## St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - Trinity Sunday



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

Do you see the little symbol in the corner at the top? You might recognise it because it is the symbol on the glass doors of our church. It is called a **trefoil**, which means something with three petals or leaves, and it is a symbol of the Trinity.

This is Trinity Sunday, when we think about how God comes to us in three different ways: as God the Father, as Jesus the Son, and as the Holy Spirit, in the story that we heard last week.

When Jesus' followers started to go out and teach people about what they had learned from Jesus, and how he had risen from the dead, they found that they had three ways of explaining what God was like: the God that their ancestors had worshipped, that same God shown to them in Jesus, and the Spirit that Jesus had sent them to comfort and encourage them. After a while people began to describe this as the Trinity – one God, but with three ways of being known.

They took this message all over the world. About 400 years later a man called Patrick took this message to Ireland where the people did not yet know the Christian faith. He used a little green plant with a leaf with three parts – another trefoil – to explain how God could be one and three at the same time. The plant is called a shamrock and it became his symbol and the symbol of Ireland as well.

On the next page you will find a word search.

And there are some things to do and make.

- There is a **picture of St Patrick** holding a shamrock to colour make sure that the shamrock is a beautiful green.
- There is a photograph of the three fishes that are on the wall in the porch at our church. You may never have seen them unless you have looked up high. Can you make them as beautifully coloured as possible?
- And there is a model to make a triangular pyramid that you can cut
  out and fold and stick. When you have done it you can thread a string
  up through the point and hang it up so it can twizzle.
- And here's a threefold blessing for you:
   May the Father who created your legs,
   make them strong enough to stand firm.
   May the Son, who moulded your heart,
   make it beat loud enough for all to hear.
   May the Spirit, who gave you wings,
   give you her breath on which to fly. Amen

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