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The families of those who have died

Miles Clarke

For any additions or changes please inform Nikki on 07771 936660

Relatives and friends are asked to review the prayer list and let Hugh know of any changes or anyone who may need to be contacted.

Notices for this publication by **Wednesday Evening** to:

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Midweek Services

Wednesday - St Catherine's Church

Midweek Communion 10.30am

Thursday - Holy Trinity Church

Midweek Communion BCP 10.00 am

Parish website

www.ventnorchurches.org.uk

HOLY TRINITY and ST CATHERINE'S, VENTNOR and ST BONIFACE, BONCHURCH

News from our Churches

Today we celebrate: The Fourth Sunday before Advent/All Saints Day

31st October 2021

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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**

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for the Last after Trinity

First Reading Hebrews 12: 18-24

St Catherine's page

The writer of this letter to Jewish Christians in the first century uses the imagery of the holy Mt Sinai, where Moses received the 10 Commandments and made the first covenant with God, to explain the new covenant God has made through Jesus.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1 to 12

St Catherine's page

Here, in a list often referred to as the Beatitudes, Jesus speaks of the surprising group of people God calls blessed: the poor in Spirit, those who mourn, people who hunger for justice, peacemakers, the merciful, the pure in heart, those who are persecuted for their faith. Christians may call these people saints, such as we celebrate on this All Saints' Day.

The Reluctant Activist by Rosie Deedes

I've never thought of myself as an activist. I don't want to be one. Who does want to lock themselves to a railing or stand in the freezing cold holding a banner? It is not how most of us would choose to spend our leisure time! But like many others, I have become increasingly conscious of the impact that the climate emergency is having on the planet and increasingly frustrated with the lack of urgency amongst politicians to do anything meaningful about it.

I've been inspired by my intrepid 22 year old daughter, Catherine. She spends on average 30 hours a week as a volunteer, in meetings and events, planning and carrying out actions to raise awareness about the climate emergency. She has demonstrated outside the headquarters of multi-nationals INEOS and Shell. She has been arrested and held in a police cell for a few hours. Catherine, like all of her generation, will have to deal with the immense challenges that climate change and the environmental crisis is bringing. She acts now because she doesn't want to be looking back in 30 years when the situation is even worse and wishing she had done something to make a difference, regretting that she did nothing. I too am learning that doing nothing is no longer an option. The climate and ecological emergency that we are facing is having a massive impact both on the human family and on millions of other living species. We cannot ignore its impact any longer. We must turn the tide.

I am not brave. I am not an orator. At times I can feel overwhelmed by the devastation to the planet that I see around me. Sometimes I would prefer not to look, I would rather turn away. But then I think of amazing people in history who have taken action against something unjust – William Wilberforce, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King. I think about Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough who ceaselessly speak of the needs of the planet and who don't give up despite huge personal cost. If they can find it within themselves to act then surely, I can too? So, I'm going to COP26. I'm going to be taking part in the Earth Vigil – a contemplative, prayerful, meditative space which will happen every day throughout the conference. Here people of all faiths and philosophies will gather to lament; to support one another in shared grief; and to pray for a great turning towards a more equal, more sustainable future. Here we will create a "murmuration of hope" – with love and grief for our sacred planet. For those not able to be in Glasgow, there is also an online earth vigil which anyone can access. Details can be found at www.earthvigil.co.uk. The earth cries out and I believe that God is also calling us. As Christians may we hear that call and may God give us the grace and strength to act and live courageously.

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6.8)

FREE CONCERT AT HOLY TRINITY

(with retiring collection in aid of the Organ Fund)

Saturday November 13th 2021 at 7.00pm

Thomas Nash, talented young classical guitarist (awarded the Chairman's Cup at the 2019 Portsmouth Festival) will perform a concert of music by Bach, Sor, Villa-Lobos and Lauro

Supported by performances from our own Alan Dyson and Helen Slade

Ryde Woman's Refuge

We are appealing for donations of:

- Toiletries
- Costume Jewellery
- Warm (good condition) clothing for Ladies and Children • New Toys

Please leave donations in the box in the foyer of either of our three churches

All goods to be with Pam Hales by 12th December at the latest.

If you would like more information please phone

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NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

7th November

The Third Sunday before Advent

Holy Trinity Church
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

St Catherine's Church
10.45 a.m. "Come and See" Café Church

St Boniface Church
10.45 a.m. Holy Communion

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

This takes place on Nov 14th at 2pm at St Catherine's.

St Andrew's House Group

This will start next Tuesday at 8pm. Our topic is 'Prayer and Listening'.

All welcome. Phone Mick or Nava on 852680 for information.