

# Welcome to the United Benefice of St. Helen, St. Mary and St. John the Baptist

It's great to gather together as the Body of Christ in this beautiful part of Derbyshire. Though we have differences, we have one Lord, one Faith and one passion for the Gospel. May we spend time this morning praying together and sharing fellowship.

All are welcome to take part fully in our services. If this is a Service of Holy Communion, you are very welcome to receive Holy Communion at the appropriate time.

(Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask anyone leading the communion.)

## Our Worship today, 27<sup>th</sup> May, Trinity Sunday

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| St. Helen's | 8.00am  | Holy Communion  |
| St. John's  | 9.00am  | Holy Communion  |
| St. Helen's | 11.00am | Morning Prayer  |
| St. Mary's  | 4.00pm  | Songs of Praise |
| St. Helen's | 5.00pm  | Café Church     |

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8                      John 3: 1-17

### Regular Midweek Services

Tuesday – Morning Prayer at St. Helen's 9.30am

Thursday – Morning Prayer at St. John's 9.30am

### Regular Home Groups & Prayer Meetings

Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> Home Group, Whitworth House, Dale Road

Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am, Prayer Meeting, 14 Park Avenue

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## **United Benefit Services for next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**St. John's 9.00am Holy Communion**

**St. Mary's 10.00am Holy Communion**

**St. Helen's 11.00am Holy Communion**

**For Prayer:** Fridolin Wieschhues, Robert & Margaret Pearse and family, the Hopper family, the Parnell family, Tony & Marie Thrower, Stan Codd, Anne & Susan ChinChen, Andrew Brown, the Stoker Family, Claudia Jeffrey, Steven Gill, Ruth Smith, Werner Weber, Janet Monk, Janet Brindley, Stan & Janet Brown.

Please let Pauline Hall know of anyone you would like to put on the list, and also when someone's name can be removed. For St. Mary's, please pass names to David Gadsby (734922) and for St. John's to Marion Bowler (650261).

### **Worship Group - calling all singers and instrumentalists!**

Dear Friends, the Worship Group has grown over the last five years, but we'd love to welcome warmly new singers and also new people who play instruments. You don't have to be perfect, simply enjoy playing an instrument or singing. We're looking for people from all our churches. We really need YOU!! - So, please speak to Stephen (Rector) or Richard Royds (Worship Group leader) **Tel. 735854**

### **Baptisms and Weddings**

We've had lots of great comments about the welcome given to people who have come for their loved one's special day. This is amazing – it's the Church in action, when we help people feel a sense of belonging. Long may this last in all our churches. Let's never get tired of showing Jesus' love for all people.

## **Peace Garden**

Chris (Townsend) had been working very hard in recent months on this important project, but she does need more help. Perhaps a Saturday morning bash every so often? However much effort she puts in, Chris cannot do everything. If we don't get some more volunteers to help, we will need to pay someone, but of course this cuts into our money for plants, etc. Could you, or some-one you know, help for an hour or so? If so, please do speak to Chris soon. Thanks very much.

## **Talent Show, St. Helen's Church, Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> June, 7pm**

We're preparing for a night of fun, frolics and much laughter!!! I've had a couple of entries from South Darley and Joe Bonamassa (google him!!!) from St. Helen's will be playing. But we need lots more people of talent to come forward. Please speak to Roz, and do support this event, which is simply for fun.

## **Looking Further Ahead:**

### **Quiz Night at St. Helen's Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> June 7pm**

This will start with a *fish & chip supper!* And there are luxury hampers to be won.

### **Cream Teas + Cromford Community Band, Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**St. Helen's church hall.** Tickets £5 or pay at the door.

Proceeds go to the 'Escape Fund'. Cromford Community Band are in concert from 2 – 3 pm, cream teas will be served between 3 and 4 pm.

## **Today is Trinity Sunday - What is Trinity ?**

The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God, in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The three divine Persons are only one God, because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature.

They are distinct from each other by reason of the relationships which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### **How can the Trinity be proved?**

The Trinity can only be proved through the divine revelation that Jesus brought us. It cannot be proved by natural reason or from the Old Testament alone. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

God has left some traces of his trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries.

Although the vocabulary used to express the doctrine of the Trinity took time to develop, we can demonstrate the different aspects of the doctrine from Scripture.

The fact that there is only one God was already made clear in the Old Testament. For example, the book of Isaiah proclaims:

“You are my witnesses,” says the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god”

## **Psalm 29**

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare;  
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*Please do take this pew sheet home for details of what is happening in the United Benefice and for prayer.*