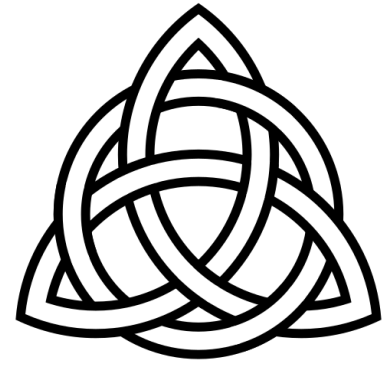


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Trinity

JUNE 2023

Dear Friends

'Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings,' said Samuel Strachan, Child of His Majesty's Chapel Royal.

The King replies: 'In His name and after His example I come not to be served but to serve.'

Well, did you watch it – and what a wonderful truth to open the Coronation Service of King Charles III; and how awesome that this spectacular Service with the King making the proclamation of his coronation was broadcast across the planet!

With its pomp and pageantry, the Coronation might seem arcane and irrelevant, but it's a ceremony intended to bind king, people, and Christ together by means of covenantal promises.

There was great theatre, majestic musical composition, and ceremony – led in parts by costumed men with unfathomable heraldic titles – and those in key roles didn't just bear witness but played their part in the re-enactment of covenantal promises found in the Bible and repeated through British history for more than 1,000 years.

In the echoes of history and pageant, a central gospel message resounded: the confession by Britain's political order that Christ is Lord marked a renewed submission to the Lamb of God's heavenly reign, to which all temporal power is limited, contingent and accountable.

When listening to King Charles, affirm The Oaths, especially after receiving 'the Gospel of God as a Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes,' and being told to 'receive this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God,' I was reminded of the Oaths and Vows I made when Priested by Bishop Michael.

Not long afterwards, I received a very special letter from a dear clergy friend, Fr Tim Raphael – I quote:

'Having been priested for over 50 years I can only define priesthood as the Gift of God for which I must learn to be grateful. His gift reaches me at every level. Much will be expected of you. You will be expected to be wise and generous, kind and dependable. You will have to teach others and help them to be able to forgive and show compassion to others. You are a representative of Jesus, one who is a servant and trained to be a special kind of leader. You will be a real priest, one who is in the hands of God and is available to change people. We have been given so much, so much to be grateful for and all the better to enjoy the Gift given us.'

Such wise and encouraging words and much to pray for.

As we recall, the words of Jesus were the bedrock of faith for the late Queen Elizabeth II, and she spoke about how, 'the teachings of Christ had served as 'my inner light' and how in Jesus, 'God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.' 'For me,' she stated, 'the life of Jesus Christ...is an inspiration and anchor in my life.'

Today we pray for our King, that Jesus Christ will indeed be an inspiration and anchor in his life, **and in ours**; and we pray with him, for a nation united and rejoicing in its diversity, and, ultimately, for a world healed and reconciled in the eternal banquet of the saints in heaven.

Likewise, let us pray for ourselves, our villages, our school and the Tewkesbury and Winchcombe Deanery, as new Clergy join the team. As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit [28th May], and Trinity Sunday, [4th June] may we live always within the breath of Jesus Christ, receiving life from him on our life's journeys. Julia x

ALDERTON

ART EXHIBITION AND SALE AND FLOWER FESTIVAL: this will be on **SATURDAY 29TH JULY 10am to 4pm**. The Art Exhibition will be in the Village Hall and will feature the work of local Artists. The paintings will be for sale so do bring some cash or a cheque book with you! The Flower Festival will be in Church and has the exciting theme of Alice in Wonderland. We will be serving refreshments in the Churchyard all day and there will be Pimms and other drinks available to celebrate summer! A SumUp machine will be available to use here in the Churchyard. The money raised will be for the upkeep of the Church. So it will be really lovely to see you at this special event.

GIFT DAY: also, on July 29th it is an opportunity to use the **envelope** that you will be given in the Church newsletter in July to donate money to the Church. The Church relies on donations and support at events for its upkeep and to cover its costs.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR OUR ANIMALS - SUNDAY 16TH JULY 5pm an informal gathering of thanksgiving, fellowship, fun and refreshments and is suitable for all ages and all animals.

SEVERN'S EIGHT: we had a wonderful evening with this group of singers that was arranged by Matthew Clayton. The evening was very well attended and people thoroughly enjoyed the range of music that they performed for us. To fit in with the recent Coronation the theme they created was a Right Royal Pot Pourri including ranging from Tudor choral music, a song from Shakespeare's the Tempest, Fields of Gold and Cole Porter. We raised £516 for Church funds. Many thanks to the Severn's Eight for once again singing for us.

GREAT WASHBOURNE

FRIDAY 9TH JUNE, 10-12 noon. TEA FOR TRUSSELL/COFFEE MORNING This will be held in St Mary's church in the village. All monies raised will be sent to Trussell Trust which is the British charity based in Salisbury that runs the national network of food banks, including the North Cotswold Foodbank that we support locally.

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 10.30am. CAFÉ CHURCH FOR FATHER'S DAY. This is a service for the four Oak Hill parishes and will be held in St Mary's church, Great Washbourne. Café church is an informal gathering for fellowship, fun and refreshments and is suitable for all ages.

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 6.30PM GREAT WASHBOURNE SUMMER SUPPER.

The Great Washbourne Summer Supper will be held on Friday 23rd June at 6.30pm in the garden of Great Washbourne House. Some local Cheltenham musicians will be providing us with light summer music during the evening. A supper of roast pork (veggie alternative available) and salads will be served with all the trimmings, and strawberries & cream for dessert. There will be a bar, raffle, tombola, cake stall and other entertainment. Do come and join us for what promises to be a great evening. Tickets will be available in advance from Jane (01242) 620291 or Karen (01242) 620633 or on the door: Adults £12, Children £6. This is our annual major village fundraiser and all proceeds will go to the church funds.

DUMBLETON

CORONATION CELEBRATION DAY 7th May. We feel sure that all who participated in the celebrations enjoyed the festivities. Our church looked beautiful decorated with flowers of red, white and blue(thank you flower arrangers) and it was so uplifting to have such a happy congregation for the special Coronation Service. **THANK YOU** to everyone who provided food for the wonderful buffet table in the afternoon or who helped in any other way. What a great Village Day!

FUNdraising EVENT. There is to be a "PIMMS AND PIG ROAST" on the evening of **SATURDAY 8th JULY** 6-10pm in the lovely garden of THE VILLA, Blacksmiths Lane. There will be VEGETARIAN and GLUTEN FREE options of food. There will also be a BAR, and a RAFFLE will take place(offers of prizes gratefully accepted). Tickets are available now priced at £12.50 and can be obtained from Jenny Maher (01386 881474) jennylynne71@icloud.com.

This event is by kind invitation of Fred and Sue Invine and all proceeds will go to St Peter's Church. We hope this will be yet another glorious **VILLAGE OCCASION!**

From the Registers:

Holy Matrimony. 20th May. Albert Arthur Percy JONES, Katherine Louise RITCHIE.

WORMINGTON

VILLAGE CORONATION PICNIC 7th May -

A big **THANK YOU** to Sarah and Mark Hughes for organising the Weekend festivities. Also thank you to all who contributed to the puddings and helped behind the bar.

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023
Lectionary Year A

4th June 1st Sun TRINITY SUNDAY White	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON HC CW	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end 2 Corinthians 13.11-end Matthew 28.16-end
11 th June 2 nd Sun T1 Green	9.00am WORMINGTON HC Trad	10.30am ALDERTON Family Service with Baptism Readings TBA	Hosea 5.15-6.6 Romans 4.13-end Matthew 9.9-13 18-26
18 th June 3 rd Sun T2 Green	Café Church – Great Washbourne 10.30am Fathers Day		
25 th June 4 th Sun T3 Green	6.00pm WORMINGTON Choral Evensong	10.30am ALDERTON HC CW	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39
2 nd July 1st Sun T4 Green	9.00AM GT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON HC CW	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Romans 6.12-end Matthew 10.40-end

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