

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 is leading our services today.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS *(in pew bibles)*

NT Colossians 1. 15-28 (p. 215)

NT Luke 10. 38-End (p. 77)

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Loving God, we thank you for the school year just passed, with all its learning and growth. We ask for your blessing on us as we begin our summer holidays. May we find rest and refreshment in these weeks, enjoying time with family and friends. Please keep us safe from harm and help us to return in September with renewed energy and enthusiasm for learning. Amen.

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 27 JULY, TRINITY 6

8.30am No Service

10am Holy Communion

We welcome Bishop Dagmar, who will be leading our service.

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

Revd Mandy is on extended leave until the end of August. Please email the church office with general enquiries.

CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

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CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH BYO PICNIC PARTY WITH TRAIN RIDES –

Today, from 12.30pm at 149 Shelford Road

'Children' of all ages are welcome to celebrate the end of the school year and the start of the summer holidays. Please add your name/s to the clipboard at the churchwarden's pew so we have an idea of who is coming. If you have to come by car Edmund needs to know as this year parking is quite restricted. Bring your own picnic but remember drinks and ice creams are provided. Also please bring something to sit on!

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](https://www.gofundme.com/c/End-Homelessness-2-Miles-at-a-Time) page by searching for 'Stephen Gill' or scanning the QR-code.



BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is reading *Crooked Cross* by Sally Carson to discuss at the next meeting on Thursday 11 September.

The book 'describes, through the eyes of one ordinary family, the Nazis' growth in power between December 1932 and August 1933. It is extraordinarily prescient, anticipating all the horrors they were about to inflict on the world, and in this respect, it joins a small group of novels, ...written to try to alert the world to what was happening.' All welcome - no invitation needed! For more information, please email bookgroup@trumpington.church

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.

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

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.

Caroline Hodgson *reflects on*
Colossians 1:15-28

At the beginning of chapter two Paul writes, "I am struggling for you... and for all who have not seen me face to face... though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit". It suggests that he was encouraging and supporting the Colossians remotely, and indeed nobody knows whether Paul ever visited Colossae in person. It's thought that Epaphras, a native of Colossae who's mentioned in the opening verses of Colossians, heard Paul preach in Ephesus and became a Christian, before going back home and founding a church.

In today's passage Paul describes Jesus at "the image of the invisible God". Christ was God on earth. After his death and resurrection, Paul became Christ's earthly representative. Since Paul, for all his zeal and energy, couldn't cover the whole earth on his missions, Epaphras brought the word to the people of Colossae. So a pattern emerges – a game of tag.

Christians have always known that, having heard the word of God, it is both a joy and a solemn responsibility to pass it on. It's not easy or straightforward. We might be shy and reserved, for example, or plain embarrassed, or compensate with off-putting over-zealousness. Each of us has our own individual contribution to make, our God-given potential – and that, in the Christian life, can be discerned through prayer, reflection and, importantly, experience – getting out there and getting on with it.

Okay, so you're "it". When are you going to set aside time to pray about it, with the real intention of acting upon God's word to you in prayer? ☺



Lord God, with the examples of Paul and Epaphras before me, I ask you to be with me in spirit as I try to fulfil my potential and discern how I can be your representative on earth. Amen.

Poetry and faith

George Herbert (1593-1633)

by Julia McGuinness

"Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, / Guiltie of dust and sinne." So opens "Love (III)", George Herbert's poem, where God is personified as Love.

Herbert is widely held to be the English language's greatest devotional poet. As a dedicated parish priest at Bremerton, he harboured no artistic ambitions, describing his poems as "a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed between God and my soul, before I could subject mine

to the will of Jesus, my Master, in whose service I have now found perfect freedom".

"Love (III)" is a lyrical dialogue where Love draws the reluctant sinner into divine grace. Finally, the poet accepts Love's eucharistic invitation: "You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat. / So I did sit and eat."

On his deathbed, Herbert sent his poems to his friend Nicholas Ferrar, asking him to decide whether to publish or destroy them. When 160 of Herbert's poems were published in 1633 under the title *The Temple*, they were immediately well received. ☺

Walking with Rosie Going home

by Gillian Cooper

It's hot today, so Rosie and I head for the shade. We walk along a tree-lined path by a river from one village to the next, and enjoy ice creams outside the café. Then we have to walk back. Now that she's walking away from the ice cream place, Rosie is much less enthusiastic. She's hot and tired, but we need to get back to the car. "Come on,"

I say, "you can do it. Tea-time is this way." We make it home in time for tea.

It can be hard to keep going. There are times when life feels like an effort, a plod along a hard and never-ending path. But there is a voice that says, "Come on, you can do it. I will help you. It's always tea-time here, and there is place set for you at my table, in your eternal home." ☺

“The Eucharist involves more than just receiving; it also involves satisfying the hunger of Christ. He says, 'Come to Me.' He is hungry for souls.”

St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997), Roman Catholic nun and missionary