

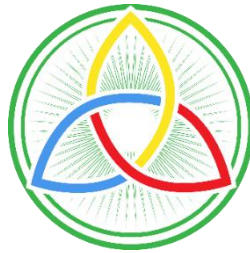
Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

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Church News

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday



Service Readings: Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end; Matthew 28:16-end

09.15 Empshott

Holy Communion (BCP) led by Peter Sutton and Kate Lloyd Jones

10.15 Hawkley

Holy Communion (CW) led by Peter Sutton and Paul Goddard

11.00 Greatham

Sunday Worship (CW) led by Kay Thorpe and Kate Lloyd Jones

(BCP) – Book of Common Prayer – Traditional Language

(CW) – Common Worship – Contemporary Language

All are Welcome!

Our churches are all still open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment).

Ask Peter Sutton for details – 01730 827459 or peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org

Yewlian Meeting 7pm Monday 5th June at Priors Dean

30 minutes of silence to think about the Trinity with the help of Rublev's Icon. All are welcome. God cannot be grasped by the mind. If God could be grasped, God would not be God. (Icon and reflection below).



The icon refers to the story of Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to strangers by the oaks of Mamre near Hebron. Three nameless visitors who appeared in front of their tent were given food and drink, then promise the aged couple that barren Sarah would soon bear a son (Gen. 18). Abraham and Sarah understood their guests were angels.

Throughout the biblical account the three acted in perfect unity and spoke with one voice. In this the early Christian community recognized a revelation of the Holy Trinity: three Persons within the One God.

Apart from clothing, the three are identical. They are neither male nor female. Long bodies suggest a male form while the faces might be those of identical sisters. Each head is submissively inclined toward one of the others; none of the three assumes an imperial attitude. There is an atmosphere of love, freedom, timelessness, rest, and the most intimate communion. The sense of oneness is achieved primarily through the gentle, attentive engagement of the three with each other, the joining of eyes.

The structure of the icon contributes as well. Most important is the circle, symbol of perfection and eternity, created by the three figures; within the circle there is a sense of a slow counterclockwise movement. There is also a triangle, the peak of which is the head of the central figure.

Due to inverted perspective, there is no vanishing point. The three figures are not part of a disappearing plane but rather seem to move ever closer to the person before the icon, showing that God is here and everywhere.

Which angelic figure represents the Father, which the Son, which the Holy Spirit? There has been much debate on the question.

The three symbols at the top of the icon are each angled to mirror the angelic figures below them. At the centre (above the Father?) is a tree. Perhaps the oak of Mamre becomes the Tree of Life planted by God in Paradise. Above the Son (?) is a building without a door – the Church, open to all who seek sacramental life, in which we receive Christ in the Eucharist. Over the Holy Spirit (?) there is a mountain – Mount Sinai, Mount Tabor, places where the faithful have witnessed the glory of God.

Before the three figures is an altar on which stands a gold chalice containing, in miniature, a blood-red lamb's body symbolizing the sacrificial death of Christ, the Lamb of God. (Later in life, Abraham was to sacrifice a lamb in place of his son Isaac.) The hand above the cup is extended in a gesture of blessing. The image reminds us that, through the chalice, Christians are brought into communion with the Holy Trinity.

There is a sense of silent conversation among the three figures.

If one were to search for a single word to describe the icon, it is the word "love." The Holy Trinity itself is a community of love so perfect that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one. All creation is a manifestation of God's love.

Jim Forrest

The Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

StoryTime for St Barnabas

For young families on Saturday 10th June 10.00 – 11.00. An activity, story and song. All Welcome!

Morning Prayer during the week

Daily
Prayer

Greatham 09.00 Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Hawkley 07.30 Wednesdays

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Thank you

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