

The News Sheet

Sunday 8th July 2018

14th Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 2

The Parish of the Holy Trinity,
Stroud Green



with
Holy Innocents, Hornsey

WELCOME TO CHURCH - 2018 - A Year of Invitation

Today's hymns are: 31, 23, 339 and 84 . Please stay for refreshments after Mass in the Groves Room.

God's Foolishness....

Today's culture of success isn't comfortable with failure. If you have ever watched the TV competition *The Apprentice* you will know that the team that doesn't win the task will have some harsh words in store for them. Yet our Gospel today centres on the unambiguous failure of Jesus. Our Lord enters his home town and preaches in a synagogue on the Sabbath. He wins initial admiration only to be rejected. Rejection of Jesus in his home town by those with whom he had grown up, and the failure to work many miracles hardly seems a good advertisement for the Christian faith.

So why does St. Mark tell us about this incident? Perhaps because it points to what, at the time, must have looked like the greatest failure of all - Jesus' crucifixion and death. However, with God, apparent failure and desolation is also the glory of an unbroken love, - the glory which becomes manifest in the resurrection. Christ has plumbed the depths of human abandonment and nothing lies beyond His redemption. Love triumphs over abandonment in the forgiveness of sin.

This matters for us because we can't expect to do better than Jesus. It belongs to His and our prophetic office to proclaim a Gospel that may cause offence and may be rejected. Faith met by unbelief is, in some sense, part of what disciples must expect in every age. We have to learn a certain resilience. God will do what God wants with our service, and that witness isn't always measured by its perceptible results. What matters is that we find the strength from God to continue. As St. Paul said to the Church at Corinth, 'God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.'

Amended service pattern this week

This week most of the clergy and the Pastoral Assistants in North London are on a conference with the bishops. Please note carefully the revised and altered service arrangements detailed in the 'Week Ahead' information box.

Ordination and First Mass of Fr. Philip Kennedy

We pray for Fr Philip Kennedy, former Pastoral Assistant of Holy Innocents, who will be ordained priest on Saturday 14th July at 11.00am at St Michael's Croydon. Fr Philip will then celebrate his first Mass on Sunday 15th July at 5.00pm at St Michael's. A group will be travelling on Saturday 14th July on the 9.08am train to East Croydon from Finsbury Park Station. If you would like to join us, please meet us on the platform.

PCC meeting

Holy Trinity PCC will meet next after Evening Prayer at 7.45 pm on Monday 16th July.

Planned Giving Envelopes

New planned giving envelopes are now available to members of the envelope scheme. If you would like to know more about how to support Holy Trinity Church through our planned giving envelope scheme, please speak to Tamara.

Gardening Day

On Thursday 26th July (weather permitting) from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm we are holding a gardening day in the Church garden to tidy it up for the summer. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please come along and help - even if only for an hour or so.

Farewell to our Pastoral Assistants

Millie, Gemma and David will be leaving us at the end of this month, and there will be a joint Mass of farewell followed by a BBQ at Holy Innocents on Friday 27th July at 7.30 pm. In addition, at Holy Trinity, we will follow the Sunday Mass on 29th July with a BBQ which will be a chance to say a 'farewell' specifically to Millie, our Holy Trinity Pastoral Assistant. Millie leaves us after two years to take up another position at St. Paul's Church, Winchmore Hill. Please put the dates in your diary.

Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage

From 30th July to 3rd August our young people (aged 11-18) are invited to the youth pilgrimage at Walsingham. With a summer festival feel, it is a week of worship, music, prayers, camping activities, having fun and meeting new people. Please speak to Millie for more details.

Day Trip to Worthing

A day trip to Worthing has been organized for Monday 27th August. The cost is £20. Please contact Angie at Holy Innocents on 07931 232120 for more information. This replaces the Margate trip previously advertised.

THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 9th

7.30 am
9.30 am
10 am to noon

Feria

Morning Prayer
Mass at Holy Innocents
Trinity Toddlers Playgroup (hall)

Tuesday 10th

7.30 pm

Feria

Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11th

9.30 am

St. Benedict

Communion Service at Holy Innocents

Thursday 12th

11.00 to 1.30 pm
7.00 pm

Feria

Thursdays Together in church hall
Communion Service at Holy Innocents

Friday 13th

7.30 am

Feria

Morning Prayer

Saturday 14th

11.00 am

Feria

Priestly Ordination of Philip Kennedy
at St. Michael's Croydon

SUNDAY 15th

11.30 am
5.00 pm

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sung Mass and Children's Activities

First Mass of Fr. Philip Kennedy
at St. Michael's Croydon