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#### **DIARY PAGES MAY 2021**

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The Minibus is running for Sunday services – please contact us if you would like a lift.

Sunday 2nd	y 2nd 5th of Easter						
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist (in church)					
Weds 5th	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (via Zoom)					
Thurs 6th	7.30pm	Bible Group (via Zoom)					
SUNDAY 9th	6th c	of EASTER					
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist (in church)					
Weds 12th	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (via Zoom)					
Thurs 13th	Asce	nsion Day					
	Thy Kingdom Come Begins						
	7.30pm	Bible Group (via Zoom)					

<b>SUNDAY</b>	16th	7th o	<b>FEASTER</b>

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in church)

Weds 19th 5.00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Thurs 20th 7.30pm Bible Group (via Zoom)

#### SUNDAY 23rd PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in church)

#### **Thy Kingdom Comes Ends**

Weds 26th 5.00pm Evening Prayer (via zoom)

Thurs 27th 7.30pm Bible Group (via Zoom)

#### SUNDAY 30th TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in church)



## We are looking forward to worshipping together again. But Covid is going to remain a risk for the foreseeable future. Help us to keep everyone safe during Sunday services:

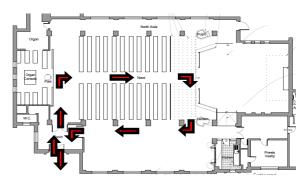
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering during the service. Sadly we won't be serving refreshments initially.
- Use alcohol gel on your hands when you enter the building.
- Stay at least 2m apart from anyone who is not in your own household or bubble. This is why some pews are not in use.







- 5. Sadly we won't be able to include sung worship at the moment
- 6. There will be some changes to the way that we take communion: We will not be able to shake hands during the peace, communion will only be taken in one kind (wafer). These will be kept covered until they are distributed. Tina will use alcohol gel and drop the wafers onto your palm to avoid physical contact.
- Follow the new one way system as you move around the building



### Do Not Fear

'excess deaths.' That 600,000 more people have died God. I will strengthen you and than usually expected. About a help you; I will uphold you with quarter were due to Covid. The my righteous right hand." Isaiah rest were indirect consequences 41:10 of the pandemic. That's almost one in every hundred people.

No wonder so many people have become more frightened and anxious. Some worry about the threat of new variants of Covid-19. For others, it's the consequence of lockdowns and social isolation. People who found social contact exhausting have enjoyed our time of seclusion. The thought of visiting busv shopping centre or market can be nerve-wracking.

Google tells me that the words 'fear not,' or something similar, appear in the Bible 365 times. That's one reminder from God not to worry for every day of the year. Here's a sample:

Last year there were over 600,000 "So do not fear, for I am with you; means do not be dismayed, for I am your

> "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." ~Psalm 56:3

> not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present vour requests to God. And the peace of God. which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

> "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid." John 14:27

> "When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul." Psalm 94:19

"There is no fear in love. But showdown at Mount Carmel (1 perfect love drives out fear." 1 Kings 18-19).

John 4:18

opposite effect. encouraging me that God has human. not to worry in the Bible:

Moses encounters God in a God is always bigger than my burning bush. He's frightened and fears. Sometimes I just need tries to reassures him with a couple of my attention on God. Perhaps we 4). Joshua all do? miracles (Exodus conquered the 'promised land.' With love Beforehand, God tells him to be strong and courageous at least Louise seven times (Joshua). Gideon, won a famous battle against the Midianites. Beforehand, he was so scared that he was hiding in a winepress to thresh wheat (Judges 6). Elijah begged to die when Queen Jezebel threatened him - even though he won the

these heroes of the faith I don't know about you, but these needed reminding not to fear verses can sometimes have the then I am in good company! It Instead of seems that fear is part of being The world everything under control. I feel unpredictable and insecure. There guilty. Are my fears a sign that my is much that is beyond our faith isn't strong enough? Of control. Despite this, God reminds course, that's rubbish. Look at us, over and again that he is with some of the people God reminds us, he loves us, he will never leave

back out and God reminding of that truth, and to fix



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We will be continuing the weekly ones, we are just wondering whether to obtain some monthly ones.

f you are interested in that, or to start receiving envelopes to plan your giving, please contact Linda in the Parish office (01244 376085 or <a href="mailto:office.htblacon@btinternet.com">office.htblacon@btinternet.com</a>). We are also happy to receive giving directly from bank accounts, and if you would like to set up a Standing Order, Linda in the office can also help you with that.







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#### PRAYERS FOR USE AT THIS TIME

from the Church of England website)

O God, our sovereign and our shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. **Amen.** 

Loving God, your Son told his disciples to become like little children. Lead us to work for the welfare and protection of all young people. May we respect their dignity that they may flourish in life, following the example of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

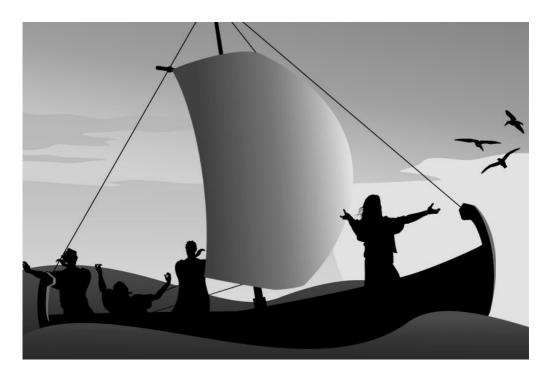
Lord, you are ever watchful and bless us with your gifts; as you provide for all our needs, so help us to build only what pleases you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **CONTINUING OUR MISSION IN BLACON**

Holy Trinity Church relies on donations to provide care and support to everyone in this community. Now more than ever, please consider giving generously to support our mission and ministry. You may wish to take the opportunity to set up a Standing Order with your bank to ensure we continue to receive regular donations at this time. A form is available upon request, which you should pass to your bank.

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#### **UPDATE FROM YOUR ECO CHAMPIONS!!!**

As a nation this past year has months seen more and more people completing the great outdoors. As a people organisation whose of God we are charged with preserving the caring for God's creation, to encouraging and protect the same. beauty of the world in which we were given to live. To The survey assesses various Holy further commitment to a future I and my daughter Neive an overall were elected by the PCC as Eco economically sound the church Champions for the church.

In our new role we aim to find any new or tried and tested methods for creating a greener and fairer world to live in. Since We are pleased to report that detail surveved in Fco Church award.

Eco church awards are not freely given and require us as a to a greener future. church and community to take needed to help the steps more eco-friendly Tricia and Neive H secure For the past several future.

we have been from а survev getting outside and enjoying Arocha. Arocha is a Christian Earth and others the

> Trinity's areas of church ministry and greener buildings and the results give view practice is. and when predetermined point is reached an Eco Church award may be achieved.

being elected in 2020 we have Holy Trinity shows enormous many strength in many areas but aspects of church life and have there is still work to do. Over begun a process of seeking an the coming months we will provide updates and further information on how your eco champions will help this church

God Bless

#### A GREENER FUTURE!!

In developing countries one weekly rubbish removal, person dies every 30 second proper waste disposal, from diseases caused by recycling and employment. plastic pollution and rubbish!

#### Twinning our bin in Haiti

recently We were made a bin twinning Having looked at the various aware of you may have country's available for Bin initiative. heard of toilet twinning? Bin Twinning the need for these twinning is a project which initiatives is both great and uses a sponsorship type of alarming. Of the counties fundraising to fund recycling available it appears to us that waste Haiti not only has great need a n d better management in developing of this but is running out of countries. time

The Tearfund in partnership From independent my are research I discovered that in with Eco church launching grassroots the air quality is considered enterprises in several of the unsafe by the world health poorest countries, organisation and Haiti is the They are designed with the poorest country in the goal of providing free western hemisphere.

By getting involved in the Bin Following our feedback and twinning initiative we will be recommendation to the PCC helping to provide proper it was decided that our waste management in a church would begin Bin country which desperately Twinning with Haiti starting needs it, the air is polluted, with our wheelie bin. Today the water is polluted the our Junior Eco champion streets are polluted. By Neive Hughes placed the first getting involved now we can of our Bin twinning support help support efforts to save stickers (see front cover). Haiti before it's too late.



## Thy Kingdom Come

#### 13-23rd May 2021

prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household church and encouraged to pray in their own way

days of Thy days During the 11 everyone who takes part will:

• Deepen their own relationship We are praying that the Spirit will with Jesus Christ

- Thy Kingdom Come is a global Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
  - Pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total - on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the years more worshipping and more communities have dedicated the between Ascension and Kingdom Come, it is hoped that Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

> inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with

our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love 2. for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the 3. Set a reminder on your lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

There are lots of resources to help you pray online, visit the Thy Kingdom Come website for full details.

#### Thy Kingdom Come Prayer:

Almighty God, your ascended son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of vour kingdom: inspire us with yo ur Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

#### How to pray

- Prayerfully choose five people to pray for, and pray during these 11 days that they would know the transforming love of Christ.
- Set a time each day when you will take a moment of prayer. You only need about 10 minutes.
- phone, a note on your fridge or somewhere visible to prompt you to pray each day



#### **Welcome Our New Reader Lindsay**

Hello everyone! I'm not quite sure what to say, but I have been asked to introduce myself.

My name is Lindsay and I moved to Chester last year. I have been worshipping in Blacon and feel really at home here. Thank you for your welcome which has been so kind and made me realise I would love to join you as a Reader. (You probably know that a Reader is someone who is trained to preach, lead services, and support with other things in church, but not as a vicar or lot of my time working. curate).

What might you like to know and a Church of England Reader. about me? I love challenges, like I am married to Mark and we running the London Marathon or have 2 children who are at cycling from Coast to Coast University. raise for (done to money charities ı happily give any



I am a mum, wife, social worker,

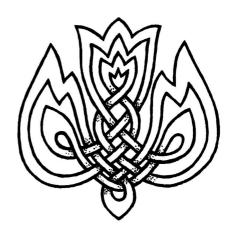
support). In I've been a Christian since I was a Northumberland I loved young child. The best thing for swimming in the sea and I will me being brought up as a sport, or Christian is that my parents outdoor challenge, a go. If I can't introduced me to Jesus as our get out, I like baking or sewing. If friend as well as God. So I met I am honest, though, I spend a God who is Friend, Father, Lord, Saviour, and Comforter. I learnt love this role because I am things then that are still at the passionate Jesus died for me and rose again. see families I am set free from death and the overcome ... and ending up this in all we do. freedom trapped.

these basics as deeply. My everyday faith seems too! often to be simply finding myself thankful for God's kindness in small and both big things. Trusting him can be tricky, but it is also really good. I love the journey of adventure with God, and I always need to learn to trust Him more.

I trained as a Social Worker and now work for Oldham Council. My job is to improve the service we offer in Children's Services. I

about supporting centre of my life: God delights in people, and I want this to be the me as His child, He loves me. very best it can be. It is great to supported barriers and consequences of messing up. He challenges. I care about wellis always with me, by His Spirit. being for everyone, physically, Serving Him and following Him mentally, emotionally, and in more freedom than relationships. I believe God cares running after popular ideas of about these too and I pray for

I do enjoy meeting new people; Mind you, even though I learned everyone has so much to offer a child, I and we learn so much from each repeatedly have to learn them other. So do say 'hello', I'd love again! I hope more and more to hear something of your story



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## **Praying for Blacon**



"When rightliving people bless the city, it flourishes"

> Prov 11:11 The Message

As part of an inter-church prayer focus for Blacon, please could you pray, commencing on **Graham Road** these Sundays, for residents of these roads:

02 May Venable's Road St. Chad's Road **Church Hall** Close **Cedar Mews** 

**09 May** The Glen Jonathan's Way **Sumner Road** Fisher Road

**16 May Cotes Place Bridgeman** Road Stubbs Place South Way

**23 May** Hillside Road **Funre Road Belvedere Drive** Morton Road

30 May **Cleaver Road** Downham Place Stratford Place **Walton Place** 

The June issue of the Parish News will be available on or about Sunday, 20th May 2021. All contributions should be submitted to the Parish Office by **Thursday, 13th May 2021**. Thank you.

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## Sudoku

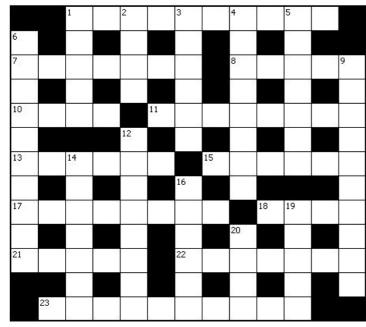
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#### Crossword



#### **Across**

1 Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)

7 Coming (John 11:17) (7) 8 'All I have is —, and all you have is mine' (John 17:10) (5)

10 Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4) 11 Hold back (Job 9:13) (8)

13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)

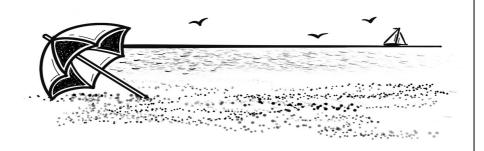
15 At ague (anag.) (6) 17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)

### **Crossword Clues**

18 So be it (Galatians 6:18) (4) 21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote Murder in the Cathedral, T.S. — (5) 22 Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7) 23 Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

Down 1 Healed (Luke 7:21) (5) 2 Central space in a church (4) 3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983-97, Clive — (6) 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (Exodus 2:12) (8) 5 Bravery (Acts 4:13) (7) 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10) 9 Transgression (Psalm 36:1) (10) 12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8) 14 Same hit (anag.) (7) 16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ' (Genesis 1:2) (6) 19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5) 20 Cab (4)





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## From the Registers

'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'

5th March Adam Edward Holden (49 yrs)

8th March Arthur Thomas Briggs (aged 82 yrs)

23rd March James Elkin (aged 88 yrs)

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR HOLY TRINITY OUTREACH PROJECT

Sunday - For spiritual growth among all who come to us

Monday - Give thanks for the people who work here

who need us most to our Outreach Project

Wednesday - For provision of all the resources and volunteers

needed for growth

Thursday -For all the work of food charity Blacon Beacon

Friday - Relationships with Tuesday - That God will draw those different agencies across Blacon to grow strong

> Saturday - for growing work with children and young people

## BIDERIC

It can be read in the Bible in Isamuel 4:1-10, 5:1-7:1

#### A short story from the Bible

God gave Moses two stone slabs with His laws for the Jews on them. They were kept in a special chest, the Ark, and carried with them

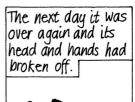




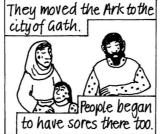


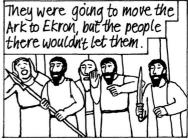
But the Philistines won. They took the Ark to their city of Ashdod and put it in the temple of their god Dagon.

















## **Sudoku Solutions**

## **Easy**

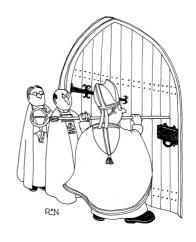
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There didn't seem to be anyone in



In celebration of Good Friday, I wanted to take a reminder into the community that it was not just another bank holiday. With the assistance of my daughters we planted many colourful and beautiful crosses in the area ( though we did not photograph them all). We hoped people would see them and stop and take a moment to consider the Easter story, the story of death and loss but also of life and hope. We took time to read parts of the passion at various locations and used hymns of worship to cheer our way as we walked. We hope to have inspired members of the community to consider the importance of Easter and remind people that even when many things remain closed and missed Gods work in Blacon continues.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL THIS EASTER TIDE, Tricia x