

SUNDAY 13 JULY, TRINITY 4

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

We welcome The Revd Ceri Payne, Associate Vicar at St John the Evangelist and Choir Chaplain at Homerton College, who is leading our services.

COLLECT

Gracious Father
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

READINGS *(in pew bibles)*

NT Colossians 1. 1-14 (p. 214)
NT Luke 10. 25-37 (p. 76-77)

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Dear God, we thank you for your blessings and your presence in our lives. Help us to recognise and appreciate the good things you have given us. Guide our steps and grant us wisdom to make wise choices. May we be filled with your peace and understanding. Help us to be a blessing to others and to live in a way that reflects your love. We ask this in your name, Amen.

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 20 JULY, TRINITY 5

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

We welcome The Revd Sarah Atkins, Dean of Chapel at Magdalene College, who will be leading our services.

CONTACTS

CHURCH WEBSITE www.trumpington.church

Revd Mandy is on extended leave until the end 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

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.

NOTICES

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

JUNIOR CHURCH END-OF-TERM PARTY –

NEXT SUNDAY, 20 July, from 12.30pm

The Junior Church End of Year Party is just 1 week away. 'Children' of all ages are welcome. Edmund needs a rough idea of how many guests to expect, so can you please sign up on the clipboard at the churchwarden's pew. If you do have to come by car he also needs to know as this year parking is quite restricted. Please remember that we are providing all drinks and Ice Creams.

WALKING FOR CENTREPOINT

Over the past weeks Stephen Gill has been walking 2 miles every day to raise money for Centrepoint, a homeless charity for young people. He aims to raise £2,000 and will keep walking until he does so! If you would like to help you can find his gofund.me page by searching for 'Stephen Gill' or scanning the QR-code.



BIBLE STUDY

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

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

CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS

Cambridge Open Studios will run over the four weekends of July, with studios open between 10am and 5pm. Please visit the website for full details. camopenstudios.org



Caroline Hodgson *reflects on* Colossians 1:1-14

There's a well-known verse nestling in the middle of this reading: "we have heard of your faith... and... love... because of the hope laid up for you in heaven". Those are my italics. The reason this verse stops me in my tracks is because I wonder what I – what we – think of heaven. (By "we" I don't just mean "we Christians" – this is a question for everyone.)

Cartoon heaven has a large ornate gate rising out of a cloud, with St Peter acting as a kind of bouncer, and cherubs, complete with halos and harps, lounging around on cushiony clouds. We may not take that literally, but do we have an alternative in our mind's eye? Do we need some idea of heaven for the health of our faith? Or is the very notion damaging and distracting? Was John Lennon right? Is it healthy to think that "above us [is] only sky"?

This is one for personal reflection and prayer, so I can only provide my own insight, with the help of Charles Haddon Spurgeon. He preached about this in 1878: "It is clear that no man has a hope laid up in heaven

unless he has hope within himself." I agree. It's not about keeping our fingers crossed, hoping that something might or might not be reality, for surely that's a distraction. It's about looking deeper within, drawing on our inner, God-given resources, to find the flame of hope within. Hope, like charity, begins within – heaven in the here and now. 🌸

Lord, thank you for hope, for heaven, and for the here and now. Keep me focused on this, and help me to keep the flame flickering, even on days of dark doubt. Amen.

Finding God on the smallholding

by Jeni Parsons

We've lived on our eleven-acre smallholding for twelve years. When we came here, Wales was a new country for us, though we'd got connections, and a new language. "How can we belong?" was my first thought – I can learn how to keep sheep and pigs, how to grow fruit and veg, and I already kept poultry, but how can we sink deep into this new place and begin to belong?

As a priest it was easier for me than for my non-churchgoing husband. I met people immediately and became known by them. I joined a choir and my local Welsh-speaking chapel, I learned some Welsh, we shopped very locally. We employed local craftspeople to fix things. We began to belong more deeply. This weekend my husband went on his first charity tractor run and discovered he belonged.

It's part of the God-giveness of being accepted and it's not all hard work. 🌸

St Swithun

by Julian Smith

St Swithun is commemorated in the Common Worship lectionary on Tuesday.

Immortality is assured when a rose is named after you. St Swithun has "large, strongly-scented, soft-pink blooms of more than a hundred petals".

But Swithun's fame does not depend upon a rose. Nor does it depend upon knowledge of his holy and humble life, his ten years as Bishop of Winchester in the mid-tenth century, or his time as an adviser to King

Egbert. Swithun is remembered for the legend that attends the moving of his body.

According to his wishes, Swithun was buried in a simple grave outside his cathedral. When a new cathedral was being built it was planned to move his remains to a shrine within the building. Despite dire warnings of storms and tempests, Swithun's remains were moved on 15 July 971 – and forty days of storms ensued.

Never mind the rose, Swithun is remembered for his link to the weather, and his day is anticipated with trepidation. 🌸

“Teach me, O God... to breathe deeply in faith.”

Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855), Danish philosopher, theologian and poet