your help to ensure that the services run smoothly or at all. Could you...

Greet arrivals? Distribute service sheets? Read the Bible? Lead the intercessions? Operate the Sound Desk? Operate the computer display?

Full training will be available.

Contact Peter to volunteer or for more information.

Resources and Contacts

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