## Holy Trinity Rothwell Parish Magazine <br>  <br> May 2024

## Holy Trinity Rothwell

## A place for everyone!

## Our Vision

We are a Church which exists to know Christ in our midst, and to make Christ known beyond our walls

We aim to be an inclusive Church, offering a variety of worship styles ... a place for everyone!

We aim to be:

- Christ centred, making God known beyond our walls
- Inclusive and welcoming to all
- Prayerful and Spirit led
- A loving and caring Christian community


## We look forward to welcoming you!

## A message from Andy

This was the talk at the Easter Benefice service given at Thorpe Malsor.

Sermon Acts 4:32-35 \& John 20:19-31


What great passages we have today around the theme of fellowship. One, in Acts, where a community shares everything they have with each other, including the clothes off their backs and another a group of 11 men together, scared in a room. And today we have 4 parishes coming together, it reminds me of the 'Lord of the Rings'. If you haven't read the books or seen the movies, then the fellowship of the ring are people who have little in common, coming together, often with different personal priorities, but are held together by the overriding need to save their countries from the menace of evil. They have to learn trust one another, to rely on one another's skills and judgement and allow for one another's particular weaknesses. This image of struggle and adventure I find a useful contrast to our Christian idea that fellowship means temporarily being nice to each other. We need to remember the sense of a continuing commitment and interdependence, and the reason why this fellowship is so vital. The world urgently needs it from us.

We can be reminded that the world started with the fellowship of God, Father Son and Holy spirit. Creation exists because God chose to share that fellowship. This fellowship of ours, through which the world will begin to glimpse what God is like, can tolerate weakness and failure, for sin doesn't cease just because we have joined the fellowship of Jesus. What it cannot tolerate is lies.

In the struggle to which we now commit ourselves, we have to be honest and open about our strengths and weaknesses comfortable in the
knowledge of God's enormous gentleness with us. God is not interested in guilt, but in truthfulness that will build this vital fellowship. We see this as Jesus meets his frightened disciples, who betrayed and abandoned him to his death, hidden away in a locked room. Yet he utters not one word of condemnation to them instead his first words are 'Peace be with you'. He must have said it with enormous conviction, not one of the disciples tries to apologise or justify himself. They are all filled instantly with joy. That is the only response needed to the risen Christ. Even Thomas , the doubter, who speaks for so many of us, is not greeted with any impatience.

Thomas is honest, he is real about his weakness. And his weakness is not a question about his faith, for Doubt is not the absence of faith; it is the questioning of faith. You can only doubt what you already believe. When a Christian doubts, they fear God may not exist. The Christian believes there is a God, and when they doubt, they question what they believes. It's OK to doubt, but it's important what we do with our doubts.

We can learn a lot from Thomas but let's look at what he did

1. What we notice in our church today is that when we doubt, we often wander away, we go off on our own, we stop meeting with Christian friends. But Thomas stuck with it, he kept on meeting despite his doubts, he didn't let his doubts isolate him.
2. We can also let these doubts bottle up; we don't want to look silly so we just keep quiet. But Thomas, he bravely spoke them out, thoughts that so many of us relate to.
3. But Thomas was also wise with who he shared his doubts with, he shared them with people whom had a faith like his, his friends, those he
trusted, loved and respected. We sometimes have to ask ourselves who are we listening too? We can easily be dragged down by those who don't believe.

How do we respond to someone who shares a doubt with you?
For that we need to look to Jesus how he responded to Thomas.
For he didn't condemn Thomas for doubting, nor tell him to leave because he doubted, but instead he addressed Thomas's doubts.


And he is still doing that today for us.

Sometimes we doubt that God loves us yes God tells us that God is love, full of compassion and abounding in love.

Sometimes we doubt that God cares and he tells us to look at the sparrows, for he loves us more than them and they have everything they need.

Sometimes we question God's ability to help, yet we have countless stories throughout the Bible of God helping his people.

Sometimes we doubt if Jesus is really alive like Thomas - yet Jesus also gave the physical experience he needed, he allowed him to place his hands where he needed to.

Have you ever doubted that your loved ones might never come to know Jesus. When I married Jo, here sister had just died, and neither of her parents were Christians. Jo doubted that God could save her parents, for why would they love and trust God when he let their daughter die?

Yet Jo faithfully prayed for her parents to come to faith despite her doubts, and God answered those prayers and they now have their own faith in Jesus, and it is a joy that we see the rest of the family exploring their own faith.

The task that Jesus gave his disciples is an awesome one, he sends them out to build a fellowship that is strong through its truthfulness. They know they have lied about their own capabilities. They said they would never abandon Jesus, that they would follow him and stick with him through anything and they know that their lies led to the collapse of their fellowship at the cross. But now they get to form a new fellowship, not based on themselves but on the vision of the God who has called them. Their fellowship must give people a chance to glimpse what genuine fellowship, the life of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, might be like.

As a 'fellowship of the benefice' we have that same challenge, bearing witness to the fact that the fellowship is made up of people who know their own weaknesses, and have needed and continue to need the forgiveness of God in Christ. And as we build in our church calendar towards Pentecost, we know we are not alone but as the disciples discovered, like them we have power in the spirit in fellowship with one another.

Much of this talk came from Jane Williams book 'lectionary reflections’

Revd Andy Giles

## The Bone Crypt

The Bone crypt opening times:
October to March every second Sunday each month April to September every Sunday
2.30 to $\mathbf{4 . 3 0} \mathbf{~ p m}$. Admission £3.


## Please pre-book tours with Mick Coggins via mccoggins@googlemail.com

## Magazine Articles

Please send all magazine articles for the June magazine to: magazineholytrinity@gmail.com by 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ May, 2024.
Please note the Editor may edit articles, without consultation, and in all such cases her decision is final.

## Receiving weekly Pew News by email

Pew News is given out at church for each service. If you would like to receive Pew Pew News News or the Magazine by email please inform our Benefice Administrator - Dawn Cooper on treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk

## Church Floodlighting

Thank you to all that continue to support us with funding the floodlighting for church. If you would like to sponsor a day in celebration of something or remembrance of someone then please contact Bea (Loddington) on 01536711326 or Brenda (Rothwell) on 01536710258.

## Services in the Tresham Benefice May 2024

| Thursday $2^{\text {nd }}$ |  | Rothwell |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion |  |
| Sunday $5^{\text {th }}$ |  | Loddington |
| 9.15 am | Parish Communion | Rushton |
| 10.00 am | Family Communion | Rothwell |
| 10.45 am | Parish Communion | Rothwell |
| Thursday $9^{\text {th }}$ | Ascension Day | Loddington |
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Rushton |
| Sunday $12^{\text {th }}$ |  | Thorpe Malsor |
| 9.15 am | Time for God | Rothwell |
| 10.00 am | Family Communion |  |
| 10.00 am | Tea \& Toast Service | Rothwell |
| 10.45 am | Parish Communion with Trinity |  |
| Thursday $16^{\text {th }}$ | Discoverers | Rushton |
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Rothwell |
| Sunday $19^{\text {th }}$ | Pentecost | Loddington |
| 9.15 am | Parish Communion |  |
| 10.45 am | All Together Service - Café Church | Rothwell |
| 11.00 am | Parish Communion with Baptism |  |
| Thursday $23^{\text {rd }}$ |  | Loddington |
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Rushton |
| Sunday $26^{\text {th }}$ | Trinity Sunday | Rothwell |
| 9.15 am | Family Communion | Thorpe Malsor |
| 9.15 am | Parish Communion | Parish Communion |
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| Thursday $30^{\text {th }}$ |  |  |
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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Rothwell |
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| Sunday 2 $^{\text {nd }}$ |  |  |
| 9.15 am | Family Communion | Loddington |
| 10.00 am | Family Service | Rushton |
| 10.45 am | Parish Communion | Rothwell |

## Forthcoming Events

| May 2024 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Saturday $11^{\text {th }}$ at 7pm | Quiz with Fish and Chips | Holy Trinity |
| $25^{\text {th }}$ to $27^{\text {th }}$ | Flower Festival | Holy Trinity |
| June 2024 |  |  |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ June 7:30pm. | Watoto Children's <br> Choir in 'Better Days' | Holy Trinity Church |


| Readings | $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ Reading | Gospel |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sunday $5^{\text {th }}$ May | Acts 10:44-48 | John 15:9-17 |
| Sunday $12^{\text {th }}$ May | Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 | John 17:6-19 |
| Sunday $19^{\text {th }}$ May | Acts 2:1-21 | John 15:26-27, 16:4-15 |
| Sunday $26^{\text {th }}$ May | Isaiah 6:1-8 | John 3:1-17 |

## Marigolds Friendship Group

We are an independent friendship group who meet at Holy Trinity Church. Come and join us, for friendship, support, tea, chat relaxed activities, speakers, music etc. on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm .

The group is aimed at people who find themselves alone; whilst it is mailnly attended by ladies, gentlemen are welcome. Some of our events are open to anyone, not just those on their own.

For more details please contact:
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07484790862
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## Thursday Club

Thursday Club meets every other Thursday afternoon in the Methodist Church at 2pm.

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { May 9 }{ }^{\text {th }} & \text { RSPCA } \\ \text { May 23 }{ }^{\text {rd }} & \text { Coach trip to Springfields }\end{array}$
Ethan Hopkinson

June $6^{\text {th }}$ Food Glorious food
Jon-Paul Carr

Margaret Millington

## Coffee Morning

The coffee morning in church this month, will be on Saturday $4^{\text {th }}$ May and we will be collecting for Christian Aid. Thank you.

## Charity of the Month Christian Aid



Christian Aid week is in May. Christian Aid believes in giving the gift of hope.

Christian Aid's work includes helping people to:

- claim their rights and access services such as healthcare and education
- ensure they are not discriminated against for any reason
- become more resilient to shocks and disasters such as drought, climate change and hurricanes
- make the most of opportunities, such as being able to sell their produce for a fair price.
"We believe in something radical: equality for all."

Stories of hope.
The slogan above tells us why this charity is called "Christian" Aid; the message of the gospels: front and centre. Christian Aid believes that, with hope, things that aren't fair now can be fair one day.

Christian Aid works hand-in-hand with local communities to create lasting change, offer lasting hope, and help people build a life free from poverty.

Such hope is alive when a mum of three in India who couldn't afford to send her eldest children to school, had her life transformed after being helped by Christian Aid’s local partners to leave manual scavenging and start a tailoring business of her own.

Hope arrived for Laila who lives in a Bangladeshi refugee camp after fleeing Myanmar in 2017. Christian Aid’s partner in Bangladesh, encouraged Laila to pursue higher education and give back hope to her community in the future.

Hope is transforming lives in Malawi as Christian Aid partners with farmers to transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea: a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop.

You can collect envelopes from church and return them to Laurabeth. You can also donate online or via the charity box at the back of church.

To offer hope, give what you can in church or at www.christianaid.org.uk


## Holy Trinity Flower Festival 2024

May 25th - 26th - 27th Bank Holiday weekend
Don't miss our Flower Festival this month.

If you can spare an hour to help there is a schedule for helpers at the back of the Church. Also if you could make us a cake or scones to sell in our Festival Café please let Christine know.

Please come and enjoy some beautiful arrangements.
Thanks

## Share your favourite recipes - old and new!

Holy Trinity Trust is collecting recipes from the local community for a Cook Book to be published later in the year. With contributions from similar books published in years gone by, we would also like to add some new tried and tested favourites to this edition.


Please pass your recipes to any Committee Members, email Jo at
 joannefreeman77@gmail.com or leave them in the box in church by $21^{\text {st }}$ June.

Copies will be available
September/October and will make a great Christmas Present!


# Quiz night with <br> <br> Fish and Chip supper 

 <br> <br> Fish and Chip supper}

## Saturday $11^{\text {th }}$ May 7pm



Teams can be made of up to 6 people. Don't worry if you don't have a team, we can join you with others to create one!

Monies raised will go to Christian Aid.
Tickets from Laurabeth or Janet Clements, or calling 07765436750

## Eco News

Now that Spring has arrived, work in the churchyard is progressing nicely, thanks to Bob and Kim. Rubble has been cleared to make way for the bug hotel which is in the making. Wild flower seeds will be sown on top of the hotel and on the rubble pile. Part of the churchyard behind the Jesus Hospital is to be cordoned off to start a wild area; this will not be mown but will be left wild and wild flowers will be sown. We are seeking advice on how best to beginning this project. The bird box is to be placed on the beech tree near the wild area. Most of the trees planted in the Autumn, with wildlife in mind, are now in leaf.

If you are interested in joining a working party to help us please get in touch; no experience necessary just a little of your time.

Our next litter pick will be on Sunday 19th May.

## Tresham Benefice Fellowship

After a very informative visit to Desborough Heritage Centre members are asked to book a place on the minibus for an outing to Jeyes museum at Earls Barton on May $16^{\text {th }}$ the cost will be $£ 5$ each. Meeting outside Holy Trinity Church Rothwell at 12noon. Tea and coffee will be available at an extra cost.

First come first served as there are only 16 places available on the bus but of course you can make your own way there. The Fellowship programme is now available from me. Lots of varied events.

Is this the year you will be joining us? We meet the third Thursday of the month and have a varied programme of events. It's a good way to make new friends and there is always someone who will give you a lift if necessary. We look forward to seeing you.

Laurel Spickett
07434275812

## Tresham Benefice Mothers' Union

## Mothers $\mathbf{N} O N$ <br> Christian care for families Peterborough Diocese

For our April meeting we welcomed members of Kettering Deanery and some others to our celebration of Lady Day, which had been moved from its usual date of $25^{\text {th }}$ March as that was in Holy Week. Revd Margaret Mossman celebrated communion for us in Holy Trinity and afterwards we shared fellowhip with tea and cake.

Our May meeting will be on Wednesday $15^{\text {th }}$ at 7.00 pm in Holy Trinity (note change from usual time) when Helen Lynett, just re-elected as our Diocesan President, will be our guest speaker. She will be showing a video of last year's Annual Meeting in York and also speaking about various initiatives set up by the Mothers' Union around the world. This is an open meeting and we look forward to seeing everyone who can come along.

For further information our branch contact is
Brenda Austin (telephone 710258)
Doreen Lambert

## Good Friday Walk of Witness and Churches Together Lunch

On Good Friday, Rothwell Churches Together made a Walk of Witness through the town starting at the Community Centre and visiting the Methodist and Catholic Churches on the way. We ended with a short service at Holy Trinity followed by delicious home made soup.


Huge thanks to the cooks and organisers of this very successful event.

## Pastoral Visiting Scheme

Within the benefice there is a pastoral team which is designed to complement existing informal pastoral support and the work done by the clergy team.

The aim is not to replicate the valuable work already being done but to provide help and support to those who might otherwise slip through the net. Representing the churches in our benefice, the Pastoral Visiting team provide a listening ear and helpful information if required. All are trained in listening skills and have appropriate DBS checks.

For further information please email Julie Hindle or Anne Abraham at treshampastoralvisits@gmail.com or pick up a leaflet from any of the churches in the benefice.

Julie Hindle

## Join us in prayer this Easter season

Easter Season, 50 days of celebration, a time for us as a Church to joyfully celebrate the love of God shown to us in Jesus whose death and resurrection open the way for us to know the God who loves us.

In the last 10 days of this season of celebration, between Ascension (Thurs 9th May) and Pentecost (Sun 19 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ May)
 there is the opportunity to join with others in prayer.

Thy Kingdom Come is an international prayer event, there are resources to help us pray, a Novena - which is a booklet of short readings and reflections, this year by Bishop Anthony Poggo (General Secretary of the Anglican Communion) and also a prayer journal which has beautiful artwork and video reflections drawing on different ways of praying.

In our own diocese we have 2 groups of people walking during this time the boundaries of the Diocese, with morning prayer each day which will be live streamed for anyone to join in with.

Whatever is helpful to you I encourage you to make use of this special time in the church year to try something new in prayer, or to spend some time praying in a way you are familiar and comfortable with, alone or with others, this is a time to pray together.


The Venerable Alison Booker
Archdeacon of Oakham

## Point to Ponder

In the recent TV programme "Mammals" narrated by David Attenborough there was a very thoughtful and poignant episode on how animals can/cannot survive in a minefield. Vast areas of arable and grazing land are now minefields where few mammals can survive except species like the wolf.

Vast areas In the Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Africa and other places on the earth which once were able to feed their people can do so no longer. Human beings (mammals as we are) are responsible for minefields.

This scourge on the surface of our planet is a direct result of "man's inhumanity towards man." We still refuse to answer God's basic question to our conflicts which started with the murder of Abel by his brother Cain. (Genesis 4:8,9 and 10) "Am I my brother's keeper?"

This is the age-old defiant attitude to our actions as nations. We still hold fast to the belief that war can settle human disputes. It is not only the blood of our fellow humanity that pollutes the land but the discarded weapons of war down through the ages. We put our humanity at risk if we ignore these rubbish dumps. We need to be reminded that our continued neglect of them also threatens the natural order in the world as they imperil other forms of life.

We can ill afford to let the minefields remain and fester when we need good land to help reduce poverty, malnutrition, and disease. Massacres may win votes but do not feed the hungry refugees. It is also ironic that we use the word "minefield" as a symbol of situations which are full of hidden difficulties and dangers which impede our attempts to reach agreements to end conflicts and resolve disputes. The minefield is the
symbol of our madness and insanity in today's world until we all recognize that we are all our "brothers" keeper.

David Attenborough tells us how adaptable mammals are to changing environments. Can we not also as human mammals do the same? One way we can show love in action is to work together to remove the landmines of their dangers and restore food production and the beauty of nature. The catastrophic effects of global warming ought to encourage us to do this as our food productions etc. are at risk. Would we not find through a shared sense of survival and co-operative effort our common humanity?

We all have much more in this world with one another than we often realize and sitting around a table can open new dimensions in how we look at one another. We all need to discover our natural God given ability to be adaptable in an ever-changing world. As St Paul reminds us that "God has made of one blood all nations to dwell in all the face of the earth." (Acts 17:26) We are created to live in peace with one another. Christian Aid has an important slogan for us all this year "Peace is worth praying for."

Canon George Burgon

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