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BAKING FOR CHANGE!

I am writing this while my biscoff cup cakes and coffee and walnut sponge bake in the oven ready for worship leaders training this evening.

I love baking. It gives me real joy to create delicious cake that might just bring a smile to someone's face. It doesn't always go well. Last time I tried to make a carrot cake. It was my first time trying this particular recipe and it didn't go well. Some folk were kind enough to say they enjoyed it, but I won't be making that recipe again! (Anyone have a favourite carrot cake recipe they'd be willing to share with me please?!). Thankfully the vegan biscoff cup cakes are immense and I've had to make double this week (if only so that my boys can have some!).

I have especially loved baking for the worship leaders' course. Lydia Remick, a diocesan employee who looks after worship leaders across the diocese, has been leading the training. It has been really joyful to see 12 people from across our parish training to become local worship leaders. The first two weeks were spent wrapping our heads around Common Worship (the liturgy we use for our Sunday morning services), and the structure of worship. Over the next couple of months the worship leaders will be exploring how to create services that enable us all to pray, reflect, and worship together. We are incredibly blessed to have such a diverse and gifted group of people willing to commit to this ministry.

I have mentioned a few times that I am keen to amend our Sunday morning worship to be manageable by one priest. Chris will go off to his post of first responsibility, and it is unfair to rely so heavily on retired clergy. Over the next few months you will see "service of word" in our churches. This is a service with hymns, prayers, bible readings, and a reflection or sermon. They tend to be gentle and slightly shorter services than Eucharistic worship. I find Service of Word a really helpful form of worship as it enables a deeper engagement with the bible. In fact, I started life in ministry as a Methodist Local preacher when I was 19 and this was the form of worship I led each week. As with our communion services; service of word can be crafted to suit the particular identity and culture of each church.

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I appreciate that this marks a real change in the life of Redruth Parish. After all, the tradition of this parish has been largely “sacramental” (focused on communion), so this is a step change from what has come before. However it is also a change that most parishes across the country are being forced to make as we see a decrease in ordained people. The huge advantage in exploring this way of worshipping is that it not only offers lots of flexibility in worship, but it also enables a greater variety of lay people to be trained and engaged in this ministry.



Like my cakes, developing this is likely to go brilliantly at times; causing us all to come back for more. And there will be times when we will try things that we decide never to try again!! And some times it might be indifferent. I would really appreciate feedback from you all as we develop our programme of worship, and your support as our new worship leaders begin to start their journeys in this ministry (not an undaunting task!). I also want to offer the reassurance that, in accordance with church law, there will always be at least one communion service in the parish each week.

Change always brings some uncertainty and maybe even anxiety, even when it is good change. I believe this is very good change, and I am excited to see how much richer our worship will be with our worship leaders taking services across the parish. However, I do not expect everything to go brilliantly at all times, because we are all learning as we go! So I ask for your patience, love, and gentleness as we journey with this. And your feedback. My hope is that we will see even more of who Jesus is, as we learn to worship in different ways, and with different people leading.

And there will always be cake!

Revd Becca Bell

SOMETHING DIFFERENT—CHANGES AHEAD!

Feels like summer, doesn't it? It feels like we're on the cusp of something new, something better! Or maybe not? But definitely something *different*.

When I look back over the past month—and forward to the months ahead—there seems to be a lot going on. Things are on the move. There's change in the air. And while change isn't always a good thing, it *is* an important part of life. We need change. Change is part of life—it's part of *God's* story.

I can sense change on the horizon—change for me, for my family. Lots of things are shifting in the parish too. And there are exciting new developments that we can all be proud of and get behind. The world even has a new pope, who we hope will usher in a fresh season for the global Church. And we have a new Bishop...!! The world *is* changing.

As we enter this season of Ordinary Time, our lectionary readings turn to the book of Acts—the story of the early Church coming into being. Even with the gift of the Holy Spirit, the early Church didn't have an easy start. But it *did* grow. And through that growth, extraordinary things happened.

Acts tells a powerful story of transformation—both individual and communal. The arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the spark for radical change, empowering ordinary people to carry the gospel across cultural and geographic boundaries. The Spirit transforms fear into courage, exclusivity into inclusion.

The inclusion of Gentiles marks a massive theological shift. It challenged key identity markers of Jewish tradition, such as dietary laws and circumcision. And it wasn't smooth sailing. Acts reveals the tension between tradition and God's new direction. The early Church had to evolve—its structure, leadership, and self-understanding had to shift. Sound familiar? Adaptation was necessary for mission. People like Paul were radically converted, showing how deeply God can reshape identity and purpose. Yes, change is disruptive—but it's essential to faithfulness.

We know that change is often messy, even painful. But it insists that God meets us not in perfection, but in our *transition*—in the mess. That's the story of Acts: the early Church makes plenty of mistakes, yet keeps moving forward. Our faith is seasonal too. And sometimes, we need to grieve the ending of one season to fully step into the next. But maybe it's less about grief and more about saying goodbye. Goodbye to what has served its purpose. We honour those things—we name them, we give thanks for them. And then we make space for the *new* thing God is doing.

We are being called into new identities—into what God has prepared for us. May we walk faithfully into this next season, aware of the mess but alert to God's grace. May we be a people of resurrection—a people of change—readying ourselves for the coming of the Spirit. May we become the people of Pentecost.

The change-makers.

The Church.

Revd Chris Harrigan

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Many thanks go to all those who contributed their special toys, photographs, papers and memories to the Exhibition of Childhood in the church from May 8th to May 10th. There were so many interesting stories told from across the parish and it was a great opportunity to gather and reflect together. Included in the displays was a reminder of the wonderful impact that Searchlight has had on young people in the good work that has been contributed by numerous people from across the Parish, but most especially the leadership and guidance of Father Peter over so many years. Thanks to Lez, Fran and Margaret for creating the exhibition and to the refreshment team of Sandra and Marion and all who contributed cakes for sale.

You might have noticed the special remembrance for VE day which Marion placed in the south windows. This is the result of years of painstaking research by our superbly dedicated local historian, Marion, who has concentrated on honouring those whose lives were sacrificed in the two World Wars of the twentieth century. Marion's research gave us the excellent material for our brilliant remembrance of the centenary of the end of the First World War in 2018. Since then she has used her skills and her steadfast determination to ensure that no-one is left out. The names placed in the window over the week of the celebration of the eightieth anniversary of VE day show those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in World War Two. It includes all those named on the War Memorial, mentioned in the newspapers and buried in the cemeteries at Treleigh, St Day Road and those buried further afield, either in war graves or cemeteries in other parts of Cornwall and abroad. Most poignant is the list of seven names that Marion has researched whose names do not appear in any local war memorial. The reasons for this are not always clear, but can include men or their families who moved away after the war had started and who might be remembered in a different place. So far she has discovered the names of seven young men who have been mentioned in local newspapers and who can be traced to addresses in Redruth but who have not been recognised on our memorials. They are: George Edward Graham, buried in Zimbabwe; Dudley Hawke; George Ronald Mathews, died when his ship was torpedoed; Thomas Percy Richards; Joseph Kenneth Tregellas; John Hugh Trethewey; Alan C. Williams. We remember them all with gratitude.

Looking forward, there will be a 'Flea Market' in the Crypt on Saturday 7th June, Murdoch Day in Redruth, from 12.00-2.00pm. If anyone has items that can be sold or can offer help, please do bring the items to the Crypt on the morning of Friday 6th June or contact Lez, Linda (at Lanner) or Mary (at Treleigh). Any funds raised will be used to support the whole parish finances.

Linda Beskeen

St. Andrew Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church 'FLAPJACK'

FLAPJACK: *Four Lanes And Pencoys Join and Cheer the King*

The FLAPJACK community continues to grow in strength. An Anglican member has become the Methodist Treasurer and the Chair of the regular FLAPJACK meeting is a Methodist. The project continues to be a vibrant example of Ecumenical co-operation.

The Pencoys Open Pantry is generously stocked by gleaners local donors and for the past few months has been supported by a **POP UP FOOD HUB**. For £30.00 anyone can be given enough food and household goods for two weeks if not longer. The Hub is based at both The Engine House and the Elim Church, Camborne on a bi-monthly basis. Donations to support this expense are always welcome.

The Pencoys School year 5 visit to London went well. For the first time the group visited St Paul's Cathedral and climbed the domes. The group were once again met by a Redruth young man, Dan who now, wearing full Morning Dress works in the Palace of Westminster. His enthusiasm for his work showed the young people just what is possible.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>June 7</i>	<i>Pencoys Hall</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Monthly Quiz</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 8</i>	<i>Four Lanes Chapel</i>	<i>3pm-5pm</i>	<i>LIGHTHOUSE</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>June 10</i>	<i>Chacewater</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Archdeacon's Visitation</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>June 21</i>	<i>Pencoys Hall</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>BINGO</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>June 23</i>	<i>Christchurch</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>United Parish PCC</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>June 28</i>	<i>The Crypt</i>	<i>3.00pm</i>	<i>Murder Mystery!!</i>

FLAPJACK welcomes Bishop David, the new Bishop of Truro, and sends very best wishes and thanks to Bishop Hugh who held us all together in the Episcopal Interregnum.

ST EUNY

Easter Day at St Euny was a special occasion with a good number rising early for the dawn service. Jason built an excellent fire and we watched the flames rise with the sun as dawn became established. It was evident, however, that relying on the Meteorological Office for judging the exact hour of sunrise was not the best source and we probably should have started about half an hour earlier to be out before the light filtered through. We live and learn and hope that next year we will be even more accurate. We have learnt a lesson with the Pascal Candle as well, which is large enough to last us for a good two years or more! Several of our congregation have been hoping to introduce 'Wild Church' and this is going to be initiated by Jason with an afternoon service at 3.00pm on Sunday 8th June. We will use the churchyard space to hold an active worship in God's Garden. This event should be suitable for all ages and we hope that young people in particular might be attracted to an open-air reflective worship. Please do come along if you are tempted and encourage anyone that you know who might be interested to come and join us. Wild Church has become established in some parishes, with different interpretations and evolutions of this service. It would be a great addition to our worship if we could include this as a regular format of worship in our parish. Any suggestions for future activities or styles are welcome.

The Tower continues to be an important part of life at St Euny and we hope that it will continue. There has been a falling-off in numbers of ringers lately, so if you are aware of anyone who would like to try this excellent exercise and join a very friendly group, please do contact Ian Self, Captain, whose details are on the weekly sheet.

Last year's community BBQ at St Euny was blessed with beautiful weather and had record-breaking numbers attending. We hope to be as popular this year, so please do save the date – **Friday 11th July, 6 – 9 pm** (***please note change of date required to accommodate special youth event on 18th, new date for BBQ yet to be confirmed***).

For anyone interested in celebrating the Eve of the Feast of St John (the church's justification for including Christian worship in the traditional Midsummer Bonfire ceremony), Redruth Old Cornwall Society will be holding this event at Pencoose Farm, Stithians, on Monday 23rd June, 7.30pm onward. This is the largest of the midsummer bonfires in Cornwall and Rev. Gorran Chapman, who has settled in Redruth, will lead the prayers. The post code is TR3 7DN, (what three words- tadpole, richer, classmate). Redruth Old Cornwall Society has had a long connection with St Euny and has a commemoration plaque on the north wall.

You might notice the knitted floral displays and the beautiful paper crafted flowers at St Euny. We are grateful to the ladies who bring their craft skills on Wednesday afternoons and have helped to make the church more interesting and attractive.

Linda Beskeen

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER



Christchurch remains open 10.00am– 4.00pm and Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am. The third Sunday is a Communion with new music and each Wednesday there is a Prayer Book Communion Service at 11.00am. *The LAST Sunday of each month will continue to revolve through the six worship settings and starts at 10.30am. In addition, the FIRST Sunday of each month will alternate between the settings with their Sunday Service at the same time:*

ST ANDREW, REDRUTH and CHRISTCHURCH, LANNER 9.30am

ST STEPHEN, TRELEIGH and ST EUNY, CHURCHTOWN 11.15am

(June 1 is a SERVICE OF THE WORD at Christchurch ///// HC at Treleigh)

THE FLAPJACK COMMUNITY (St Andrew, Pencoys & Four Lanes Chapel) are already linked at 11.15am.

THE CHRISTCHURCH SUPPER CLUB: Christchurch enjoys a SUPPER CLUB every three months. There is always lots of food etc. brought by the guests and a good time, by candlelight is had by all.

OTHER EVENTS AT CHRISTCHURCH: *Margaret's Last Monday Tea Party 2.00pm – 4.00pm.*

The **JUNE tea party** is on June 30

FUTURE EVENTS: The games afternoons and the film nights are advertised in the weekly pew sheet. **BUT** to avoid a clash with the Treleigh monthly tea-party, the rotation for the games afternoon has been adjusted:

Tuesday June 3, 17 etc etc.

ADVANCE NOTICE: These dates may help us to avoid diary clashes:

Saturday July 26	Summer Fete	2pm
Saturday October 4	Harvest Lunch	12noon – 2.00pm
Saturday November 29	Patronal Dinner	7.00pm Mary Anson's House
Tuesday December 16	Skyliner Carol Service	7.00pm.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Christchurch rejoices that there are three of its number who are training as Worship Leaders: *Mary, Linda and Julia*. They will be leading the worship on SUNDAY JUNE 1, which is a 'twin service'. May God bless their work.

May God's blessing rest on Bishop David, the new Bishop of Truro and THANKYOU Bishop Hugh for all your kindness.

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



The Easter eggs are now a dim and distant memory, and the weather turning a lot warmer, we look forward to summer and perhaps days on the beach.

We still remember though the rain on Good Friday when our service of Stations of the Cross once again had to be held in the church. Father Peter led us around the church telling the story of each picture in turn. We sang verses from There is a green hill far away at the first five stations, followed by When I survey the wondrous cross at the next four stations. When Jesus fell for the third time we sang Were you there when they crucified my Lord, and continued with verses from this hymn ending at the last station. This one depicted Jesus being in the tomb, with us singing Were you there when they laid him in the tomb. This is always a favourite service for our congregation especially as we have the pictures in the church donated many years ago by Joy Pedley and Marlene Williams. Joy's husband Bill and Marlene had been churchwardens together in 1968.

We are about to see changes in our services during the coming month, with some of our services being lay led by members of our own congregation. It means that we will no longer have a service of Holy Communion every Sunday in all our churches, but there will be a communion service in at least one of our churches each week. Our first Service of the Word will be on the 1st June. It will be led by Mary and Jason and I very much hope to have your support that morning.

On the 13th we held another tea party. Once again well supported by the school and Busy Bees and also this month by our friends in our sister churches. Thank you. Please check the Pew sheet for details of the next one, where you will all be made very welcome.

On Saturday 7th June, Murdoch day, along with our sister churches, there will be another Flea Market in the Crypt at St Andrews in aid of Parish funds. If you are in town then please come along and support us. There will also be refreshments available.

Mary Harris

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDING

05 May	2025	Matthew James Fisk and Alexandra Leanne Whitham	St Stephen Treleigh
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FUNERALS

16 April	2025	Brenda Pedley	St Andrew Redruth
25 April	2025	Pamela Goldsworthy	St Stephen Treleigh
30 April	2025	Paul Kemp	St Stephen Treleigh
09 May	2025	Anthony Williams	St Stephen Treleigh

COVER PICTURE

Thank you Jason for the interesting cover picture; we feel this picture deserves a suitable caption if you have any ideas, please email them to: magazine@redruthchurch.org.uk and I will put them in the July issue of Five Alive *Rosemary*

Answers to last month's quiz - how well did you do?

1.Two and three ; **2.**Four ; **3.**Pythagorean Theorem ; **4.**360 ; **5.**1760 ; **6.**The oceans ;
7.Light ; **8.**Salt ; **9.**1000 mph ; **10.**118 ; **11.**14 ; **12.**Sally Ride ; **13.**2,000 ; **14.**Eight ;
15.Anthophobia

KNOCK KNOCK

Just as we thanked Rev'd Margaret for guiding us through the interregnum after Rev'd Caspar had left, so we said THANKYOU to Bishop Hugh after he gave the responsibility of the Diocese of Truro to Bishop David. .

Rev'd Margaret received a PLATE with an inscription of thanks, and Bishop Hugh got a MUG!! Both gifts were created by Sarah from the Red Pottery opposite the Regal Cinema, a place Bishop Hugh blessed one St Piran's Day. The Bishop's inscription read:

**KNOCK, KNOCK, WHO'S THERE?
HUGH'S THERE FOR EVERYONE -
THANKYOU**

With his kindness, understanding, energy and prayers, Bishop Hugh guided us through as we waited for Bishop David. We have much to thank him for, and we wish Bishop Hugh and his family God's blessing wherever his journey may lead them.

The United Redruth Parish of Redruth



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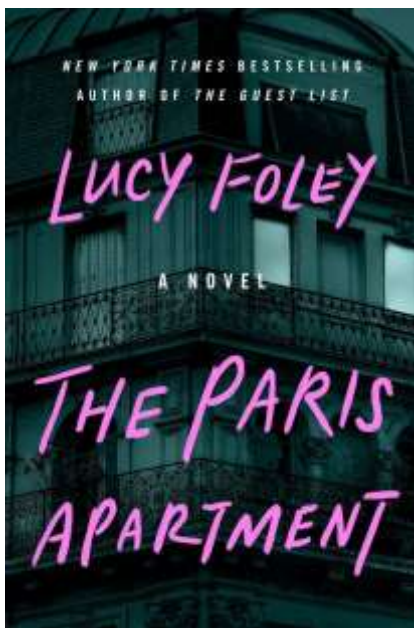
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BOOK CLUB

May's meet up was to discuss *Rising Ground* by Philip Marsden. This is a non-fiction book about the author's explorations of Cornwall, and further afield, to find "the spirit of place". Interspersed with fascinating chapters on the history of Cornwall (from as far back as Neolithic times!) are updates on the progress of the author and his family's work to restore a ramshackle cottage on the Fal. Some of us hadn't managed to read the book due to a busy month, but that didn't stop us from having a spirited conversation that everyone could join in with due to the topic. We recommend the book to anyone who enjoys walking, history or Cornwall.

Next up, for June, is *The Ladies Midnight Swimming Club* by Faith Hogan. Three women; Jo, Elizabeth and Lucy. Three different stages of life. United by one thing: the chance to start again. Promising themes of friendship and swimming, and a little more easy going than this month's book!



And if you want to be prepared for July, the following book is *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley. We are excited for another mystery. This one is set in Paris, with the main character Jess travelling to Paris to stay with her brother, only to find he has vanished. Jess decides to investigate the suspicious residents of the apartment block... everyone knows something they're not telling...

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 10:00am. To find out more, please ring Margaret Saville on 07930 471 837. We will next meet on Monday 2nd June at 10:00am. Do come along, there is always room for more.

Becca Harrigan



**Randoms' Production, in association with
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from three o'clock until five in the Crypt.

Guest detective, Monsieur Hercule Poirot and his
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Who will be the victim? Who will be the murderer? Come along and solve the
puzzle before the detectives reveal the culprit!

The space at the back of church, having moved a few pews, has the effect of
making look like St Andrews is a church where things are happening, and not just
on Sundays; a space that asks, "what happens here"?

One of those things was the rather beautiful and thought-provoking 'Exhibition of
Childhood.' But it was a bit sad that there were not more visitors to enjoy it.
Perhaps it is time for all of us to consider how we advertise events and how we
spread the word. There is nothing like a personal invitation to get people here.
That invitation might be verbal, a social media post, link or comment or a card
dropped through a letter box. It needs all of us to be involved.

The Worship Leaders Course currently running has had very encouraging
responses with at least one person telling me that it was "inspiring!" and another
saying that they were really enjoying it despite the daunting homework! Thank
you to all of those who have given up their time and talents to learn how to serve
the rest of us.

Jim Seth

My Way to Compostela
Day 17
Fromista to Carriòn De los Condes
20.5km (accrued ascent 50=0.2Km) total 20.7

When sleep is required to rest both body and soul, it can be very irritating to be woken at 5am by fellow peregrinos quietly and with the aid of red lighting on their torches, gathering their gear and dressing to head out onto the path. (we know who you are Erwin and Maria!) It triggers the usual responses, get up, go to the toilet, try to sleep a little longer. So much so to the point that when you do wake again, its with the realisation that you are now behind time and desperately trying to catch up. So it was that the morning started, not helped that there was nowhere open for the morning coffee and croissants. Today we followed the full but short stage, Fromista to Carriòn, still on the Meseta and at an elevation of 2750 feet. The route took us out of town towards the hamlet of Poblaciòn de Campos on 3.5km's of the Pilgrims Autopistas the Senda (gravel footpath) which runs alongside the main road A-67. Noisy, smelly and very hard on the feet, it was with relief that we stopped in Poblaciòn for our delayed coffee and breakfast. Spirits were lifted post breakfast and we took an alternative route that avoided the senda and took us for the next 12km along a quiet green path along the side of the Rio Ucieza to Villalcazar De Sirga (town of the canal towpath). This town has been a place of hospitality for the weary pilgrim since the 12th century, when it came under the protection of the Knights Templar. It is home to the Templar church of Santa Maria *la Virgin Blanca X111thC* and contains the tombs of Royalty and Nobles and today is recognised as a national monument. From here we unfortunately had to re-join the senda track alongside the motorway for the remaining 5.2km to Carriòn which we have collectively decided will be our stop for the night. This small town, population 2500, once occupied a strategic position in this volatile border region. At the height of its influence it boasted no less than a population of 10,000 and 14 pilgrim hostels. Once ruled by the Leònese Beni-Gòmez family the Counts of Carriòn. Legend has it that several of them met an early death for mistreating the daughters of El Cid. The day's route, although short was one that turned out to be hard on the feet. "Like the path of life" you underestimate it at your peril!

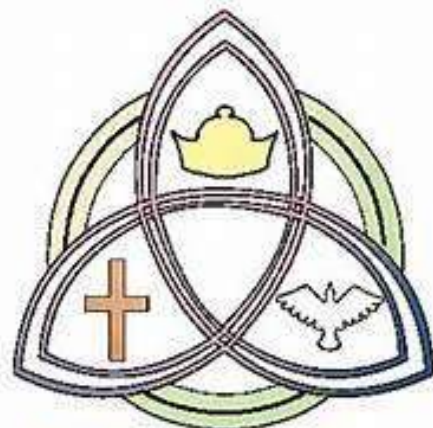
Len Cunningham

HISTORY OF TRINITY SUNDAY

TRINITY SUNDAY—15 JUNE. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The first Trinity Sunday was instituted in the 9th century by Pope Gregory IX. However, it wasn't until the 14th century that Trinity Sunday was officially established. Pope John XXII was the head of the Catholic Church from 1316 until his death in 1334. He was also the longest-reigning pope from the Babylonian era. Amongst other festivals, Pope John XXII was of the vision that Trinity Sunday should be celebrated by all Western Churches to commemorate the Holy Spirit's descent as well as Christians' appreciation of the Holy Trinity. Eastern Churches argue that celebrating the Trinity should be done every Sunday, and while Western Churches are of the same view, the latter has still designated a special day to commemorate this.

Unlike other Christian festivals, Trinity Sunday celebrates a doctrine instead of a figure or an event. The doctrine of the Trinity, which is not present in Scripture, does not have any explanation. Moreover, if the doctrine is discussed by Christians for more than a few minutes, it is believed that they are in danger of committing heresy. Belief in the Trinity and God's three distinct forms is a matter of complete faith and trust. Therefore, on Trinity Sunday, Christians take part in showing their love for and faith in the Trinity by praising and giving glory to God. Churches and choirs participate by holding special services centred around the Trinity. Choral vespers concerts, evensong services, special award ceremonies, special meals, and social events take place on this day.



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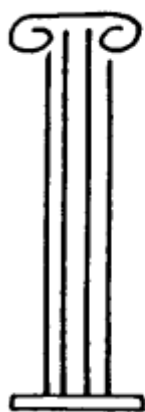


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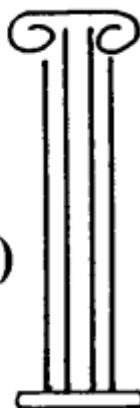
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