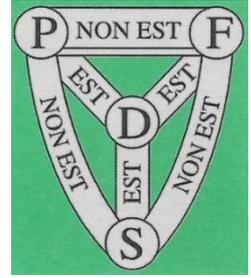


Trinity Parish News

February and March 2023



FROM THE PARISH HALL

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish all Parishioners and their respective families a very Happy New Year.

As Parishioners will be aware, we have a very special weekend of celebrations to look forward to in May, commencing with the King's Coronation on Saturday 6 May, followed closely by Liberation Day on Tuesday 9 May. Both will be significant events in the diaries of the Parish and the Island as a whole. With the dates fast approaching, I invite Parishioners to make suggestions as to how the Parish can celebrate both occasions. To ensure that the interests of all Parishioners are represented, I intend to form a planning committee to consider suggestions and plan events. Should Parishioners be interested in joining this committee or wish to submit suggestions, please contact me directly, contact the Parish Hall on 865345 or email parishhall@parishoftrinity.je.

Despite the atrocious weather that we have had, the contractors working on the roadside wall and pavement on Rue à Picots have made good progress and remain on schedule. For the benefit of those who were not present at the Parish Assembly last July (when it was agreed to proceed with the project), I wish to clarify that the cost of the work is being met by the Parish Development Fund, with a contribution from Government, and not through Parish rates. I thank everyone for their continuing patience while the diversions are in place.

Kind regards,

Philip Le Sueur, Connétable

FROM THE RECTORY

St Valentine's Day is perhaps more of a secular occasion these days than a religious commemoration, in part because there are numerous varying legends rather than known facts about this Roman priest. It is thought that he lived at a time of Christian persecution by the Emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270 AD. According to legend, St Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the Emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. We can only wonder what he would make of all the cards and letters now sent on 14 February, but I am sure he

would join with us in asking God's blessing upon all those, young and old, confessing their love one for another. With my diary already full with bookings for weddings at Trinity, let us pray for all who build their lives on love.

The season of Lent, an extended time of preparation for the great Easter Festival, begins on **22 February**, with **Ash Wednesday**, and all are invited to a special service at **8 pm** that evening at the Parish Church. **Lent Lunches** will be returning to the Parish Hall in late March and April (details below).

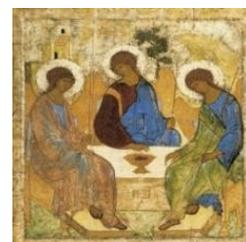
We remember our mothers on **Mothering Sunday**, and all are welcome to the special services in our churches that day. And for those for whom this day brings a particular pain or sorrow, there is a special place of prayer in the Lady Chapel just for you. Our young and adult congregations come together for a **Mothering Sunday Service at 9.30 am on 19 March**. All are welcome. Under the leadership of Sarah Prosser, our Children and Family Ministry Co-ordinator, the younger congregation, which meets once a month, continues to grow. If you would like more information about the next session at **9.30 am on Sunday 12 February** contact Sarah on sarah.prosser@trinitychurch.org.je, or simply come along.

With every blessing,

Canon Geoff Houghton, Rector

A PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *1 Corinthians 13 1.4-7*



LENT LUNCHES 2023

Lent Lunches will be returning to the Parish Hall in the latter part of Lent on **Tuesdays 21 and 28 March and 4 April** from **12 pm to 1.45 pm**. We look forward to welcoming parishioners and friends to the lunches where you can enjoy homemade soup and good company. Money raised will support the work of various charities. Look out for the signs near the Church and Parish Hall.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE PARISH HALL

Having started in January 2023, these will become a regular feature from **10 am to 12 pm** on the last Friday of every month, with the next coffee mornings on **24 February** and **31 March**. All are very welcome and there are no age restrictions! Tea/coffee is £1 and amongst the activities there will be a book club, board games, jigsaw puzzles and a chat and natter table. We are also looking for some volunteers to assist with serving the refreshments. Even committing to helping

on one Friday during the year would be much appreciated. For more information or to volunteer to help please contact the Parish Hall on 865345 or email: parishhall@parishoftrinity.je

TRINITY 3 IN 1 SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

2 February - Musical Entertainment followed by tea, 2.30 pm at the Parish Hall.

2 March - Soup and Pudding at 12.30 pm at the Parish Hall. If you are not attending please advise a Committee Member.

TRINITY WI

7 February – Jersey Hedgehogs Talk by Dru Burdon at 2.30 pm at the Parish Hall.

7 March – Trinity Parish Hall at 2.30 pm. This is our AGM where we will be joined by a WI Adviser. New members are always welcome. Please contact Jean Cadin on 863380.

TRINITY BATTLE OF FLOWERS EVENTS AT THE PARISH HALL

Friday 24 February – Quiz

Friday 31 March - Beetle Drive. Look out for information on posters, Facebook and Instagram.

RJA AND HS SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March, 11am to-5pm

Royal Jersey Showground, Trinity. Entry £4 for Adults, £2 for Seniors and free for Members and Children. Show Schedule available: www.royaljersey.co.uk/show or from the office. Entries close

Thursday 9 March. Forms to be sent by post or email to Rachelle Robinson. For more information contact Rachelle on 860648 or rachelle@royal.jersey.co.uk



SHELTER TRUST FOOD BANK DONATIONS PLEASE: Tins, jars, dry packeted food and toiletries can be left in the box situated in the north transept at Holy Trinity Church for onward collection. Thank you!

EBENEZER COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORK:

Monthly Generations sessions for youngsters and seniors are held on a Friday afternoon from 2.45 pm to 4.30 pm. There is space for more senior folk if you would like to join. Please see our website and Facebook page 'Ebenezer Methodist Church Jersey' for updated details on all Ebenezer's services and community activities.

TRINITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAM: tel. 07797 741 285

is available to assist vulnerable or isolated members of our Parish community. Volunteers can assist with simple errands and shopping as needed.

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Trinity Community Support Team: tel. 07797 741 285

Trinity Parish Church: tel. 861110

Ebenezer Church: tel. 861144

Catholic Community: tel. 720235

USEFUL WEBSITES

For Trinity Parish Matters, including dog licence and driving licence downloadable forms and forthcoming events: parishoftrinity.je/

For Trinity Parish Church: trinitychurchjersey.com

For Ebenezer Methodist Church: ebenezerjersey.org/

For Roman Catholic Services: catholicchurch.org.je

GLASS & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS:

23 and 24 February, 23 and 24 March, 27 and 28 April

DRIVING LICENCE RENEWALS: Please remember to check the expiry date on your driving licence. Licences can be renewed up to three months before the expiry date. Application forms are available from your Parish Hall. You may also apply online to renew a full Jersey driving licence or to replace a full driving licence which has been lost, stolen, destroyed or defaced.

ANNUAL RETURNS OVERDUE: All rates forms should have been returned to the Parish Hall by 15 January. If you have not done so far, please return them immediately. Don't forget that you can complete them online.

DOG LICENCES: Parishioners are reminded that if they own a dog over 6 months old they need a dog licence which must be paid by 31 January 2023. The price is £10 per dog, if paid before the end of January, otherwise £20 per dog. The Parish will not send out official reminders. Forms are available on the Parish Website.

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