

Holy Trinity Today

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter, which will hopefully keep you up to date with everything happening at Holy Trinity in the coming weeks...

We, at Holy Trinity, have been really busy since Steve and Amanda retired, and thought this would be a good way for people in our wider church and community to keep up to date with what is happening during our vacancy.

If you saw Clare's September message in Our Bembridge, you will appreciate that replacing a Parish Vicar does not happen overnight. We have just closed a period of consultation with our extended church family to find out what we do well at Holy Trinity, what we could improve and what type of person could help us to get there. This information will be fed into a "Parish Profile" which itself forms the basis of a recruitment pack. Our aim is to advertise the post in the quiet time after Christmas, and hopefully find that one person who is called to come to Bembridge and become our next shepherd. In the meantime, church life is continuing largely unhindered, thanks to an ever-willing army of volunteers.

Please note that this team of volunteers (ourselves and Clare King, our Curate included) does not become a replacement for a vicar during the vacancy. We will do our best to hold the church steady, but there is an intentional gap which we are supposed to feel. If you need to contact the church or one of us, please use one of the communication methods listed and we'll get back to you as soon as possible, but we do have busy lives to fit these things around, so please be patient with us.

With every blessing,
Andrew & Toni
Churchwardens



Loving Our Buildings

The task of looking after our buildings is a constant labour of love. Last month, at very short notice, we had to undertake major repairs to the floor of the Eve Hall at the Cloisters after the discovery of dry rot. This month at a slightly more measured pace we have watched our stone magician Bill Silvester painstakingly repairing the stonework on the South Porch of the church. Bill has done excellent work for us in recent years and we greatly appreciate his craftsmanship. Our next project is to repair the church lychgate after it was damaged by a passing vehicle last month. We very much appreciate everyone's co-operation when dealing with the inconvenience inevitably associated with the building work.



Love In Action – Eco Church

The Church of England has pledged to reduce the carbon footprint of all of its buildings and to become Net Zero Carbon by 2030. We at Holy Trinity are doing our best with our old buildings and the grounds. Using the [A Rocha framework](#) we have achieved our Bronze and Silver awards. Now our Eco Team needs a new champion – we have volunteer gardeners and willing preachers and congregation, but we need to look at what more we can do regarding creation care. If you are excited to help encourage others to get involved, please talk to anyone in our PCC or leadership team about it!

October Services at Holy Trinity Church & St Luke's Chapel

Sunday 4th October	8:00am	Holy Communion, BCP at St Luke's
	10.30am	Morning Worship at Holy Trinity HARVEST.
	4.00pm	Praise & Worship
Sunday 11th October	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Sunday 18 October	8:00am	Holy Communion, BCP at St Luke's
	10.30am	Morning Worship at Holy Trinity
	4.00pm	Praise & Worship
Sunday 25 October	8:00am	Holy Communion, BCP at St Luke's
	10.30am	Morning Worship at Holy Trinity

We run activities for children every week at our 10.30am service and every 3rd Sunday is Church Mice Sunday.



FLOURISH FAMILY EVENTS

The Flourish Team were back in the primary school last week for their first session on the new term.

It was great to see 40 parents and children joining in all the fun.

To find out more contact Heather via her Flourish e-mail account.



Key dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd November: 5.00pm All Souls Service at Holy Trinity

Sunday 8th November: 9.30am Remembrance Communion Service at Holy Trinity

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