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Sunday 7th June

Holy Trinity

The church building at Newington remains closed but as a congregation we continue in worship and prayer.

Bible verse

We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. Our heart rejoices in God because we trust his holy name. Lord, let your faithful love surround us, because we wait for you. Psalm 33, 20-22

Prayer

God the Father, eternally mysterious, we worship you. God the Son, eternally giving, we bless you. God the Holy Spirit, eternally witnessing, we adore you.

Holy and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, we magnify you, now and for ever.

Amen (Nestorian liturgy, 5th century)

Reflection Trinity Sunday Matthew 28:16-20

We believe in one God in three persons. That is the revelation based on the Biblical records preserved for us through generations. At the time (325AD) this question was the topic of heated debates and conflicts between churches and it intensely occupied the minds of theologians and politicians. Since then the church has had to solve many other challenging questions. "*Ecclesia semper reformata*" is the phrase first used by St. Augustine. It proves to be a very true nature of the church indeed. The church has to check on its course all the time and revise where it stands on the path of truth.

The important message from the Trinity is about the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They are in perfect unity. Nothing is able to destroy their communication. In

Christ we are invited to find this pattern in our own lives. Created in the image of God we operate in three entities: (body, mind and soul.) These are often in terrible confusion. We try hard to find peace and harmony and satisfy our soul's desire, but unless we focus on Jesus all these efforts are temporary and lead nowhere. (*Mk 3:23-25 ... a house torn apart by divisions will collapse...*)

Accepting Jesus as our personal agent of peace and newly restored identity is the way forward.

To mirror the unity as we see it between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit enables us to face all of life challenges with an authority we could not have before. (A house divided will fall) That is why Jesus is sending us into the world outside us, out from our own self to point everyone on him, the pioneer and perfecter of our hopes.

Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. Hebrew 12:1-2

This week we remember to pray for:

Beryl and Peter, Margaret N., Peter and Ian, Heather and Stephen, Elena remembering those who have died, and praying for their loved ones. Audrey, Margaret

Margaret Bowerman thanks everyone for their prayers.

The Federation of Newington Church of England Primary School and Lower Halstow Primary School, are pleased to be opening their doors again after Lockdown. Staff and children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6 will be returning to school after several months at home. In these unusual and extraordinary times, please join us as we pray together for the safe return of the children and staff. As the children return to the joy of seeing their friends and excitement of learning and staff continue their support, teaching and guidance, please pray for them as they return. *School governor A.B.*



Notices:

- **For Sunday service 10:30 am** follow the link on www.nkmethodists.org.uk worship at home. This coming Sunday circuit service will be led by Tracey Burch, next Sunday 14th June, (MHA Sunday) will be led by Rev Velma Campbell
- **Annual General Church Meeting reports and nominations**
Read the reports, see the nominations. If you have any comments or proposals, contact the minister. If there are no amendments until 15th of June, we will close the AGM agenda for this year.

These are on line meetings on ZOOM. You can join in via computer or phone.

- **Sunday morning chat and prayer 9am**
 - Dial 00442034815240
 - Meeting ID 83903061413 Password: 265946
- **Bible study** every Tuesday 2 -3pm, find the link at:
<http://www.sittingbournemethodist.org.uk/>
- **Prayer meeting** Fridays 10 am Meeting Password: 558684
https://zoom.us/join/attendee/tJwuciorTsvO96jEWZmrcTOtzIjyKLN0w/ics?user_id=HJb3zyuSS5-YIXmq1RLdQw

A question to keep you thinking...

Whose example does Paul say Christians should follow in Chapter 5 of Ephesians?

The answer to last week's riddle: Book



Meteora, Greece, Holy Trinity Monastery