

**The Parish Church of St Mary's  
Hilton with Marston-on-Dove**

**July 2019**



**NOTICES AND  
SERVICES**



## Services in July

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	11.00am Holy Communion at Percy Wood Close
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) With 'Good News Crew'
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Family Service
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	11.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00am Family Communion

Currently we are awaiting a new vicar as Reverend Andy Murphie has relocated to a parish in the Lake District. All services, baptisms and wedding bookings are proceeding as normal.

For up to date information on services please see: [www.stmaryshilton.org](http://www.stmaryshilton.org)

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## CHURCH NOTICES



### Church Bells

Following a report earlier in the year by Mike Banks, the Diocesan bell advisor, the PCC decided that the bells needed to be overhauled so that they were safer to ring. TLB services - specialists in church bells - were awarded the work. We are pleased to announce that after completing the work the bells were ringing again for the wedding on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**If you are interested in learning how to ring the bells then please let Nigel or Helen know as we are looking to train up a small team to be able to ring on Sunday mornings.**

### Summer Open Days - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August & Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

We are again opening the church for tower tours, music and refreshments on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August from 7pm**. Live music will be played while refreshments are served. The parish records will be available to look through as well as the chance to tour the tower and see the work completed on the bells. Tickets will be available nearer the time.



During the day on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August** we will be holding a Church Fete with additional stalls, games and refreshments. Tower tours and parish records will also be available.

**Flowers in Church** You would be very welcome to put flowers in Church or give a donation for flowers to remember a special occasion or anniversary. If you would like to do this please speak to a Churchwarden.



**Stamp collection** There is a collecting box for used postage stamps in the Church porch for 'Oxfam'.

### Parochial Church Council

**Next Meeting:** Standing Committee/PCC – **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** in the Schoolroom

**PCC Members:** Mrs. E. Barber (Churchwarden); Mr. N. Brown (Churchwarden); Mr. J. Murphie (Hon. Secretary); Mrs. H. Brown (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. S. Johnson; Mr. B. Keane; Mrs W. Morris; Miss C. Owen; Mrs. L. Rees-Jones; Mrs. P. Roberts; Mr. P. Walton-Knight; Mr. G. Draper; Mr L. Bean

## **DIY Bible Study**

In our DIY Bible Study this month, we look at The Holy Trinity. The thoughts and questions are adapted from the book '100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies' by Penelope Wilcock.

### **Bible passages**

#### **John 1:18**

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

#### **John 6: 45-46**

"Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father."

#### **Colossians 2:9, KJV**

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

#### **John 16:7-15**

"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgement, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

#### **John 16:28**

"I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

#### **Acts 16:7**

When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

### **Commentary**

The mystery of the Holy Trinity became part of the Christian understanding of God during the first three hundred years after the resurrection of Jesus. By the time of the Council of Nicea in 325, the church was ready to agree on a doctrine, a definite article of faith, which would define orthodox Christian belief. This doctrine is drawn from the Scriptures and Christian experience, but is not specifically outlined or defined in Scripture. The substance of this understanding is that we experience God in three distinct ways. We encounter him as God the Father who is transcendent and all-powerful, over and above us, our creator who watches over us but who is infinitely greater than our intellectual or spiritual capacity can possibly encompass. It is this aspect of God of which Isaiah's prophecy (55:9) says, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

We also experience God as the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts, "transformed by the renewing of you mind", as Romans 12:2 puts it.

The Holy Trinity is God above us, God alongside us, and God within us; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – not three gods but three ways of experiencing or encountering one God. This is hard to understand intellectually because it is a mystery; it can be understood only spiritually and experientially.

### **Questions**

- Is there one of these three aspects of God that you find it easier to relate to?
- Does your church emphasize one of the three aspects more than the others?
- Which aspect of God do you think is easiest for children to start with?

### **Prayer**

Holy God, Ancient of Days, Lord of hosts, we thank you that you are our Father, loving us and watching over us. Thank you that you are Emmanuel, God with us in Jesus, our savior, our brother, and our friend. Thank you for coming to us as Holy Spirit, breath of God that illumines and enlivens us, transforming and renewing our minds. Enable us by your grace to enter the power of this mystery, so that we may know for ourselves the wonder of relationship with you. This we ask you, Father, in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit; Amen.