

# ST MARY ST MICHAEL

TRUMPINGTON

## SUNDAY 25 MAY: EASTER 6

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

The Revd Anna Jones, Queens' College Chaplain, will be leading our services.

## COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
By the lakeside you renewed your call to the disciples:  
Help your Church to obey your command and draw the  
nations to the fire of your love,  
To the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## READINGS *(in pew bibles)*

NT Acts 16. 9-15 (p. 145)  
Gospel John 5. 1-9 (p. 103)

## A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Father God, we pray for peace. May Your peace fill our hearts, our homes, and our world. May hate turn to understanding, anger to compassion, and violence to forgiveness. Help us to build bridges of understanding and work towards a more just and peaceful future. Amen.

## THURSDAY 29 MAY: ASCENSION DAY

10.30am Said service of Holy Communion  
led by The Revd Sarah Atkins

## NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 1 June, EASTER 7

8.30am BCP Holy Communion  
10am All Age Holy Communion

The Revd Anna Jones, Queens' College Chaplain, will be leading our services.

*If you want to put a note in the pewsheets, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.*

## CONTACTS

**CHURCH WEBSITE** [www.trumpington.church](http://www.trumpington.church)

Revd Mandy is on Sabbatical until the beginning of August. Please email the church office with general enquiries.

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## CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
Emma's email address is: [admin@trumpington.church](mailto:admin@trumpington.church)

## NOTICES

### THY KINGDOM COME

Between Ascension Day and Pentecost, Christians of many denominations will be praying for others to come to faith as part of 'Thy Kingdom Come':  
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>  
At St Mary and St Michael's there will be prayer resources in church for anyone who wishes to use them during that time. In addition, a team of volunteers will be leading a simple said service of evening prayer daily between Friday 30 May and Saturday 8 June, at 6.30pm. Please feel free to join us, entering through the West Door, under the tower. If anyone would be interested in leading a session, or finding out more, please contact Gareth Atkins ([ga240@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ga240@cam.ac.uk)), or follow the link above.

## GET INVOLVED!

Three subgroups have been organised to address three initiatives that the church is keen to support:

**Churchyard:** our churchyard requires a dedicated group of individuals to assist in enhancing accessibility, promoting wildlife conservation, ensuring safety, and cultivating a welcoming and peaceful environment for all.

**Eco Church** helps churches care for God's creation through worship, buildings, land, lifestyle, and community action,

with award recognition. We have already made a start, so come and join us and see what we can achieve in our journey with Eco Church.

**Accessibility:** A dedicated group is needed to assess, plan, and initiate changes that ensure our church is truly accessible, welcoming, and inclusive for everyone. Please contact Stephen Reynolds if you want to get involved: [stephen@reynoldsfamily.co.uk](mailto:stephen@reynoldsfamily.co.uk)

## BIBLE STUDY

Please contact one of the Churchwardens if you would like to join a group (Tuesday evening online or Wednesday evening in person) and they will put you in touch with the group leader.

## BOOK GROUP NEXT MEETS ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE

It is 100 years since *The Great Gatsby* by F Scott Fitzgerald was first published and we will be discussing it on 12 June. All welcome – no invitation needed! For more information please email [bookgroup@trumpington.church](mailto:bookgroup@trumpington.church)

## JUNIOR CHURCH FAMILIES' SUMMER CAMP

**4-6 July at the Jarman Centre, Newmarket**  
Cost: £9 per person per night towards hire of the campsite. Please contact a member of Junior Church team or the church office for more information.

## GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
- Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.

*Everything helps – thank you!*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### FAIRBITE FOOD CLUB, TRUMPINGTON PAVILION

Volunteers are needed at various times on Thursdays, Fridays and the new Tuesday teatime sessions. If you can help or want to know more please contact Jenny Bright on 07772 538628 or email [info@ccfb.org.uk](mailto:info@ccfb.org.uk).

# Face-to-face communication



Lord, teach me to feel your energy, to know that it is directed towards me, and that your face shines upon me. Help me to radiate that shining love in the world. Amen.

Heather Smith *reflects on* Psalm 67

There's really no substitute for face-to-face communication. An email can be easily misinterpreted, as can a phone call. The development of video communication tools shows how important we think it is to actually see someone's facial expressions and be able to look them in the eye. It brings a connection that is otherwise much harder.

Today's psalm reprises the blessing from Numbers 6 in the words: "May God... make his face to shine upon us". It is just as important that our relationship with God is face to face as it is for human communication. God's shining face shows pleasure – we can imagine, perhaps, a kindly parent beaming with pride and love at their children. But, you might say, "We can't actually see God, so it isn't really face-to-face communication at all." The blogger Lioness Oyinbo, who is blind, offers a helpful insight. Although she can't see the look on a person's face she explains that people underestimate the physical energy between two people in face-to-face communication. Among other cues, she talks about the energy that exists between two people, and the fact that she can more easily pick up on non-verbal information from someone she knows well.

God's energy is all around us – it sustains the world. We might think of God's shining face as that energy directed especially towards each of us. And the better we know God, the more attuned to it we will be. 🙏

## Walking with Rosie *Shifting sand*

by Gillian Cooper

Rosie and I have come to the beach. Access is down a concrete ramp with a steep drop onto boulders at the bottom. But today the drop has gone, and so have the boulders, and we step from the ramp onto firm damp sand. Further down the beach there is a ridge of white rock we have not seen before, and there are shells and sea glass in abundance. Recent strong tides

and fierce winds have changed the shape of the beach, moving heavy stones and depositing sand and treasures.

While Rosie charges around on the extra sand, I am feeling disconcerted. Something I know well has unexpectedly changed, and I don't know it any more. I'm forcibly reminded that my little world is insecure. I must place my trust in God, the rock who does not move, with whom I am forever safe and in whom is my home. 🙏

“The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.”

Psalm 24:1

## LGBTQ+ Church

### Part 3 – the declaration

by Jayne Ozanne

If you could bring hundreds of senior religious leaders together to make a statement to support LGBTQ+ people around the world, what would it say?

The Global Interfaith Commission on LGBTQ+ Lives spent some time debating this. We believed it was imperative that we started with affirming that all LGBTQ+ people are a precious part of God's creation. We acknowledged the harm that certain religious teachings have

caused and asked for forgiveness from those whose lives had been damaged or destroyed on the pretext of religious teaching. We went on to call for an end to criminalisation on the grounds of sexuality and gender identity, and for violence towards LGBTQ+ people to cease. Finally, we called for a global ban on conversion practices.

Over four hundred senior religious leaders signed this declaration ahead of its launch on 16 December 2020 at Westminster Abbey. You can read the full declaration at [www.globalinterfaith.lgbt](http://www.globalinterfaith.lgbt) 🙏