

St Martin of Tours

Epsom

St Stephen on the Downs

Langley Vale

The parish of
St Martin of Tours
with St Stephen-on-the-Downs

Weekly Newsletter
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Sunday 30th May 2021 – Trinity Sunday

Dear Friends,

Trinity Sunday is when we celebrate that God is our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. It is important to our faith that we hold those three persons (God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit) of equal importance. The overemphasise of one or two leads to an imbalance in our Christian experience.

At our 10am service, we mark Adrian Esdaile's 60th anniversary of ordination and the beginning of a new phase in his ministry. We all move through phases in how our Christian ministry is expressed – but in all of them our Trinitarian faith and practice remains constant.

Nick Parish

THIS WEEK

Sunday 30th May – Trinity Sunday

- 9.30am – Morning Prayer – led by Howard Bluett
- 10.00am – Holy Communion at St Martin's, in Church and live streamed – led by Nick Parish
- 6.30pm – Evening Prayer in Church and live streamed – led by Nick Parish

Thursday 3rd June

- 10.00am – Holy Communion, in Church and live streamed – led by Nick Parish

FUTURE SERVICES

Sunday 6th June – First Sunday after Trinity

- 9.30am – Morning Prayer – led by Howard Bluett
- 10.00am – Holy Communion at St Martin's, in Church and live streamed – led by Nick Parish
- 12.00pm Holy Baptism
- 6.30pm – Evening Prayer in Church and live streamed – led by John Padwick

DISCIPLESHIP /STUDY/ WORSHIP MEETINGS

Churches Together in Epsom

The next Churches Together in Epsom, prayer time will be on: Friday June 11th, 9:15-9:45 am All are invited to join, on Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9901533047?pwd=NU1JS3hzMzNYNVpyZDR3SXhBZHJVUT09>

Meeting ID: 990 153 3047

Passcode: CTiE

Retreats from the House of Prayer, June 2021.

House of Prayer

35 Seymour Road

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 0PB

Tel: 020 8941 2313 Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1174120

Time Aside: Weekend Individually Guided Retreat.

Fri, 11 Jun 2021, 7:00 pm - Sun, 13 Jun 2021, 4:00 pm

The House of Prayer

Led by the House of Prayer Team

This retreat provides an opportunity to step aside from the busyness of everyday life and spend time in quiet prayer and reflection. A retreat guide will be available for daily individual meetings to accompany you through the retreat. Above all, this retreat is a time of listening to God who is present in the experiences of prayer and daily living. There are two ways of participating in this retreat, from your own home or residentially at the House of Prayer. In both cases, all communal prayer meetings and spiritual direction will be online using the Zoom platform. If you wish to attend this retreat from the House of Prayer you will need to bring a laptop or device with you.

Arrive in time for supper at 7pm on Friday and leave at 4pm on Sunday.

Residential retreat cost: £180

Retreat from home cost: £60

St. Columba's Retreat House

The Revd. Haydon Wilcox is running quiet days and evenings at St. Columba's Retreat House, Maybury Hill, Woking.

These events will support people as they return into the world from lockdown and will offer the opportunity to share, reflect, to be spiritually fed and gain encouragement. All Covid protocols will be practised to ensure a safe environment and are restricted to 16 people.

Remaining places: day events (10 am) 12th July; evening events (7 pm) 16th June and 28th September. Many events are now full and additional dates will be offered.

To receive details and make a booking please contact St. Columba's House on Tel. 01483 766 498 or email: admin@stcolumbashouse.org.uk

STEWARDSHIP

Giving to St Martin's and St Stephen on the Downs

For general and stewardship giving you can give online giving via the Charities Aid Foundation.

Donations can be either a one-off donation or a regular donation using direct debit.

To make a donation either:

1. Click on the following link:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13377>

OR

2. Use your Smart Phone and Scan the QR Code below



There is also a "Donate" button on our website.

Thank you for your continued giving directly and via online giving.

OTHER NOTICES

Audrey Simmons

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Audrey Simmonds this week. She and her husband were regular members of the congregation until illness overtook them. Audrey was a very skilled calligraphist and did a memorable presentation in the 'Second Thoughts' series demonstrating her artistic skills. Francis had been the oldest person to abseil down the tower in a fund-raising effort for the bells when he was 87 years old. Our sympathy goes to Sue and Nigel at this time in their bereavement.

May Audrey and Francis together rest in peace and rise in glory. ***Adrian Esdaile***

Historic Safeguarding Incidents

The Diocese of Guildford is holding a serious case review of historic safeguarding incidents regarding any office holders (ministers/ wardens/ staff) at St Martin's.

Should you have any information that you have not previously reported please contact me by email so that I can discuss with you and report as necessary.

Thank you. vicar@stmartinsepsom.org.uk

GARDEN PARTY

Now that restrictions are lifting a little the Events Team have managed to hold a couple of outdoor, socially distanced meetings. We are busy planning a few events for the rest of the year, all subject to whatever restrictions are in place at the time.

We would like you all to "Save the Date" – **Saturday 10th July** – for a **Garden Party** to be held at 12 Worple Road, Epsom. Watch this space for more details nearer the time.



Events Team

Remember: Reflect: Restore Fortnight

Help needed to promote this special event!

We are inviting people who live or work in Epsom to visit our church in the fortnight between 13th and 27th June. Here they will find peace and calm – and space to reflect on their experiences during the pandemic. Can you help us let local people know? There are two tasks you can volunteer for:

1. To visit local shops, businesses and organisations to tell them about the event and drop off leaflets;
2. To carry out research online to find names and email addresses for those organisations we don't manage to reach in person

A lot of effort is going in to make this a really special event – so do please play your part and tell Epsom all about it! Can you let me know by Friday 21st May if you are able to help.

David Candlin

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Remember - Reflect - Restore

As part of the fortnight (13th - 27th June) when church will be focusing on offering a space for reflection and restoration, I will be playing the church's beautiful grand piano for half an hour on both Friday 18th and Friday 25th June, at 12.30pm. I'd like to play music that reflects people's experiences and hopes. Please let me know if there is any (easy!) piece you would like me to play, or a picture you would like me to consider through improvisation. These musical times will be streamed/online, so do be aware of that when choosing pictures. If there are plenty of requests I may have to take a selection, but I'll include as many as I can. Best wishes.

Helen Williams

Remember; Reflect; Restore 13 – 27 June 2021

The event is an opportunity to participate in various activities both in the church and churchyard. These activities are self-directed and are designed to be self-explanatory. However, if possible, it would be good to have members of the congregation available to welcome people to the church and engage them in conversation, maybe even invite them to leave a prayer request or to put them in touch with a member of the ministry team.

If you are able to help then please contact Howard Bluett on 077 888 25319 or via email howard.bluett@gmail.com.

Visitors to the event will not be able to engage in the activities in the church whilst there are services or during the recital.

Mission For June

HOME

The Christian Mission Society is a non-denominational organisation serving the community with the purpose of reaching out to them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. teach and train them how to study the Bible .

St Martin's congregation donate to support the work of Andrea Campanale working with CMS based in Kingston ,Surrey. ***Meg Topley***

ABROAD

St Martin's Church continues to support Mercy Ships, who use hospital ships to provide free, life-changing medical care to some of the world's poorest people. They have touched more than 2.7 million lives, but there are many more people who need help.

For 40 years, Mercy Ships have relied on volunteers and supporters like St Martins Church to provide free, life-changing surgeries to people in greatest need. Today Mercy Ships is focused on sub-Saharan Africa, where 93% of the population lacks access to safe, affordable, timely surgery.

Roughly 400 volunteers serve onboard our hospital ship at a time, putting their given talents to use in a variety of ways. In addition to our valiant medical staff, the volunteers serve in all sorts of roles needed to operate a floating city, such as:

- Cooks
- Engineers
- Hairdressers
- Clerks
- Carpenters

They're all unified by their desire to serve people in desperate need. They are critical to the Mercy Ships operation.

Further details will be put on our notice board at the back of St Martins Church.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Peter and Julia White

Can you please hold these Mission areas in your Prayers – Thank you

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Latest message from Chris Short at Food Bank

Can you please help us this week, with any of the following?

- Hot chocolate
- Tinned tomatoes
- Squash
- Tea (bags)
- Pulses
- Female deodorant
- Male deodorant
- Pump soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Kids toothpaste
- Treats for children, especially as half term is next week



You can donate at the usual supermarket points, or bring donations to our car park (please wear a mask);

Epsom & Ewell Foodbank
Generation Resource Centre
(Behind West Ewell Primary School)
Ruxley Lane, Ewell, KT19 0JG

Donation Drop Off Times: Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm

*** PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL DONATIONS ARE SEALED, IN DATE AND DO NOT CONTAIN ALCOHOL***

Can't get to the shops? You could text to make a small donation, send us a supermarket delivery to the address above, or contact us about sponsoring some fresh fruit & veg!

You can help by texting 70450 to donate:

Text **FOODBANKGIFT2** to donate £2

Text **FOODBANKGIFT5** to donate £5

Text **FOODBANKGIFT15** to donate £15

Text **FOODBANKGIFT3** to donate £3

Text **FOODBANKGIFT10** to donate £10

Text **FOODBANKGIFT20** to donate £20

Kind regards, Chris Shortt

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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

PSALM Psalm 29

R *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

or

R *In God's temple all cry "Glory!"*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his
name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful
voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of
splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar
trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild
ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames
of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the
wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak
trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for
evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his
people;
the Lord shall give his people the
blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we

know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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.

Sunday Homily

TRINITY SUNDAY

30 MAY 2021

YEAR B

"Nicodemus said to Jesus,
'How can these things be?'"

John 3:9

Illustration

Alice was moving into her very first home, and working to a tight budget. Some things she acquired second-hand, but she had spotted a new wardrobe that was absolutely right for the bedroom. The catalogue picture was beautiful – hanging space, drawers, top cupboard – so she dug into her savings and ordered it.

When the delivery van pulled up, Alice rushed to the door. "One wardrobe to sign for," said the man, but Alice's face fell. All she saw being unloaded was a long, thin, flat box. "That's my wardrobe?" she queried. "Aye, love – flat-packed. Nice and easy to put together, don't you fret." And with that he was gone.

Alice opened the box and slid out several flat pieces of wood. "How on earth can that be my lovely wardrobe?" she muttered. "I don't believe it."

Gospel Teaching

The picture Alice had seen was of a wardrobe in all its three-dimensional splendour. No wonder she found it difficult to understand how the pile of flat pieces in front of her could ever be much use to her. It would take a lot of imagination, a giant leap of faith, to visualise it. And it probably didn't help that the instructions seemed to be written in Japanese!

On Trinity Sunday especially, we try to make sense of how different aspects of God fit together, into an image we can use. We find it difficult to comprehend. When Jesus tried to explain the relationship between himself and God and those who were born of the Spirit, Nicodemus echoed something many of us feel about the Trinity: "How can these things be?"

Does reading the Bible's instructions help us fit the pieces together? Jesus asked Nicodemus: "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?" He seems to imply that someone who had studied the history of God's dealings with his people, someone who worshipped God faithfully and carried out his commandments, should be able to understand. Yet it certainly isn't easy.

From his knowledge of the scriptures, Nicodemus would know about the Spirit of God having been active in creation. But here was Jesus saying that ordinary people could be born of the Spirit in a new way. Nicodemus saw Jesus as a teacher, and was sure he had come from God, a prophet perhaps. But Jesus stunned him with the announcement that he was God's only Son. Father, Son and Holy Spirit: the three Persons of the Trinity.

But the word "Trinity" doesn't appear in the Bible: it isn't in our instructions. Later centuries of Christians invented the term to describe the idea of the three-dimensional God, the way in which Father, Son and Holy Spirit together show us who God is: not separate flat pieces, but an assembly of love.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. God created the world, created us, and loves us. Father, Son and Spirit are different dimensions of his love: creating us, rescuing us and strengthening us in faith.

Application

Eternal life starts here, if only we suspend our disbelief, allow the Spirit to work in our lives, and accept that Jesus can save us. If only we trust that these things might be, even if we can't quite see how.

Alice needs all parts of her wardrobe: without the sides, the top would fall down. To build these flat pieces into a wardrobe, she needs to have a good translation of the instructions, study them carefully and follow them. The same applies to our faith: a modern Bible translation with the benefit of the latest scholarship (just as Nicodemus had the benefit of Jesus' own teaching, to supplement his knowledge of the scriptures) and some study notes.

Alice will probably call on friends to help: people who have put a wardrobe together before, or are good at visualising possibilities! The same applies to us: members of a study group or friends in the congregation with stories to tell of God's love in their lives.

The wardrobe is for using. The Trinity is not just a theory. In baptism, we are born of the Spirit; as a Christian community, sharing this Holy Communion, we are part of that loving, dynamic relationship, which is the Trinity. Let's not keep God in a box, flat-packed, but share with others the height and depth and breadth of his love.

MONDAY 31 MAY

Visit of the Blessed
Virgin Mary to
Elizabeth

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalms 113

Romans 12:9-16

Luke 1:39-49 [50-56]

TUESDAY 1 JUNE

Tobit 2:9-end

or 1 Peter 1:10-16

Psalms 112 or 98:1-5

Mark 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE

Tobit 3:1-11, 16-end

or 1 Peter 1:18-end

Psalms 25:1-8

or 147:13-end

Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY 3 JUNE

Day of Thanksgiving
for the Institution
of Holy Communion
(Corpus Christi)

Genesis 14:18-20

Psalms 116:10-end

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 6:51-58

FRIDAY 4 JUNE

Tobit 11:5-15 or

1 Peter 4:7-13

Psalms 146

or 96:10-end

Mark 12:35-37

SATURDAY 5 JUNE

Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20a

or Jude 17, 20-end

Psalms 103:1, 8-13

or 63:1-6

Mark 12:38-end

REFLECTION

Seven husbands murdered – Wednesday's reading from Tobit looks like an episode of *Game of Thrones*. Readers who avoid fantasy fiction of the bloodthirsty type may be unfamiliar with those books, despite the international audience for the televised novels. The books of the Apocrypha, including Tobit,



Ancient Roman silver denarius of Emperor Tiberius

are also unfamiliar to many. Scholars call it a religious novel: like fantasy fiction (or some of the parables of Jesus) it mixes morality and drama to deliver a message of good versus evil, of characters learning lessons. But the only throne here is God's, as Psalm 96 reminds us on Friday: "The Lord is king" – and this is no game.

The other psalm for Friday, 146, cautions us: "Do not put your trust in princes". Earthly rulers have their place, as Jesus indicates in his response to Tuesday's trick question, but they cannot save our souls. Seven husbands also die in another trick question on Wednesday, but Jesus teaches about resurrection life.

When Mary's spirit rejoices on Monday "in God my Saviour" and as we celebrate on Thursday the gift of Holy Communion, we're reminded that God is our saviour, too, and that Jesus is the bread of eternal life. And that's neither fantasy nor fiction.

PRAYER

King of kings, you are truly awesome and amazing.
Help us to distinguish between truth and fiction in
all our dealings with others.
Thank you for allowing us to approach your throne
in prayer,
in the power of your Spirit and in union with
your Son.

PART V – MUSIC FOR EVERYONE

In an ideal world we would be able to sing along heartily to the liturgy and make the words our own. But participation has many expressions and is not limited to physically joining in. Those of us who find the idea of singing an anathema can still participate fully by taking ownership of the words and following them silently in their heart. Having the music “offered” on their behalf by others who are more comfortable with singing is an act of worship in itself.

But participation is not solely down to our own efforts, silent or sung. There are external factors, too, that enable us to take our rightful part. If a choir is singing on our behalf, for instance, which often happens in a cathedral setting, are we able to hear the words, or are they printed out for us to follow? Are they in a language we understand or, if not, is a translation provided?

We often refer to service sheets as “participation aids” which is a useful term – they are there, after all, to help us take part. Is everything laid out in a clear and logical order? Are the words printed as they will be sung? On a practical level, particularly for people not used to church, do we expect people to swap between various bits of paper to follow the liturgy, and balance those with a hymn book, or is everything set out in one place?

Our liturgies tend to be very word-heavy, and for some people with intellectual disabilities, processing the spoken word can present a significant challenge. Thought needs to be given to how to offer a differentiated approach to worship, necessary if we are to honour the fact that all people belong in our church communities, and if provision is to be made for people who struggle with words, just as provision should be made for those who need help to physically access the church building.

LIVE
the WORDSUSTAINING YOU
THROUGH THE WEEKEdited by
Caroline Hodgson
and
Heather Smith

Trinity week

Monday 31 May to
Saturday 5 June
2021

WEEK

We all belong

Jeni Parsons *reflects on* John 3:1-17

Nicodemus could not understand how anyone could be born twice. He seems to have missed the very truth he lived within. If his mother was Jewish at his birth, he was both her son and a son of Israel and thereby of the God of Israel. Nicodemus already has this double birth, but Jesus wants to open it wider.

It's a question of belonging: who is in this family and who is outside? Can anyone belong? The readings of the last few weeks are all about this and it is a struggle in the Bible, as it is for us.

This conversation in the Gospel is what allows those of us who wouldn't fit the previous pattern to be included, and that inclusion is wide because God is generous in affection. Our mothers may not be Jewish, yet we belong. We are not all male, yet we belong. Whatever the colour of our skin, orientation, intelligence, wealth or righteousness, we still belong.

It has taken the man from Nazareth, the one who taught and healed, loved and preached, died and rose again, for us to know that inclusion. Sometimes the Church forgets and has to repent. Sometimes the Church refuses repentance and is lost for a time, until God finds her and brings her home. ☺



God, you show us in Jesus that we are not condemned to be isolated from you, but held in your loving embrace as part of the family you make. In our belonging keep our eyes open for those not yet included and bring us home together. Amen.

Fruits of the Spirit

– a meditation on Galatians 5:22-23

The pineapple is a symbol of kindness

by Caroline Hodgson

In Caribbean cultures the pineapple's spiky leaves are meant to deter intruders, while its sweet yellow flesh is given to guests as a sign of welcome and hospitality. In the eighteenth century the exotic, expensive pineapple was the height of style at Spanish and French dinner tables, where it would double up as table decoration and a mouthwatering dessert.

Christian kindness extends far beyond lavish entertaining. Indeed, we don't even have to invite people into our homes to extend a Christian welcome. The key is to take it out into the world. Get into the habit of "watching" your own appearance when you meet other people. When someone intrudes on your busy thoughts, do you allow them to see your spiky side? Or do you open up, soften, and greet people with a generous expression and an open heart? The secret is to practise spiritual suppleness, so we can be flexible enough to set our self aside and put the other person first. ☺

Finding God on the smallholding

by Jeni Parsons

Hatching is in full swing now and the chicks and ducklings are popping out of the incubator in regular succession. I've also put some guinea-fowl eggs under a broody hen and the tiny ones, called keets, have hatched and are beginning to grow with the close attention of their "mum". She's really pleased with

them and is rearing them well, teaching them and guarding them.

Isn't it interesting how such tiny creatures flourish with a bit of close attention and their inbuilt instinct for survival? I don't use a prayer book any more but spend my time with the birds and animals on the holding, in wonder, love and praise. This "first scripture" of which we are a part, this natural world, this created order, is enough to cause me to sing "hallelujah" with Leonard Cohen, with massed choirs, with k. d. lang. If you haven't heard it, then give it, a listen. ☺

“There is no law which lays it down that you must smile! But you can make a gift of your smile; you can be the heaven of kindness.”

Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)



Sunday 30 May 2021
Matthew 28:16-20
The Most Holy Trinity

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

The disciples meet Jesus on a mountain in Galilee. Jesus gives them a very important task: he asks them to go and make other people his disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells his friends that he will be with them always.

TELL THE WORLD

The disciples went up a mountain.



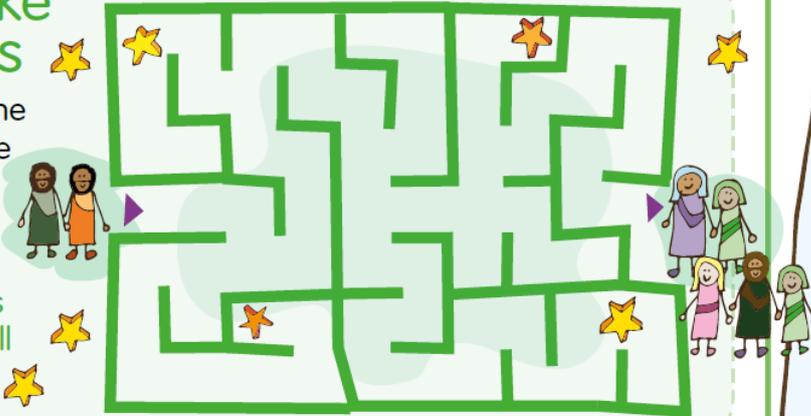
Join the dots to see who met them there.

Be like Jesus

We can teach the world about Jesus by living as Jesus did and loving other people.

Go, make disciples

Jesus asked the disciples share his message of love. Guide the disciples to their friends so they can tell them about Jesus.

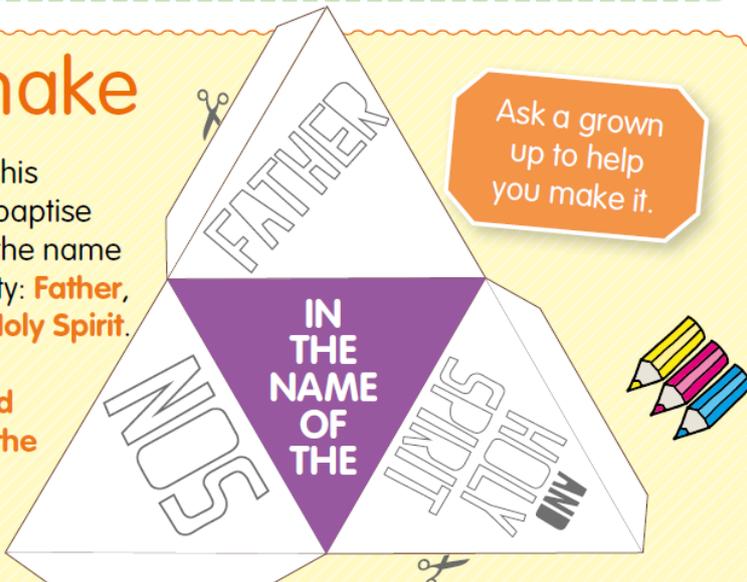


To be like Jesus this week, I will...

To make

Jesus told his friends to baptise people in the name of the Trinity: **Father**, **Son** and **Holy Spirit**.

Colour and decorate the pyramid.



Ask a grown up to help you make it.

What can you do this week to be just like Jesus? Draw or write your ideas on the Action List.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I know you love me. Please be with me always, as you were with the disciples. Amen.