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Today's Gospel is often referred to as the 'Great Commission'. It contains the instructions of the Risen Jesus to the disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to teach and to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday today, we pay attention in particular to the very last words of Matthew's Gospel: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Jesus will be with his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us.

We read that some of the disciples were hesitant when they encountered Jesus on the mountain. They had lost him to death, and now he was risen and with them again in the flesh. They may have felt they weren't ready or able for the task he was handing over to them. These first disciples were an imperfect group of people, yet Jesus chose them to spread God's vision of love, compassion and justice throughout the world. Jesus chooses us also. He chooses us to carry out the task of living, and sharing, his vision of love. Perhaps, like some of the disciples, we are fearful or doubtful. At a time when everything is changing so rapidly, and life seems to be so uncertain, it can be difficult to navigate our own faith journey, never mind communicate it to others. Yet we have Jesus' assurance that he is with us, with the love and strength we need. The Holy Spirit is at work, inspiring and guiding us, shaping our lives, helping us to make the love of God present to all we meet.



MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 9am and 10.30am*

If you wish to attend one of the above Masses you can request up to two places via the parish website,

for three or more places, please email, telephone, the parish office.

Monday, Tuesday*, Wednesday and Thursday* Mass this week at 9.15am.

No need to request a place in advance.

*These Masses are live-streamed, for details see below.

When you come to Mass:

Please follow the guidance of the stewards,

wear a mask, sanitise your hands when entering and leaving,

do not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

If you suspect you may have Coronavirus symptoms, have been in touch with anyone who has, or if you are feeling unwell, do not come to church.

TOWARDS NORMALITY.....

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued further guidance in the light of the changes to the current lockdown restrictions. Those entering the church, for Mass will still need to observe the expected social distancing and wear a face mask. You will also be asked to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the building. Those attending Mass on Saturday or Sunday, should continue to request a place via the website, or by email. We would ask, if at all possible, that people use their mobile phone and the QR code provided to register via NHS Test and Trace.

So from this weekend:

- The distribution of Holy Communion will return to its usual place in the Mass. Instead of coming forward to receive, you should remain in your places, and the celebrant, and extraordinary Minister, will move through the empty pews, giving Holy Communion.
- Instead of saying a collective 'Amen' to 'Body of Christ', we will return to the practise of saying 'Amen' individually when receiving Holy Communion.
- After you have received, please remain in your place, and Mass will conclude in the usual way.
- Following the Blessing, please remain in your places, until the stewards direct you safely from the church.

From next weekend the second reading and the intercessions will be reinstated.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone, who has continued to support the Parish, financially, since the first lockdown in March 2020. For some, circumstances will have changed, and it will not have been possible to offer any support, which is understandable. You can give your support by Standing order, or by using planned giving envelopes. For details please contact the parish office. It's also possible to make a contribution, using the 'Contactless' machine in church, or via Virgin Money giving.



MASSES THIS WEEK

• Tomorrow, Monday, is a bank holiday, so Mass is at the later time of 10.00am

STEWARDS FOR MASS

Thank you very much to all those who give their time to steward at Mass, and to clean the church. Without you we would not be able to continue to celebrate Mass as frequently as we do. As people return to work, and take the opportunity to be away, our numbers are dropping a little, particularly on weekdays. If you have an hour, or so, to spare, during the week, or at weekends, it would be a great help if you could volunteer to be a steward. If you could help in this way please let the parish office have your details.



LET US KNOW

It's good to see that, slowly, the numbers attending Mass are increasing. In recent weeks we have been unable to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass. So, it's quite disappointing to see that quite a number, who request a place, don't always take them up, or let us know. **If you are unable to use the place/s you have requested, please let us know by 3pm on Thursday.** It does matter because you could be depriving someone else of the opportunity to attend Mass.



PARISH SURVEY

Early in 2020 many of you completed the Parish Survey. 2020 though, took a very unexpected, disruptive, turn. So many things, the survey included, did not work out as we might have expected. However, the survey has been analysed, and your comments drawn together. Hopefully, many of you will have received the details of how to listen the recording of the outcomes, or where to find the transcript on the parish website. This survey, the thoughts of many of you, is about our parish. I would like to think that everyone would be interested in what has been said. To listen to the recording go to: <https://youtu.be/pPLuShNvPqs>, for the transcript visit:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/parish-survey-2020-outcome-seeking-christ-together/>

COMMUNICATIONS

A frequent comment, in the Parish Survey was of the need for communication, and it's important that we act on that suggestion as soon as we can. Do you have an interest in how we as a parish community communicate, not only among ourselves, but with the world at large? Do you have skills and experience that may help? Would you like to be part of a Parish Communications Group? If so, please contact Canon Dwyer.

PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the recent collection for the Priest Training Fund. The fund is now closed, and we will shortly be sending your donations of £1,521 to the Diocese. Your support will contribute to the formation of those preparing to serve as priests in our diocese.

HELP YOURSELF

In the porch, are books authored by the late Elizabeth Wang, on the priesthood and the Trinity, as well as cards designed by her. If you would like either, or both books, or some cards, they are free to take.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Confirmation preparation will begin immediately after the summer holidays. Parents, who have registered their children, should have received an email giving further information. If you haven't done so, please contact the parish office.



LIVESTREAMING

Masses and Services will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week:

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	894 6908 9284
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	872 7923 9813
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	837 5376 6231

ERIC HARBER RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eric Harber, a regular attendee at the weekday Masses, who died recently. We remember Mary and the family in our prayers at this time.

PARISH OFFICE

In line with current government advice, our office administrator, Melanie is working mainly from home. This means that the phone may not always be answered during parish office hours (9.30am-12.30pm), Monday to Thursday, and you may not get a response to a voicemail immediately. The best way



for parishioners to contact the parish office at the moment is by emailing harpenden@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH NEWSLETTER

As the pandemic continues so, the weekly newsletter will only be available electronically. Parishioners on the newsletter distribution list or parish database will continue to receive an electronic copy of the bulletin each week. It is also available on our website and can be accessed here. For anyone who cannot access it electronically, it is possible to have a copy posted, if you request one from the Parish Office. Alternatively, if you are aware of anyone without a computer, or internet access, you might think of printing off a copy for them.

FOR THE CHILDREN

While the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, it falls to each, if we are not attending Mass, to do what we can, to nourish our faith.

Parents may find the following links, useful to do something with the children, particularly on Sundays:
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>
<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO HELP AT THE HARPENDEN JIGSAW FESTIVAL FRIDAY JULY 9TH & SATURDAY JULY 10TH

With over 1100 jigsaws on display and for sale, The Harpenden Jigsaw Festival, organized by the Developing World Group in conjunction with our friends at the High Street



Methodist Church, on Friday July 9th & Saturday July 10th will be open from 8.00 am to 8.00pm. We are in need of a number of helpers to cover a variety of roles at the Festival and have begun to compile a list of volunteers. If you could



help on one or both days, please could you email Noel Whittle at noel.whittle@btinternet.com and let him know if you would prefer to do a morning, afternoon or evening stint. It is proposed that a shift will be for 2 hours. All proceeds from the Festival will be equally divided between the DWG chosen charity Workaid www.workaid.co.uk and the High Street Methodist chosen charity Azalea www.azalea.org.uk

LIVESIMPLY:

SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL 2021 23 MAY - 6 JUNE
Here is another chance to help protect the planet and think about living more sustainably. We are fortunate to have a wide range of activities and events right on our doorstep. You could simply take part in a [Climate Survey](#), check out the [Science-trail](#) at Rothamsted, or learn about hedgehogs, go to a foodie event or try out a [Food Box](#) of locally sourced fruit, veg and even honey. There is more information here: <https://sustfest.org/>. Laudato si' (Praise Be to You).

OPEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY 17 JULY - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

You are warmly invited to this year's open garden which will take place between 10am and 3pm on 17th July. It will provide a great opportunity to relax with friends in a lovely setting after what has been such a difficult year. There will be plants for sale and ample refreshments including coffee, tea and delicious cakes. Any donations of plants for the sale would be



most welcome so do get those seed trays going! All proceeds will go to the DWG's current project. Further information to follow.

POPE FRANCIS LAUNCHES PROGRAMME TO PUT LAUDATO SI INTO ACTION THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH:

The Vatican's long-awaited program for putting Pope Francis' ecological encyclical into action throughout the church was published on Tuesday 25 May 2021, with the Pope inviting all Catholics on a journey "to create the future we want: a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world." For details

- <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/pope-francis-launches-program-put-laudato-si-action-throughout-church>

LET US PRAY

For those throughout the world who are suffering from the impact of coronavirus.
May the Lord of Mercy bring them health and healing.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who have died recently especially Eric Harber, Josie Larkin and Muriel Orton and also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time particularly Terry Mahabir Geraldine Martin and Gerry Martin. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

We place in God's hand our personal needs and prayers.

We pray together our parish prayer.

God our Father, pour forth your spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>SATURDAY 29TH MAY</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>feria</p> <p>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B) Terry Mahabir RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>SUNDAY 30TH MAY</p> <p>9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish Geraldine Martin RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 894 6908 9284</p>
<p>MONDAY 31ST MAY</p> <p>10.00am</p>	<p>The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary Helen O'Regan RIP (recently deceased)</p>
<p>TUESDAY 1ST JUNE</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>St Justin, Martyr Marie Herlihy RIP Zoom Code 872 7923 9813</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>feria Gerry Martin RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>THURSDAY 3RD JUNE</p> <p>9.15am</p>	<p>St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs Josie Larkin RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 837 5376 6231</p>
<p>FRIDAY 4TH JUNE</p>	<p>feria</p>
<p>SATURDAY 5TH JUNE</p> <p>11.30am & 12.30pm</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr Baptism Donaghey/Kumar Families</p> <p>THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLODD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (B) Muriel Orton RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p>SUNDAY 6TH JUNE</p> <p>9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLODD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish Elizabeth & Timothy O'Mahony RIP Zoom Code 894 6908 9284</p>

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