

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2020
TRINITY 15

We welcome as our celebrant today Rev. Robin Morrison, a retired priest who lives in Laleham.

Thanks to the hard work of Sally Passingham we are now able to stream music under licence, so the service will begin and end with us listening to a hymn, (no congregation participation allowed sadly) and during communion, an anthem will be played. The music is provided by the Church of England working with St. Martins in the Fields and the RSM.

THOSE JOINING OVER ZOOM WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE SERVICE JUST BEFORE THE START using the normal meeting ID 821 6921 6079 passcode 302161.

A reminder that all wishing to attend the 9.30 service in CHURCH must wear face covering, and telephone the Parish Office on 01932 221621 to book one of the 25 places preceding the service. The office is staffed from 10-1 Monday to Friday. (Should the 25 places be already allocated, people will be offered a place at the next available Sunday service)

A virtual coffee will take place after the service for those joining on Zoom, just unmute and chat until 10.45.

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP is on line, Zoom ID 821 6597 97, passcode 997501. Details of how to join are also on the weekly worship sheet and the website.

A sermon is on the website each week on the worship menu.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANYONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE MENTIONED IN OUR PRAYERS ON SUNDAYS.

FUTURE CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER SERVICES.

27th. September Rev. Sue Wood

The church is open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 - 5.00pm. If anyone can help by being in church and taking contact details from visitors, please tell the wardens. At present, this is being done by Margaret Bennet, but I'm sure should would like some help.

Face Coverings became compulsory in all places of worship from 8th August - this includes those attending Church for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons

DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED BENEFICE.

In January 2020, the PCC voted in favour of the dissolution of the United Benefice(created some 12 years ago) as did Littleton. A draft scheme provides for the creation of a new benefice of St.Mary Magdelane, Littleton, and the changing of the name of the benefice and parish of Shepperton and Littleton to St. Nicholas, Shepperton. Details are on the church door.

PREPARING PEOPLE FOR BAPTISM & MARRIAGE - We are going to need to help people prepare for christenings and marriage in the next few months. Could this be you? Please speak to the Wardens

APCM.

St Nicholas APCM will be held on Tuesday 20th of October via zoom at 8PM. We are still trying to understand which components of a normal APCM can be undertaken. We will be looking for more people to join the PCC, if you want to know more or want to support the church during this crucial time of interregnum please contact the church wardens

The PCC next meets on Tuesday 22nd September.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

A team of volunteers are staffing the office 10.00am - 1.00pm Monday to Friday. For enquiries call the parish office or leave a message on 01932 221621.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please use the following email addresses with immediate effect

office@stnicholaschurch-shepperton.org
treasurer@stnicholaschurch-shepperton.org

music@stnicholaschurch-shepperton.org
churchwarden@stnicholaschurch-shepperton.org

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

It is time for the annual revision of the church electoral roll prior to the annual parochial church meeting. This year it is not necessary to create a new roll but the revision provides the opportunity for those not already on it to apply to join. Application forms are available in the church porch, or from the parish office in either hard copy or electronic format. The completed forms should go to the parish office or be given to me by not later than Sunday 4th October.

Doris Neville-Davies - Electoral Roll Officer

BOOKS

We have books in the office left us by Chris. Books on Christian Life, Spirituality, Theology and The Saints. If anyone would like any of the books, please come and peruse them, during office opening hours or phone and make an appointment..

GREENO ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Sadly, owing to the health situation and following a meeting with the Greeno centre, it will not be possible to have the usual Christmas Day lunch this year. We are however, planning an alternative community outreach Christmas project, to keep going the spirit of Christmas Day at the Greeno in our 30th Anniversary year.

THE FOODBANK

Use of foodbanks has increased tremendously during the pandemic. Most of the normal ways of donating to MANNA, the Spelthorne-wide foodbank based at Christchurch, Staines, are presently closed but you can still donate via Sainsbury's in our High Street, or take food there directly **by prior arrangement**, contacting first at info@mannafoodbank.org.uk

MANNA says, Our most pressing shortages remain:

Tinned Rice Pudding, Tomato Ketchup, Tinned Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce, Tinned Kidney Beans, Tinned salmon, sardines etc. (we have good stocks of tuna), Long-Life cartons of Juice, Boxes or tins of biscuits for large families, Small bags of Sugar, Tinned Green Beans/Mixed Veg.,

Tinned Fruit - all types, Pasta Pouches - Bachelors or similar, Custard Powder in tins or sachets, Washing-up-Liquid, Kitchen Roll, Deodorant for Men, Laundry Powder/Capsules or Liquid - especially bigger sizes for large families.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES.

If you are coming to church in order to apply for a place at St. Nicholas or Bishop Wand schools you must identify yourself to the church wardens each time you are present and be entered in the application register. At present, this can be done via the weekly zoom service, at 9.30 on Sunday morning. The meeting id and password is on the church website: stnicholaschurch-shepperton.org

INTERFAITH at ST. NICHOLAS - St. Nicholas Church has recently deepened and developed connections with our local synagogue and mosque, and continues to be a member of the Council of Christians and Jews. It would be a pity to let these drop in the coming months. Two members of our community have expressed an interest in helping this work. If you also want to help, speak to Doris Neville-Davies.

INTER FAITH BUDDIES

Our understanding of our own religious tradition may sometimes be enhanced by insights of other faiths. Diversity of belief, experience or language can provide an opportunity to learn. Are you interested in making a connection with someone of a different faith by becoming a spiritual buddy? The idea behind this is that perhaps once a month or once a week for say half an hour, two buddies from different faiths share their spiritual practice, insights or readings and reflect on this together between now and interfaith week which will take place from 8th November to Sunday 15th November, 2020. The format of sharing and guidelines are to be decided by each pair of buddies. If you are interested please send your **details to** Kawther.Hashmi@cofeguildford.org.uk.
