



Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday

Welcome!

Dear friends of Christ Church,

Welcome to this week's bulletin. We hope that you are finding it useful in keeping you in contact with our community in Christ Church in this most difficult time. We welcome contributions from anyone who has a message to give, be it serious or maybe a little humorous. We all need to be able to smile in the face of challenge.

This bulletin will be emailed out to those on our email list. As always, material for inclusion should be emailed by Tuesday evenings to Jude Bishop at notices@christchurchbath.org

Please forward this bulletin to anyone to whom you think it would be of interest. We will print a few paper copies and post them to those who are not on email.

We're still following government guidelines by not showing on-line services from inside church and hopefully you are managing to join in from your living room. A reminder of how you can do this is [here](#), and for the moment we will do that from the tiny chapel Colin and Lore have created at home. To make it more of a Christ Church community we would love you to send photos of yourself and these can put up in the chapel as a visible sign that we are all worshipping together. They can come by email to Lore, lore.chumbley@me.com or by post to Christ Church.

Also, do please email or post or text prayer requests and we will try to include them week by week. But be aware that the service will be online and so be careful of the confidentiality of friends and loved ones.

The June Link is being prepared and should be available from this Sunday. If you have any articles you wish to be included in future copies please email Alex at alexs@christchurchbath.org.

The weekly readings are to be found in the Link. All copies of the Link can be found on the website [here](#).

If you are not on the internet you will receive a copy in the post.

Reminder from the Priest-in-charge

If you are experiencing financial problems, Christ Church may be able to help in small ways with day to day needs. Contact the Priest-in-charge in confidence.

Sermon for Thursday 4th June

NT: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

The '*shema*,' which Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy is the foundation of the Jewish faith:

'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

The faithful say it morning and evening, it's recited at funerals as is the foundation of our ancestral faith, the faith into which Jesus was born. I remember when my non-religious Jewish grandfather died, his daughter decided there should be no religious ceremony. But on the day, my elderly cousin Reinhardt who survived Auschwitz and didn't believe in rules stood up and chanted:

'She-ma Yis-ra-el Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Ado-nai Ech-ad.....'

'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

He was chanting the ancient words from Deuteronomy which go back 3000 years and which Jesus quoted. Shema means '*Listen!*' or '*Hear!*'. And listening, really listening, is an act of loving attention.

Listen! - *'You shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'*

Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18) so if we are loving God, our minds will be so full of God that we will not be fearful of the current pandemic or the rise of military power throughout the world or the risk of the economic collapse of our own country and our own finances. Yes, we will be clear-eyed about risk and danger and we will co-operate with precautions in order to save lives but we are not fearful - because we love God and it is from God that we derive strength and it is in God we put our trust. *'In God I trust and shall not fear - what can flesh do to me?'* (Psalm 56:11)

But Jesus chooses to add to the traditional commandment another - also from the Hebrew Scriptures, *'Love your neighbour as yourself.'* (Leviticus 19:18).

'After all,' as John writes dryly in his first letter, *'If you can't love your neighbour whom you have seen, how can you love God whom you haven't seen?'* (1 John 4:20)

Love your neighbour whose suffering and needs and individuality you can see. But don't forget to listen as well with loving attention to the Lord our God so that we may love God with all our heart and mind and souls and strength.

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Today's service

10am

OT: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end

Psalm: 8

NT: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

The anthem this morning is *"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"* by Edward Bairstow (1874-1946) and the hymn is *"Thou whose almighty word"*.

Next week

Thursday online **Corpus Christi** Eucharist at 11am

The readings will be:

OT: Genesis 14: 18-20

NT: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Psalm 116: 10-end

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

In the meantime, congratulations if you have recently joined us for online services or Bible study or zoom virtual coffee or morning prayer at 8 am every weekday. If you still haven't taken the plunge but would like to have a go and need to have your hand held through the process of accessing Facebook or Zoom so that you too can join us online, do phone or write - or even email. Email Lore, lore.chumbley@me.com for a zoom invitation.

The Power of Prayer

This week sees the launch of a short film on which the church leaders in Bath have co-operated. As a sign of community cohesion, support and an ecumenism, various leaders of churches around Bath each say a line of the prayer attributed to St Francis, *'Make me a channel of your peace'*. Each reader is pictured against their own backdrop, whether that is their home, church or an outdoor space. The prayer builds to a view of everyone on the final screen joining in with the *'Amen.'* It's a rather beautiful film and a visual representation of the power of prayer and the strength of the combined Christian churches in Bath. The film has been put together by Jack Fisher, a professional film maker. You can find it on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsGNo2CvJ7I>.

This month's charity – Project 28 (chosen by Junior Church)



Project 28 is a young people's drug and alcohol service in Bath & North East Somerset. They provide advice, guidance and one-to-one sessions for young people who are having problems with drugs and/or alcohol. The service is free and confidential. They aim to provide a flexible

and non-judgemental space for young people to be open about the problems they are facing. The charity helps young people by offering support and assessment around their drug/alcohol use, employment and training needs and other skills. The charity also supports parent carers of young people using drugs or alcohol problematically.

You can donate here: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJune/> or contact Emma Elliott, emma@house-of-elliott.com

Or you can donate by giving money directly to Isaac or Emma (if you can get it to them) and they will pass it on to the charity. Please let them know if you are eligible for Gift Aid.

Charity Website:

<https://www.dhi-online.org.uk/get-help/young-peoples-drug-alcohol-services/bath-north-east-somerset-project-28>

We are keen to promote the charity with some 'Lockdown events' and the first of these is a **Fun Quiz Sheet!**



The attached quiz sheet is a series of fifty clues to different sweets & chocolates (past & present)! You are all, **young and old**, invited to take part by solving the clues and returning your completed quiz sheet to Isaac Elliott, via Emma (emma@house-of-elliott.com)

Whoever solves the most clues will win a selection of sweets!

The closing date for entries is Sunday 28th June.



Social action in Bath and Sustainable Food Partnership

The Compassionate Community Hub is now operational across the whole of B&NES, with large numbers of volunteers who are being asked to provide support to people in need in their local areas.

If anyone needs support with buying food or medicines, and there is no local group that they can turn to, then they should send an email with the subject "Support" to compassion@3sq.org.uk and the team will pick up your query within 24 hours.

Alternatively, telephone the **Banes Covid/Compassionate Community helpline 0300 247 0050**.

People wanting to register as a volunteer with Compassionate Community Hub should complete the form via this link: <http://bit.ly/communityvolunteersignup>.

3SG & the Sustainable Food Partnership have produced a list of local providers offering food to people across Bath and north east Somerset. You can find a comprehensive list [here](#).



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Please tell your older friends about **DAILY HOPE**. Daily Hope is a response to the nearly 3 million older people living in the UK who cannot access the internet and who now find themselves even more isolated and cut off from those around them. Many are struggling with anxiety and fear. Please tell older people who you know about Daily Hope. It's for people with no access to the internet. It's a FREE phone line so that they can listen to

hymns, prayers, daily reflections, and a choice of church services. When you phone, the call is answered by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Try it now! Thank you.

Time and Talent

Thank you to all who have offered goods for this project and those who have taken them up. We have been steadily raising funds as a result and will let you know the amount on a regular basis. Because of the number of offers we have decided to send out a separate **Time and Talent Update** each Wednesday with all the new and existing offers. Please watch out for it as an email message from Mark Elliott. We apologise that there was a mistake in the email address given for the Thomas Merton books being offered by the author, Fiona Gardner.

The correct email is fiona@chiltonbath.co.uk

Finally, a Prayer for Trinity Sunday

Loving God, our Creator, Redeemer and Enabler,
In whose image all humankind is made,
Grant your wisdom to all in positions of power and influence,
That they may lead with humility and sensitivity
And be guided by your voice.

Give to us the will, the grace and the strength
To stand against the divisions, prejudice and discrimination
So evident in our world today.
Lord, help us to speak up for justice and truth;
And into the dark places bring forgiveness, peace and unity,
For your Name's sake, Amen

Christ Church Lockdown quiz from Junior Church

The following are all clues to sweets! **Donations to Project 28 are welcome** (but not compulsory for entry) To donate, you can visit <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJune/> or contact Isaac Elliott for more details emma@house-of-elliott.com. The winner (the entry with the most correct answers) will win a selection of sweets! The closing date is **Sunday 28th June**. In the case of a tie-break, entries will be placed in a hat and the winner will be drawn.

1	Wobbly Infants	
2	Where refined people live	
3	100% precious	
4	9s	
5	Fallen Fruit	
6	Carrier for dairy produce	
7	Mother's local	
8	Royal herbs	
9	Sport of princes	
10	dire hulk tights (anag)	
11	Pick-me-up	
12	Stir up constellations	
13	Enjoyed by Ebenezer Scrooge?	
14	Eritrean showgirls (anag)	
15	Flautist's peril (anag)	
16	Doubly good in French	
17	Corks for mouths	
18	A Galaxy	
19	Punishment for nuts	
20	London has big red ones	
21	Little Richard's favourite	
22	Twenty six and a quarter miles	
23	There's one in a plug	
24	Pirate Loot	
25	Tartan granite	
26	Only they have the answer	
27	US Coin	
28	A vehicle and a coat	
29	It sleeps tonight	
30	Dating Agencies	
31	A Black Miscellany	
32	The Occult perhaps	
33	Paris in turmoil	
34	lovable cartoon dog and cat (1970-80s)	(picture clue! →)
35	The teddy bears had one	
36	Shun mice (anag)	
37	Middle Ages Musicians	
38	Pig's tail perhaps?	
39	A dozen red	
40	10 pins	
41	rubs tarts (anag)	
42	Pirouette	
43	Birmingham model village	
44	Home for alcoholic teeth	
45	Speak quietly	
46	Edible fasteners	
47	Aromatic spheres	
48	Inhabitants of a Mediterranean Island	
49	The Matterhorn hides a bear (logo clue)	
50	Feline gear	

