



Morning Prayer

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Holy Trinity Church

25th October 2020

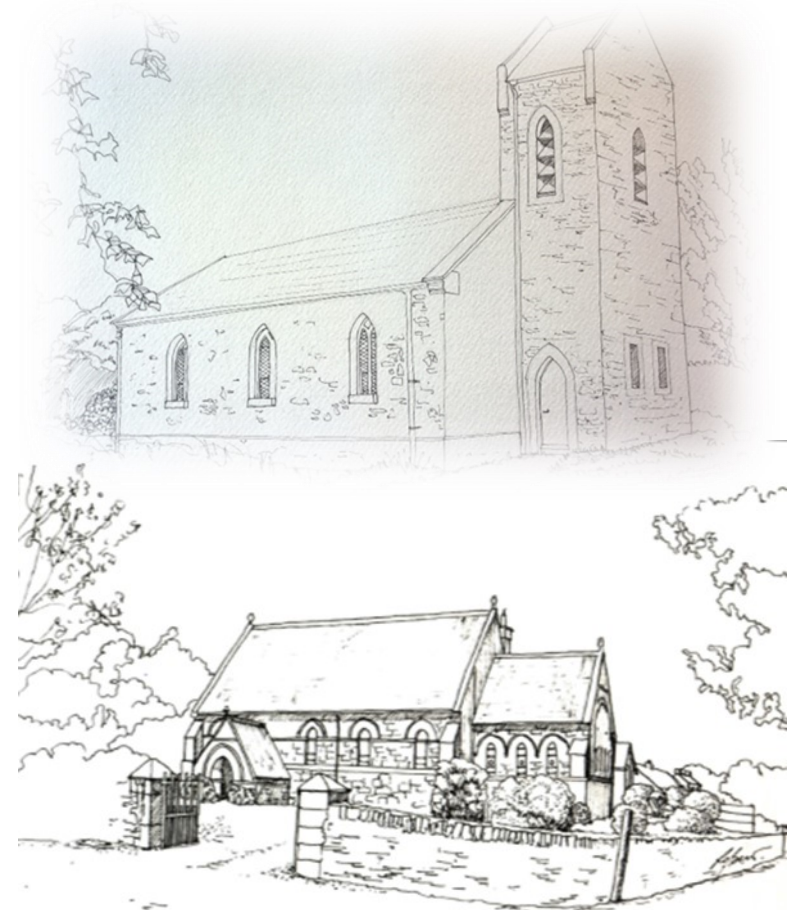
Next Sunday: Holy Communion on-line

Announcements

Christmas Fayre Unfortunately due to the current Covid-19 situation and restrictions we will not be in a position to hold our enjoyable annual event as usual this year. We are looking at alternative ways to mark our joint church and school event instead for this time of year through Go Fund me, Gift Day and online raffle & hamper purchases. We will keep you updated.

Bishops Appeal envelopes when church services resume

Confirmation 2021 Anyone wishing to be considered for confirmation in 2021 please contact Revd. Isobel



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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Greeting

The Lord be with you.; **and also with you.**

Call to worship

asking God to be present with us where we are and to open our eyes to see Christ around us. Open our ears to hear the living word. Open our mouths to speak and sing your praises. Open our hearts to receive you.

An Opening Prayer

Gracious and ever-loving God, your presence gives us strength for each day, In our broken world, your compassion brightens our every moment and your word provides us with the guidance we need. Lord, help us at this challenging time of lockdown to focus on the love you have revealed. Send your Spirit upon us and fill our minds with thoughts of your goodness and our hearts with joy and thanksgiving that we may truly praise your most holy name and show forth your light to all those whom we encounter each day - and in all the days to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn 494 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair

1. Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset
your kingdom increase.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

1. Kneels at the foot of his friends,
silently washes their feet;
master who acts as a slave to them.

2. Neighbours are rich folk and poor,
neighbours are black, brown and white,
neighbours are nearby and far away.

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you.

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.

Tom Colvin (1925-2000) based on John 13:3-11

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

A Sending Out

Gentle Jesus, we go out now, to care for those around us
with strength: **with your help, we will do it.**

To share our lives, especially with those who need you most...

With your help, we will do it..

To know when to be strong, and when to be gentle...

With your help, we will do it. Amen.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that
by the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.** Romans 15: 13

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect of the Day – The Fifth Sunday before Advent

Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions

Response to: Father, as you have called us,
give us the power to serve you.

**Merciful Father accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn 495 Jesu, Jesu

*Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

2. Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.

5. Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns
brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.

Graham Kendrick

3. Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear, cities for sanctu'ry,
freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Kneel. Silence is kept.

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;**

by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading~ Psalm 90 : 1-6; 12-17 The Message

A reading from the Psalms

God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness

- ¹ God, it seems you've been our home forever;
² long before the mountains were born, Long before you brought earth
itself to birth, from "once upon a time" to "kingdom come" - you are
God.
³ So don't return us to clay, saying, "Back to where you came from!"
⁴ Patience! You've got all the time in the world - whether a thousand
years or a day, it's all the same to you.
⁵ Are we no more to you than a wispy dream, no more than a blade of
grass
⁶ That springs up gloriously with the rising sun and is cut down
without a second thought?
¹² Oh! Teach us to live well! Teach us to live wisely and well!
¹³ Come back, O God - how long do we have to wait?

- and treat your servants with kindness for a change.

¹⁴ Surprise us with love at daybreak; then we'll skip and dance all the day
long.

¹⁵ Make up for the bad times with some good times; we've seen enough
evil to last a lifetime.

¹⁶ Let your servants see what you're best at – the ways you rule and bless
your children.

¹⁷ And let the loveliness of our Lord, our God, rest on us, confirming
the work that we do. Oh, yes. Affirm the work that we do!

Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. ² You
yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not
in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully
maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to
declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives
or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted
with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please
mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as
God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a
pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether
from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as
apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse ten-
derly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that
we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but
also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

A Talk by the Revd. Tony Murphy

Christian Aid and Bishop's Appeal project in Burundi.