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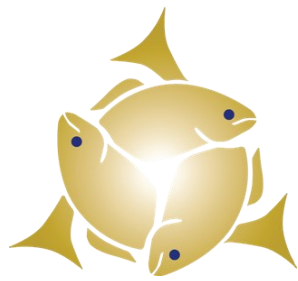


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The call to inclusion...



As a priest and Christian, I behold it to be true that the Gospel is wonderfully inclusive. I believe that it is not without coincidence that the word “everyone” turns up one hundred and six times all over the New Testament. And the church is inclusive too in its working out of the Gospel. Or at least, it’s supposed to be. Following our February series of sermons, particularly where we were blessed in having Ruth Wilde, the National Co-ordinator for Inclusive Church, as a guest preacher, the PCC voted to move us more explicitly in becoming part of the Inclusive Church network.

Whilst many within our churches would already consider themselves inclusive in terms of our welcome to others, there comes a time where the

leadership of the church at parish level needs to state with clarity, without room for ambiguity, and publicly, where we stand in our understanding of the Gospel. We do this to allow others to make an informed choice as to whether they wish to be part of our church communities based on that understanding. Though there are times where we may make mistakes, and where we will unintentionally get it wrong, it is right to publicly state that we are intentionally and actively seeking to be an inclusive church community, where all lives can be genuinely changed through God’s love, and where all people are valued, affirmed and loved as children of God, created in the image of the Godhead.

In terms of seeking to join the Inclusive Church network, this means becoming part of a visible movement that seeks to live out a shared set of values as follows:

*“We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms every person** and does not discriminate.*

*We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of **disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.***

*We believe in a Church which **welcomes and serves all people** in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.”*

Presently, we are awaiting the feast of Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit fulfilled an ancient prophecy. This prophecy was given by the prophet Joel hundreds of years earlier. Joel seems to bring together in his prophecy two momentous events, book-ending church history – the coming of the Holy Spirit at the birth of the church and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the end to wrap up everything. Here’s what Joel had to say about the coming of the Holy Spirit, as it’s quoted by Peter on the Day of Pentecost: “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy” [Acts 2:17-18].

This prophecy is a vision statement of the inclusiveness of the church. It includes people of all races – “all people.” It includes people of both genders – “your sons and daughters.” It includes people of all ages – “your young men...your old men.” It includes people of every socioeconomic status, as all in the church are “servants” of Jesus Christ. This is an incredible statement of inclusiveness echoed all over the New Testament and summed up in that great vision which John saw of the complete church in heaven, described as “a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb” [Revelation 7:9].

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The call to inclusion... cont..

And what does the inclusive church do? Well, the prophet Joel makes it clear that the function of the church is to prophesy. Everyone is supposed to declare through word and /or action, the word of the Lord, which is basically what prophesying is, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age or socioeconomic status, using the spiritual gifts provided by the Holy Spirit. For some this means public teaching of Scripture in the gathered church context. For others it means sharing the word one-to-one with friends, neighbours, family or work colleagues. But for all, it means being a very public follower, advocate, witness and servant of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

I behold it to be true that the Gospel is inclusive. Joel ended his prophecy with the word “everyone.” “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” [Acts 2:21]. The church is inclusive. Or at least it’s supposed to be....

With every blessing,

The Rev’d Steve Jarvis

Good Friday Walk of Witness - 15 April 2022



Photographs
By
Harry Lomax

Good Friday walk-through service - 15 April 2022



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SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY



Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon

1 May - The Third Sunday of Easter

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Living our faith at work*

5pm - Choral Evensong (with visiting choir)

8 May - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Living our faith through leading others*

5pm - Holy Communion

15 May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Living our faith through caring for others*

5pm - Holy Communion - Traditional

22 May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Civic Service*

5pm - Taizé

29 May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Expressing our faith*

5pm - Evensong with Healing

St Helen's Church, Clifford Chambers

1 May - The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Holy Communion

8 May - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Morning Worship

15 May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Morning Worship

22 May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Holy Communion

29 May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

No service



All Saints' Church, Luddington

1 May - The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Holy Communion and AGM

8 May - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Holy Communion

15 May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Holy Communion

22 May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Holy Communion

29 May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

5pm - Evensong - 150th Anniversary



Contemplative Prayer Group



This monthly prayer group has been meeting for the past five years and is part of the ongoing spiritual life of Holy Trinity Church.



At the start of lockdown, instead of meeting face-to-face in the Parish Centre, we continued to “meet” to pray together in our own homes, praying with the agreed material individually at the set time. As some of us were particularly vulnerable to Covid infection we have not so far resumed actual meetings.

However, we have decided that now is the time to gather together again to pray, and have arranged – for a trial six-month period – to meet in St Peter’s Chapel in Church at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. We would welcome new members to join us.

The meetings begin with the sharing of some material – usually a biblical passage, but sometimes a poem or picture – to pray with. This may be circulated to members in advance. After some time spent in preparation with a relaxing and stilling exercise, and inviting the Holy Spirit to guide each of us as we pray, we have thirty minutes of silence (perhaps with some soft calming music) for prayer. We end with a reminder of the material, say the Grace together, and quietly disperse.

The time of silence helps to support each of us as we pray, binding us together as a praying community. We offer this as a contribution to the spiritual life of our Church, and take its effects out into the world with us as we leave.

Anyone interested in joining us – or just trying it out – can speak to Jenny Rowland (415548) or Tricia Hall-Matthews (414182), or just turn up at church (come in through choir vestry door) at 7.30 on 3 May.



Bell Ringers

The Holy Trinity bell ringers are very much looking forward to supporting the events for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

One of the highlights will be when we ring, calling folks to the special service at Holy Trinity, at 5pm on Sunday 5 June.



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And
Phil Harper



EASTER FLOWERS IN HOLY TRINITY



EASTER FLOWERS IN ST HELEN'S



EASTER FLOWERS IN ALL SAINTS'



Photographs by Teresa Kristunas

TRINITY LADIES

On the 18 May we have planned a visit to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. We will leave the Parish Centre at 10.45 a.m. and return by 4.15 p.m. The cost will be £15.00; this includes the coach and entrance to the Botanical Gardens. Please pay Diane Edwards if you would like to come with us on this day out. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to Stratford upon Avon PCC. This is because our funds are now part of the PCC accounts. Our funds are held in a separate part of the Church accounts and are only used at our instruction. This came about when HSBC closed their cashier facility and we were unable to pay any cash into our account.



Our coach for this trip holds thirty-five people so please join us and bring your friends and family. Non-members are welcome to come with us providing that there are still seats free on the coach.

In June we look forward to having Pru Porretta tell us about the real Lady Godiva. Pru will be dressing up in medieval costume.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Charity Tea Party in aid of the Fred Winter Centre. I am delighted to say that we raised £385.50 which is a fantastic sum for our small group to make in just one and a half hours. Thank you to members who made such beautiful and colourful cakes and brought their table cloths and flowers to make the tables pretty. Mr Paul Spooner the Chair of the project told us how it came into being and what it is able to provide for those in need in our town. A very enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

Our meetings start at 2 p.m. and are held in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.

Gina Lodge

Chair

PALM SUNDAY 10 April 2022



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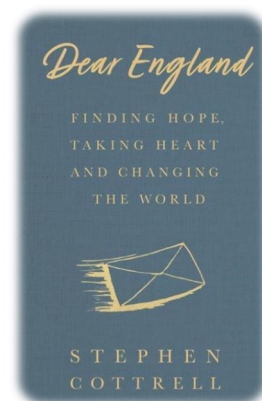
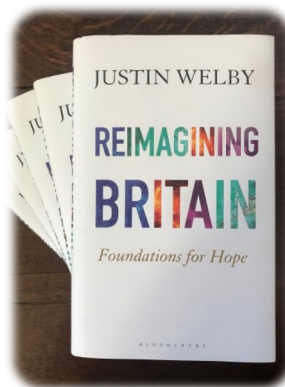
ELECTIONS 5 MAY 2022

“The month of Maying” is upon us, and, after so much that has been hard and bitter for us and the world in recent months, we might hope for the opportunity for a bit of “playing” in the sun! But first, our civic duty – local authority elections.

Our system of governance in this country is a bit of a tangle, with authorities at different levels having widely differing powers. Those powers, and the money available to put them into effect, have been tending downwards in recent years, and it is easy to think that county, district and town or parish councils can't do very much and so don't matter all that much. Not true. Even at the most local level – in our case Stratford Town Council – they can meet many needs and can help to make or break a community. Our current mayor, Kevin Taylor, has been exemplary in building up community spirit, and incidentally in supporting Holy Trinity. The local “rewilding” initiatives, of which we have read in the *Herald* and will be hearing more in our Eco Chat on 7 May, are the work of local councillors, and suggest a real seriousness about the environment which other authorities would do well to copy. At district and county level, the decisions taken about housing, transport and so on affect us all.

But what about “party politics”? This may be hardly noticeable at town or parish level, but it inevitably figures at higher levels – because political parties exist, and present alternative visions of society to the electorate. Some will see the elections this May as, in part, a judgment on the performance of the party in power at national level. That is not wrong, but we should not lose sight of the more purely local issues and personalities. Some of the local candidates representing the party in power at Westminster are pretty critical about what goes on there!

Both of our Archbishops, in the past few years, have written books about our civic responsibilities – Justin Welby's *Reimagining Britain* and Stephen Cottrell's *Dear England*. Both are worth reading, perhaps especially Cottrell as the most recent. Both plead for a greater sense of “the common good” across party lines, and we often pray that our representatives may “seek the common good”. Sometimes that can be difficult to grasp, because what is good for one group of people may seem bad for another! Yet our Church leaders believe that there is such a thing, and show how it might be found by applying Christian vision to the challenges of our society.



Such books might give us a clue about the sort of questions which we should be asking of candidates. A key area is about the response to climate change and the health of our environment, which has implications at every level of our local and national life. Issues about living standards, energy costs and so on will also surely be important right now; local councillors may have very few relevant powers here, but they are not powerless. And, as both our Archbishops and also Pope Francis would emphasise, central to Christian concern must be the reality of poverty and the needs of the poorest, which can be affected in all sorts of ways by local as well as national decisions.

People enter on political careers for many different motives. But most, of different political parties and social visions, do seek to serve the common good in local authorities, according to their lights. They deserve to have us engage with them, and to exercise our right and our duty to vote.

Receiving Royal Maundy Money from Prince Charles

It was a great honour to be invited to the Royal Maundy Thursday Service at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle this year. The distribution of alms and the washing of the feet by the English monarch on Maundy Thursday can be traced back to the 13th Century. Recommended by Revd Patrick Taylor, based on my contribution to eco-church, I was one of two nominated by the Bishop of Coventry to Buckingham Palace. This year the Queen will be ninety-six so she invited the same number of men and women for this special annual service. Because of her health the Queen asked Prince Charles to distribute the Maundy Money this year.

It was an inspiring service about loving and serving each other, attended by about four hundred people. After both lessons Prince Charles assisted by the Lord High Almoner, John Inge, Bishop of Worcester, distributed the Maundy Money to every recipient. Bishop John introduced me as working in horticulture and running a Green Group in the church. The Prince gave me a warm greeting with the gift of two purses.

In the white purse, there is uniquely minted Maundy money; one, two, three and four silver penny pieces making up to ninety-six pennies equal to the Queen's age. In the red purse, there is a £5 coin and a 50p coin minted in 2022 portraying The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Evelyn came as my companion and it was a wonderful experience for us both to worship in St George's Chapel and then go to a reception in the Castle's State Apartments. It was so good to share our story with others who came from different denominations all over the country. I share this honour with all of us in Stratford who have been working on Creation Care, this important aspect of our church mission.

Dr Lim Ho

Convenor of Stratford Methodist Green Group



Photographs by courtesy of Dr Lim Ho



Stratford Churches Together

Could you help refugees from Ukraine?

Refugees from Ukraine will soon be arriving in Stratford through the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.

The scheme invites people to offer rooms in their homes to refugees. Those offering space – called sponsors – help refugees with applications for visas and they will be expected to help the refugees to settle when they arrive.

Local refugee support group *Welcome Here*, which local churches helped to establish in 2016 in response to the Syrian refugee crisis, has come forward with plans to help sponsors and refugees – and they are looking for people to help.

Welcome Here plans to make arrangements so that all sponsors have a "buddy" to help them with the challenges of settling their refugees. And the group is planning to organise regular drop-in sessions for refugees, so that they can meet other refugees in the town. Sponsors will also be invited to these drop-ins.

At its March meeting, Stratford Churches Together, which links up all the churches in Stratford, agreed to work with the *Welcome Here* approach. So could you help – either as a buddy or with the drop-ins?

To find out more and to get in touch with *Welcome Here*, go to the group's Facebook page or contact Roger Matthews from Stratford Quakers who is organising this work on 01789 298503 or by e-mail at roger.matthews@phonecoop.coop.



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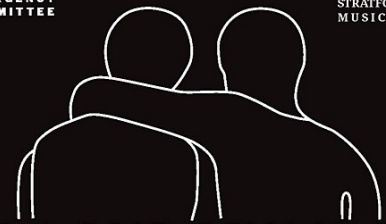
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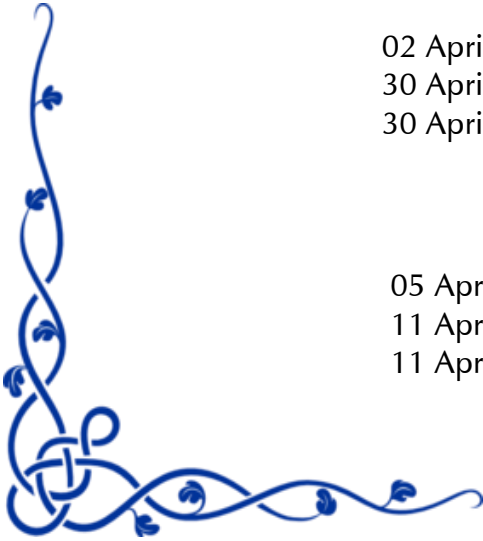
CHRISTENINGS

WEDDINGS

02 April Charles Morton and Jennifer Waghorn
30 April Jonathan White and Jennifer Hammond
30 April Robert Derbyshire and Laura Brookes

FUNERALS

05 April Tim Smallman
11 April Alan Bridgman
11 April Valerie Harper (Val)



Canon Roger Spiller writes to say that Fred Woods, who was a curate at Holy Trinity Church 1977-81, died recently after a gallant two year struggle with MND. Fred was a much loved priest, with a lively mind, an impish keen sense of humour, and, free from ego or ambition, dedicated to sharing God's love. He lived in College Street with his wife Christine and their four small children. Fred retained his youthful disposition and sparkle. When I saw him last in June we laughed together as we recalled a litany of memorable and amusing experiences during our time in Stratford. Fred was particularly involved in organising a youth group numbering some seventy plus young people, with assistance from Steve Brooker. I know that some of those young people are now active in Christian ministry as a direct result of Fred's inspiration. Those who knew him will be saddened by his death, and those who didn't will have missed a treasure.

HOLY TRINITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Wednesday 25 May. If you think it would help to meet with other people who are in a similar position at this difficult time in your life please come and join us. Just come to the Parish Centre at 2.30 p.m. We usually finish at about 4 p.m. There is no need to make an appointment. We will be very pleased to see you.

Gina Lodge

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Andy Winter's Retirement 31 March 2022



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On 31 March we said a fond farewell to Andy Winter, who has been our Parish Operations Manager for over four years. Andy has worked incredibly hard for us during this time and has helped to lead us through some really significant changes, not least the disruptions of the pandemic! In order to thank him and acknowledge all he has done for us, many of those who have worked with him, including clergy, paid staff and volunteers, gathered in church to raise a glass of something fizzy to him and enjoy some lovely cake! I'm grateful to Andy for many things that he achieved here, but particularly for pioneering the introduction of our online church management system, Church Desk. This really came into its own when we went into lockdown in 2020. We were able to switch to working from home almost seamlessly, thanks to all the groundwork Andy had put in before then to get the system embedded across so many of our activities, such as booking weddings, funerals and christenings. Andy has also led the way on moving us to a much more volunteer based way of working, which has resulted in many people, not always members of the regular congregation, getting more involved, particularly with welcoming visitors to our wonderful parish church. Andy has also been really hands-on, fixing things, and installing equipment, especially much of the set-up for live streaming. We presented him with a framed 360degree interior picture of the church as a leaving present.

Andy shared some of his own faith story in response and his hope that those who visit the church will not just experience a heritage building, but encounter a place and community that expresses something of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Andy's own faith has been a key motivation for his work here, and he leaves us even better placed to continue that work of sharing the Good News through our ministry, outreach and church buildings. We wish Andy every blessing in his retirement and the new adventures that I'm sure will lie ahead for him.

Patrick

Some final words from Andy Winter



Lent is a time of journeying both inwardly (the spiritual journey) and outwardly (the physical journey of fasting or metaphorical pilgrimage). Over the years Lent has also been a time to share with our Christian neighbours. Ecumenism is not at the top of most churches agendas, yet the effects of the work from years before is still prevalent as we share Lent Groups and generally take advantage of working together with other churches. Many places around the country, as in Stratford-upon-Avon, end Holy Week in a joint act of witness on Good Friday.

At this point in our Christian year even our denominational differences are quite insignificant compared to the message that God gave us in the events of Holy week and the death of His son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

There is no better witness to God's endless love and grace than what we do and the way that we do it. We teach our children (and our grandchildren) this way, and we give witness to our faith this way too. How we do what we do is so much more powerful than what we say.

Thank you for letting me share your journey with you over the last four years. It has been interesting, enjoyable and challenging, and I hope that my time leaves the parish in a stronger place ready for the next stage of your journey together. The Church Teams have been a great source of fun and encouragement as you have welcomed visitors into **your** place, **your** church, **your** place of interest. This is the exercise of real hospitality and the feedback from many visitors is testimony to the way you do it so well.

I look forward to hearing news of the parish and its work, wish you all the very best, and thank you for your friendship and generosity - may you be richly blessed to bring that blessing to others.

Andy



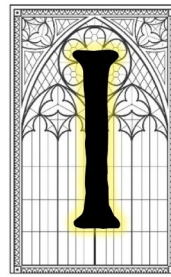
PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE



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St Michael and St George

At the western end of the south aisle of the nave, in the corner above the servery, is a gorgeous window with four lights. In the centre, St George kneels before Christ in Heaven, presented by the archangel St Michael. An angelic attendant holds his helmet. At the sides are four scenes of St George doing heroic deeds: slaying the dragon, giving succour to the crusaders, tearing down a heathen proclamation, and being martyred. This runs deep in the national psyche, that the patron saint of England should be received into heaven and honoured in such a manner after a life of bravery and conquest. His red cross forms the national flag of England.



Illuminations



The window was made in London by Ward & Hughes, and installed in 1904, in memory of Sir Arthur Hodgson KCMG. His honour is Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, hence the two saints depicted. It is bestowed on individuals who



have rendered important services to the Empire or held high office representing British interests abroad. The insignia traditionally showed a white-skinned St Michael trampling a black-skinned Satan, although this was changed in 2011.

Arthur Hodgson was educated at Eton and Cambridge, and served four years in the Royal Navy. In 1839 he went to Australia, establishing a sheep station in the prime grazing land of the Darling Downs, about 100 miles west of Brisbane, from which he made a fortune. He and his brother procured land grants from the Queensland state government, totalling over 100 square miles. They drove out the aboriginal people from their ancestral land, killing any who resisted. The homestead was decorated with spears, boomerangs and other native weapons as trophies of war. Hodgson was elected to the Queensland Legislative Assembly, where he served as minister for public works in 1868 and colonial secretary in 1869.

In 1870 the Hodgson family returned to England and purchased the estate and manor house at Clopton. They made the grand house and its extensive gardens into a show place, the centre of elegant social gatherings, musical entertainments and garden parties. In 1895 the Prince of Wales, the future King Edward

VII, visited Clopton House. Arthur Hodgson was Mayor of Stratford for five years 1883–88 and also served as High Sheriff of Warwickshire. He was knighted in 1886 for his services representing Queensland in trade exhibitions in London and Europe, promoting the export of frozen meat.

Sir Arthur was very generous to Holy Trinity Church, paying for the refurbishment of the Clopton Chapel, and for part or all of four stained glass windows. He evidently saw himself as a latter-day St George, triumphing against the infidels and earning his reward in heaven. By the colonial mores of the time, he sincerely believed that he was upholding British traditions and championing Christian values. But in order to achieve all that wealth and influence, he had been responsible for the deaths of hundreds of native people. Such was the imperial way.

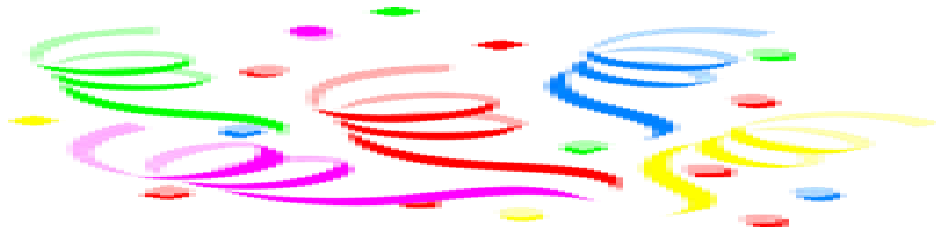


Platinum Jubilee Celebration: Sunday 5 June



If there is no street party being organised in your road, you are warmly invited to join us on Sunday 5 June at 12 noon for a Jubilee Party Lunch in Apostles' Avenue, the long path leading to the north door. To help us plan for this, please would you sign up online, or by filling in a form available in church, by 29 May, indicating what you will be bringing from the list of suggested finger foods. Prosecco will be on sale to toast Her Majesty and we hope many of you will come to celebrate this very special event. If wet, we will meet in the Parish Centre.

The Social Team



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SOUNDBITES



04 May

Fumi Otsuki
Sarah Kershew

Violin
Piano

Meet Lola, our new parish Operations Manager

It is a real pleasure being part of the Holy Trinity team and the welcome I received from day one in my new role has been so warm, making me feel I truly belong here - thank you!

I am sure I will meet you all at some point, my office is open for you and I will be regularly coming to the church to have a chat with you.

I would like to invite you all to a gathering on **Saturday 7th May, 10am - 11am** at the church, so that I can officially introduce myself and meet you personally.

I do hope you can make it, looking forward to meeting you all!

Best wishes.

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Shakespeare's Coming Home!

Shakespeare was falling to pieces – that is the statue that the famous actor David Garrick gave to the people of Stratford-upon-Avon in 1769 was desperately in need of repair. It is a vital symbol of our local economy, but the Town Council could not afford £45,000 for its restoration. What could be done?

As soon as our Town Clerk, Sarah Summers, asked me if I had any bright ideas for fundraising I knew it would involve reading Shakespeare's complete works in our Town Hall. We would do this over twelve days, from 1 to 12 March, from 'the prick of noon' to 'the chimes at midnight': twelve days of Shakespeare for twelve hours each day.

I started to gather communities and individuals together to read individual plays, including our Lord Lieutenant and his guests for *The Merry Wives of Windsor*; our High Sheriff and past High Sheriffs for Shakespeare's most legally-minded play, *The Merchant of Venice*; The Trinity Players read *The Winter's Tale*; St Andrew's, Shottery took on *Richard II*. Local businesses were invited to join us, for example The Music Café with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, El Greco restaurant with *Pericles*. The RSC took on *Much Ado About Nothing*, The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust read *The Tempest*, and the Town Council read *Julius Caesar* in their toga-like civic gowns.

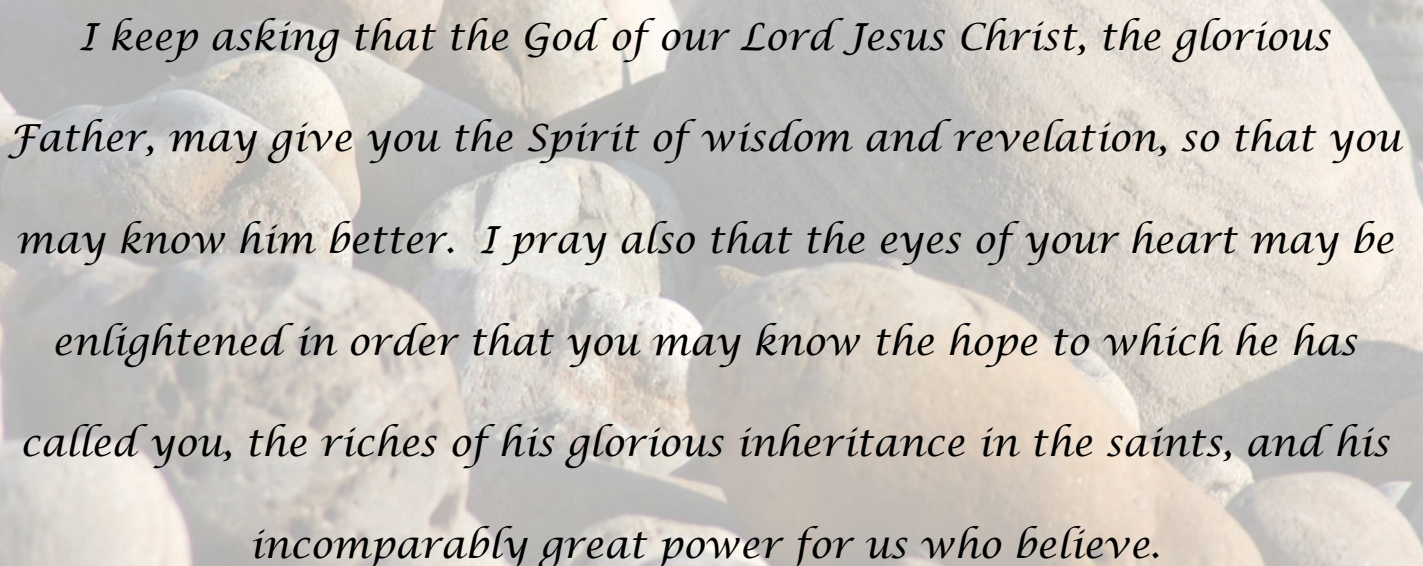
Several prominent actors took part. Dame Janet Suzman read Cleopatra, Dame Harriet Walter Rosalind in *As You Like It*; David Troughton and his family read *Richard III*, Scott Handy Hamlet, Andrew French Othello, and Michael Pennington King Lear.

People paid to read, and paid to listen. The Pragnell family generously pledged to match what we raised, up to half the amount. I was present throughout, and could not have managed without the production assistance of Lori Shanebeck. The Mayor himself loyally attended most of it.

Our final sum raised was £21,643.33, which the Pragnells then doubled.

And Sir Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench came to unveil the newly restored statue on 22 April, on the occasion of their being made Freemen of Stratford-upon-Avon – like David Garrick himself.

Paul Edmondson



I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 1 : 17-19

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All Saints' Church, Luddington

This year we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of All Saints' Church. The foundation stone for All Saints' Church was laid by the Marchioness of Hertford on 30 May 1871 and the new church consecrated by the Bishop of Worcester on Wednesday 8 May 1872.

The Church replaced an earlier medieval chapel c. 1420, located on the other side of the road by the Village Green. The chapel was destroyed by fire in c. 1790.

The building, designed by John Cotton of 15 Temple Row, Birmingham, is of early gothic style and is constructed of Blue Lias limestone from local quarries in Binton and Wilmcote, with the tracery, door and window dressings of Corsham Down stone. The total cost of the building, excluding furnishings, was £911.

The land on which the church has been built was given by the Marquis of Hertford, Lord of the Manor and major landowner in the area. John Baldwin, a local farmer, provided most of the furnishings including the three bells, the pulpit, altar, altar rails, the brass lectern and the stained glass windows in the north side of the chancel and the nave. He also donated those at the west end, depicting Christ's miracles on the Sea of Galilee, in memory of his brother, William Henry, who drowned at Welford. The Pickering family were the other major benefactor. Mr Leonard Pickering gave £500 towards the building and a further £500 to the Endowment Fund, while his niece, Eliza Ann Pickering, donated the east window representing the Crucifixion.

Other contributors included:

Mr Neville Rolfe – Altar Cloth plus £10

Mrs Sloper – Altar Linen

Marchioness of Hertford – Font and Canopy

Mr Armitage – Window in the Nave, plus New Lectionary plus £10

Vicar – Sacramental Plate plus £100

Mr Chafy-Chafy – 2 Sacramental Cruets and a silver dish

Mr J. J. Nasa and Mr T. Higgins - 10 guineas each

Bishop of Worcester, Rev. A H. Lea and Miss Ryland - £10 each

Grocers' Company - £50

Rev. W. Barnard – £20

The Rev. J. D. Collis, Vicar and Honorary Canon of Worcester, described All Saints' as 'one of the most complete and well supplied Churches in the County'.

At the time the Church was built Luddington and Dodwell had a population of one hundred and twenty-one and the area comprised twenty-six houses.

Early drawings of the church show two crosses one on the apex of the chancel and one on the nave roof. There are no crosses now, although fragments of stone exist that may have been part of one of the crosses. The All Saints' Team and Rev. Steve Jarvis, assisted by the Diocese, have been exploring the possibility of reinstalling the crosses on the church apexes to mark the anniversary. However, we have not been able to locate either a photograph or a detailed drawing of the crosses.

Celebrations are planned for this May.

All Saints' Team

