**Parish of Stratford-upon-Avon.**

**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday 14th April 2024**

This week’s Services

The Third Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024

9.30 All Saints’- Holy Communion, The Rev’d Patrick Taylor will preside at this service

10.00 Holy Trinity - Parish Eucharist with Chidlren’s Breakout Room The theme is: The Reality of the Resurrection, Phil Harper will preside and the Rev’d Emma Harrington will preach at this service.

17.00 Holy Trinity - Choral Evensong, The Rev’d Graham Wilcox will officiate and preach at this service

Midweek Communion

Wednesday 17th April 10.00 at the Guild Chapel

Next Week’s Services

The Fourth Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024

8.00 Holy Trinity - Holy Communion Traditional, The Rev’d Dr. Paul Edmonson will preside and preach at this service

9.30 St Helen’s - Holy Communion, The Rev’d Kay Dyer will preside at this service

9.30 All Saints’- Holy Communion, The Rev’d Jenny Rowland will preside at this service

11.15 Holy Trinity - Shakespeare Service, The Rev’d Patrick Taylor will preside and Professor Alison Shell will preach at this service

17.00 Holy Trinity - Parish Eucharist, The Rev’d Patrick Taylor will preside and Paul Gifford will preach at this service.

Midweek Communion

Wednesday 24th April 10.00 at the Guild Chapel

**For Your Prayers**

Those who have recently died

Tina Ferris

Julie Hanson

Paul Standing

Hilton Calcutt

Rui Xu

Robert Evans

Anniversary of their death

Denis Wager

For the sick

Continue to pray for

Wendy Datta

Sam Datta

Sandra MacDonald

Melinda

John Baugh

Marilyn Shorey

Cynthia Jenkins

Suzanne Cain

Matthew Cain

Julian Buczacki

This Sunday (14th April)is the next of our Breakout Group, for Primary aged children during the 10am Parish Eucharist.

Primary age children will be invited to go to the clergy vestry after the Collect and before the first reading. We’ll return for the Peace.

The group will be an opportunity for the children to learn and explore faith in an age-appropriate way. We will share a Bible reading and activities based on the theme of the service.

**Trinity Fellowship**

Dear Members,

Next Wednesday 17th April we are holding our annual Charity Tea Party. This year it is in aid of The Bible Gift Fund. This is a Holy Trinity fund to raise funds to buy Bibles for children connected to our church i.e. those baptised and those attending Holy Trinity Primary School. Please come and support us, we just ask for a donation of £5 which all goes to the fund, so come and join us for tea and cake at 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. Will members please remember to bring cakes (small or large, home made or brought) Also your pretty table clothes and a few flowers in a vase. Let’s see if we can raise enough money to provide bibles for these children for a whole year.

All members of Holy Trinity are most welcome.

Our monthly meetings start at 2 pm. in the Parish Centre and are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Anyone, male or female interested in joining us will be most welcome. Gina Lodge -Chair

Calling All Team Leaders

Please will you get your report on the activities of your team during the past year (May 2023 to March 2024) to Liz Roome as soon as possible for inclusion in the Reports Booklet for the APCM.

 Deadline: 19th April 2024 Send it to: lizabetsy47@gmail.com

Electoral Roll

If you regularly worship at Holy Trinity, All Saints’, St Helen’s or the Guild Chapel you are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll so you can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in May. This can be done preferably via this link or by taking an application form from the back of church and returning this to me at the Parish Office.

Please note a separate form is required for each person. The deadline for doing this is Sunday 21st April. Any forms received after this date will not take effect until after the APCM.

If you were on the Roll last year you do not need to do anything. Tim Raistrick, Electoral Roll Officer

Soul Space – 15th April to 13th May 2024

Soul Space is a workshop run over 5 weekly sessions. The workshop gives the opportunity to consider the bigger questions about life, as we explore key aspects of the Christian faith. The venue for the workshop will be VASA, Arden Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.

Each session will run from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

Weekly meetings are for anyone and take place in a relaxed informal group where you can ask anything; no question is too simple or too challenging.

Each session provides an opportunity to listen, learn, discuss and discover

 **Explore - Discover - Believe**

 Register now for our next workshop by clicking on the link and completing the form.

Handbell Ringing

No previous experience needed, you don’t even need to read music! Just the ability to count to 4, and to hear the beat in a piece of music. If you like the idea of working with other like-minded people to play tunes on handbells please contact Graham Norris: call 01386 662522 or g.sirron@hotmail.co.uk, or catch me after the 10.00 Eucharist. Graham Norris

'Shakespeare By Women': a one-day public conference.

Friday 19th April from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (arrivals from 9.30 a.m.), The Shakespeare Institute, Church Street, CV37 6HP.

**Special-guest speakers:**

-Professor Lena Orlin, on the female experience in the Stratford-upon-Avon of Shakespeare's time.

-Professor Laurie Maguire, on her research into Judith Quiney.

-Professor Lois Potter, on writing her biography of Shakespeare.

You can register in-person (for £30) or on-line (for £20). For those who attend in-person there is an opportunity to visit 'The Women Who Made Shakespeare' exhibition at New Place.

Included in both kinds of registration is the Shakespeare Birthday Lecture (presented in collaboration with the University of Birmingham), from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.for which the day's speakers make further contributions on the theme, chaired by Professor Charlotte Scott.

You can find out more via this link:

https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/visit/whats-on/shakespeare-by-women/

Luddington Village Walk - IMPORTANT CHANGE

Owing to adverse weather conditions, the walk has been rescheduled for Saturday 18th MAY. Meet at Luddington village hall, parking in car park or on the road. Circular walk (about 1hr) Return via the weir to village hall for refreshments. Shorter walk to visit church and lock. To sign up click on the link giving names, contact number, indicating longer or short walk and whether a lift is required. For more information, please contact Chris Cottrell: 01789 204273 or email cottrellfamilysoa@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Stratford Town Trust

Our wonderful volunteers at the Guild Chapel are organising an event for All Souls’ Day at the beginning of November. They are putting on a community production of a medieval poem in the Guild Chapel and are looking to recruit actors for several parts. Further details about the event can be found at ww.guildchapel.co.uk/events/dance-death Loraine Mitchell, General Assistant

loraine.mitchell@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk

Planned Giving to this Parish

We are very grateful to all those who support the work of this parish, including those who give by regular Standing Order. If you are not yet part of our Stewardship Scheme for planned giving, the information you will need to set up a Standing Order and sign up for Gift Aid can be found here:

Planned Giving -Holy Trinity Church - Stratford upon Avon

**ECO Chat**

April’s Eco-chat meeting is on Saturday, April 27th at 10.30am in Stratford Methodist Centre. The subject is “How polluted is Shakespeare’s Avon - and who should pay to clean it?!”. Stratford Climate Action’s Michael Wetherill, who volunteers in the river water-testing project, will speak on “Citizens’ Science - How polluted is Shakespeare’s Avon?” Councillor Manuela Perteghella (see article in the Stratford Herald) will introduce her petition about the river pollution and what can be done about it. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. This is a serious issue involving many in our local community. Please come and bring friends!

Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy on a regular basis. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/create less waste in the future.

Have a look at one of the websites which allow us to calculate our Eco footprint -

The Eco Footprint, Carbon Footprint and Water Footprint calculators.

**Remember. Reduce Purchases, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Rot**

Finally, whilst we all try to live a life which has less negative impact on our planet we still have to live and be productive. So whilst we can follow the steps outlines above reducing our impact is a progressive exercise. Looking at the impact of our food choices is one key way to change as is the progressive change of household equipment (fridges, heaters etc) all of which now carry eco labels. Choose the equipment which utilised the least energy, turn off water taps, look for fuel efficient ways of travelling.

New technologies are constantly being introduced to help us all on our eco journeys.

There is much which each of us can do by thoughtful planning. Happy Eco New Year

Submitting a notice for the bulletin

If you would like to submit a notice for the weekly bulletin, The deadline for submitting a notice is on Thursday at 4pm.

For Your Information

Sharing the Bulletin for those not online.

People may not be aware, but each week a simplified version of the Weekly Bulletin is produced as a Word document in black and white and without pictures.

If you know of someone who isn’t online, you can print a copy of the simplified bulletin for them.

It can be found here (https://www.stratford-upon-avon.org/weekly-bulletin) or on the church website under the “Community” heading and then “Weekly Bulletin”.

A copy is also printed each week and put by the North door for people to read in church.

Pastoral Requests

If you or someone you know has a pastoral need please email contact@stratford-upon-avon.org or phone 01789 632811 and a member of the pastoral team will be in touch.

The Equip Hub is the Online Learning Platform from the Diocese of Coventry.

Through this platform you can create a Learning Plan by choosing particular topics which you are interested in exploring such as Exploring your Gifts, Everyday Faith or Leading Worship. To visit it click here.

You'll then be able to take part in online BCDM courses and short online courses. You can also access useful resources such as documents and videos as well as signing up for events and training courses.

By creating an account you will also start receiving our weekly Diocesan eBulletin which will be tailored to you based on your topics of interest. You can unsubscribe and re-subscribe to the eBulletin at any time.

If you have any questions please contact Ryan.Finnegan@Coventry.Anglican.org

Foodbank

Items for the Foodbank can be left in the chest, by the servery, in Holy Trinity.