



# Christian Life

The Parish Magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's

June 2021

*Including the readings for Sunday 06 June*



Rublev's Icon of the Trinity – circa 1400's. Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow.

**New Bishops for Birkenhead & Stockport – see page 7**



**Worship & Prayer In Church & Online for June**  
**You will find the Readings and Collect for Sunday 06 June**  
**on the centre pages 4 & 5**

<b>Sundays this Month</b> <b>No Booking Required</b>	
06 June Trinity 1	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1 &amp; Mark 3.20-35</i>
13 June Trinity 2	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Morning Prayer
	<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17 &amp; Mark 4.26-34</i>
20 June Trinity 3	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 &amp; Mark 4.35-41</i>
27 June Trinity 4	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Morning Prayer
	<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 &amp; Mark 5.21-43</i>
<b>Other Services this Month</b>	
Every Wednesday	10am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

### Online

**Every Sunday @ 10:40 am Live Streamed Worship from St Mary's**



**(stream begins at 10:30am)**



YouTube: [bit.ly/youtubestmarys1](https://bit.ly/youtubestmarys1) & Facebook: [bit.ly/facebookstmarys](https://bit.ly/facebookstmarys)

**You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874**

**Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode:**  
**567119**

**Morning Prayer on Zoom, 9:30am (usually) Mon, Tues & Thurs**

[bit.ly/930mp](https://bit.ly/930mp) or by phone: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 850 2058 1307

Passcode: 914961

## Revd Mike writes

### The Season of Trinity

We have just begun the longest season in the church's calendar and that is Trinity. It takes us, this year, all the way through to 24 October with 21 Sundays of Trinity. It also referred to as Ordinary Time, however there's nothing ordinary about it.

On the front cover is Rublev's Icon of the Trinity. It's a famous depiction of the Holy Trinity, the Godhead, three persons in one. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility. Many sermons have tried to explain the Trinity over the centuries and I'm not going to try to do that in the space

available here, Ken preached on it on Trinity Sunday and you may wish to click here to watch it [bit.ly/kentrinity](https://bit.ly/kentrinity).

What strikes me about the Trinity and its workings, and the world we find ourselves in at the moment, is the interdependence of the Persons of the Trinity and how, through the pandemic, we have understood more about our interdependence with each other in this world. Perhaps the model of the Trinity, as difficult as it may be for us to fathom, gives us a pattern for shared life together which we may have lost through the years?

With all God's Blessings,

Revd Mike

## Congratulations to Edith on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Many congratulations to Edith Ridgeway who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 24 May in her new home of Brookfield House.**

Edith was one of the original members of the congregation at St Luke's, Willaston, when it opened in October 1965. Prior to this she attended the church at the Scout Hut in Park Road with the Revd Morgan-Wynne taking the services.

We sent her a card and flowers from the congregation at St Luke's and she was thrilled to receive them and the lovely messages made her quite emotional.



## First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1

### A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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#### **The Collect for Trinity 1**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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. **Amen.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for  
nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion  
strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 3.20-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.'

So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: 'How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.'

He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.'

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.'

'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

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## Stepping Stones is Back!



Stepping Stones first meeting since March 2020 was at Joey the Swan on 26 May. We had a wonderful time chatting, playing and singing in the sunshine and we met some new folk too. We will be meeting again on Wednesday 23rd June in the garden behind St Luke's Church Willaston – see Facebook for more information.

We would appreciate some new helpers on a rota to enable us to reopen fully in September – let me know if you'd like more details. Sarah Turnbull.



## Mothers' Union News

We will have a Mothers' Union Meeting (if restrictions allow) on Wednesday, 23rd June at 2.15 pm in the Church Hall, we will be in the Main Hall not the Howe Room. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. Further details at a later date. Jenny Hall.

## Greetings to Members of the Ladies Afternoon Group

Sadly we have to tell you of the loss of Josie Percival and Margaret Wooldridge, two of our long serving and very valued members. We shall miss them very much.

We hope that as soon as it is advised to be safe, we shall all meet again in the Church hall.

Audrey and Marian.

## Results from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

Joy & Sue were appointed as our Churchwardens until 2022.

Elected to the PCC for 3 years: Diana Carter, Diane Edge-Robinson, Daphne Gregory, Frances Latham & Margaret Shephard. Full details can be found on our website under Church Life.

## New Bishops for Stockport and Birkenhead

The Venerable Julie Conalty, currently Archdeacon of Tonbridge, will be the next Bishop of Birkenhead, and the Revd Canon Sam Corley, currently Rector of Leeds Minster, will be the next Bishop of Stockport.



Bishop-Designate Julie transferred to Stipendiary Ministry in 2010, giving up her "day job" and taking up a post in a newly formed United Benefice in southeast London. In 2012 she became vicar of Christ Church, Erith in the Diocese of Rochester. She also served as the Bishop's Advisor for the Ministry of Ordained Women and Area Dean of Erith. Julie is married to Simon and they have two grown-up sons. Julie likes a beer and a takeaway curry on a Friday night and the whole family support Charlton Athletic.



Bishop-Designate Sam enjoys working with people of all faiths, backgrounds, and ages and has lots of experience of working with young people, having led over 30 residential holidays for teenagers. Sam is married to Claire, who is herself in ordained ministry within the Church of England, and they have three children. Having spent much of his childhood working on a farm, Sam also has a deep love of the countryside and nature.

More details on both Bishops can be found at:

[www.chester.anglican.org](http://www.chester.anglican.org)

## Christian Aid Week 2021

Thank you to all who donated to Christian Aid Week.

Our Christian Aid Week collection was £365.00.

The Sponsored Walk raised £195.00, thanks to all who walked and raised the money. If you haven't chance to give you can still do so at [bit.ly/caweek21](https://bit.ly/caweek21)



## From the Church Registers: May 2021

**Baptisms** – *none during this period*

**Weddings** – *may God bless them in their married life together*

29 May 2021: Amy Phenton & Hugh Austin

**Funerals** – *may they rest in peace and rise in glory*

10 May 2021 David BALLARD 93

11 May 2021 Margarita JONES 91

24 May 2021 Margaret Emily WOOLDRIDGE 98

26 May 2021 Ann Ada EDWARDS 77

## Chester Diocesan News & the Magazine

The Chester Diocesan News can be viewed/downloaded from the Diocesan Website each month and we will put a link on our Blog when it's available.

**We would like your articles for the July Magazine.** You can submit an article on the [Blog](#) through the Magazine Menu and click on 'Submit an Item', email it to: [magazine@stmaryswistaston.blog](mailto:magazine@stmaryswistaston.blog) or drop it to the Church Office or the Rectory **by Friday 28 June.**

## Keeping in touch

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Polly & Teresa are on flexible furlough, phone calls and emails are being answered remotely & it may take longer to reply to you.

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