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# Holy Trinity Theale

To know Christ  
and make Him known



**Welcome to our 10.30am Communion Service**

**16th May 2021**

**SERMON: Biblical Obedience**

**SUNDAY CLUB:** children aged 3-11 leave for Sunday Club in the Old School House after our prayers of confession. Parents, your children will be brought back to church at the end of the APCM or you can collect them from the Old School House at the end of the service.

## INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

### Affirmation A

*Based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7*

Let us declare our faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

### The Confession

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead, but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Children leave for Sunday Club***

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## PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

*The prayers may include:*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

*They may close with:*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Reading

#### ***Ephesians 6: 1-9***

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup>“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”


<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> *Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. <sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, <sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.*

<sup>9</sup>And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

## SERMON

***After a brief pause we will begin this year's APCM in church. Please either remain in your places or, if you need to go outside for a stretch, come back to the seat you were sitting in." .***



**Home Groups**

How can I join a Home Group?

Join Via Zoom - head to our website for a link to join.

When?  
Wednesdays at 2pm-3.30pm  
& 7.30pm - 9.00pm  
Thursdays 7:30pm to 9.00pm

**Home Groups are a key part of the Christian life as we find out more about our faith and what it means to be a Christian, read the Bible and pray together. It's informal, relaxed and a great way to meet others.**

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**Thank you Theale**

**A staggering 11.4 tonnes of food is donated each week in West Berkshire.**

**Sadly the need has gone up: 18.4 tonnes of donated food and essentials are now distributed in West Berkshire every month**

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Holy Trinity Church, Theale

**WHEN?**  
**SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS**  
**10.30AM TO 6.00PM**

West Berkshire foodbank