

Reflection for Trinity Sunday

It's a pity that the word 'icon' is now mostly associated with computer and phone screens. In times past it meant solely those paintings of holy subjects found in Orthodox Churches i.e. the Churches of Greece, Russia etc which had maintained Eastern Orthodox Christianity. There was a tradition of 'seeing through' the painting to the spiritual mystery behind it. So although there are many attempts to represent the Trinity in words or in paint, one of the better known is an icon of the fifteenth century work by Andrew Rublev. What is always moving about it is that there is a gap in the group of three figures of Father, Son and Spirit. And the gap is for you, the viewer. The icon reminds the viewer that there is a place for each of us in the dynamic relationship which is God. You are invited to no longer be a viewer, but a participant in that relationship.

Fr David



NEXT SUNDAY 22.06.25 First Sunday of Trinity
10.30am in the Church

READINGS: OT Isaiah 65: 1-9

NT Galatians 3: 23-29

GOSPEL Luke 8: 26-39



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St Thomas, Exeter

15th June 2025

Trinity Sunday

10.30am in the Church

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

212 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

514 Thou, whose almighty word

225 I bind unto myself today

Tuesday 17th June

7.30pm House Group

Wednesday 18th June

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 19th June

9.30—11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd

Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

7pm Corpus Christi

Friday 20th June

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Romans 8: 1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope

of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16: 12-15

Jesus said, 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Notices

We are revising the **Year's Mind list** as it has become rather lengthy. We recognize that it is a sensitive matter and all those currently on this list from the year 2000 will be retained automatically. If you would like an older St Thomas name kept on this list please contact Ian or Fr David. Please note that if your relative or friend was a worshipper at Emmanuel or St Andrews, there are no dates with these names. So please speak to Ian or Fr David even if the date is 2000 onwards.

Cleaning the Church Volunteers are needed. Areas can be cleaned whenever it suits as long as there are at least two people. Speak to Ian.

The House Group meets fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month at Helen's house. For details see Mic or Ian.

Hospiscare 100 Miles in May: our churchwarden, Ian Totterdell, has completed Hospiscare's fundraising event '100 Miles in May'. If you would like to support him, please visit <https://justgiving.com/page/ian-totterdell-3> or speak to Ian at a Sunday service.

This morning we welcome **Mark Richardson** as our preacher. Mark is in charge of Exeter Food Bank: 'We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why the Exeter Foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis.' [About – Exeter FoodBank](#)

In place of the regular **Agnus Dei** we are going to sing the music printed below. The Latin words *Donna nobis pacem* mean *Give us peace*. This works best as a round in three parts.

Donna Nobis Pacem

