

Acts 1.15-17

In this short extract from Acts, we see that the Apostles have a good knowledge of Scripture, but also that they had accepted what needed to happen. From trying to stop Jesus going to the Cross and denying him, they have come through the work of the Spirit to discern that all that was accomplished was necessary. And now they realise they have been given their commission and must carry on working to spread the Good News. When we start to feel low or distressed about following the Lord, or if we start to question what we read in Scripture, we should always remember that God holds us in the palm of his hand, and that all that Jesus did on earth was to fulfil the prophets. How comforting a thought as we go about our own preaching.

Saints & Heroes

Cynethryth, the mother of Dunstan of Canterbury
Sometime in the tenth century, a woman stood in a church. A chronicler would later record: 'She was in the church of St Mary on Candleday, when all the lights were suddenly extinguished. Then the candle held by Cynethryth was as suddenly relighted, and all present lit their candles at this miraculous flame, thus foreshadowing that the boy "would be the minister of eternal light" to the Church of England.' Dunstan's life would certainly not lack drama or heroism, facing down debauched monarchs and sowing seed for monastic revival in these lands, having been influenced by new Benedictine communities in Flanders, during one of his periods of exile and ill-favour from the Royal Court. He was, from a very early age, a skilled craftsman and artist, a skill nourished by monastic life, but which drew on his innate talent. In childhood he endured near-fatal illness, but after recovery received his parents encouragement to be tonsured and receive minor orders. Among his last acts was to crown King Aethelred, and prophesy the misfortunes that would befall that reign. But it is something to ponder the prayers of an expectant mother, and to think about how they would have been the primary influence upon his life.



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The Divine Name



Mary is the first to learn the Holy Name of God's Son: 'You will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.' Mary's eternal merit is that she was faithful and kept this divine name holy. 'Hallowed be thy name', this is how we pray each time we follow the Lord's command and say the Lord's Prayer. Other names stand for destruction, betrayal and death. But the Most Holy Name of Jesus stands for life, for eternal life with God. Whenever we follow Mary's example and the Lord's command to love one another, the Spirit of God lives in us and we in him. Christ has made known the unknown name of God and has brought us back to the heavenly homeland which sin and death had barred. Christ intercedes with the Father to keep us true to his name. He consecrates us in the truth that we may withstand the temptation to trust other labels and words the world promises for salvation. 'They do not belong to the world, any more than I belong to the world.'

From the Fathers

'He that hung up the earth in space was himself hanged up; he that fixed the heavens was fixed with nails; he that bore up the earth was born up on a tree; the Lord of all was subjected to ignominy in a naked body – God put to death!... [I]n order that he might not be seen, the luminaries turned away, and the day became darkened – because they slew God, who hung naked on the tree... This is he who made the heaven and the earth, and in the beginning, together with the Father, fashioned man; who was announced by means of the law and the prophets; who put on a bodily form in the Virgin; who was hanged upon the tree; who was buried in the earth; who rose from the place of the dead, and ascended to the height of heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.'

From *Melito V* by Melito of Sardis (d. c. 180, Bishop, theologian)

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Welcome to our services today

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

1pm Holy Baptism at Holy Trinity

NO Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 16th May Feria in Eastertide

7.30pm at Holy Trinity

(7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

NEXT SUNDAY - PENTECOST

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass and Holy Baptism at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

Psalm Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Alleluia is repeated after the Gospel reading.)

THANK YOU - we are delighted to have Fr Barry Burbidge with us this morning at All Saints' and Holy Trinity, we are very grateful to him for being with us.

THIS IS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (13th -19th May).

Please pray for the work of Christian Aid this week as volunteers raise money for its vital work. We have a team of collectors going door-to-door in some of the roads of the parish. If they call, please be generous. If they don't, please use an envelope from Church and bring it back next Sunday, thank you.

HAMS - meet on Monday 14th May 8.15pm in Trinity Hall.

MOTHERS' UNION - meet on Monday 21st May at 8pm in Trinity Hall. Anne Leppard will speak about "Following in Mary's Footsteps".

WALSINGHAM CELL will **not** be meeting on 19th May.

100 ANNIVERSARY OF WW1 - please see Barbara Blanchard if you can knit some poppies and Jane Lawrie if you have photos and/or memories to share for the commemoration of 11th November 1918, thank you.

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL launch their Open Gardens event from May to July please visit www.pth.org.uk/open-gardens for more details.

VACANCY FOR THE PARISH OF HAWLEY AND MINLEY - 2

Applications have now closed and the short listing process has been completed. A tour of the Parish will be on 22nd May with the formal interview on the morning of 23rd May. The Parish Profiles can be found at:

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/clergy-vacancies or on Church notice boards. Mike Gunston (vice-chair HGPC)

THE COST OF LIVING - thanks to all who have reviewed their giving, it will help us cover the increased expenses. Still considering it? Please give it some thought and if you require further information speak with our Hon. Treasurer John Chapman or the Churchwardens. Keith Blanchard - Churchwarden.

FUTURE DATES, PLEASE BOOK THEM NOW -

SATURDAY 26th May at 5pm - Songs of Praise at Holy Trinity. Forms, which must be returned **TODAY**, are available in both churches for you to select your hymn. This will form part of our Feast of Title celebrations. **Trinity Sunday is 27th May.**

CORPUS CHRISTI will now be celebrated on **Sunday 3rd June**. Please note the change of date.

HAWLEY FAYRE - Saturday 14th July 12pm - 4.30pm.

SATURDAY 4th August - Coach trip to St Alban's Abbey for Mass and Garden Party at Bishop Norman's (Richborough Family Day). **SATURDAY 6th October** - Coach trip to Pusey House, Oxford. (Coffee on arrival, tour of the House followed by Mass. Arrangements for lunch and the afternoon will be up to individuals.) Return from Oxford at around 4.30pm. The cost will be £12 for each trip or £20 if both trips are booked, under 18s go for a nominal sum of £5. Sign up sheets are available in the porch. Please give your money, in an envelope if possible with your name on, to Pauline Scott at Holy Trinity and Joan Dimmick at All Saints'. thank you.

FRIDAY 17th August - 7pm Assumptiontide Mass and Garden Party at St Augustine's Aldershot. Bishop Norman will be the celebrant and preacher.

DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK 2018 IN HART - 21st - 25th May please see notice boards for the timetable of events.

TEA AT TWO AT ALL SAINTS' - Fridays at All Saints' 2pm to 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

WEEKLY SHEET ITEMS should be sent by Wednesday morning to pauline_scott@icloud.com