

November 2021

Dear friend

When we see the letters 'RAM' some of us will automatically think of a male sheep, others may think of 'RAM' in the sense of 'smash into' and others will think of 'RAM' as Random Access Memory in computers, tablets and mobile phones. 'RAM' - Random Access Memory stores the information the device is using so that it can be accessed quickly.

RAM

Computers and mobile devices have developed so much over the years, and Random Access Memory is a key component of their development. As impressive as that may be, our memories are even more significant. Our memories are amazing, giving us the ability to recall and remember information, experiences and so much more.

Many of our memories may be precious and positive, precious and positive memories of family and friends, precious memories of places we've been and things we have experienced. Some of those precious and positive memories may be tinged with sadness as we remember loved ones who are no longer with us, or think of friendships and relationships that are strained or have ended.

Memories

We may also have memories that are painful and problematic, things we have experienced that are disappointing, difficult, distressing. Sometimes there are experiences we'd love to forget and erase from our memory. Sometimes there are things we wish hadn't happened, things we wish we hadn't said or done, or even things we wish we had said and done.

Living with painful and problematic memories can impact on our emotional, physical and spiritual health and wellbeing. No matter what our memories, our experiences, God wants us to know we are not on our own, he wants us to be aware of His love and faithfulness. Sometimes it can take some time for us to admit we need God's help, but when we do, he meets us where we are.

We are not

Talk to Him, ask for His help and healing, His grace and guidance, His comfort and encouragement. Ask God to minister to you with his renewing presence and power. Without necessarily giving any information, ask us or someone you know and trust to pray with you and for you. And of course, ask for medical and professional help and support if that is necessary and appropriate.

on our own

The Bible contains many reminders of God's love and faithfulness. Lamentations 3 tells us,

'The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.
Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.'

Remember God's faithful love. Remember the cross, which is the clearest demonstration of His faithful love, the cross where Jesus suffered and died taking the punishment for our sin. His resurrection, His triumph over sin and death means that those who turn to Him in repentance and faith can know a restored relationship with God, can know God the Holy Spirit with them and within them.

God's faithful love

As I write this letter, I'm praying for the people who will read it. I'm praying for you, praying that you will know and experience God's faithful love, that through faith in Christ you will know God's peace, that you will know the healing and renewing presence and power of the Holy Spirit, now and in the coming days; that your strength will be renewed as you hope in the Lord, as you trust in the Lord.

Roderic

(Please see overleaf & the other enclosures for information about ...)

Sunday Services

It's great to see so many people back at Church worshipping God together. We are continuing to observe social distancing. Everyone is requested to wear a face covering (unless exempt), to hand-sanitise at the entrance and fill up designated pews/seats, starting at the front.

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| 8.30am Holy Communion | Holy Trinity Church | 10.00am Morning Service | St Patrick's Church |
| 9.45am Morning Service | Holy Trinity Church | 10.00am 'All-age' Service | St Patrick's Church Hall |
| 11.30am Morning Worship | Holy Trinity Church | | |

Remembrance Sunday

There will be an Act of Remembrance at our services on Sunday 14th November.

Wednesdays

10.30am Holy Communion Holy Trinity Church

People attending services are requested to bring a piece of paper with their name, contact number, and the names of anyone from their household who attend the service with them. Our pattern of services will be kept under review, and further changes made in due course.

Sunday Space/School

Children come to Church with their parents and leave partway through the 11.30am service for Sunday Space. The 'All-age' contemporary service in St Patrick's Church Hall will continue for the time being.

Online Sunday Services

Our online Sunday services will continue to be available from 10.30am on the parish website (bchurch.co.uk), Facebook, YouTube, and the 'dial-in' number 028 4040 0345.

The Well | Wednesday 3rd November 8.00pm | Holy Trinity Church

A mid-week opportunity at the beginning of November to spend time in God's presence worshipping together, to be refreshed by God's Spirit and renewed by God's Word. Come to The Well to be encouraged and inspired in our walk with Jesus - all are welcome!

Advent Prayer Service | Sunday 28th November 6.30pm | Holy Trinity Church

Join us as we mark the beginning of a new Church year, on Advent Sunday, with a prayer service.

Muddy Harvest Trail

A huge thank you to all who came to our Muddy Harvest Trail! Such a fun time and amazing weather. (No Mud!) It was a great time to remember God's amazing creation and to consider the many things for which we can thank Him.

Confirmation

Twelve young people were confirmed, by Bishop David, in the presence of their families at the service on 24th October. It was a joy to be present as they declared their commitment to Christ and their desire to follow Him, live for Him and serve Him. Please continue to pray for them and for their families.

Superhero Sunday | Sunday 31st October 5.30 - 6.30pm | Holy Trinity Church Hall

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to Superhero Sunday. It will be a great time for crafts, food and to reflect on how we are called to be a light in the darkness.

Pastoral Care and Support

Please contact me or the Parish Office (028 4062 2744/info@bchurch.co.uk) if you, or someone you know, need help or support, or phone me (028 4062 2612 or 07933096720) if you would like to talk or would like someone to pray with you.

(All our services and activities will be subject to Covid 19 regulations and guidelines.)