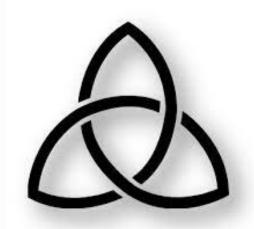


ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

Hi Families of St Columba's,

Last Sunday was the celebration of Pentecost – the "birthday" of the Church. Traditionally, one week later, we mark Trinity Sunday. Trinity (three) is the word used by Christians to talk about God – as God the Father (Creator of all things), God the Son, (Jesus Christ) and God the Spirit (the Holy Spirit.) Importantly, we do not say that these are three different gods, but one and the same God – but God experienced and understood, in three different ways.





The picture of the famous Rublev icon (above) is sometimes used to describe how these three parts of God – Father, Son and Spirit – are in relationship or friendship with each other. They convey love for each other but also offer space. And the way the artist constructs the picture, the viewer (us) is always invited into the circle of their love.

Talking of invitations.... here's one to consider for half term. St Columba's elder, Sheila Nicoll, is also currently serving as a Lay Canon, (member of the Chapter, or ruling body) of St Paul's Cathedral.





Sheila tells us that now is a fantastic time to visit – it is quiet, the guides are doing individual "mini-tours" and are really, really pleased to welcome you in. And you can turn your day ticket into an annual pass so you can keep going back! From 29 May to 5 June Kids Go Free and there is a special online price for teachers and teaching assistants. While you can just walk in, they do suggest booking online. They would love to see you, and all your friends!



And for longer term plans. Remember that Sunday School meets on Sunday 27th June and following morning service and Sunday School, there is the Congregational Picnic to follow. Details to be confirmed but save the date. Likely to leave church together at 12.15pm to walk to Hyde Park for a relaxed afternoon of sandwiches, sports, chatter and glorious sunshine (?) For sign up for Sunday School and for the picnic please contact the Office.

Thanks to Fiona for this week's activities.

See you on Sunday,

Angus & the Sunday School Team