

## Reverently Yours

**Rev'd. Gill Turner-Callis writes:**



Dear Friends

As I write, I am aware that though today is nearly the deadline for the magazine (thus early May), you won't be reading this until June. However, I really wanted to write about the Royal wedding... I know – before you groan, hear me out. I don't want to gush about the prospects for the dress or eulogise over the potential choice of hymns. Instead I wanted to spend a moment reflecting on the role of the Queen. You just know that Nicolas Witchell will spend as much time commenting on her behaviour, demeanour and dress as he will on Meghan Markle. Because the Queen represents us, the people, as much as she is there as Harry's grandmother. It got me thinking about the many hats (crowns) the Queen has to wear at all times. She is at any point the Queen of a Country, the Leader of the Commonwealth and the Head of a family. She can never be 'just' herself as she is always representing something more than her own person.

On the 27th May clergy everywhere will be dreading that day's sermon (even more than the congregation do on any other given Sunday!) as this is the day the Church marks God as Trinity – three persons in one. Many Clergy use the analogy that God in three is like us being at the same time an Uncle, a Father and a Son, or a Banker, a Sister and a Cousin. Three aspects of us but one person. However, it's not quite like that (the difficult question is explaining what it is like – if you know could you pass on the message to me please?!) But perhaps we can't go too wrong in saying the Trinity is something like the Queen – in that God is never 'just' one or the other. God is always the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Always representing the others in whatever interaction God makes. Always completely God's self but also completely three. There now! That's my Trinity sermon sorted. If I see you on the 27th I'll let you off if your mind wanders during the sermon... ;-) Either way, whatever else the Queen is, she's human – just like us. Whatever else the Trinity is, the Trinity is God – but unlike the Queen, a King who is extremely accessible. Who longs to get to know us personally, and who wants us to spend the rest of our lives with Him. Now that's a monarchy I can really get excited about.

With royal blessings,

Gill