

HT Virtual Early Service at Holy Trinity

An online service aimed at children aged 6 and under is available on our YouTube Channel (<https://youtu.be/3n2dRVZSAuk>)

SJ 10am Parish Eucharist at St John the Divine

President & Preacher Revd Alison Judge

This service will be added to the Merton Priory Parish YouTube Channel later in the day. (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZcCK2IkIz5mLmHI0En3r0w>)

HT 10am Parish Eucharist at Holy Trinity

President & Preacher Revd Belemo Alagoa

CC 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

President & Preacher Revd Mark Eminson

Collect for today:

O Lord, we beech you mercifully to hear the prayers
 of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
 what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

If you wish to follow them, the set Bible readings for today are:
Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32 and
they are available to download from the websites.

Mission Statement

Faithful to God ~ **Sharing** with those in need ~ **Caring** for one another

The week ahead

Monday 28 September

3pm – 7pm Holy Trinity Open

7pm Finding Sanctuary via Zoom (contact Jane (jvcrew@talk21.com))

Tuesday 29 September – Michael and All Angels

8am Morning Prayer at St John's

Wednesday 30 September

9.45am Eucharist at St John's

4pm Prayer Group at Christ Church (contact Joy Lyons for details)

5pm – 7pm Christ Church Open

7pm Meditation Group at Christ Church

Thursday 1 October

9am Morning Prayer at St John's

11am – 3pm Holy Trinity Open

12.15pm Eucharist at Holy Trinity

Friday 2 October

Saturday 3 October

9am Morning Prayer at Christ Church

9.30am Eucharist at Christ Church

10.30am Waiting to Exhale – BLM 2020. Online event see notice for info.

Sunday 4 October – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Parish Eucharist for Harvest at St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Junior Church for Harvest at Holy Trinity

11.15am Parish Eucharist for Harvest at Christ Church

7.30pm God in the Home via Zoom – Interfaith: Hindu Temple

Notices

All Creationtide: This year we are - in common with the wider Church - keeping Creationtide from 6 September to 4 October. We pray that it will help us think seriously about working towards becoming eco-churches and raise awareness once more about the plight of our sick earth: "God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good."

HT Early Service: We realise this service doesn't fit with social-distancing, but want to keep people in touch online. You can find a service for September on our YouTube Channel (direct link is <https://youtu.be/3n2dRVZSAuk>). We will continue at least once a month thereafter with a view to returning to church when we can.

All Waiting to Exhale – BLM 2020 is a day of inspiring discussions about positive action on black history and environmental justice organised by the Diocese of Southwark and Christian Aid. This is a free online event on Saturday 3 October from 10.30am. Email bhm@southwark.anglican.org to register your interest

All God in the Home is the current name for God in the Pub as they meet via Zoom on the first Sunday of the month at 7.30pm to be led in discussion on a different topic each month. Topic for 4 Oct is Interfaith, Hindu Temple. Contact Jane (jane.lovesey@6dg.co.uk) for the Zoom link.

All Harvest Thanksgiving 4 Oct: Please bring items for the Foodbank such as chocolate, crisps, cereal bars, sugar 1kg bags, squash, tinned rice pudding and custard and tinned soup. The Foodbank relies on donations and Harvest is usually a brilliant time for them to stock up.

With demand very high and many churches still closed it could be a poor harvest. Christ Church and Holy Trinity have collection points for the Foodbank and are open from 3-7pm on Mondays (HT), 5-7pm on Wednesdays (CC), 11am-3pm on Thursdays (HT) and 9-10am on Saturdays (CC) and you can leave your donation at these times.

All School References: If you are applying for a church place (Secondary, Reception or Nursery for Sept 2021 entry please complete a questionnaire and return it via email to Mark (rector@ht-sw.org.uk). The questionnaire can be downloaded from the Holy Trinity Church website. Please be assured that in these COVID-19 times we will carry forward a pre-lockdown attendance pattern.

All Midweek Eucharists: These are now beginning again: Wednesday 9.45am at St John's, Thursday 12.15pm at Holy Trinity and Saturday 9.30am at Christ Church. These may be a better and quieter alternative to Sundays.

All Christian Care are looking for a new volunteer Family Support Coordinator to give people who are struggling some security with food and household goods provisions. To find out more visit us online at <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> or contact the CARE Coordinator by email or phone gillian.thick@christiancaremerton.org.uk / 07932 628840

HT Ration Challenge: Lizzie Burder would like to say a huge thank you to all who sponsored her for taking on the ration challenge (to eat the same rations as a Syrian refugee for a week). She raised £900 which is enough to feed 6 refugees for a year or send 11 women on a two week training course to learn how to set up their own business.

All Evening Service: The leaders have met and we are suggesting a return on Sunday 18 October with a Healing Eucharist on St Luke's Day. In these different times, we are experimenting with a different time and venue: 6pm at St John's. We will start monthly and build from there (the next one will be 15 November). Do send in questions or ideas.

HT Return of Junior Church: DCC and leaders are finalising plans, but we are now aiming to begin on Sunday 4 October, trialling a bubble of up to 10 four to eleven year-olds and up to five secondary-age children; meeting in the Reception Area and Committee Room respectively. Each Sunday of the month would be its own bubble with its own leaders. We have heard back from some of you, but do get in touch if you would like to be part of one of these first bubbles.

All Public Worship our three churches are open for worship each Sunday. If you feel ready to come, you will be very welcome. The following precautions are in place following government and Church of England guidelines.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you must not attend.

Face coverings need to be worn in church, with the exception of those who have a specific reason for not doing so. Social distancing of 2 metres is maintained by careful seating arrangements and we ask you to be mindful of this as you move around the building. We ask everyone to sanitize their hands as they enter the building. We will also be making a note of everyone who attends and a contact telephone number (with permission), in order to assist with NHS Test and Trace. These details will be kept securely and destroyed after 21 days.

At present there is an upper limit on numbers Holy Trinity 45 people; Christ Church 36 people and St John's 25 people. It is worth arriving some time before the service to ensure we can maintain social distancing whilst entering the church. Let us all continue to hold each other in prayer as some return to church, while others still wait, asking that God will protect and guide us in the days to come.

All With **Amazon Smile** you can now support Merton Priory Team if you shop on Amazon. If you already have an Amazon account, you can begin shopping instantly. All you need to do to get started is to visit smile.amazon.co.uk and choose 'Merton Priory PCC' as your charity. Then do your shopping as you normally would.

It is also available through the Amazon shopping app for Android and iOS. Follow the instructions to turn on Amazon Smile and start generating donations.

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Christ Church <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3225653104131138/>

Holy Trinity <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HolyTrinitySW19/>

Facebook Pages

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St John's <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhighpath/>

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