# The Parish of Bracknell: Holy Trinity with Mosaic

# Called together to make Christ known Bulletin



# 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Dear Friends,

Lent is making its steady progress towards Easter. At the beginning of Lent we considered what the season might mean, or what we might make of the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Several people have been looking at the Come and See materials, and have signed up for the emails. A few weeks have been spent thinking about baptism. Especially, we have been prompted to think of the things that remind us of our baptism, that make us recall the basis of our faith, our commitment. Even the most simple things like taking a bath, cleaning our teeth can give us opportunities to remember.

Our explorations are now helping us reflect on a pattern we see in the Bible where there is baptism in water and the receiving of the Holy Spirit.

In our church this is represented by baptism and confirmation.

But just as we can be reminded of our baptism by many different simple things so it is with the Holy Spirit. A smile, a word, a song, a laugh, an act of kindness ...

This prompts us to ask ourselves - Where do we find the Holy Spirit in our church? How is the Holy Spirit moving among us?

We have a couple of weeks to go in our Lenten journey, a couple of weeks of Come and See. Let's look forward to what we shall find!

#### **This Week**

## Sunday 6th April

8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

9.30am Sung Holy Communion at Holy Trinity followed by refreshments

10.30am Mosaic Church at the Parks Community Centre

Wednesday 9th April

7.30pm 'Come and See' group in Langley Hall and at

https://bracknellparish.org/come-and-see/

Thursday 10th April

10.00am Holy Communion at Langley Hall followed by refreshments

Please do not arrive before 9.30am

Next week is Holy Week...

All the services are listed later in this Bulletin

# Maintenance Morning Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am-Noon

Join us, again, at Holy Trinity for fun, fellowship and doing a few jobs! There are a number of DIY tasks and some gardening to do. Any time that you can spare will be very welcome. See you there!

# **Sparklers**

Activities for primary age children at Mosaic: 10.30am -6<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Children's Activities** 

for primary age children at Holy Trinity: 9.30am - 13<sup>th</sup> April

# **Come and See – Lent Group**

Join us on Wednesday evenings in our small group: 7.30-9.00~pm~in~Langley~Hall~-  $9^{th}~and~16^{th}~April~2025.$ 

We shall also be on Zoom – <u>follow this link</u>. You may need the passcode: 270134 and Meeting ID: 895 6776 0105 At Holy Trinity there is a collection point for contributions for the ... foodbank

Our Foodbank is in need of:
Orange juice/squash, Tinned peas, carrots,
sweetcorn, Tinned tomatoes
Tinned meat, Tinned fruit.

Fresh food is available for collection between 1pm and 2.30pm on Friday afternoons at the Share Bracknell pop-up at St Andrew's, Priestwood.

To find out more please go to https://www.facebook.com/sharebracknell

If you are seeking admission to Ranelagh it is essential that you read the Admissions Policy available on the school's website. You must ensure that you sign in each time you attend church.

If you wish to add your child to the list or have any questions, contact Robin on 01344 593622 or email vicar@bracknell-parish.org



# **Youth Group and Confirmation Class**

Join us again on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Langley Hall 3.00—4.30pm

Confirmation Class, Games and Cake
For anyone yr6 and above

## **Bible Readings**

## Sunday 6th April, Holy Trinity

Isaiah 43.16-21: 'Do not remember the former things ... I am about to do a new thing'
Philippians 3.4-14: 'I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus'
John 12.1-8: 'You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

#### Sunday 6th April, Mosaic Church

Proverbs 3:3-4: 'Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.'

#### Thursday 10th April, Holy Communion 10.00am at Langley Hall

John 11.17-44: 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

#### **Holy Dusting**

Our church is kept dust free, clean and tidy by the efforts a few dedicated folk who regularly give their time. During the Summer we shall be short as some of the volunteers are away. If you could help as a stand-in, or even join the regular rota your help would be much appreciated.

Please let Robin or the Churchwardens know

# **Pray for our Parish**

We gather online at 8.30am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March to give thanks for our blessings

and pray for our needs
Follow this link: Parish Prayers



## Summerhouse seeking a good home...

We been asked if anyone would like a summerhouse 10 foot by 11 foot with centre door and two Georgian Windows either side one of which opens fully. It is made of solid tongue and groove wood, toughened glass for the windows, and lockable bolts to the door. It cost £1,000.00, is brand new - never been used, only constructed.

If you think that you might like this summerhouse or need more details please contact Carolynn: Her contact details are...

cattilbury59@gmail.com 07806 429 373

# Next Week – Holy Week

13<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday at Holy Trinity: we gather in Langley Hall at 9.25 for a procession to church

> - this is a service for the whole parish, Mosaic and Holy Trinity. The Parks Community Centre will be closed for flooring works.

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Online Compline available from 5.30pm each day. Visit Compline Online

April

17<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am Holy Communion in Langley Hall

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Washing at Holy Trinity

18<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday Walk of Witness: Gather at 10.00 am at Langley Hall

Good Friday at Holy Trinity:

12.00 – 1.00pm Quiet Reflection with Hildegard von Bingen

1.00 – 2.00pm Images of Christ's Passion - guided contemplations of artist's images 2.00 – 3.00pm The Good Friday Story from Luke - service with hymns and prayers

19th April Holy Saturday Compline available from 5.30pm. Visit Compline Online

20<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day

Holy Trinity: spoken Holy Communion at 8.00am and Sung Communion at 9.30am

Mosaic church at The Parks at 10.30am

## In week beginning 6th April we pray for:

Holy Trinity and Mosaic; Clergy – Robin, Beth and Nicola, churchwardens Angela and Russell

Thames Hospice, we bring the work of the staff and volunteers, before God and give thanks for the many individuals and families helped by Thames Hospice

Schools (Staff& Pupils): Harman's Water, Holly Spring, Crown Wood, Ranelagh. We think of the learning of pupils and pray for their well-being and their families and homes

Bishop Steven, Bishop Mary, Archdeacon Stephen and all the diocesan and Archdeaconry staff

News: The many people who have been affected by the earthquake in Myanmar, the aid agencies and we pray that the ruling regime will cease using the disaster to boost their own power

We especially pray for: Nicole and Freya Evered, Koi Wan, Barbara Kinsella, Steve Clark, Clint Frost (Debbie and Ellen), Felix Dias

We remember before God, Don Maycock who died recently, and pray for his family and friends in their time of

At Year's Mind: Violet Evans, Frederick Mutlow, Helen Brenchley, Henry North, Mary Wilson, Edmund Henry Sarney, George Wells, Ernest Noyes

Prisoner of Conscience: Chinese pastor Zhang Shaojie (58) who was arrested in November 2013 after a dispute with local officials who were trying to seize church land. In July 2014 he was sentenced to twelve years in prison for "gathering a crowd to disrupt public order" and fraud. He was local head of the China Christian Council and local president of the government-approved Three-Self Patriotic Movement.

The full Prayer Diary can be found at this link on the parish website

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