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Your Sunday Service Link (10.30 am):

Click on the church image above from
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Nothing - then two times together!

You will have likely heard, or even used, a form of this expression: "You wait ages for one – and then two come along together!" We usually are thinking of buses here, although we often apply it to other circumstances and events.

I was thinking about this today. I hadn't been to Uxbridge town for a good while, and then on Monday and Tuesday I was there on two consecutive days. On Monday morning it was for surge testing at the Civic Centre as the vicarage is in an area where residents have been asked to go for testing due to the Indian variant. That was followed by Tuesday's morning's visit to town for my second vaccination at Boots. (It was interesting to see some new businesses about and also new paved areas.)

My thoughts on "You wait ages for one – and then two come along together!" then turned to prayer, and how it is good to not have our Heavenly Father waiting for long before we are in loving contact with him! Do we wait for ages, and then offer two, or more, prayers in quick succession, particularly if we want something or need help there and then due to difficult circumstances or suffering? Our God loves to hear from us all the time, and this includes the 'smaller' things and also when things are going well. He loves to hear from us what we have on our hearts, even if it isn't a request or an 'ask'.

Of course our God is made up of the three persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So it's good to address different members of the Trinity on different occasions and according to what the prayer is. When do you think it is best to pray to the Father, and when, on other occasions, might it be better to address the Son or the Holy Spirit? Can you think of examples of different types of prayer suitable, and more applicable to, a particular member of the Trinity? (If we get it 'wrong', we needn't worry, as God is one, and I'm convinced the communication will get passed on so to speak!) It is good, though, to go directly to the most appropriate person.

We look forward to celebrating Trinity Sunday together this Sunday at 10.30am on Zoom, via your device or telephone. (Details on how to phone in are in the notices section in this edition).

Please do read the important notice later on regarding enhanced testing for COVID-19 variants.

Keep praying and relying on God's Spirit,
Alan



The Trinity

As this Sunday is Trinity Sunday, I thought I would share the 2 pictures above with you. They show a special knitted ball that was made and given to me a couple of years ago by our lovely Wyn Anderson.

The ball is made up of 3 equal parts, that fit together to make one. The cross is central to each of the 3 parts, and the cross is central to the whole knitted ball. This reminds me of the Trinity, with the coming together of these 3 knitted parts to create a unity and wholeness. In the Trinity - God

the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we find the wholeness of God.

Happy Trinity Sunday

Anne Bradford

New Sunday Theme "Conversations of Faith with . . . "

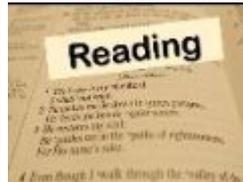
Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday

Sunday 9th June "Conversations of Faith with . . . "

Catch Up or listen and watch again!!

Conversations of Faith with . . . Caroline [click here](#)

Conversations of Faith with . . . Carol [click here](#)



Reading

Acts 8: 12-17

12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



Reducing Food Waste

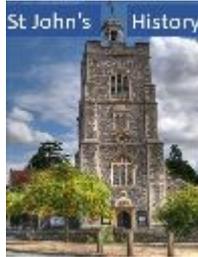
According to the Hillingdon People Magazine, 44 percent of our general rubbish is made up of food waste. Disposing of food waste with household rubbish is more expensive than when it is done separately. Food Waste can be recycled into renewable energy to generate electricity, fuel transport and create fertiliser for farmers. Before shopping check what food you already have in your cupboards, fridge and freezer which can be used to make a meal. Only buy what you need so that the food stays fresh and gets used. Extra items could be frozen. Portion size, only serve enough so that there is no waste. Leftovers can be saved.

You can sign up for the council's weekly food waste collection scheme and they will send a green waste bin and a kitchen caddy.

If you have room in your garden using a compost bin is a good way to use up food waste that can be added to helping your garden and recycling. You can request a bin from the council by contacting the council. Raw vegetable waste, weed tops, spent compost, torn paper and chopped up plant waste can all go in the compost bin. Cover the heap and turn it over to speed up the process. Visit food.gov.uk for information and for recipes and tips lovefoodhatewaste.com.

Christine Rodrigues

John 6:12 'When they had all had enough to eat, he said to the disciples. Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.'

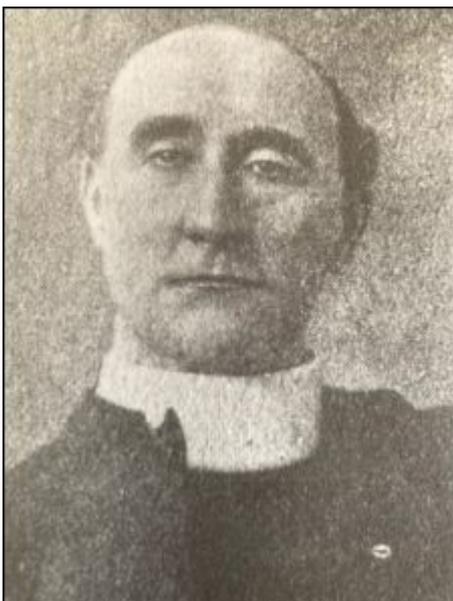


Rev'd Robert Mallabarr Carrick

In last week's Link, I talked about Sir Edward Carr's monument in the sanctuary, and this week I am focussing on a brass plaque just to the right of it which was placed there in memory of the Reverend Robert Mallabarr Carrick, Vicar of St John's from 1916-1921.

Rev'd Carrick was born in 1859 at Melkridge Northumberland, the son of Robert and Henrietta Mallabar Carrick. Robert senior was a wine and spirit merchant. The Carricks were a wealthy family, owning a large part of the village of Melkridge.

Robert was educated at Durham and then chose a career in the church. He became a deacon in 1884 and was ordained in 1885. He then went on to be a minister in a variety of places: including Jarrow, Swymbridge, Devon, Malaga, St Moritz, Castle Ashby, Hoxton, and St James Notting Hill before he came to Hillingdon in 1916. Arriving halfway through the First World War, the demands on him must have been enormous as people tried to find comfort and solace through their faith. Rev'd Carrick clearly felt strongly that a war memorial would be of help and that it was important to remember and honour the men who sacrificed their lives. So in 1920 Rev'd Carrick masterminded a WW1 memorial listing the names of the local men who had fought and died. This is still in church today in the Lady Chapel. Sadly before the work was completed he became ill and died on July 1st 1921, whilst he was in hospital having an operation. His funeral took place at St John's with the service conducted by the Bishop of Kensington. I am pretty sure that he is buried in Hillingdon and Uxbridge Cemetery but to my annoyance I have been unable to locate his grave. **Christine Bartlett**



Rev'd Robert Mallabarr Carrick



Memorial of Rev'd Robert Mallabarr Carrick

NOTICES



On Wednesday it was such a joy to spend the morning with so many wonderful people, who really did CLEAN EVERYWHERE! Huge thanks to our amazing army of volunteers. I was overwhelmed by how many answered the call for help to tackle the big job of cleaning the church. It was great to work alongside you all. St. John's is now shining and smelling beautiful once again. Without all your help we would not have been able to get it all done. I can't thank you enough. Nikki.



Please continue to pray for our wedding couples Jay & April and Darren & Michelle, whose banns of marriage will be read for the 2nd time at St. Andrew's Church Uxbridge on Sunday 30th May at 10am.

Lord we pray that as Jay, April, Darren and Michelle get ready for their wedding day, not only would their love for each other grow stronger, but they would become more and more aware of your great love for them.

Amen



Enhanced testing for COVID-19 variants

The Hillingdon Borough are working with Public Health England to carry out enhanced COVID-19 testing in areas of the borough where COVID-19 variants of concern have been found.

To find out more please click on this link <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/enhanced-testing?fbclid=IwAR06zsiCAFp6zOtT62ppvWmLjv5lrmQEU7IdwFGzUIWcRJeAgG535pIW94>



The Metropolitan Police Cyber Crime Unit has seen a sharp rise in "Royal Mail" delivery scams over the last week or two.

Victims are receiving texts or emails purporting to be from Royal Mail claiming a package requires a small payment to be delivered. (along with other similar

narratives)

Clicking on the link and providing your details leads to your money and/or identity being stolen.

Scammers send hundreds of thousands of these messages every day. Someone, somewhere, will receive one of these on the very day that they were expecting a parcel. The chances of a hit by the scammers is therefore extremely high. One moment of dropping your guard and clicking on a link is enough to make their day.

If you do click through accidentally then as well as compromising your device, the website may ask you for e.g. your date of birth to verify who you are before proceeding – having given up that piece of information to them they are then one step closer to your full identity.

There is a list of examples of some very convincing scam messages on the Royal Mail website - please make yourself familiar with these:

<https://www.royalmail.com/help/scam-examples>

How to join the Sunday service from your landline/mobile (without Internet)

- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.
- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key
- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key
- There is no password. If you are asked for one, then just press the # key.

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Uxbridge
UB8 3QP

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