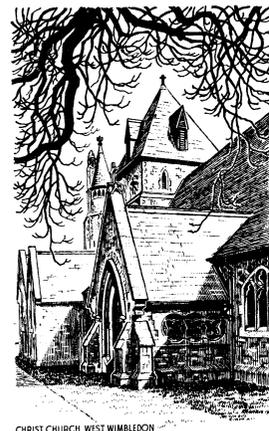
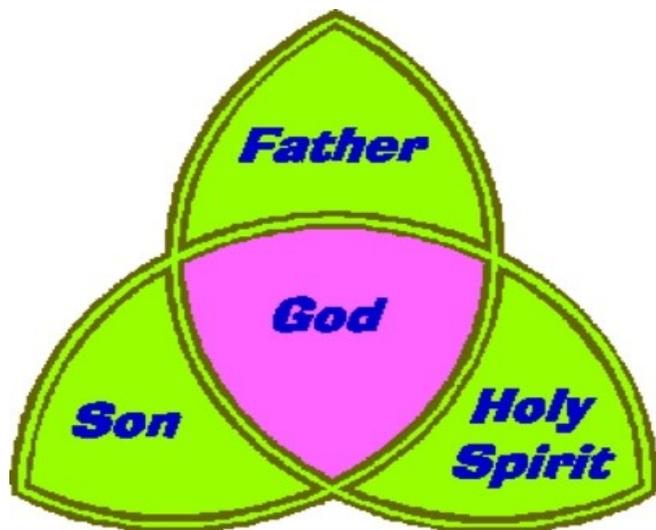


A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
2 Corinthians 13.11–13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'
Matthew 28.16–20



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Sunday 7 June 2020
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. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign
in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you
in all your ways and evermore rejoice
in your eternal glory, who are three Persons
yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Green Prayer

Father, we sometimes feel overwhelmed
by the scale and complication
of the environmental problems we face.
Help us to see how we may respond
in our daily lives to the challenges
we face, and help us to understand that
where we lead others will surely follow.
Amen.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Michael Green; Jenny Smith; Sarah Pitman; Joyce Smith; Sachin Shah; John Wilson.

Pray also for those who have the COVID-19 virus and those who are working to treat them, particularly those members of Christ Church who work for the NHS.

Those who have died:

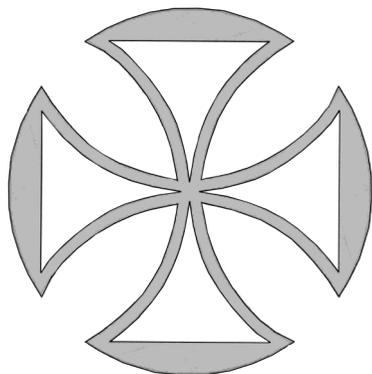
Barbara Hatts; Cynthia Aird (their funerals take place on Tuesday).

Janina Richardson (her funeral takes place on Thursday);

We also pray for those known and unknown who have died from the COVID-19 virus

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe

NEXT SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2020
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



When I prepare people for confirmation, I always start by asking each person to write or draw how they would try to describe God. A man on a cloud? A woman on a cloud? A rainbow? The world? A blank sheet of paper is good. But I also try to get across the idea of God as three and God as one. Today is Trinity Sunday – and preachers down the centuries have struggled with the concept of the Trinity – or at least struggled with getting the idea across to their hearers! For a start, if the Trinity is so important, why doesn't the Bible mention it anywhere? It's a good question. After all, we have enough trouble believing what is in the Bible without getting bogged down in things that aren't! But the whole reason for having doctrines about the Trinity in the first place is to help us to understand more deeply some of the things that are explicitly in the Bible. Like a lens which brings things into focus, talking about God as Trinity helps us to understand more clearly what the Bible tells us about who He is and what He does. This is the job of what we call the 'doctrines' of the Christian Faith, including the doctrine of the Trinity. Not to confuse us but to help us come to grips with what God has revealed to us about Himself and so develop a life changing awareness of how wonderful He is.

There are many illustrations often used to try to illustrate what the Trinity is. There are the three leaves of the shamrock, the emblem of Ireland – one shamrock with three leaves, thereby proving that three can be one and one can be three. Trinidad – three islands that to the explorer Christopher Columbus looked from a distance like one. Some speak in cricketing terms of a wicket as a trinity – three stumps in one wicket. Or the dimensions of a room – each room has length, breadth and height. Each dimension is distinct and yet part of the same room. Without any one of them there could be no room. 3D films particularly on a big screen when the images really do come out at you and you feel you are there! An ice cube can start off by being frozen solid, then melt to become liquid and finally heated up until it boils away as steam. The same water but three different ways of being water. Then there are more fun examples to try to illustrate the Trinity – like a Mars Bar that advertises it does three things: helping us work, rest and play!

But although the word Trinity does not occur in the Bible, that is not to say that the idea is not mentioned. As we get to understand the nature of God more and more, it becomes clear that we are trying to wrestle with something that is quite beyond our human experience. Even though God can clearly make Himself and His will known to us along the path of life, there is no way that we will ever be able to grasp exactly who God is and what He is like, at least during our time here on earth. But that's no reason for not trying! Trying to get to grips with the truth about God's nature is all part of our journey into the depth of His being and is hugely valuable. All we can do as human beings is to catch a glimpse of God – but see in that glimpse an unimaginable richness that is sensed and worshipped – even if not necessarily understood.

God is the Father who created the world, Jesus Christ the Son who saved us and it is the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God. But they cannot be separate from each other. When we talk about God we are talking about our Maker and we're talking about the risen Jesus who has rescued us from sin and death and we're talking about the Holy Spirit who brings us into new life. So we can come to realise that the word 'God' means all three persons in a one true harmonious relationship.

VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITION— run by the Cynthia Corbett Gallery, this exhibition, called 'Carry on Creativity' has pledged that 25% of any sales go to The Trussell Trust, which is the force behind many of our foodbanks. The exhibition, running to June 30, can be accessed at <https://www.thecynthiacorbettgallery.com/exhibitions/252/>

FINANCES AT CHRIST CHURCH – an update from our Treasurer on 3 June. The present lockdown is seriously affecting the financial position of many individuals, charities, businesses and other organisations. At Christ Church we are attempting to support our congregation and the wider community as best we can. The church's financial position is being adversely affected mainly by the loss of our Sunday cash collections and by the ongoing closure of the hall. The net result could be a loss of £20,000 for the year. We are continuing to make our promised contribution to the Diocese of £7,000 per month, for which they are most grateful, as well as paying salaries, insurance etc. However, as a parish we are relatively well placed as we have cash to cover the losses of this year. Other churches are not in such a strong position. Thank you to those of you who are continuing to contribute financially to the life of Christ Church. We are very grateful to you. If you are someone who usually gives via the collection plate and are not in financially difficult circumstances, we wonder if you might consider taking out a standing order via your bank or by sending a cheque? In recent weeks around 10 people who give through envelopes have donated electronically and by cheque. We would welcome it if these contributions could be made regularly. Additionally several generous contributors have recently died—and to make this up we will need an extra £3,500 per year in new funding. The church bank details are: **The PCC of Christ Church, West Wimbledon: CAF Bank. Sort code: 40-52-40. Account number: 00029176.** Cheques can be made payable to **PCC of Christ Church West Wimbledon and sent to the Planned Giving Officer, Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2 Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ.** If you require any further help, please do feel free to contact in confidence our Planned Giving Officer, Lynda Coleman at lynda.coleman1@btinternet.com We will keep you updated as the position changes. Thank you very much. John Davey (Hon Treasurer)

WIMBLEDON FOODBANK is very busy. In May 2019 they gave out 150 food parcels, but recently they gave out 208 parcels in just one day. They need these items: toilet rolls, pasta sauce, curry sauce, shampoo, baked beans, tinned hoops, tinned meat (curries, meatballs or pies), tinned vegetables (eg peas or carrots), breakfast cereal, ketchup and small packs of rice. Items can be left on the doorstep of Liz Errington's house at **31 Somerset Avenue on WEDNESDAYS** or in the box in the porch of **46 Pepys Road at any time.** For those unable to drop off donations, you can fill in this form for doorstep collection at this link - bit.ly/wimfood