

Tyndale Benefice



Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth
North Nibley, Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday, 7th June 2020
Trinity Sunday

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the
Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

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.

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: *Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end*

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?
Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and
emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God’?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 13: 11-end*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. 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.

Gospel: *Matthew 28: 16-20*

Now 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.’

Reflection from Revd Morag

Two of the most distressing aspects of this pandemic are
the physical distancing and the inability to meet with
family and friends. It’s not natural! Last Monday marked
a slight change in circumstances as we may now meet in
groups of six, though physical distancing is still in place
and could mean it will be some time yet before we can
gather in larger groups for any sort of event or
celebration.

There is a deep longing within human hearts to be
connected to others, and that connectedness is the very
heart of God first seen in the act of Creation. For God
existed before time began in a relationship of love, with
love continuously given and received. That love spilled
over into the creation of the world - sky, sea and earth;
birds, fish and animals; and finally humans, made in the
image of God, made for a love relationship with God,
with each other, and with the world.

The essence of God is expressed in trinitarian terms as
we read of the work of God in the Creator whose Word
went forth while the Spirit hovered over the waters. The

word Trinity is not used, but the experience of God the Trinity is here in the creation story and runs through the bible implicitly. Jesus expressed it explicitly in his farewell to the disciples on the day of his ascension. He tells them to 'make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

Today on Trinity Sunday preachers often try to explain the meaning of the Trinity in theological terms as a doctrine. It can be fascinating to reflect on the sorts of similes they use, such as - the three different states of H₂O as ice, water and steam; or the sun as a star giving light and heat - to see whether they help our understanding but these give only partial answers and lead to possible heresies.

Rublev's Icon, a visual interpretation of the Trinity, is a painting full of symbolism but what I like best in that picture of three gathered round a table is the space at the front allegedly where there was a mirror to show who else is invited to the table ... God's love overflows and invites you and me into a relationship.

People need to live in relationships, growing closer to God and each other as we reflect the love we receive from God to other people, to the whole of creation and to God.

Today we affirm our belief in One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We commit to 'love the Lord our God with all our heart ... and our neighbour as ourselves.' The best aspect of this pandemic is the way in which people are pulling together to help, neighbours in the community, to ensure that no-one is left out and all can access food and drink and medication. Opening our doors on a Thursday evening, or at other times of the week, and using the opportunity to talk together and share the strangeness of the time, is part of our witness to the loving nature of God; giving us opportunities to tell the good news of Jesus that will transform us and all around us.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and all whom you love this day and always. Amen

For your prayers:

For those who have died and their families:

Norah Barnes who died on 1st June.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Daily Prayer continues to be said at 9.00 every morning in individual homes.

We pray for:

- The World and its needs
- The Church and her life
- Those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
- Ourselves

If you wish to join us, you will find a choice of three services on the website - Midweek Prayer (from the Church of England), Morning Prayer, and Reflective Service. <http://wottonparishchurch.org.uk/resources-for-prayers-services-at-home/>

Year of Mind – where we remember those that have died during this week in previous years.

Wotton

- 7th: Jack Andrews (2010)
Melvo Taylor (2011)
- 8th: John Shipton (2005)
Alan Sinclair (2007)
Donald Kellock
Dorothy Vera (Dolly) Heaven (2011)
Jon Anthony ('Tony') Griffiths (2016)
- 9th: John Henry Sewell
- 11th: Evelyn Chappell
Eileen Tutty (2009)
David William Champion (2015)
Felicity Leigh Marchant (2016)
- 12th: Irene Ethel Chapman (1997)
Thelma May Gale (2014)
Alice Glossop (2017)
- 13th: Philip William Beard (2011)
Joan Vowles (2013)

Nibley

- 8th: Peter Brereton Townsend (2009)
- 9th: John Henry Sewell (1987)
- 11th: Felicity Leigh Marchant (2016)
- 12th: Audrey Gabb (1993)

In June we remember in our prayers the congregation of Holy Cross Catholic Church, and of Christ the King in Thornbury

In 'normal' times, the pew sheet has a list of people who are ill. These people are included in prayer at Sunday services, & at Morning Prayer every day. To continue this prayer - please email the Parish Office or leave a message on the Parish mobile if you would like prayer for yourself or a family member. There is a group of people who will pray.

Spiritual Crisis? Prayer Ministry?

Has this time of isolation raised concerns or fears of a spiritual nature & you want to talk about them? Would you like prayer ministry, such as has been offered after Eucharist & at Healing and Wholeness Services? There is a small group of people who are trained & who are able to listen to you and offer help. Please ring the Parish mobile on 07483 146531, with your name and phone number, to request a phone call. This offer is for those

who live in the Parishes of Wotton under Edge, North Nibley, Alderley and Tresham.

*****Notices*****

On the Edge – North Nibley Magazine – The latest June edition is posted on

<http://wottonparishchurch.org.uk/magazines-and-publications/june-2020-magazines/>

Gloucester Cathedral website has many interesting and exciting things to do including a photography mental health – Mindful Photography Resource (find it under Pilgrim/creative communities/community resources) Under the same heading, you'll find Family Art Week, and some Circus Skills – why not learn to juggle?

Lets' talk about Dementia – Live talks throughout June.

The talks are designed to help people who are caring for someone with dementia during this challenging time. Whether that is caring for a loved one or as a paid/professional carer. [Mary Merheim](#), from [Dementia Doulas Ltd](#), will be sharing practical advice on the importance of the wellbeing of carers. This talk is also coinciding with National Carers Week. Please register here -

<https://letstalkaboutdementia2020.eventbrite.com>

50% of all ticket revenue from these series of talks will be shared with UK Dementia Charities.

Know someone without online access or prefers not to use the internet? Daily Hope Phone Lines – The Church of England have a FREE OF CHARGE phone line available 24 hours a day offering comforting hymns, reflections and prayers. **Ring 0800 804 8044**

Diocese of Gloucester Podcasts – an ongoing fortnightly audio series finding out about different projects, organisations and inspirational stories. The fourth podcast is from Bishop Rachel and The Nelson Trust about domestic abuse. You can play the podcast by going to:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/nelson-trust-and-rachel-podcast-episode-4/>

St. Martin's - every Sunday Revd Peter Marsh, from his woodwork shed – Each week during church closure, a recorded 'St Martin's Morning Service', produced by the congregation & David Moss, is available on the St. Martin's website – www.northnibleychurch.uk - it's "Ramblings" this week.

Services from the BBC

- BBC Radio 4's daily service is live at 9.45am on BBC Radio 4 LW (long wave) or on the DAB side channel.
- Live on Sunday is streamed at 8.10am each Sunday.
- Sunday Worship is shown on BBC1 at 10.45am every Sunday. They are from empty cathedrals

(so far Bangor, St. David's, Hereford). Hymns are taken from a previous recording of Songs of Praise.

- Songs of Praise is aired on BBC1 on Sunday at 1.15pm

Prayer and digital resources available – if you would like any sent to you email wotvicsec@btconnect.com or visit the website wottonparishchurch.org.uk

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