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# BENEFICE NEWS

7th June, 2020 - Trinity Sunday

the benefice of saxmundham with kelsale-cum-carlton

## ONE CHURCH

## four congregations

St Peter, St Mary & St Peter, St John, Connections

### BBC or is it ITV

**This Sunday, to share in 'Live from the Lounge'  
- and concluding the series 'Anchored' -  
tune in to the [Connections Facebook page](#) for a 10am start.**

**On the other channel - [the St John's church website](#)  
you should find, 'Morning Worship'  
...available any time after 9am and  
this week hosted by the Westerlys Homegroup.**

### Blessed Trinity!

The word Trinity does not appear in the New Testament. This was how my lecturer grabbed his students' attention before giving us 'chapter and verse' of many trinitarian references to the three Persons of the Trinity. We have two examples in our readings selected for today ... 'go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit' (Matt 28.19) and 'the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all' (2 Cor

13.13).

Some years later I tried this tactic with a very serious Muslim lad who came to see me one Sunday evening. He told me the Trinity really 'wound him up' and that it was blasphemous to divide the One true God. This led to more evenings trying to show him the three 'persons' of the Trinity were in a partnership of love together ... God the Father as creator of all, God the Son as saviour of all humanity and God the Holy Spirit as comforter and guide. Then the last time he came with a copy of the Qur-an (Koran) wrapped in gold cloth, thanked me for my patience and said he was going away. I gave him a Bible and never saw him again.

This was about 20 years ago and such incidences are still being experienced when people of different religions, races or creeds lack the vision to see what unites us rather than what divides us as human beings ... would a more appropriate slogan for the latest tragedy be 'All lives Matter'?

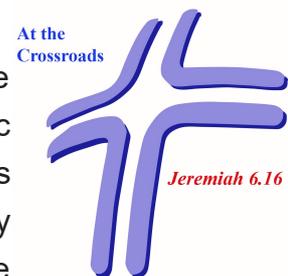
The readings for today begin with God as Creator of all things (Gen 1.1) and this theme is continued in the psalm giving human beings dominion over all things (Ps 8.6). At the end of Paul's 2nd letter to Corinthians he encourages them to live in peace with all people (2 Cor 13.11) and at the very end of Matthew's Gospel we are given the 'Great Commission' and Jesus's promise, 'I am with you always to the end of the age' (Matt 28.20).

**Holy Holy Holy ... God in three Persons ... Blessed Trinity!**

Pam

### **Ner-ner-not open all hours**

The Shop Committee is just finalising arrangements in the hope that it can allow the limited opening of The Church Shop from w/c 15th June. This will enable the collection of Bible Reading Notes and the purchase of greetings cards, etc. Payment will be by contactless card or the correct cash and strict social distance rules will apply. The cafe, of course, will unfortunately not be open. Watch this space for details.



Doug

### **I have been finding...**

...reading psalms very helpful in these trying times.

This morning I read in Psalm 25:16-17

"Turn to me and be gracious to me,

for I am lonely and afflicted.  
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distress”

This seems such an appropriate prayer for our current times. If you would like someone to pray with you, the Wholeness and Healing team are available, you can call Fran 602907, Jill 452423 or Shirley 602866

Jill

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## “BORIS” MORNING PRAYER

Sadly, for reasons which we understand, our churches remain closed for worship. However, the lockdown has been eased to the extent that up to 6 people can now meet in the open, so long as they remain “socially distanced”. Starting at 9AM on Tuesday June 10th and (as a pilot period) for the remaining Tuesdays of June, by agreement with the Churchwardens, I will be leading Morning Prayer at the Lych Gate at Kelsale Church.

We will strictly follow the Government’s guidelines: no more than 6 people present (therefore with the risk that a seventh would be sadly turned away), in the open air and at least 2m apart. Participants will need to bring their own Bibles and Service sheets ([available on the website](#)), as well as seating if you would like to sit. The service will be weather-dependant. If, on the Monday evening, the BBC website shows the weather for Saxmundham to be either below 13°C or with a greater than 50% chance of rain, then the service will be cancelled (as it might if it rains at the time!).

However, in fair weather, half a dozen people will be able to meet to praise God and proclaim Christ: who says we can’t be creative!

Nic

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## Name that tune

Can you unscramble these words and find well known hymns?

1. Do season a fungus root tonight.
2. Boggy teeth drool

If you manage these and want some more, send us your answer by text, WhatsApp or email.

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## For Prayer

Liz Simmonds, and husband Martin, following the death of Liz's Mum, Jean Antenbring, on May 29th. The funeral is to take place on June 15th at Seven Hills.

We pray for a world in turmoil and confusion. Richer countries are poised to struggle with the after-effects of the initial lockdowns while many poorer countries have yet to face the worst effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. The killing of George Floyd in the USA has ignited a world-wide focus on injustice and racial divisions in our societies. Against this background the two most powerful leaders in our world are engaged in politically motivated actions and rhetoric which give concern to all who respect freedom and justice.

Psalm 27 gives us hope and strength.

### The Bible Readings for this Sunday are:

Genesis 1:1-2.4a ~ The Creation of the World  
Psalm 8 ~ How Majestic Is Your Name  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ~ Paul's Final Greetings  
Matthew 28:16-20 ~ The Great Commission

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My new social  
distancing shoes  
have arrived



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