



FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY BLYTHBURGH

Dear Friends



Very early on Easter Sunday morning members of the congregation gathered in the churchyard at Holy Trinity to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The service was conducted in a large circle around a lit brazier. We sang an unaccompanied hymn and then filed into the church to light the Pascal candle in front of the font. The weather was lovely, the daffodils in full bloom and it was so wonderful to be with people who we had only seen on TV screens for more than six months. In the evening, the Blythburgh Singers were able to bring us Choral Evensong in a full – if socially distanced – church. Alleluia!

One of the benefits of the way we have had to engage with the digital world through the pandemic is that our church community has become far more accessible to people who live far from Blythburgh. So many of our members are scattered around the UK, and indeed abroad, but they are still able to visit the Friends page on the church website. I am hoping that this year we will be able to post more events and pictures there. If you can, do visit us at <https://www.holytrinityblythburgh.org.uk/> We also have a page on Facebook, where our many visitors have posted some brilliant photos of their time with us. If you would like to be even more engaged, it would be wonderful if you were able to join us for our regular Thursday service of Compline or night prayer on Zoom at 8.30pm. Just email Jenny Allen at jennyanddick@aol.com and she will send you a link.

Sadly we will not be able to hold an open afternoon for the Friends this year, but all is not lost. We have an exciting event planned. Sonia Boggis of Blyth Valley Wines has offered to host one of her very popular wine tasting evenings in the church. If you can visit Blythburgh, do make sure to book **Saturday 18th September at 7.00pm** in your diary.

I hope you have been keeping safe and look forward to seeing some of you very soon. With best wishes



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Meryl Doney, Chair on behalf of the Friends of Holy Trinity