



## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Trinity Sunday

**Trinity Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Trinity Church, Torbryan.** An invitation to celebrate the revival of regular services at the beautiful 15<sup>th</sup> century Church of the Holy Trinity, Torbryan on Trinity Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 4.30pm with The Reverend Andrew Down and the congregation. An inclusive candlelit service with prayer, hymns, readings, drama and meditation plus tea and cake afterwards.

**Threads Through Creation Exhibition at Exeter Cathedral, 8<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> July.** Threads through Creation is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels which tell the creation story. The exhibition, which opens at Exeter Cathedral tomorrow, is believed to be one of the largest textile projects by a single artist, ever. It has been created by Christian artist Jacqui Parkinson, from Chudleigh, and took nearly three years to complete. The work includes layers of silk, hand-dyed materials, metallic leathers and gold leaf, miles of thread – and more than eight million stitches! You can find out more about the exhibition here.  
<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/events/threads-through-creation/>

**Patronal festival at St John the Baptist, Woodland, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am.** All Welcome!

**More Than 200 Hours of Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come.** Rev'd James Grier, Diocese of Exeter Mission Enabler, writes: Thank you so much to everyone who played a part in this year's Thy Kingdom Come. Churches and individuals prayed for over 200 hours between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday as part of our 24/7 wave of prayer. In the midst of a busy Jubilee weekend and in somewhat damp conditions, hundreds gathered to pray on the South West Coast Path and in high places across Devon as part of South West Awake.

Readings	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm	8	22:18-27
2nd Reading	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 3:23-End
Gospel	John 16:12-15	Luke 8:26-39

### Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 5:38-42	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 6:7-15
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 5:43-End	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 6:19-23
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 6:24-End

Readings can be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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### Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Reflective Evening Prayer - Patronal Festival - Trinity	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

### Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.15 am	- Online Via Zoom (for the zoom password email <a href="mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com">rev.andrewdown@gmail.com</a> )
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation)

### Reflection

All our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week from approximately 9am to 5pm each day.

### Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down - Day off on Mondays.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	4.30 pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

### Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – First Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion – Patronal Festival	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

**In Memory:** Penelope Kittow, Royston Hopkins, Gwen Hayman, Anne Vooght, Muriel Duke, Jean Rogers-Came, Sam Ward, Clifford Raymont, Anthony 'Tony' Squire Parnell, Marina Harris, Lawrence Hurley and Penelope Hurley.

**Points for Prayer.** We pray for peace in all parts of the world where violence and conflict have become a way of life for so many communities and where there seems no will to choose a different path.



## Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

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This week we celebrate another one of the Church's Festivals, Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday is unique amongst Christian Festivals as it celebrates a central doctrine of faith not an event or a person. It is when the church comes together to contemplate and celebrate the mystery of God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as revealed to humankind through scripture. Although the word trinity does not appear in the bible the belief it expresses is found throughout it. This is a belief that we affirm each Sunday when we say the Creed together acknowledging our belief that God has been revealed as Creator of all things, as human in Jesus Christ and still lives in our hearts today through the Holy Spirit.

The central idea of the Trinity, that God is one but three at the same time, is difficult to grasp especially if we see it as a riddle or a puzzle to be solved. How God can be one God in three distinct persons is completely beyond the ability of any human to understand. It is not something to over intellectualise but something to experience that, through prayer and faith, will lead us into a deeper understanding of the nature of God. It is not meant to be an explanation of God, rather it is a way of describing what we know about God.

Many theologians and teachers have tried to use analogies to illustrate the Trinity and I'm sure you have heard many, including an egg, water in its 3 states (ice, water and steam), and probably the most famous St Patrick's shamrock. All of them have their limitations in trying to explain something that is beyond human understanding.

The limitation of the egg is that God cannot be divided into "parts." The Father, the Son, and the Spirit are one in essence, but the same cannot be said for the shell, yolk, and white. The shamrock analogy is perhaps better than the egg one as the three leaves are still one plant, although it shares the weakness of possibly dividing God into "parts." Although water in its three

states is still water, it is one in essence, the problem here is that liquid water, when it freezes, "switches" from liquid to solid, and, when it boils, it "switches" to vapour. However, God does not "switch" states or modes. Liquid water can become solid or gas, but God the Father never becomes the Son or the Spirit. The idea that God manifests Himself differently at different times and in various contexts (like water manifests itself variously as solid, liquid, or gas) is a heresy to be avoided.

My favourite way of thinking about the Trinity is to imagine three separate people who come together to form a circle. Each holding hands they begin to dance, spinning around so fast that as you begin to look at the circle, it becomes difficult to see where one person ends and the next begins. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have come together to form a circle of love. They are moving in unison and are part of one dance.

In this image of a dance, we can see that God is not static but dynamic. For the circle to remain spinning all three persons of the Trinity need to be there and in balance. We need all the images of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to get a glimpse of the nature of God. A circle has no visible beginning or end. It is a shape that symbolises eternity. In God there is no beginning or end. The other thing about a circle is in is easy to invite others into it. This reminds us we are invited to join in that dance, and we are called to invite others.

I suggest you sit quietly with this image of the dancing circle and see what it can reveal to you about the nature of the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

