



**31st May 2026.**  
 We extend a warm welcome to  
 Rupert Kaye and to all our  
 members, friends and visitors.



**For meditation:** *Be a light, O Lord, to our eyes, music to our ears and contentment to our heart.  
 Be sunlight in our day, food at our table and rest in the night.  
 Receive into your protection our body and our soul, our freedom and our life.  
 Being about your business and let us live to our glory. John Cosin (1594 – 1672)*

**NEWS AND VIEWS**

Today is Trinity Sunday- the festival honouring the threefold nature of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is a comparatively recent addition to the Christian year. The observance of this Sunday did not at first meet with official approval and by the eleventh century its celebration was being discouraged by the Pope, Alexander II, on the grounds that it was unnecessary! It gained special prominence in England following the martyrdom of Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1170. He had been made archbishop on or very near Trinity Sunday in the year 1162. Eventually in 1334 Pope John XXII ordered its –recognition- and it has since become a day appointed for ordinations to the priesthood. Trinity Sunday is not observed by the eastern Churches which keep this day as the festival of the Holy Martyrs.

**A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus told his disciples to go up the mountain - a beautiful but lonely place. Lord God, our lives can be very lonely. Even in the middle of a crowd, we can feel alone. Thank you, Lord, that you are always with us, wherever we are, however we feel. We pause to acknowledge your presence with us today. We bless you for all you will reveal to us. Lord God, some of the disciples doubted when they saw you. But you didn't leave them in their darkness, you came to them. Come to us now, Lord, as we worship you.

*We are praying this week for the staff and residents of MHA Walcot Court, Bath.*

**LECTIONARY READINGS** – 7<sup>th</sup> June

- Genesis 12: 1 -9
- Psalms 33: 1 -12
- Romans 4: 13 -25
- Matthew 9: 9 -13, 18 -26

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.....God saw that the light was good. Genesis 1: 1-2, 4a

**DIARY**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
 Leadership team meeting 12 noon
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
 Ecumenical meeting 3.30pm
- Both the above meetings will be held in our church. Please hold them in prayer
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
 Café 9.30 –1.30pm  
 All welcome- soup served at noon.
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
 Family Friendly worship 4.00pm  
 led by Irene Hayes

**Psalm 8**

O God,  
 how full of wonder and splendour You are!

I see the reflections of Your beauty  
 and hear the sounds of Your majesty  
 wherever I turn.  
 Even the babbling of babies  
 and the laughter of children  
 spell out your name in indefinable syllables.

When I gaze into star-studded skies  
 and attempt to comprehend the vast distances,  
 I contemplate in utter amazement  
 my Creator's concern for me.  
 I am dumbfounded that You  
 should care personally about me.

And yet you have made me in Your image.  
 You have called me Your child.  
 You have ordained me as Your priest  
 and chosen me to be Your servant.  
 You have assigned to me  
 the fantastic responsibility  
 of carrying on Your creative activity.

O God,  
 how full of wonder and splendour You are.

Paraphrased by Leslie Brandt

*God does not ask about our ability or our inability but our availability.  
 Anonymous*

