

St Canice's News



5 July 2020

Trinity 4

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Week 16 since we last met together and, at last, hope of a resumption is in sight. Yet many remain afraid to venture back to church. Our readings for this the fourth Sunday after Trinity speak into our situation.

It is also officially the start of the summer holidays for our children and young people.

"Lord God, we put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our homes a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. Amen."

REOPENING CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the questionnaire about how best to manage the reopening of our church building. This will help us work out the many implications. Forms can now be returned by Monday. Your prayers for wisdom will be appreciated. And watch this space, and Facebook and our website for further announcements.

WORSHIP

Sunday services are available on the St Canice's YouTube Channel @ 11am Sunday, then all week. Do check it out and share with your friends. Also, please send your photos for the "virtual parish" by Thursday to:

alanmcelreavey@btinternet.com

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

St Canice's is open for all to enjoy a peaceful moment of prayer or reflection. Please note the slightly amended times:

Monday	7.00 – 8.00 pm
Wednesday	2.00 – 4.00 pm

FINANCE

Thank you to all who have forwarded their offerings to us. If you have Leprosy Mission Collection boxes or donations for the Bishops' Appeal (soup lunch) please drop them in or post to The Rectory, 21 Main Street.

NHS BIRTHDAY THANK YOU!

Today (Sunday 5th) is the 72nd birthday of our much-cherished NHS. The chance is being taken to thank everyone who has helped the NHS to respond to coronavirus so far – care staff, key workers and the wider public.

Tonight at 5pm there will be a country-wide clap to say #ThankYouTogether.



EGLINTON CHURCHES TOGETHER WITH EGLINTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The services provided have been a lifeline to many, so profound thanks to all the volunteers involved. With lockdown easing, the *Committee running this voluntary group is planning to press the "pause" button on its services from 31 July, to coincide with the end of shielding. Volunteers will still keep themselves available in case there is a second wave of the virus. More information will be sent to every home in the parish.*

QUIZ

Thanks to those who have hosted our enjoyable online Quiz Nights. We're taking a break for the summer months, and hope to be back!

PRAYER CHAIN

For confidential prayer for anyone (including yourself), please call/ text Ann 07547 202649.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Resources for the children are available to download from the parish website.

PASTORAL CARE

The Rector will not be available for pastoral care this week. In case of emergencies please contact Canon Stewart Wright on t02871 811222. Please note that clergy can still only have contact with parishioners in emergency situations and either outdoors or by phone

N:VISION

The Diocesan magazine is available online now. Many interesting articles and a cover photo of Bishop Tim of Butere Diocese, who visited our church. He has recently recovered from COVID-19.

CHURCH OF IRELAND GAZETTE

With lockdown easing, the Gazette will be printed in hard copy again from 3 July. The ePaper version is also available by subscription of £35 for 10 magazines. Visit www.gazette.ireland.anglican.org

MOVE WITH MARY

AgeNI has teamed up with Dame Mary Peters to launch an exercise programme for older people. Five exercise videos, for every level of capability, will be launched this week. Visit www.ageuk.org.uk

CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to Josh Bradley and David Buchanan who have birthdays this week. Please let the Rector know of any celebrations, or indeed sadder occasions too.

THANK YOU!

To Carole Hinchliff for editing our recent excellent church magazine and to those who assisted with its delivery.

Check our Facebook page for news updates. If you do not have access to it, please call the Rector 07712873322 Notices can be sent to elaine.way25@gmail.com

The Collect and Readings

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 24: 62-67

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Psalms 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple. For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock. And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me; Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me. My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Jesus said, But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'