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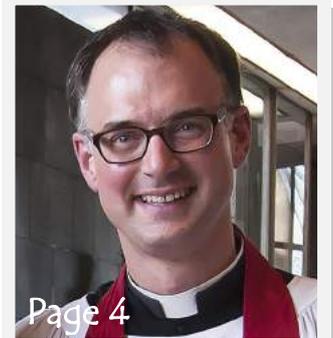
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Patrick Writes

“They ran towards danger to help others run away.”

This was one of many tributes paid to the brave firefighters who tried so hard to rescue people from the terrible fire at Grenfell House. By entering a burning building, the fire crews chose to make themselves vulnerable in order to help others whose lives had been made vulnerable simply by being in their homes.

**“ I’ve come to realise that to protect
myself in this way is to
impoverish my humanity...”**

Thankfully I’ve never found myself in a situation where I’ve needed to make myself vulnerable in such a life-threatening way. But over the years one or two people who are older and wiser than me have given me this advice: “Patrick, to be a good priest you need to be prepared to be vulnerable”. To be honest, I find this a bit of a challenge. Often my instinct, especially when faced with the challenges of leading a large and busy parish, is to avoid showing my vulnerability, preferring to come across as confident and competent. So it doesn’t always come naturally to me to allow others to see my vulnerability. But over the years, and especially recently, I’ve come to realise that to protect myself in this way is to impoverish my humanity: the fact that I experience pain and loss, worry and sadness is what makes me a human being alongside everyone else. What’s more, these things can help others to feel that I might understand their pain or distress, or indeed share their joy, too!

What helped me greatly was the realisation that being intentionally vulnerable isn’t just a strategy for being more effective in my ministry: *it is also what God is like*. In the Incarnation, Jesus is born a human being and God chooses to become vulnerable. As St. Paul puts it, though Jesus was in the form of God, he “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.” (Philippians 2. 6 -7). Becoming vulnerable is in the nature of God and this is the way of love.

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Of course what is true for us as individuals is true for the church as well. If our priority as a community of disciples of Jesus is to be a strong and rich church, we miss the point that Jesus gravitated to the sick, the outcast and to those at the margins of society. His was a ministry to the vulnerable of his time. Are there ways in which we as a church should be making ourselves more intentionally vulnerable in order to help those who are unable to help themselves? We're used now to the procedures required for protecting children from harm, but protecting vulnerable adults (often called "Adult Safeguarding") is just as important.

In a world that glamourises the strong, the successful and the rich, it's more important than ever that we look to the God who became poor and unprotected to be our guide and inspiration. If the fire at Grenfell teaches us to be more aware of people who are vulnerable, then at least some good may have come from the tragedy.

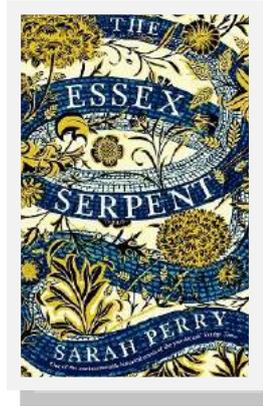
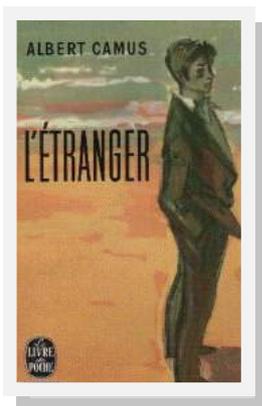
Patrick



Novel Theology

September—*L'Étranger* Albert Camus

October—*The Essex Serpent* Sarah Perry



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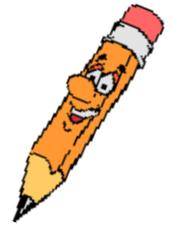
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Phil Writes...



If you go down to the woods today...

Bears, Blessings and Blizzards.

We had great fun at the Teddy Bear's picnic at the last **Trinity Tots** of the term—with a great selection of Teddy Bears and lovely food. There were some interesting food combinations, as I introduced people to cheese and jam sandwiches, someone's attempt at raspberry and hummus wasn't quite so successful. Trinity Tots returns after the summer holidays on **Thursday 14th September 1:30-3:00pm** in the Parish Centre.



In the July **HolyTrinity@Rosebird** service we *Let it go* as we used the film **Frozen** to discover how God's love can melt away our fear. There probably weren't many people making paper snowflakes on such a warm Sunday and I was definitely experiencing what happens to a snowman in summer! But there's a wonderful sense of faith, fun and friendship at each of these services. At our service on **20th August** we'll still be serving breakfast from 9:30am, but at 10:00am, rather than having a service, we're having games, songs and crafts to chill out in the summer holidays. In our September service (**17th September**) we'll be using the book and film of Roald Dahl's **The BFG** to explore our faith.



I hope that all those on school holidays have a safe and enjoyable summer. When it comes to the return to school, on **3rd September** we're having a special **GoodNews@10** service in the Parish Centre to **Bless your School Bag**. Bring along your new school bag, or work bag for adults, and we'll say a prayer and a blessing over them to carry you through the next year. **Breakfast from 9:30am, 10:00am service**. It's an informal service sitting around tables in a café style with live music. There will also be a selection of books from Usborne on sale to help nurture children's faith.

After the services that day we're having a **Parish Picnic** on the Vicarage lawn, all are welcome to bring a picnic and join us.

Phil



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SUNDAY August 6th Holy Trinity *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

8.00am Holy Communion—Preacher Revd. Steve Jarvis

10.00am Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd. Steve Jarvis

6.00pm Cong Evensong - Preacher: Revd. Graham Wilcox

10.00am Parish Centre-GoodNews@10—Talk Revd. Kay Dyer

St. Helen's Clifford Chambers

9.15am Family Worship—Revd. Diane Patterson

All Saints' Luddington 9.15am Holy Communion BCP—Revd. Jenny Rowland

SUNDAY August 13th Holy Trinity *9th Sunday after Trinity*

8.00am Holy Communion—Preacher Revd. Kay Dyer

10.00am Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd. Kay Dyer

6.00pm Cong Evensong— with Revd. Steve Jarvis

10.00am Parish Centre—FAB—Phil Harper

St. Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.15am Holy Communion

Revd. Diane Patterson

All Saints' Luddington 9.15am Holy Communion—Revd. Canon John Graty

SUNDAY August 20th Holy Trinity *10th Sunday After Trinity*

8.00am Holy Communion—Revd. Steve Jarvis

10.00am Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd. John Hall-Matthews

6.00pm Cong Evensong—with Revd. Kay Dyer

10.00am Parish Centre- FAB—Phil Harper

St. Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.15am Morning Worship—Revd. Graham Wilcox

All Saints' Luddington 9.15am Holy Communion—Revd. Kay Dyer

SUNDAY August 27th Holy Trinity *11th Sunday After Trinity*

8.00am Holy Communion—Revd. Kay Dyer

10.00am Food4thought—with Revd. Canon Andrew Dow

6.00pm –HC BCP & Compline—with Revd. Patrick Taylor

10.00am Parish Centre- FAB—Phil Harper

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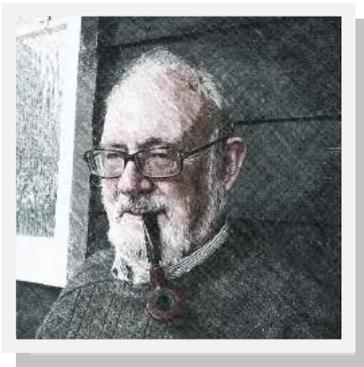
Centre Four

Left, Stephen Dodsworth {Assistant Director of Music} Reverend Steve Jarvis {Associate Vicar}

and

Reverend Patrick Taylor {Vicar}, Benedict James Wilson {Director of Music}





Anthony Woollard's

Window on the World



STAYWOKE

I have learnt a new piece of youth slang - “woke”. Apparently this refers to people whose lives are largely caught up in music, celebrities and all the other paraphernalia of youth culture, and who then suddenly awaken to the realisation that society is important, that politics are important, that simple individualistic pleasure-seeking will not do any more and they must take more responsibilities as citizens.

The extraordinary scenes at this year’s Glastonbury Festival seemed to express what is happening. We don’t have to agree with everything that Jeremy Corbyn stands for, to admit that his impact – bigger than the headline bands – was rather remarkable.

A number of events have helped to convince many young people that citizenship and voting are too important to be left to the elderly. The Brexit referendum and all that has followed it has “woken” many of them. Few will understand the difference between the single market and the customs union (I struggle with this myself, even with my Civil Service background and involvement in European policy), or the distinctions between Norway’s and Switzerland’s relationships with the EU. But people sense that we are in a fateful situation here. Even if Brexit does mean Brexit, what does *that* mean in practice? A dramatic and in many ways inconclusive General Election has not yet provided the answers. And the answers matter most of all to the young, with all the uncertainties they face about jobs and so much else.



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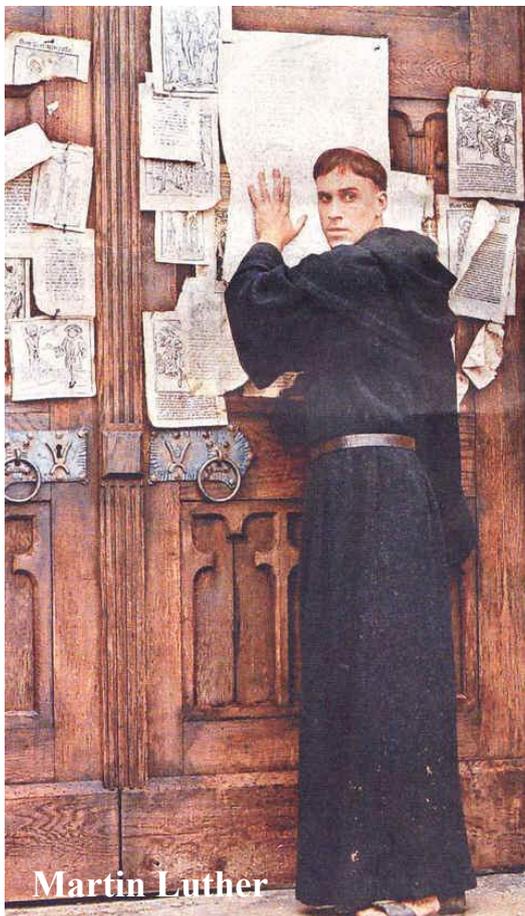
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Add to this the terrorist incidents which have highlighted the question of who we are as communities and as a nation, and then, almost apocalyptically, the Grenfell Tower disaster which has similarly highlighted so many issues from the gross failure of our housing market to the pros and cons of proper building regulations (and “red tape” more generally). If anything can “wake” any of us, it is this remarkable and tragic combination of events.

Is this the beginning of a cultural change, such as I wrote about in a previous column? Could it even be described as a **spiritual** change? The word “awakening” has often been used of spiritual revivals. In this case, the visible effect does not look at all “religious”. And yet, I wonder.

In 2016, contributions for prayer candles in Holy Trinity, by local people and visitors, roughly doubled over the previous year. In 2017, so far they look set to double again. Some of this commitment to prayer, surely, is a response to the perceived state of the world. It may not translate into active faith and church membership; nor into a greater engagement with the issues about which people are praying; but it suggests to me that more people are becoming “woke”. For everyone who lights a candle and says some sort of prayer, there must be many who would not express their awakening in religious language at all, and would resent it if we tried to put a religious label on it. These we must simply respect, and recognise that the Spirit may be at work in them in ways which neither they nor we can understand. But something is surely happening. .

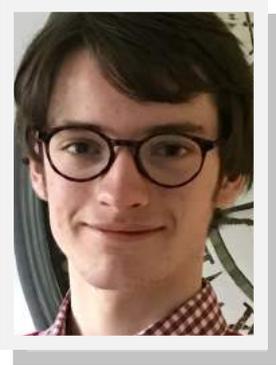
Not all awakenings are wholly positive. They are often based on very simple, even naïve ideas. They can involve a cult of personality. And of course, like Nazism, they can prove to be seriously evil.



On the other hand, 2017 is the **500th anniversary of the Reformation**. Some of the results of that have had their negative sides too, yet we now look on it as one of the greatest cultural, spiritual and even (indirectly) political revolutions in history.

“Wake, o wake!” we sing at Advent. If more people, especially young people, are becoming “woke”, this may be a sign of hope in a dark world.

Anthony 



Ed Mulryne

“ I’ve only been alive for what feels like 30 seconds...”

Change is in the air. As far as I know, this is my last article for this magazine in the position of youth correspondent - or whatever it’s called now, I can’t remember! But in case any of my loyal fans have just let out a cry of despair, rest assured. You’re not getting rid of me that easily - Steve has very kindly invited me to write occasional pieces from university, which will most likely focus on the technicalities of making a tin of beans last a week, trying to strike up conversations in bars and writing essays at 3am in the company of a Pot Noodle and a very old repeat of Bargain Hunt.

I hesitate to use a phrase like ‘looking back’, as I’ve only been alive for what feels like 30 seconds, but when I think about everything that has happened since I started writing these articles in 2014, it does feel appropriate. Looking back at my earliest pieces, my first instinct is to cringe. What was I thinking? Who did I think I was? Why did I say that? Indeed, thinking about my first articles is like thinking about my younger self. I feel like the same person, but those articles are proof that I’ve changed dramatically over these few years. For the better? I hope so, but I suppose that’s for others to judge. I certainly hope my writing has become more focused. Which reminds me of this one time when...

No! No! Get back on track.

I hope that, in the grand scheme of things, I will age like a fine wine. By that I mean that I will get better with age, and not that I’ll spend my time living in a cellar.

A question often asked of people is what they would say to their younger self if they had the chance. In my case, I would tell 2014 Ed to work hard, be diligent, get a sensible haircut and, above all, to stop worrying all the time. If you must worry, I’ll say, then you should set aside fifteen minutes a day for worrying purposes, sitting on a comfy chair with a cup of tea, then jolly well pull your socks up and get on with life. Also, I’d probably warn him about the RoboCop remake just to be on the safe side.

Standing on the threshold of what is commonly called ‘a new chapter’ in my ‘journey’, I should be feeling a mixture of fear and excitement. I am about to embark on what grown-ups tell me will be simultaneously the most terrifying and gloriously euphoric time of my life. You are to enjoy this time, they say, as it is time that I will never get back. You will make friends you will keep for the rest of your life. You will learn more about life and the world around you than you ever thought possible.



Over the next few years, you will finally find that enigmatic, elusive person you've been trying to meet for years – yourself. And so on. Daunting though these prophecies seem, it is up to me to fulfil them, I suppose. Only time will tell whether I will or not.

I have learned a huge amount during my time writing these articles, and my time at this church. I have met some wonderful people whom I will never forget. I don't like big farewells, mainly because they never turn out to be farewells at all, and I'm sure that this shall be no exception. Mark my words - you haven't seen the last of me.

Ed

Trinity Players

We had planned to publish a feature about Trinity Players trip to Lancashire in June, where they performed *Shakshafte* at Houghton Tower, but such was the enthusiasm to contribute we have decided to delay publication of the feature until the September issue of the magazine.

Steve

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THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

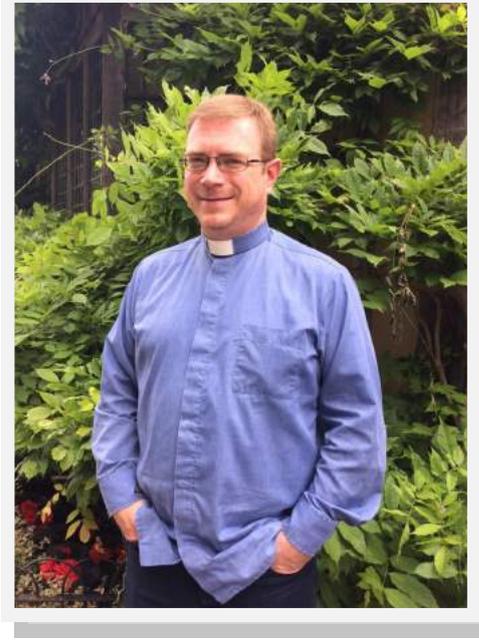
Judith Dorricott meets Steve Jarvis, our new Associate Vicar to learn about his life

Judith: Tell me about your childhood, Steve. What is your earliest memory?

Steve: I certainly remember playing in the garden with my two younger brothers when I was very little. We lived in Llandudno, in North Wales so I had a happy childhood near the sea.

Judith: And were your parents church-goers?

Steve: Not particularly. My father, who was a Fire Officer, is a Methodist and my mother is Church in Wales. She worked as a dancing teacher. Mum was keen for us to attend Sunday School, which we did until confirmation. After that point, it was then our own decision as to whether we continued to go to church.



Judith: When did you become interested in the church?

Steve: As a teenager, I became involved in the Junior Council of Churches at our local branch of Churches Together in Llandudno. There was a strong Baptist influence although the Council was ecumenical. We planned services together, worshipped, and I really enjoyed our Bible Studies.

Judith: Did you enjoy school?

Steve: Up to a point. We learnt Welsh at school (which may be useful one day in Stratford!), and I studied Religious Education, English and Psychology for my 'A' levels, but my results weren't great, so I went to work in an optician's as a Dispensing Assistant for seven years. While I was there, I started doing voluntary work with a local Youth Club, and then did a one-year part-time course in Welfare Studies.

Judith: And what happened after that?

Steve: I took a degree course at University of Wales College, Wrexham in Youth and Community Education. Whilst studying, I worked with Conwy Social Services Children & Families Team, and also worked as a Young Carers Project Worker with NCH Action for Children. I was involved in working a lot with troubled young people, particularly when they needed one-to-one help. After completing my degree, I moved to Ludlow and worked for the "Connexions Service" - a then new



Government agency incorporating the Careers Service, who helped with career advice and guidance, particularly for youngsters at risk, or who were called NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training). We gave holistic support to teenagers (again many who needed one-to-one help). Boys, in particular, can suffer from low self-esteem, which can affect their entry and success within the world of work, especially when they have poor academic results. I was a Senior Practitioner there managing a small multi-agency team and really enjoyed helping to achieve positive change in these young people's lives.

Judith: I can imagine that you were the most sympathetic, patient and non-judgemental practitioner, but this work is in the non-religious field. What about your own faith?

Steve: Well, I often had thoughts about entering the ministry - and one day, I just felt a 'prod in my gut' telling me that I should do it. So I met the vocational people in Hereford Diocese and started my ordination training in Ludlow. I was still working for the Connexions Service as I was on a regional training course (WEMTC), and had to be self-supporting. It was hard work doing both but worth it, as I was ordained in 2007. My curacy was as a minister in secular employment for three years, so I was able to use the skills I had already acquired.

Judith: You obviously have a great gift for working with youngsters. What happened after your curacy?

Steve: My next job was as a Youth Development Officer for the Diocese of Gloucester. Part of my job later involved working as a Chaplain to a joint Roman Catholic/Church of England Secondary School, and as an assistant priest for an inner city parish in Gloucester. It was good experience to combine the diocesan role with parish work.

Judith: What took you to Wiltshire?

Steve: My contract in Gloucester was only for three years, so after it ended, I applied and was accepted to become Team Vicar for a two parish benefice in Westbury in 2013. It was an interesting time as the main aspect of the role was working with children, teenagers and with whole families. I supported three CofE primary schools, and held a pastoral role as youth counsellor in the local secondary school. For adults, I developed Lent Groups in our local pubs, as well as monthly "Pints of View" meetings. These types of meetings generate a lot of interest among people who might not normally go to church. Beer with carols is always a good combination!



Judith: We were delighted to see so many supporters from your parishes in Wiltshire at your Licensing Service, although they were obviously sad at losing you. What persuaded you to apply to be Associate Vicar here?



Steve: The job advertisement emphasised "nurture and discipleship" which I feel strongly about. I am looking forward to supporting the pastoral work across a wide age-range. I enjoy being out and about and meeting people and I think there will be a lot of opportunities to talk to Stratfordians who are *not* involved in any church worship. I want to build relationships around me and help create an environment for people to attend church - especially those who would not normally feel comfortable doing so. Lots of adults, who don't go to church regularly, find traditional services both bewildering and daunting. We have to find out what people need. Is it formal courses? Or more knowledge? Or outreach programmes? I'm glad to be living in north Stratford, off the Birmingham Road, because I want to get to know all the residents of my area, many of whom don't attend church.

Judith: And where would you like to be in, say, ten years time?

Steve: Well, I think my strengths are in pastoral work, and I am always interested in helping the homeless, those at risk, and those living in poverty. Maybe work in the Ministry of Cathedrals would appeal to me. We want people to come to church, and we want them to feel able to belong, to behave (maybe differently or positively) and to believe.

Judith: What about the best and worst times of your life?

Steve: I think the best moment of my life was when I was ordained Deacon in my own parish church in Ludlow, surrounded by the people I served. As for the worst time, I had a significant crisis of faith during my 20's but a course in Applied Christian Studies I took a weekend a month in Birmingham really helped me through that. It came from an Anabaptist tradition, and helped me to avoid throwing Jesus out with the bath water, ...rather to just change the bath water!

Judith: Do you have a secret or surprising hobby?

Steve: I love pub quizzes, and my expertise is on the Eurovision Song Contest!



Judith: And your favourite moment in a church service?

Steve: The dismissal is very important to me. The words "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord" tell me to love God and to serve the people, in Christ's name.



Judith





SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS



The Christ of Hiroshima

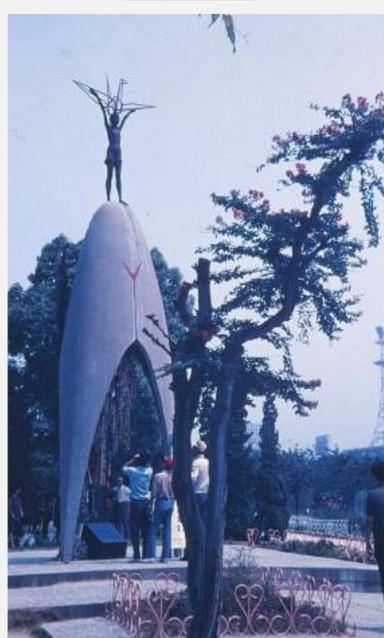
David Ellis

In 1966 at the end of our first academic year at the Diocesan Boys School, Hong Kong, we spent the whole of the summer vacation in Japan. We arrived in Hiroshima to coincide with the remembrance of the first A-bomb on 6th August 1945. Early in the morning I made my way to the Peace Park which fills the space between two rivers below where the bomb exploded on a parachute. The only reminder is the dome of the Agriculture Exhibition Centre, its iron struts twisted by the heat of the bomb.

Thousands were streaming into the park where stands a memorial to the thousands of children who died, their souls carried to heaven by a crane bird. I stood on the balcony of the A-bomb museum looking down on the scene. A children's choir, dressed in yellow robes, began to sing a hymn and the crowd of a hundred thousand rose as one, a vast sea of blue-black hair glinting in the sun. To the mournful wailing of a Buddhist monk a flight of doves was released. Then at precisely 8.16am a great silence fell until the crowds began to drift past the memorials, laying their wreaths. Everywhere in Hiroshima we, as strangers, were greeted with extraordinary kindness. At the World Friendship Centre we picked up

a leaflet which comments on that kindness:

'The only explanation is that somehow, through their descent into the crucible of agony and their return to the half-life of dread, the survivors have emerged with a compassion which defies human reasoning. Perhaps in response to the question of why they should have been spared has come a sense of mission, a compulsion to testify to a Spirit which loves and requires us to love one another, that forgives and expects us to forgive one another.'



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The following day we travelled out of the city in search of a popular lake and waterfall. Seeing a sign in English I asked for directions in a barber's shop. On hearing my voice a man named Kazumi Sigehara promptly abandoned his shave and offered to take us by car to where we wanted to be. Sitting by the lake he told his story. On the day of the bomb he was serving on a ship anchored some twenty miles out in Hiroshima Bay. He got up early to see the sun rise in the east and turned round to see another sun shining in the west - the bomb on its parachute. The next instant a gigantic black mushroom cloud reared up over the city with a boom that seemed to split the universe, more deafening than any thunder.

'My heart was filled with trembling and the next thing I saw was a tidal wave as high as the hills coming slowly, slowly nearer and I made a vow that if I should live after that day I would give my life for peace. I would work for the brotherhood of all people, for, my God, what have we done, what have we done?'

Mr Kazumi never relaxed that vow. He resolved that whenever he met foreigners he would give them his time. He took us to his beautiful wife and home and finally paid for our return to the city in an air-conditioned coach.

Before we left Japan I fulfilled an ambition to climb the iconic Mt Fuji. A bus took me up 8,000ft so I had only 4000ft to climb. At the summit is a Shinto monastery, built into the volcanic rock. While I was there a dense cloud suddenly engulfed the summit and as my hair and face streamed with the cold wet mist a young man appeared, bowed low, gave me his straw hat and was as quickly gone. I treasured it for many years. As I descended into the warm sun and gazed out over Japan with aeroplanes flying far below me into Tokyo airport I had time to reflect on that whole experience and how strangely since Hiroshima the Christian gospel is taking root in Japan where for centuries before it was regarded as alien, and how the inhuman savagery we associate with war films has quite melted away.



David

Sunday Afternoon at Stepper Point



May we suspend this moment,
still the sea, leave surf
lifting its bright face
forever paused before descent,
the children, dark hair, focused forms,
nets blue against seaweed pools
a painting of harmony and peace.

May we halt the tide,
keep sun flooding horizon light,
clouds swelled with silver palettes,
fields patterned for springtime.

May we garner this haven, this hope,
frame its picture in our hearts
to hang against bleak days
and future doubts.

Suspend this moment,
still the sea,
hold back the stars,
the coming night
for this brief memory.

Dallin Chapman



—HOWLERS!—

Compiled by Pat Pilton

Review of product spotted on pet supplies store website *Petplanet.co.uk*: It is for a ramp to help dogs get into the back of cars. "Great ramp, excellent value and build quality. Only problem is that it's a little bit steep for the dog to get up, so I had to cut two inches off the legs." *Radio 4 News Quiz*

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Hexham Courant

A former Archbishop of Canterbury was asked by a New York reporter: Will you be visiting any night clubs while in New York?" The distinguished cleric replied: "Are there any night clubs in New York? A tabloid headline next day read: Archbishop asks if there are any night clubs in New York

Daily Telegraph quoted in You Absolutely Couldn't Make It Up



North Tyneside convenience store owner Jet Singh Nagra has unveiled his shop's new name – Morrisingshs – after he was threatened with legal action over his original choice, Singhsbury's. Happily Morrisons are Singh-ing from the same hymn sheet. A spokesman said: "Mr Singh and his customers obviously have good taste, so we wish him well." *The i Newspaper*

Notice in yoga centre in Bromsgrove: Please note that this week's post natal yoga class is postponed due to maternity leave. *Radio 4 News Quiz*

THEY SAID IT...

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Quoted by Mike Milburn in his final sermon at Holy Trinity on July 9



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"There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in."

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WORDS



Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

ONE-LINERS

I grew a beard thinking it would say "Distinguished Gentleman." Instead, it turns out it says "Senior Discount, please!"

True friendship is walking into a person's house and your wifi connects automatically.

My aunt Marge has been so ill for so long that we've started to call her "I can't believe she's not better".
Milton Jones

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This year's Coffee Morning will be on **Tuesday, September 19th**, from **10.30am to 12 noon**, in the Lounge of Holy Trinity Parish Centre. I am very much looking forward to seeing all our members there – and we are always delighted to welcome new faces! Please do come along if you are a knitter, a sewer, or if you would like to donate any bought article of new household linen or new clothing (for both sexes and all ages). Every year, the Clothing Guild distributes thousands of garments amongst some 60 other charities within the British Isles, providing for countless needy recipients.

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Gillie Jackson

Kay Dyer Built for Speed

Out and about in the Parish, I couldn't resist trying out one of the Warwickshire and Solihull Blood Bikes, which transport tissue and blood samples, between hospitals at night and weekends to help keep NHS costs down. The charity visited Stratford-upon-Avon's University of the Third Age www.sonau3a.org.uk in the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 28th June.

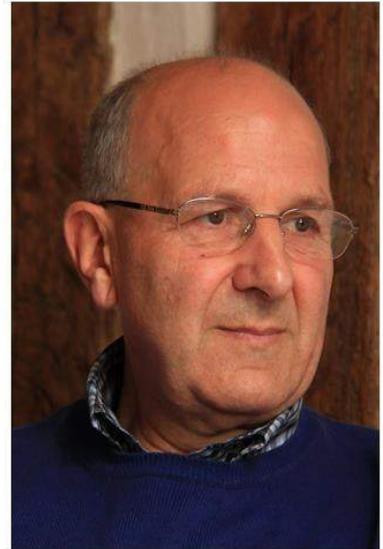


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Whole Parish Away Weekend 2017



“Finding Faith”

6th to 8th October 2017

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The very Reverend Michael Sadgrove

‘pilgrim, priest and ponderer’

As our weekend approaches, we are beginning to put together the final programme for this much anticipated event. We have a large cross-section of our community attending, including young families and the more ‘mature of age’ among us! We do, however, have room for a few more!

In the beautiful setting of Hothorpe Hall there will be plenty of time and space for reflection and prayer, for fellowship, ‘getting to know you’ and fun. For those wanting quiet time, there are plenty of spaces, both inside and out, for personal times of tranquillity. For those seeking more activity, there are outdoor games (tennis, volleyball, 5-a-side football, and more) or indoors there’s table tennis and a pool table.

Michael Sadgrove’s talks during the weekend will focus on four ways of exploring our faith - **worship, spirituality, heritage and outreach** - looking at both what we believe and how we are able to practise it in today’s world. He hopes we will take away more confidence in our faith, in sharing it with others, treasure our heritage at Holy Trinity, and how we look together at our church life. (*See July’s Trinity Times for a more in-depth explanation*) There will be a full programme for the children.

A small selection of images of Hothorpe Hall



The front of Hothorpe Hall showing the Chapel



Beautiful mosaic in the grounds

Whole Parish Away Weekend 2017



The Dining Room



A typical double/twin bedroom

The Hall from a section of the extensive gardens



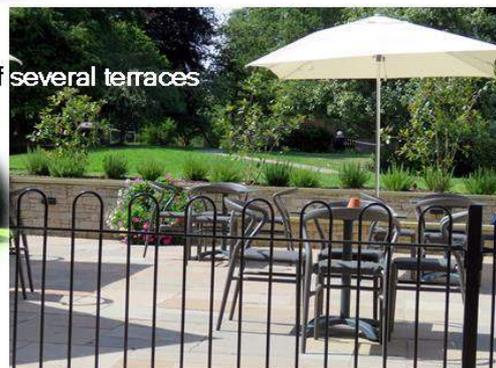
Part of the Lounge Bar

The entrance



The Terrace Room

One of several terraces



The Drawing Room



If you would like to join us for this wonderful event, Booking Forms are available at the back of church or from Hilary, details below. The cost for the weekend, including all meals from dinner on Friday to, and including, lunch on Sunday, is £320 per room (2 sharing).

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The Longest Wedding Celebration Ever?

On Thursday 20th July, the Warrillow family celebrated the marriage of their son Edward to Julia Skupchenko at Holy Trinity church. The year started with an engagement party held in Syktyvkar, Russia with Julia's family and friends, followed by a Civil Wedding in The Hague in June where Julia and Edward live. Celebrations culminated in a special Wedding Blessing service conducted by Patrick giving Edward's family a chance to meet and provided the icing on the cake. (No jokes about it all ending in tiers).

Helen and Mike were relieved to hear Julia say "now I feel well and truly married" and thankfully put the cheque book away. "There's nothing left anyway" said Mike "but we are really grateful to all the people who worked so hard to make this day a success and so memorable for Julia and Edward".



PCC Report for Tuesday 18th July 2017

Ruth Poulten



PCC unanimously agreed to adopt a new schedule for services on Christmas eve, with a further period of consultation suggested between now and the next meeting in September.

There was animated and friendly discussion around the revised timings of the Christmas Eve services, with one member being tasked with investigating the feasibility of utilising a “big screen” in the RSC Gardens in order to accommodate as many people as possible.

The Reverend Patrick Taylor said “This change in format on December 24th is driven by two factors: overcrowding at the 3.30pm Carol Service and the timing of the Big Nativity at 6pm. We hope the new format will provide a solution to these challenges.”

Vision, Purpose, Goals

The Worship Review Group held a “very productive meeting” according to Patrick, who updated PCC saying they had also identified key areas to further explore. “We used an approach to analysing worship which evaluates services using the categories of *strong* and *weak* – and therefore cuts through the categories of tradition or style. The main focus is all about how well a service is done.

“In our next meeting, we will be looking at teaching and preaching, reviewing timings and length of services and how we can create space for new and different styles and patterns of service to be accessible for many.”

News in Brief

Steve Jarvis has been elected the new Chair of Holy Trinity in the Community. He said, “Mike Milburn shared his experiences of over 125 referrals with more than 300 people being assisted – which is fantastic work. But we need to understand what we can sustain in his absence, so we are looking at how best to proceed.” Please contact Steve Jarvis if you are interested in being a part of this important outreach.

There are a few spaces left for the Parish Away weekend 6-8 October. Please contact Hilary Newman for more details.

Music Director Benedict Wilson has secured a £1,500 Diocesan grant for “Trinity Voices”.

Patrick has requested all congregational feedback regarding the “feathering” of the pews to be brought to September PCC.

Jane Armitage has resigned as a Foundation Governor at The Willows C of E School.

Lynne McCarthy is the new Safeguarding Officer. She will be undertaking a review of processes and procedures in the first instance.

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There will be a Parish picnic in the Vicarage Garden following the 10am service on Sunday 3 September. All are welcome - please bring your lunch !

The next PCC meeting will be held on 19 September.

Ruth 

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Philip Henry

17th Century Nonconformist Clergyman

And Diarist

Steve Newman



As an historian I was fascinated when my niece (a fine mathematician and genealogist) sent me a family tree that links me with Philip Henry, a 17th century Nonconformist clergyman and diarist, who, if my maths are correct, is my great grandfather seven times removed.

Although generally considered English, Philip's lineage is strongly Welsh, with his grandfather, Henry Williams, a native of Brittons Ferry, Glamorganshire, and his grandmother, Eleanor Dymock, a member of the Flintshire Dymock clan, many of whom married into the aristocracy. Philip was the eldest son of John Henry (it was a common Welsh practice of the time for the son to take his father's Christian name as his surname), also born in Brittons Ferry, on July 10th 1590. By the time of Philip's birth in 1631 (two years before Samuel Pepys), John Henry – having been in service to James, Duke of York, later James II - was now in permanent residence in London, where, on reaching maturity he became the Keeper of the King's Orchards in Whitehall. Soon after he married Magdalen Rochdale (the daughter of Henry Rochdale, a descendent of a noted Lancashire family) who was a "...virtuous, pious gentlewoman, and one that feared God above many."

Philip's father was held in such high esteem that his former employer, Philip Herbert, 4th Earl of Pembroke, became Philip's godfather – he also suggested he be called Philip - which brought the boy into contact with Charles I's children - the Princes Charles (later Charles II) and James (later James II) - who became his playmates. For the rest of his life Philip cherished a book given to him by James.

In 1643 - one year after the outbreak of the Civil War – Philip entered Westminster School where he was closely mentored (after persuasion by Philip's mother, a staunch Puritan) by the school's headmaster Richard Busby (who also taught Christopher Wren and John Dryden, among others) who - as a practising Anglican priest - encouraged Philip to adopt the religious life, especially a nonconformist one.

In 1648 Philip entered Richard Busby's old Oxford College, Christ Church.

And it was during his time at Oxford - on vacation back in London - that he witnessed the execution of Charles I, writing an eye-witness account that goes into much more detail than Pepys' two line description.



Philip graduated from Christ Church with a BA in 1649, and an MA in 1652.

With the death of Philip's beloved mother in 1645 – which affected him greatly - and the death of his father soon after his final graduation, Philip found himself in financial difficulties which necessitated obtaining some form of paid position.

After a good deal of effort – and a little help from a former college tutor, Francis Palmer, who later became professor of Moral Philosophy at Oxford - he finally managed to obtain the position of tutor to the sons of Sir John and Lady Puleston (a family linked to the first Prince of Wales) at Emral Hall near Wrexham, which of course took him back to one half of his family's roots.

While there, and encouraged by Lady Puleston, he became a regular preacher at Worthenbury Chapel, and, after a good deal of argument with local politicians and the Bishop, was finally ordained a priest on the 16th September, 1657, in the village of Prees in Shropshire, which today sits just off the busy A49.

With new parish boundaries set up in 1658 – which took Worthenbury Chapel out of the parish of Bangor, merging it with Worthenbury Church – Philip, again with the help of Lady Puleston, became the incumbent of the new parish. He also became the Puleston family chaplain.



Throughout this time, and probably in honour of his mother's convictions, Philip Henry became a prominent champion of puritanism and of Oliver Cromwell and the Commonwealth, gaining the nickname "Heavenly Henry".

His pulpit celebrity brought him many offers of livings, most notably that of St Giles, Wrexham. But he turned them all down.

With Sir John Puleston's death in 1659, Philip moved to lodgings a few miles further east in Broad Oak, near Whitchurch – and just a few miles from Wrexham – to be closer to a young woman by the name of Kate who had taken his fancy during one of his fiery sermons on the evils of papistry.

On April 26th, 1660, he married Katharine Mattewes, the only daughter of Daniel Mattewes and Sarah Benyon (originally ap Einion, which links nicely with the early Welsh king, Cadwallon ap Einion), who came to the marriage with quite a substantial dowry. So with this happy union Philip Henry's Welsh links were once more confirmed and strengthened.

With Oliver Cromwell's death in 1658, and the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, Philip's life became more and more challenging.



He refused to accept the King's new Book of Common Prayer, and in 1662 – along with virtually all nonconformists – he was evicted from Worthenbury for refusing to sign the Act of Uniformity. By not signing he was presumed dead with his living given to another.

Fortunately his wife's money kept the family afloat, and many another family too, with Philip repeating often that “ It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

With the arrival of the plague (the Black Death) in 1665 many clergy - through fear for themselves and their families - abandoned their congregations, allowing many nonconformists to step in and minister. Naturally enough Philip was one of them. The result was that the King's Government passed the so called Five Mile Act, which was something of an ASBO of its day that restricted such priests as Philip from re-entering, or entering, any church deserted by its original priest.

This didn't stop Philip from preaching wherever he could find a group of people to preach to, and like his contemporary, John Bunyan, was fined and thrown into prison on many occasions.

Despite the many tussles with the law and the long separations due to his preaching, Philip's marriage to Katharine was a very happy one, with a family that consisted of two sons and four daughters, and, eventually, twenty-two grandchildren.

Philip Henry died, aged 65, on the 24th of June, 1696.

Philip's son Mathew Henry followed in his father's footsteps and in 1680 was sent to London to study under the nonconformist minister Thomas Doolittle. Soon after Mathew studied law at Gray's Inn, London, at the same time keeping up his religious studies. He was ordained a priest in London in 1687.

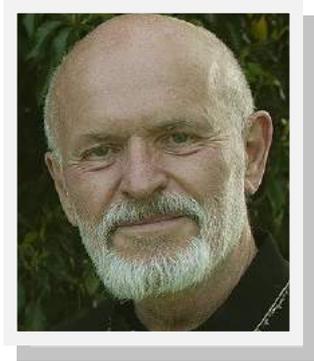
In the same year the Toleration Act was passed, and Mathew was made pastor of the Mathew Henry Church in Chester.



Mathew Henry today is best remembered for his massive *Commentary on the Bible*, which is still widely used. He's also remembered for coining such phrases as “ After the storm the calm”, “Better late than never”, and “ None so deaf as those that will not hear. None so blind as those that will not see.”



The Philip Henry line comes down to me through Philip's daughter Sarah Henry, who married a John Savage. The line then continues down through their daughter Sarah Savage, who married a William Lawrence. And it would be their daughter, Sarah Lawrence, who married a Samuel Newnham, creating a son, William Newnham, who married a Mary Barber. Their son, William Newman – the change was probably a clerical error – then comes down through another William Newman (who married an Elizabeth Wadsworth) to John Newman, my great grandfather (who married a Hannah James), and then to my grandfather, Harry Newman - and my grandmother, Daisy Ellen Waters - to my father, Roland Henry Newman - and my mother Winifred Kate Robinson – and so down to me!



Steve



A Message from Jack and Shirley Crimp

“We have not been at the Sunday 10 am Eucharist now for several weeks and will only very occasionally be in future due to health, age, distance, etc. We are now attending the Sunday morning Eucharist at St Edmunds here in Shipston where we know quite a few people already and the clergy, churchwardens and congregation have been so welcoming.

But our hearts will always be with Holy Trinity and our dear friends there so we shall continue to maintain contact by supporting Soundbites and other daytime events, using the Shop and gift aid, and by continuing to take our turn at reading the King James Bible, sides duty where able and when things have settled, maybe the Saturday coffee shop and Sunday teas.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind friendship and understanding in recent weeks. May God bless us all.”

Jack and Shirley x



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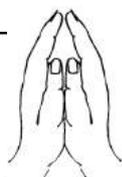
Correction



In the July edition of Trinity Times we claimed that Geoffrey Lees was a 'National Service' man. In fact 'National Service' didn't come in until 1948, a year after Geoff and Doreen were married.

Sorry Geoffrey.

Steve



Contemplative Prayer Group

This group meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Lounge for a time of silent prayer, followed by a time to talk. Plus refreshments.

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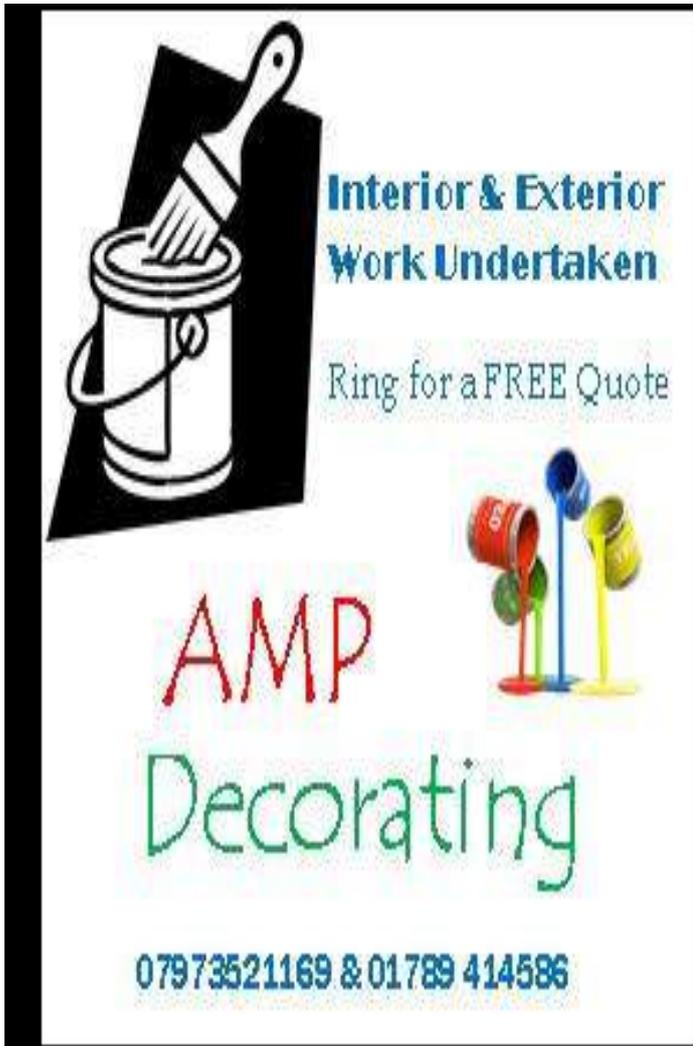


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Trinity Ladies

Revd. Diane Patterson

" We were invited to join Clifford Chambers Seniors Garden Party..."

We had a wonderful time at our July meeting! We were invited to join Clifford Chambers Seniors at their Garden Party held in the beautiful garden of their leader, Anne Dyde. The weather forecast threatened thunder storms but we were blessed in having a dry afternoon.

We visited St Helens first and had our prayers there. There was time to look around the church before going to the Garden Party and many thanks to Laurence for looking after us at the church. Bunting decorated Anne's house and the garden was set out with long tables for tea under a gazebo 'just in case' but we did not need shelter.

After a scrumptious tea of sandwiches, scones, fruit, jelly, cream and cake (wow!) there was a wonderful raffle and I think most of the Trinity Ladies went home with a little prize. Many thanks to Anne Dyde and Clifford Seniors for such a lovely afternoon.

We won't be having a meeting in August but look forward to seeing all our members at 2 pm on **Wednesday 20th September** when we will have a 'show and tell' afternoon called 'Of Sentimental Value'. So, Ladies, if you have some little thing you treasure and a story to tell about it - bring it to the meeting and 'show and tell'

Diane

Mike & Val Milburn

At the end of August we say a fond and sad goodbye to Mike and Val Milburn who are leaving us for the sub-tropical splendours of Cheltenham.

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9th July

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George Thomas Neale
Olivia Anne Stedman

23rd July

Emily Paige Campion
Evelyn Posy Gibbons
Leo Michael Pegg
Laurence Ernest John Turner
Charles Morrison
Nancy Morrison

8th July Timothy Peter O'Reilly and Florence Susan
Bradford

Stephen Derek Wattam and Caroline Michelle
Collins

20th July Wedding Blessing of Edward and Julia Warrillow

22nd July Jake Stuart Clifford and Chelsea Lea Williams
Lewis Osborne and Melanie Clovissa Salisbury



Weddings



Funerals

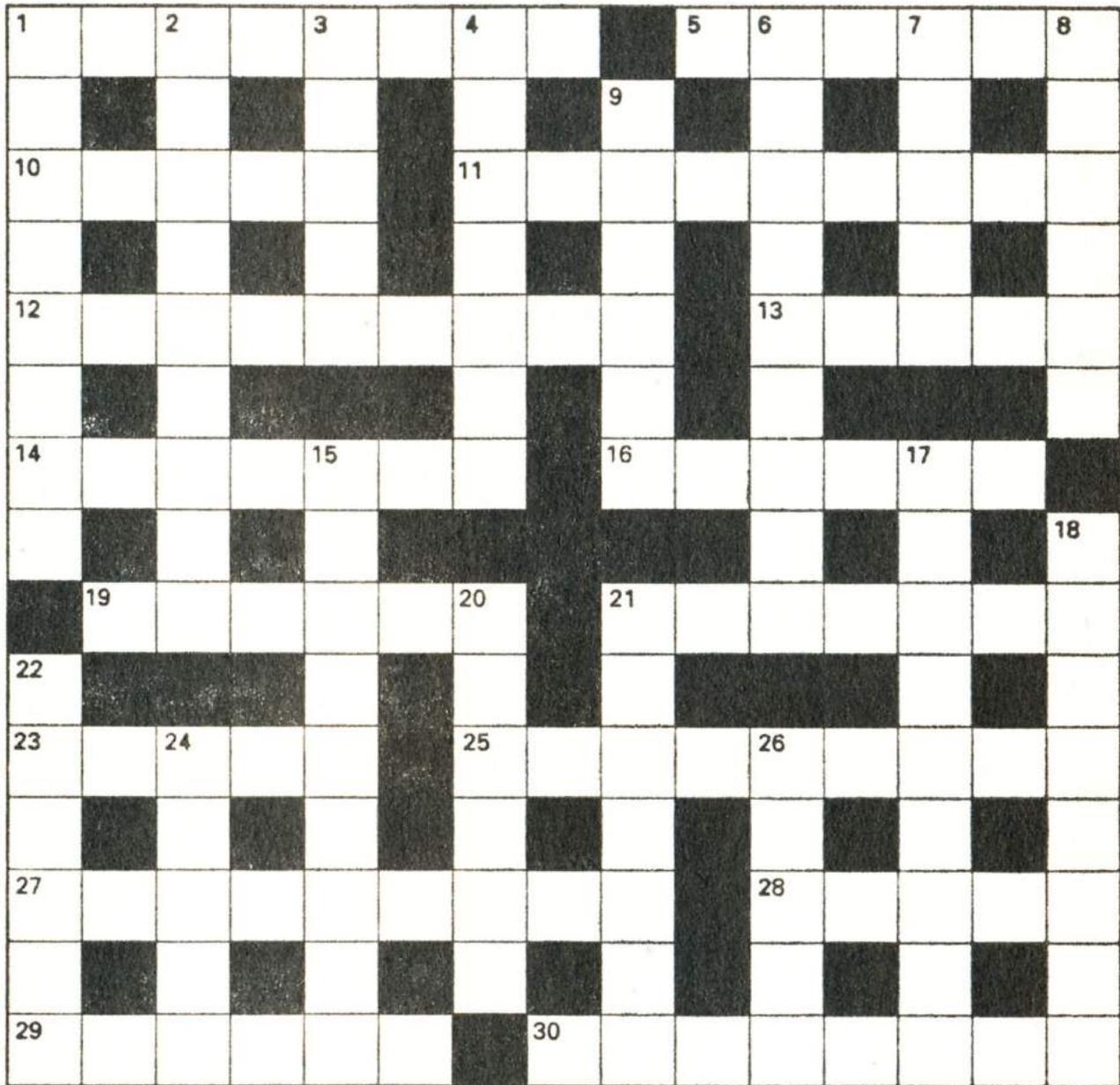
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CLUES DOWN 1 The undress of Adam and Eve before the fig leaf (8) 2 South American country (9) 3 Rove freely(5) 4 An Irish county (7) 6 Create afresh (9) 7 First bird to leave the ark (5) 8 A marine reptile 6 (7) 9 Food for Noah's guests (6) 15 Graces bestowed (9) 17 Possibly the ark's largest inmates ? (9) 18 How the ark was roofed? (8) 20 Beatnik (6) 21 Natural habitats of some of the ark's passengers (7) 22 A small, furtive, bloodthirsty animal (6) 24 Impassively austere (5) 26 Aggressively male (5)



Ann's Pantry



Chicken Thighs with Mustard Cremé Fraiche & Parma Ham

25mls vegetable oil, 8 chicken thighs, skin on, 15g butter, 1 onion chopped, 2 garlic cloves chopped, 1 tablespoon tomato passata, 100mls white wine, 500mls hot chicken stock, 2 tsp Dijon mustard, 2 tablespoons creme fraiche. Salt and freshly ground black pepper. 3 tablespoons chopped flatleaf parsley. 6 Parma ham slices, cut into strips.

Heat the oil in a large casserole and brown the chicken all over. Lift the chicken from the pan, add the butter, onion and garlic and cook until soft, add the passata, wine and stock.

Return the chicken to the pan and lower the heat to a simmer. Cover with a lid and cook gently for 45 minutes.

Lift out the chicken. Stir the mustard and creme fraiche into the cooking liquor and simmer for a further few minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Stir the parsley into the sauce and pour over the chicken, top with the ham and serve.

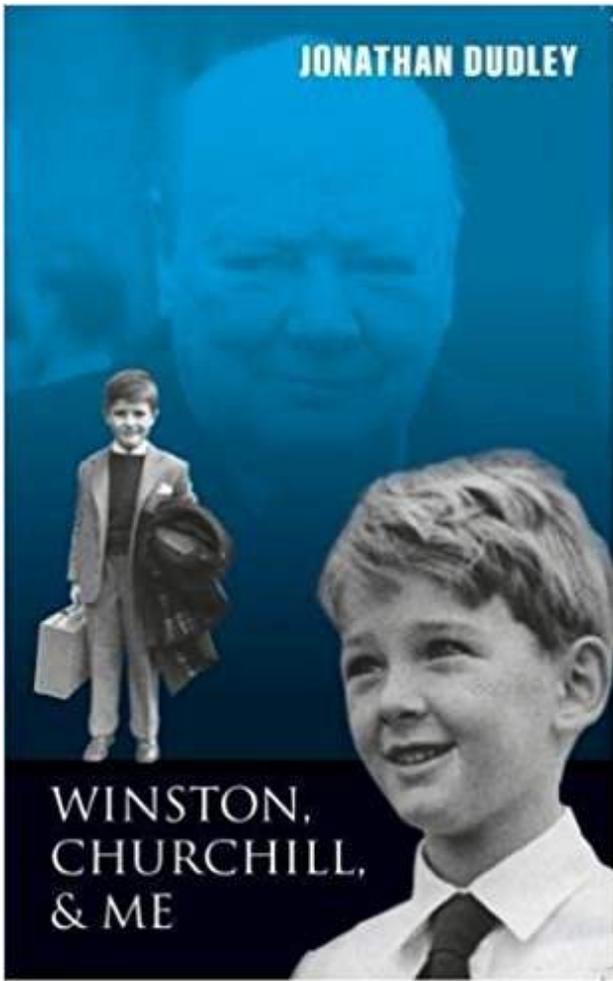
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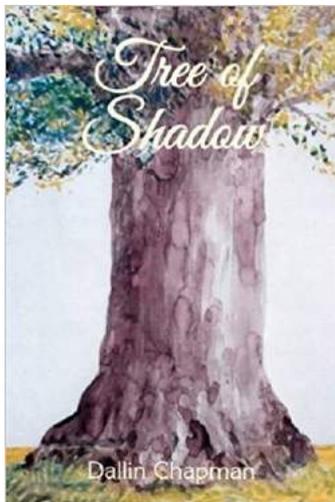


A long serving member of Holy Trinity's congregation and former member of the church's Welcome Team, Jonathan Dudley, has recently published a fascinating and hugely readable book about his encounters with former war time leader Winston Churchill, when he spent a couple of post war summer holidays at Chartwell, as a guest of his school friend, the eight year old Winston Churchill, the grandson of Sir Winston .

This beautifully written memoir of times long past is a welcome addition to the ever growing library of books about Britain's national hero.

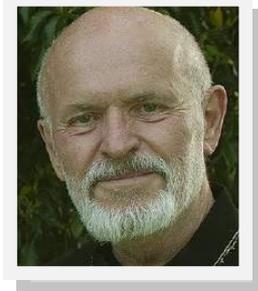
There will be a full interview with Jonathan and his wife Paula (also a writer) in an Autumn edition of *Trinity Times*.

Winston, Churchill & Me is available in paperback from all good bookshops and Amazon.



Dallin Chapman's first novel *Tree of Shadow*, published last year, is still available from Holy Trinity's Church Shop, and to order from Amazon.

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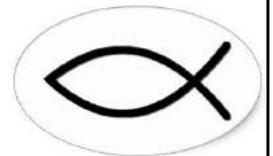


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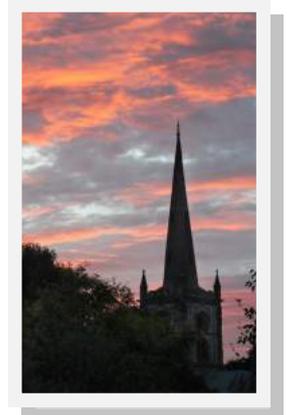
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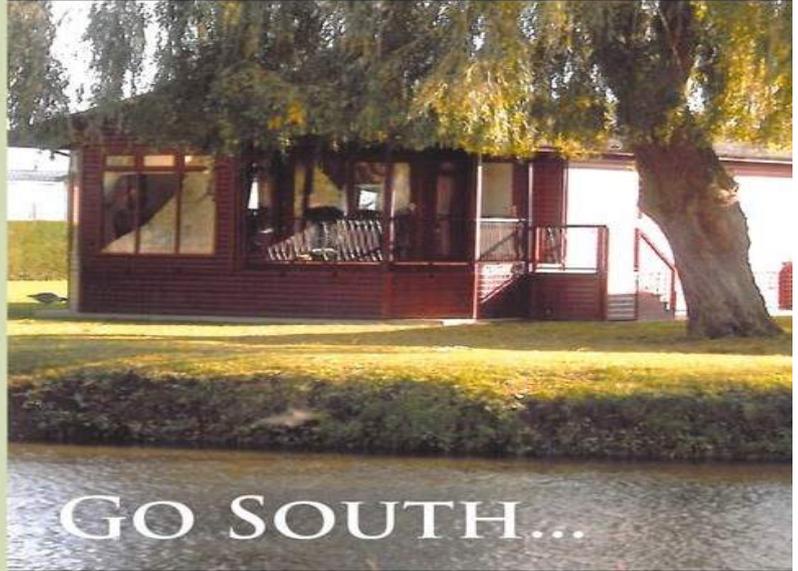
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