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And finally.....

What would you like to see God doing among us at St Cross?

That is the question our Bishop designate, Mark Tanner is asking all parishes. I do plan to send a very short video clip to him, but what are your thoughts? I would be interested to know.

*Yours
Paul*



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The Vicar writes.....

As I write these notes, I am looking ahead to the first Sunday after Pentecost which is known as Trinity Sunday, when the Godhead of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is celebrated. Trinity Sunday came to be celebrated as a universal feast in 1334, but I would argue that every act of Christian worship is a celebration of the Trinity. How many times must I have prayed those words in the Daily Offices of Prayer, 'Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit'? Trinity Sunday gives us a specific time though, when we can reflect on God's revelation to us through the Son, Jesus Christ, who called God his and our Father, and that ongoing experience of God through the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to all who would believe in him. The text for Trinity Sunday includes that great commission from Jesus, to baptise new disciples in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28.19).

Baptism of new believers is the second of the 'five marks of mission' issued by the Church of England. We are of course prevented from doing this at the present time, except in emergencies, but the third mark of mission is to 'respond to human need by loving service'. It is evident that the proclamation and mission of Christ's Church continues despite the closure of the building: proclamation through Audio or Video streamed services, or the circulation of notes or CD's. It is in

proclamation and corporate worship, however that is experienced, that should inspire all believers to 'go in peace to love and serve the Lord'.

We have seen so many acts of kindness expressed in our communities, and within the St Cross family I have become increasingly aware and grateful for people supporting the wider community. It is through acts of kindness like the delivery of medicines, food shopping, making face masks, Paula's bookstall for the Children's Society and Jill's sponsored silence for Christian Aid which was supported by so many of you and raised over £600. I am sure there must be many other things that have not come to my attention.

I mentioned proclamation earlier. Angela, my wife, never misses an appropriate opportunity to promote our services via the website. Two weeks ago, she informed a colleague from China over the availability of our online services. Her friend's family have now tuned in to these, all the way from China. As an act of gratitude, I received a pack of face masks from a Baptist Church in Manchester to which her friend belongs.

None of us should feel discouraged in these times to think that we cannot help or support anyone. We can all do something. There are some of us who can be practical in a 'hands-on way' but there are other ways too. Verbal communication is equally important to the well-being and encouragement of people in our church and the wider community. A phone call to someone will always be hugely appreciated and prayers too, of which we cannot underestimate the power. As I mentioned in my last video, I am now able to offer worship and prayer in the Church. Please don't forget to let me know if you have any prayer requests, but in doing so please keep me updated on the current situation of the person for whom you are particularly concerned.

Yours, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Paul

Readings for Audio Services - Sundays and Wednesdays

	Morning	Evening
Wednesday 3 June St Kevin (Celtic)	Matthew 13.1-2, 31-32	n/a
Sunday 7 June Trinity Sunday	Matthew 28.16-20	Celtic Evening Prayer Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 93
Wednesday 10 June	Corpus Christi (moved from 11 June) 1 Corinthians 11.23 -26	n/a
Sunday 14 June Trinity 1	Matthew 9.35-10.8	n/a
Wednesday 17 June	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18	n/a
Sunday 21 June Trinity 2	Matthew 10.24-39	n/a
Wednesday 24 June Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1.57-66,80	n/a
Sunday 28 June Trinity 3	Matthew 10.40-end	



*Jill Nairn gagged, just in case!
Supporting Christian Aid*



*Paula's bookstall supporting
the Children's Society*