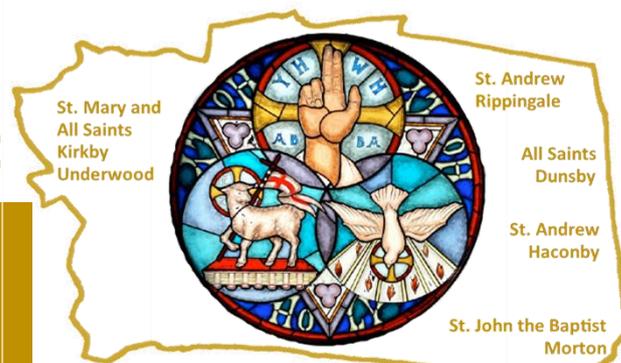


Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

30 May 2021
Trinity Sunday



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A message from Revd Neil

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. In my opinion, it is probably the most confounding Sunday in the church calendar, and it is one of the few feasts in the Christian calendar that celebrate a doctrine rather than an event.

The Trinity is one of the most fascinating - and controversial - Christian teachings. Also referred to as the Triune God and the Three-in-One, many Christians admit to not understanding the Trinity, while many others don't understand, but think they do.

The concept of a God who is both three and one is confusing. The early church councils tried to agree on statements of what Christians believe, and within that, the place of the Trinity. These were written down in the form of the creeds, but the fact that we have several creeds rather than just one shows that this was no simple task.

Many analogies have been, and are, used to describe how the Trinity can be both three and one at the same time. But, in my opinion, none of these do so adequately.

There is a saying that 'if you discuss the Trinity for too long you will slip into heresy'.

The Trinity is described as a 'mystery,' by which the Church does not mean a riddle, but rather that the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension. It is one that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately is known through worship, symbol, and faith. The Trinity is known and experienced by people, rather than by being something that can be described.



Readings for Pentecost

[Isaiah 6.1-8](#)

[Romans 8.12-17](#)

[John 3.1-17](#)

Click on the reading to link through to the text

Collect and Post Communion Prayer

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Eucharist Services in the Group

30 May	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
6 June	11am	Eucharist	Dunsby
13 June	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
20 June	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
27 June	11am	Eucharist	Morton
Monday - Saturday	9 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

Contact Revd Neil for the link

Details of other services will be added to this list, as they are finalised

For those who are unable to attend a church service, they will also be live streamed on [Facebook](#), and available later on [YouTube](#).

BCP Evensong

6 June	5.30pm	Kirkby Underwood
13 June	5.30pm	Morton

This will be a spoken service. All are welcome but please 'book seats' by contacting Sue at the Ringstone office

Please support Katrine Hudson

WING WALK FOR ST BARNABAS HOSPICE

I am doing a charity Wing Walk for St Barnabas Hospice Trust (Lincolnshire) on 13th June, because of the care they offer to those in need.

If you would like to support me, you can donate online at:-

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/katrine-hudson130621

Thank you, Katrine Hudson

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Jackie Bullen, Fay Finch, Judith Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Clive Hall, Annie Hersey, Tim James, Arthur Jeffries, Imogen Matthews, Neil Morgan, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, Alan Tosney, John Weatherspoon, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We also remember the souls of Roy McConchie and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

The Diocesan Prayer diary

NB a full copy of the diocesan 'Sharing in Prayer' guide can be found [here](#)

Please support your church

A huge thank you to everyone who is using the online giving pages to support the work of our churches.

For all churches, donations will help keep much loved churches open and serving their local communities in regular worship and milestone life events.

Please give as generously as you are able. If you usually give a donation through the plate collection, please consider contributing online. All our churches are struggling to meet their regular outgoings, which unfortunately do not stop just because the doors are closed for physical services.

St Andrew, Haconby has an online giving page which can be found [here](#).

St. John the Baptist Church, Morton has an online giving page which can be found [here](#).

St. Mary and All Saints, Kirkby Underwood has an online giving page [here](#).

Bourne Foodbank



The foodbank desperately needs donations of the following items, particularly the ones in **red**.

Tinned fruit

Tinned pies

Fruit Juice (cartons)

Washing up liquid

Mashed Potato

Sponge Puddings

Toilet Rolls

Shaving gel / razors

Dog / Cat food

Milk (UHT cartons)

Tinned custard

Tinned vegetables

Washing powder / liquid

Angel Delight / Jelly

Biscuits

Shower Gel

Female sanitary products (tampons & towels)

Nappies.

Tinned ham

Jam / marmalade

Shampoo

Soap / liquid handwash

Rice Pudding

Coffee / Tea

Deodorant

Please pray for Syria this week – number 12 on the world watch list

Syria has about 677,000 Christians, about 3.6 per cent of a population of almost 19 million. The number of Christians in the country has decreased in the past decade, as many have fled conflict and persecution.

How are Christians persecuted in Syria?

Persecution remains extreme in public and private life for Christians in Syria. Christians from a Muslim background are vulnerable to pressure from their family and communities, who perceive conversion from Islam as bringing dishonour. Sometimes these families even request that local officials covertly monitor Christian converts.

In areas controlled by Islamic extremist groups, public expressions of Christianity are banned and most churches have been seized or destroyed. In government-controlled areas, this threat is less – but there are still numerous abductions of church leaders, and Islamic dissidents are still active. Violent attacks continue, while Covid-19 has exacerbated many existing vulnerabilities in the past year.

What's life like for Christians in Syria?

Syria's continuing civil war has made the country a breeding ground for Christian persecution. The unrest, which was beginning to lessen, has been exacerbated by the economic crisis caused by Covid-19.

Many Christians are still internally displaced or refugees in other countries because of over a decade of war and rising Islamic extremism. In northern Syria, invasion by Turkish forces in late 2019 caused greater instability, and seems to have been used by some Islamic extremists as a cover for opportunities to target Christians.

"Covid-19 has a big impact on Qamishli [in northern Syria]; normal life is almost non-existent," Pastor George explains. "I see men, women and children crying of hunger. It's tragic. Our church saw that now was a time to stand by the people, support them and show Jesus' love in difficult times."

Please pray

Lord God, thank You that You have stood with the church in Syria throughout all the difficulties of the past decade. We pray that You will continue to show Your love to those who have suffered so much. Bring unity and joy to Christians who have had to leave their homes, and solace to those who mourn. May Syria become a country where praise for You resounds loudly. Amen.

Communication

www.ringstonegroupchurches.org

If you have items to be included in the news sheet, please let Sue know by emailing ringstoneoffice@gmail.com before Tuesday, 10am.