

Notes on services

Be aware that you'll need time in advance to prepare the props each time.

Trinity Service

ICON: Rublev's Icon from internet

I had drawn out a large simplified version of the Icon and had some sheets of paper and felt tips for children

Reading- Baptism of Jesus with reference to God speaking/Jesus in water/Spirit leading Jesus to desert(Trinity)

Talk 1 used an idea from web.

600 years ago few children went to school, so few people could read and write. To help them the minister might paint pictures, hence stained glass windows and icons. What do we learn from this icon? The artist was conveying 3 aspects of the one God. 3 figures very similar with halos, the glow of God. They are each holding a long stick, each same length in same hand and right hand 2 fingers pointing down. The painter is saying that these 3 people are the same, same halo, same blue, same way of holding staff, pointing fingers, these 3 who are God, are the same. But they are different, one wearing green, the colour of spring, things that grow, the green person is the Holy Spirit of God, who wants us and the church to grow, one person wearing brown, the colour of dirt, That same person is Jesus who came to earth and put his feet on the ground and one person is gold. That person is God the Father, gold because of the beauty of God who created the beautiful earth.

During the next hymn, the children were invited to start draw a picture whilst the adults sang and then had a short talk about the Trinity. There are lots of images on the web that children can colour

Various ideas of Trinity eg triangles; tricycle etc

A person, can be a Mum, wife and Reader An apple has skin, flesh and a core

Isaac Newton called an invisible, intangible hidden reality- gravity. He was heckled and shouted down when he first talked about the force we all know as Gravity.

At that time it could not be measured, only experienced . Similarly Trinity not mentioned in Bible, but experience tells us God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.