**News from the Pews**

**The Fourth Sunday After Trinity**

**Sunday 5th July, 2020**

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***Fr Graham’s usual day off is Monday***

***The Parish Office is situated behind Holy Trinity Church and is closed at the current time***

*Please send all items for next week’s News from the Pews to Sue on* *hatton.sue@uwclub.net* *(or 661767) by the end of Wednesday*

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**HT** = Holy Trinity Church

**ST** = St Thomas’s Church **AS** = All Saints Church

**V** = Vicarage **CH** = Community Hall

**Sunday 5th July – The Fourth Sunday After Trinity**

1030 Online Eucharist Service

1830 Online Candle-lit vigil plus EveningPrayer

**Monday 6th July**

**Tuesday 7th July**

1000-1200 Online drop-in coffee morning

**Wednesday 8th July**

1400 Online Trinity Ark members group

 Chat, song and story

2000 Online Compline Service

**Thursday 9th July**

1000-1200 Online drop-in coffee morning

**Friday 10th July**

**Saturday 11th July**

**Sunday 12th July – The Fifth Sunday After Trinity**

1030 Online Eucharist Service

1830 Online Candle-lit vigil plus Evening Prayer

**Daily Bible Readings**

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| **Monday** | Psalms 85, 86Job 33Romans 14. 13-end |
| **Tuesday** | Psalm 89. 19-endJob 38Romans 15.1-13 |
| **Wed** | Psalm 91, 93Job 39Romans 15.14-21 |
| **Thursday** | Psalm 94Job 40Romans 15. 22-end |
| **Friday** | Psalm 102Job 41.Romans 16. 1-16 |
| **Saturday** | Psalms 104Job 42Romans 16.17-end |

**Welcome!**

**Welcome to you all** as we continue to try and meet at this unusual time in the history of our nation and world. We hope that you will join with us in prayer and worship, either online via Zoom, Facebook or YouTube (details <http://www.berkswich.org.uk/coronavirus.html>)

**Sign up** for our weekly email newsletter, or see older issues here <https://us17.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=5991be44ea1b9738d6262c1e2&id=a28b74cdbd>

**If you wish** to make a donation towards the life and work of the Parish, there is an opportunity to so during the service. Please consider joining the Giving Direct scheme (<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/finance/financegiftaid/financegivingdirect/> ) or make a one-off donation via JustGiving (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichparish>)

**You can follow us on Facebook! To sign up for our weekly email newsletter, please email Fr Graham (****graham.adamson@berkswich.org.uk****)**

**Points for Prayer**

**For the world**... Hold South Sudan before God this week.  Bitter conflict, widespread flooding, deadly waterborne diseases and now, coronavirus are causing great suffering.  Each factor brings increased food poverty; children are suffering most as many face malnutrition and death.  Lord have mercy.

**For the church**...Pray for Christians in Nigeria.  In many parts of the country Christians are attacked, driven from their homes, farms and churches and murdered because of their faith in Jesus.  Pray for protection and an end to these attacks.

**A prayer in Lockdown**

*The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked (John 20:19)*

Ever present God,

be with us in our isolation,

be close to us in our distancing,

be healing in our sickness,

be joy in our sadness,

be light in our darkness,

be wisdom in our confusion,

be all that is familiar

when all is unfamiliar,

that when the doors reopen

we may with the zeal of Pentecost

inhabit our communities

and speak of your goodness

to an emerging world.

For Jesus’ sake.

Amen

**For our community**... *As we mark 72 years since the foundation of the NHS we pray*

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them new life,
be with all  carers and health professionals,
as they act as agents of your healing touch.
In desperate times, keep them strong yet loving;
and when their work is done,
be with them in their weariness and in their tears.
Amen.

**For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit**:

Brenda, Robert, John, Janet, Melanie, Charlotte, Margaret, Amanda, Angela, Fred, Eileen, Juliet, Bryony, Barbara

**….for the recently departed:**

Ann Butler; Peter Frisby; Betty Meredith; Leonard Jankowski, Ethel Swain, Peggy Hatton, Sydney Jones, George Wlkinson, Shirley Bunford

 + May they rest in peace and rise in glory

**News & Events**

**Mental health provisions -** The Church of England have prepared some reflections on supporting good mental health at this time, which you can view at <http://www.berkswich.org.uk/uploads/1/1/3/5/113532927/10961mental_health_reflections_web.pdf>

**Parish Summer Fete 2020**

Due to the Coronavirus Lockdown Restrictions this year’s Summer Fete did not take place on 21st June as planned. Subject to possible relaxations of the restrictions we are hoping to re-schedule the Fete for late summer but, at this stage, are unable to give any idea of a date.Please be assured that we shall do everything we can to stage the Fete in whatever format is allowed. Bob Moore (664302)

**Prayer requests** - please send to david.clark@berkswich.org.uk or call 07999 596590

**Continuing with Finance and Stewardship** - Those of you who currently support us through planned giving envelopes or cash on the collection plates may wish to consider giving through the Giving Direct, Direct Debit Scheme , through Standing Order (speak to Julie Morrison, our Gift Aid Officer) or through our newly launched JustGiving page – [www.justgiving.com/berkswichparish](http://www.justgiving.com/berkswichparish)

**Three Decker –** Sadly our magazine team have made the difficult decision not to distribute Parish Magazine through the letterboxes of subscribers until the lockdown has been lifted. The June issue is now available to view at <http://www.berkswich.org.uk/three-decker-magazine.html>

**Reopening churches -** Many of you will have heard the announcements from the government about the re-opening of churches for private prayer (provided the “five tests for easing the lockdown continue to be met”) and “small-scale” worship (we await guidance on what that means). . Please help and pray for us as we try to discern the best approach to allow us to re-open our buildings. Only when we are confident that we can do so safely will we reopen.

*Fr Graham & the PCC*