

Holy Trinity Church, Colden Common – 1st May 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We welcome any newcomers to the church. It would help us to get to know you if you complete one of the welcome cards from the library at the back of the church and hand it to a sidesperson or a Warden.

Readings

1st : Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14
 2nd : Acts 16. 9 – 15
 Gospel : John 5. 1 – 9

Collect

**Risen Christ,
 by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
 help your Church to obey your command
 and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
 to the glory of God our Maker. Amen**

We pray for

Our Church Confirmation Candidates
 To be baptised Evelyn Grace Moroney

The Parish Crowders Green, Brickmakers Road,
 Hack Drive and Kiln Green

The sick	Roy Hickman	Iris Homer
	Philippa Duffy	Helen Haig
	Jean Farmery	

The Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time
 Malcolm Allen June Spratt

Events

Today	12.45 pm	Baptism : Evelyn Grace Moroney
	6.00 pm	Christian Aid gathering at St Mary's Twyford

Tuesday	7.30 pm	Bells
Thursday	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Eucharist at Morestead

Friday	9.30 am	Church Spring Clean
Sunday 8th	6.00 pm	Confirmation Service and Parish Eucharist

Readings
 1st : 1John 4. 7 – 21
 Gospel: John 3. 1 – 21

Continuous Readings for Sunday after the Ascension
 1st : Ezekiel 36. 24 – 28
 2nd : Acts 16. 16 – 34
 Gospel: John 17. 20 – 26

If you know of **anyone who is sick or in hospital**, or would like a visit from a member of the Clergy, please pass the information on to a churchwarden. It is better to receive the information more than once than not at all.

There are copies of the **readings for the month** at the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home with you, if you would like to.

Please take this notice sheet home with you if you wish, as an aid for your personal prayers during the week or to look up the readings before next Sunday's Service.

Special Charity

During May and June we shall collect for Christian Aid. Please see the May Parish magazine for details. There will be some dedicated Christian Aid envelopes, if you would like to Gift Aid your Donation, or use the pew envelopes.

Also, thank you for your continuing donations of non-perishable items to the Nightshelter.

Notices

Welcome to our Family Service which will be lay-led. Today we do not have a pianist; all singing will accompany Worship Songs CD's. Our next Family Service will be on 5th June and we look forward to seeing you again then.



The church will be spring-cleaned on Friday; please come and help if you can spare an hour or two. Polish is available; please bring your own dusters. Long brushes particularly welcome.

Next Sunday, there will not be a service in the morning. At 6.00 pm, **Bishop David, Bishop of Basingstoke, will be confirming 5 candidates** (Chloe Mathews and Angela Hayes from this parish) during our Parish Eucharist. Please come along and support them and pray for them and join them afterwards for some celebration confirmation cake.

This year's **Benefice Ascension Day Service** will take place at Morestead on Thursday at 7.30 pm.

There will be a gathering at Twyford St Mary's on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6pm in the church rooms to chat about ideas for **Christian Aid Week** (May 15th - 21st) over a glass of wine and some nibbles. They will be showing the Christian Aid Week 2016 dvd which focuses on the lives of those people in Bangladesh who live on islands in the Brahmaputra river constantly threatened by flooding. If you would like to go please let Cathy (715111) or Maggie (717438) know so they have an idea of numbers.

At our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** last Wednesday, churchwardens Sylvia and Elaine and the PCC were all re-elected unopposed.

The latest total for last week's big breakfast is £504.70 to be split between church funds and the loo project. Thank you to again to Jane, her family and friends and all her helpers.



Our next Company for Lunch will be held at 12.15 pm on Wednesday 18th May. £7.50 per head. BYOB. The theme will be 'The Cup Final' Intrigued? Then book your place with Chris on 713097 and come along and find out and enjoy and good meal and good company.

Prayer Requests – in addition to passing on concerns directly to the clergy, there are prayer request cards on the book shelf at the back of the church. They can be left at any time in the box and they will be included in the daily prayers for the parish and, when appropriate, include them on the weekly sheet