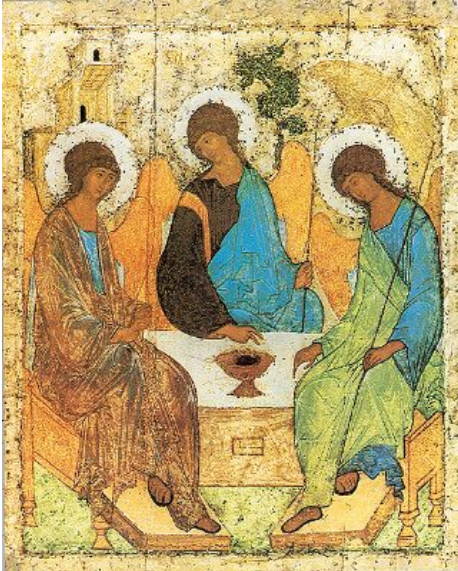


May 30th 2021

**Greetings in the name of our
Risen Lord Jesus Christ.
In this time of uncertainty,
we declare: Jesus is Lord!**

What's in a picture?



This well-known 15th-century Russian Orthodox icon of the Trinity by Andrei Rublev is one of the most famous pieces of Christian art ever painted. It is believed to be based on the the story of Abraham's encounter with the three heavenly figures at Mamre (Genesis 18:1 "*The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day*"), but it also depicts the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Take a moment to look at the image – there's more to it than initially meets the eye. The figures are seated in a circle, emphasising their unity; each carries a staff in their left hand to symbolise authority; and each wears

blue to represent God's eternity, along with something to show their particular identity – gold, to remember the Father's glory, purple to indicate the royalty and suffering of Jesus, and green for the life-giving mission of the Spirit. It is full of symbolism, inviting us to reflect on the mystery of the Trinity.

But if you look more closely, there's even more to see. Behind the table there is a house, representing the created order and the Church; a tree, symbolising the cross, and a mountain, inviting us to remember the many occasions in scripture when people encounter God on a mountain top. But perhaps the most significant thing of all is that the circle is not a closed circle, but an open one. The three figures are not looking at one another but are facing outwards, turned towards the person who is looking at the icon, inviting them to be drawn into their relationship.

Today, on Trinity Sunday, we may not fully understand what the Trinity is – the mystery of how God can be one and yet three people at the same time. But Rublev's icon reminds us that understanding is not the most important thing. The Trinity is about relationship – the relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit – and the invitation to each one of us to enter into that relationship.

This Trinity Sunday, take some time to reflect on the icon and on the three faces of God, facing towards us and beckoning us in.

With my prayers and love,

Anita

A Reflection for Trinity Sunday:

Without you,
Weaver of willows,
Spinner of sunrises,
I would have no place
to put my foot:
stumbling face first
into the mud puddles
of my mistakes.

Without you,
Retriever of the fallen,
Mediator of the sin-splattered,
I would have no place
to put my soul:
adrift on the stormy sea
of seduction,
at the mercy of bedlam's blows.

Without you,
Whisperer of wisdom,
Gift-bearing dove,
I would have no place
to put my heart:
watching it shrivel
in despair's bitter grasp.

In you
I find my place,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed Trinity,
in you.

Amen.

Thom M Shuman

A Reflection for Trinity Sunday

Father,
You sent your Word to bring us truth
and your Spirit to make us holy.
Through them we come to know the mystery of your life.
Help us to worship you, one God in three persons,
You reveal yourself in the depths of our being,
by proclaiming and living our faith in you.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen

Lent Project and India Covid Appeal

Donations to this year's Lent Project have been added up, and we are delighted to announce that we have raised £7630 including gift aid. £4550 will go to the work of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service to make up the shortfall in the building costs for the Community Centre at Brace Bridge, and to provide emergency relief for the Covid crisis. £1540 will be given to Green Lane Contact Centre and Derventio Housing Trust respectively. THANK YOU so much to all for your wonderful generosity – these donations will make a real difference to the lives of people in need, and we pray they will speak of God's love for them.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 13th June

It's hard to believe that it's the time of year again when we hold our hold our APCM! This year it will take place during the 11am Zoom service on 13th June. As usual, we will incorporate the meeting into our worship - a time when we look back with gratitude for all that has happened over the past year and look forward with faith and expectancy for all that is to come. What could be more fitting than to express that within the context of praising and thanking God!

One of the things that happens in the APCM is the important task of electing churchwardens and PCC members. As usual, notices announcing the meeting, along with election forms for churchwardens and PCC members are available in church, and will be taken down before the meeting. But this year, as not many people are coming into the church building, they are also available by email – please email Anita if you would like one.

For those who may not be sure of the processes, PCC members serve a 3 year term, and are nominated by those on the electoral (membership) roll. Churchwardens serve a 1 year term, but can be elected to serve another term, and are elected by those on the electoral roll as well as by anyone living in the parish.

This year we have 3 vacancies on the PCC. All nominations must be proposed and seconded (but don't forget to discuss this with the person concerned before the forms are filled in!) If you would like to know more about what being on the PCC involves, please have a chat to Anita or to any member of the PCC.

Electoral Roll

Prior to the Annual Parochial Church meeting the electoral roll is revised. If you have are baptized and been a regular attender at St. Peter's for more than 6 months, you are eligible for membership of the electoral roll. Once again, forms are available in church or can be emailed to you – please contact Anita. All forms must be returned by 28th May. Please note – you don't need to fill out a form if you're already on the electoral roll (if you're not sure, please contact Anita!).

Prayer ...

In this testing time, do not hesitate to ask for prayer for any concern you have. We all face difficulties and challenges, but prayer makes a difference. In an emergency, call Bren (07967 183601), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray for you.

Sunday Service 10.15am: simple service of Holy Communion

Please book in by 12 noon on Friday. If you have internet access, booking is via the Eventbrite website, using this link: <https://stpetersderby.eventbrite.co.uk>. Alternatively please call the Church Office (01332 360790) and leave a message - we will book you in. Please tell us if you are coming with others from your household. We need to collect name, address and phone details and keep them for 21 days in case we have to provide a list of attendees for track and trace purposes.

Zoom Service: 11am

Please join us for our worship on Zoom at 11am this Sunday. Joining details below!

On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet: Click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/450891605?pwd=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VlOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

Alternatively:

1. Open Zoom and select 'Join' or 'Join a Meeting'
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **450 891 605**
3. Select 'Join'
4. When prompted for the Meeting Password, enter **73837**
5. Select 'Continue' or 'Join Meeting' and you will be connected

By Phone – these are the numbers you must now use:

1. Pick any one of the numbers below (doesn't matter which), if one doesn't work, pick another: 0330 088 5830; 0131 460 1196; 0203 481 5237; 0203 481 5240; 0203 901 7895; 0208 080 6591; 0208 080 6592
 2. Dial the number and when prompted for the Meeting ID press: **450 891 605#**
 3. You will then be prompted for a Participant ID, just press **#**
 4. Finally, you will be prompted for the Meeting Password, press: **73837#**
 5. You will be connected and able to hear everything that is happening
- If you have difficulty connecting please call Anita.

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Parish Safeguarding Link: Janet MacIntyre, 07828 280455. Please note that copies of the Safeguarding Policy are available in the Church Office or at www.derby.anglican.org/safeguarding

IN THE WEEK

The church office is closed until further notice, but telephone calls to the Office on 01332 360790 and emails to office@stpetersderby.org.uk will be monitored