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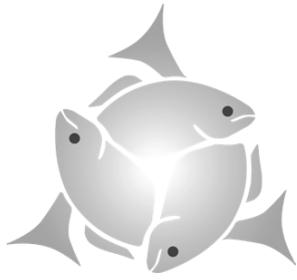
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Editorial

Welcome to the September edition of Trinity Times. One of the joys of this magazine is the variety of its contents and you don't have to be a professional writer or photographer to help fill the pages of Trinity Times. If you would like to submit something, we'd love to receive it. We've set up a new email address for items to be sent to, so that they can be easily collated. In future, please send them to timestrinity@gmail.com

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Front cover from the choir's tour of Holland, more details and pictures can be found on pages 13-15

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HUNGARIAN SANDALS, RUSSIAN SLIPPERS AND A SPARE CAGOULE



In July and August, we welcomed lots of newly christened children into our Holy Trinity family and it reminded me that we are all part of an amazing wider Christian family across the world.

I have experienced this in several ways. On one occasion Zita, a young Hungarian woman, helped me out when I was visiting the Taizé community in Burgundy. On a particularly hot August day the strap of my sandal un-glued and could not be mended. I didn't have any spare sandals, as I had travelled on a cramped coach from London with limited luggage space. Zita, seeing my predicament, offered me her spare pair of nearly new sandals to keep and they were exactly my size.



It was only a day later, when an extremely heavy thunderstorm had completely flattened my tent, that she came to the rescue again, telling me about a bunk in the women's dormitories that was now vacant, because someone had gone home early. We became such close friends over the week together, that fifteen years later when she managed to travel to England, she emailed to let me know it would be sometime in August, but I had no idea when.

So, I was most surprised when a church member rang on a Saturday afternoon, to say that he had met Zita walking up the Birmingham Road looking for a telephone box, carrying my name and telephone number on a piece of paper. Of course, I jumped in the car and we met up again and chatted as though no time had passed, spending a wonderful hour and a half together until her coach had to leave.

During that visit to Taize a Latvian lady in my dormitory liked a young man from our English-speaking group, who came from the Corrymeela Community and so I passed notes between them, until they could meet up one evening at the hot drinks counter. On the way home on the ferry, he asked me whether he should try to visit her in her home town. I knew she would be keen to see him, as she had never stopped talking about him, so said yes, I thought it was a good idea. About two years later I was invited to their wedding in Ireland, but sadly could not attend.

A year or so later I went on one of the Taizé European trips, ending up sharing a house in Budapest with two Germans and four Russians and this occasion, one of the Russian girls lent me her slippers. As they had all come from St. Petersburg on a specially arranged train, they had plenty of luggage including vodka, but I had travelled across several countries by coach to avoid the high French road tolls, so again had limited luggage. In that week together, we managed to converse in a combination of English, French and sign language, but it was another memorable opportunity to discover how Christians from other parts of the world can become instant friends, all because we love the same Lord Jesus.

Just in case by now, you think that I am totally unprepared when I travel, there was one occasion where I was packing the car to go to Lee Abbey, in Devon, when I felt that I really must take two waterproof coats. I knew that I could only wear one coat at a time, but was convinced that I should pack both, so I did. It turned out to be a particularly cold and windy Easter that year and it was over the evening meal that I discovered that the lady next to me had forgotten her coat. As we were some distance

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International community at Lee Abbey



from the nearest town, she was in a bit of a quandary as to what to do.

Well there was the answer to why I needed two coats! She could not believe how much God loved her, to have convinced a total stranger to bring a spare coat with them just for her.

I often think that Christians are all like one big family and so I look forward to meeting more of them from across the world, particularly in Holy Trinity Church amongst the visitors!

Revd Kay Dyer

LICENSING OF KAY DYER AS ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Having successfully completed her curacy, we are delighted that Kay will be staying with us. She is being licensed by Archdeacon Sue Field at a special service at 6pm on 30th September at Holy Trinity. Please come to support and pray for Kay (and her husband Roy) as she begins this new and significant phase of her ministry in the parish.



Social Team Harvest Ceilidh Sat 13th Oct, Parish Centre Doors open 5:30pm Band begins 6pm



Food, fellowship and dancing, what more could you want? Join us at our Harvest Ceilidh (bit like a Barn Dance) with live Ceilidh band. A warm supper and dessert is included in the price of the ticket. (Please bring your own drinks, alcoholic or non-alcoholic) Tickets must be purchased before the event for catering purposes.

£8 adult, £5 child (16 and under), available after morning services from the Social Team.



WORSHIP NOTES SEPTEMBER

All Age Worship 2nd September - Blessing of School Bags

As the new school term begins, we gather all together at 10am in Holy Trinity and invite those at school to bring their book bag or rucksack to be blessed. Any adults who have a bag or case of some kind associated with their work are also invited to bring it in so that we can bless you in your work.



Worship in the Parish Centre

A new service pattern begins in September with the services called TrinityCentre@10. A service similar in format to GoodNews@10 will take place on the first and third Sundays of the month (beginning 16th September). The second, fourth and fifth Sundays will continue with the current pattern (previously called FAB), with those who wish coming over to the church building to participate in Holy Communion.

Harvest Festival Services

Around this time of year we thank God for the provision of our food, pray for those who work to make it available to us and reflect on our responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. The dates of our Harvest Festival services in the parish are as follows:



All Saints' Luddington 23rd September 11am followed by a harvest lunch in the village hall

St. Helen's Clifford Chambers 7th October 9.30am

Holy Trinity 14th October 10am, All Age Service

Donations for Stratford Food Bank of non-perishable items will be received at these services. Please see the pew sheet for further details nearer the time.

Use of the new servery for refreshments after services

In order to fit with the pattern of christenings and services in the Parish Centre, we shall be using the new servery for refreshments after the 10am service on the first and third Sundays of the month from September. The long term pattern is yet to be agreed, but will be decided once we get a feel for how best to use this wonderful new facility!

Patrick

NEW ADVENTURES FOR OUR HEAD VERGER



Congratulations to Paul Harris who has been appointed Dean's Verger at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. His last working Sunday at Holy Trinity will be 30th September. However, we will be making a presentation to Paul and Annie on 7th October after the 10am service.

Interviews for a new Head Verger are due to take place on September 11th. Please pray for those who apply and everyone involved in the selection process.

Contemplative Prayer Group

Come and join us on the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Lounge for a time of silent prayer, followed by a talk and refreshments.

Everyone is welcome



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Sunday Services in September

SUNDAY 2nd September, 14th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All Age Eucharist with Blessing of the School Bags
Parish Centre *No service in the Parish Centre*
Holy Trinity 6.00pm Congregational Evensong
St Helen's, Clifford Chambers 9.30am Family Worship
All Saints', Luddington 9.30am Holy Communion BCP

SUNDAY 9th September, 15th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Baptism Candles
Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10
Holy Trinity 6.00pm Evensong
St Helen's, Clifford Chambers 9.30am Holy Communion
All Saints', Luddington 9.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 16th September, 16th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist
Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10
Rosebird Centre 10.00am H.T.@Rosebird
Holy Trinity 6.00pm Choral Evensong
Methodist Church 6.00pm Open to God
St Helen's, Clifford Chambers 9.30am Morning Worship
All Saints', Luddington 9.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 23rd September, 17th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Food4Thought
Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10
Holy Trinity 6.00pm Holy Communion BCP
St Helen's, Clifford Chambers 9.30am Holy Communion Traditional
All Saints', Luddington 11.00am Harvest Holy Communion

SUNDAY 30th September, 18th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Whole Parish Eucharist
Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10
Holy Trinity 6.00pm Licensing of Kay Dyer as Associate Priest
St Helen's, Clifford Chambers *NO service as 5th Sunday*
All Saints', Luddington *NO service as 5th Sunday*

FROM THE REGISTERS JULY & AUGUST

Christenings

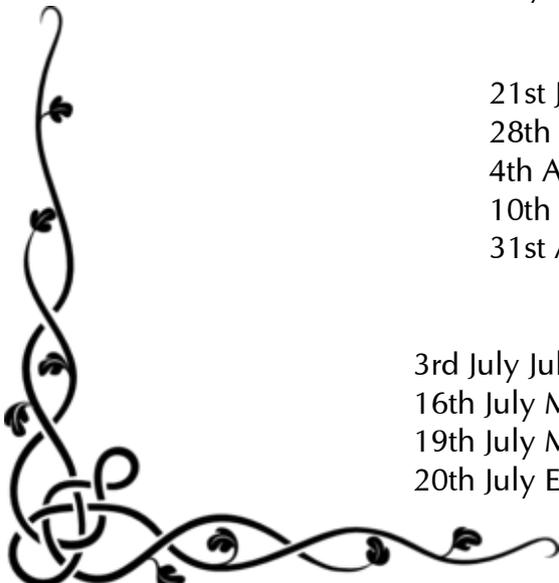
8th July Seren Davies	29th July Isla Crossley
8th July Sonny Rose	12th August Gracie Nobes
22nd July Noah Loughlin	12th August Oliver Bennett-Hall
22nd July Albie Loughlin	12th August Hudson Baker
22nd July Freddie Broughton	12th August Amelia-Jane Colebourne
22nd July Betsy Broughton	12th August Elvet Etheridge
22nd July Amèlie Brown	12th August Poppy Kennedy

Weddings

21st July Michael Leigh & Kerry McLaughlin
28th July Thomas Scott & Lydia Rothwell
4th August Timothy Nye & Anna Snodgrass
10th August Jo Howell & Fernando Herreo
31st August George Cooke & Rebecca Wagstaffe

Funerals

3rd July Julia Milard	27th July Martin Shield
16th July Maureen Bannister	3rd August Lorraine Nicholson
19th July Margaret Hazell	23rd August David Simpson
20th July Eliot Boswell	24th August Melanie Simmonds



Homecoming for Ballard Singer Denise

The Ballard Singers are coming to Clifford Chambers in September and one of their members will be on familiar territory.

Denise Jones grew up in Clifford, sang in the church choir and her mum Betty still lives in the village. She has been a member of the all-female choir for a number of years and will be performing in St Helen's Church on Saturday, September 29 at 7.30pm.

The Ballard Singers comprise 24 women who sing three or four part harmony both accompanied and acappella. Their repertoire is wide, ranging from classical to musicals, folk and modern. Their current favourites include *Ubi Caritas* by Ola Gjeilo, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*, *Les Misérables*, *Mamma Mia* and Billy Joel's *And So It Goes* and *Lullaby*.

The choir, which rehearses in Inkberrow, in Worcestershire, was set up by Margaret Ballard and celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. The singers are much in demand and recent highlights have been weddings here at Holy Trinity, in particular performing Vivaldi's *Gloria* with Stephen Dodsworth at the organ; at Inkberrow singing *American Trilogy* for a military wedding; and for the Smith-Ryland family in the beautiful church in Sherbourne.

Tickets are £8 (£4 for under 18s).
Contact Angela Wylam for more details.
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Denise Jones, third from left, with the Ballard Singers who will be performing at St Helen's Church, Clifford Chambers, on Saturday, 29 September



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For preliminary enquiries: Tel: 01993 881225 between 6 & 7pm (Mon-Fri) or
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I found my stay so relaxing, I thought it would be good to tell others.

Revd Kay Dyer



The Old Parsonage run by the Community of St Clare in Freeland

COMMUNICATION, COMPASSION AND CHRISTIANITY



Did you have your career mapped out when you left school? Doctor Daniel Barnard, for one, had no idea of what he wanted to do after A-levels, so after a year out he went to University through clearing to study quantity surveying. Within the first lecture, he realised this was the wrong decision for him!

Now, many years later, he is one of the leading lights in providing mental health support in the Midlands for ex-servicemen and women (military veterans). I met Dan to find out how he arrived at this point.

Dan explains that he was particularly inspired by his Scottish Great Uncle Maurice who served as a Major in the Royal Scots and who was awarded the high honour of a Military Cross for his actions at Gheel in Belgium in World War II, 1944. The relevant citation described that Major Cooke's selfless bravery and leadership had saved many lives. Uncle Maurice was the epitome of modesty however and his character and achievements planted a seed in Dan's mind - a seed which germinated and came to fruition many years later.

So, after his inauspicious start, Dan changed courses and studied firstly in Liverpool, and then took a degree in psychology at Coventry University; following that, he worked to help set up the Health and Healing Centre at St. Martin's in the Bull Ring, Birmingham, where he later worked at the Children's Hospital with children and adolescents. Then came three years at Oxford University, for his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and specialism in mental health trauma.

Dan is particularly interested in compassionate applications of psychological therapy known as trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (tf-CBT) which, he explains, is effective in combating post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)- a memory-based problem that can occur following exposure to trauma. Most veterans do not have PTSD, but of course some do as well as other mental health difficulties. While many civilian patients are routinely referred to the NHS mental health services by GPs and others, in Coventry and Warwickshire the ex-service personnel are now fast-tracked through a specific "veterans care pathway" in line with the Military Covenant.

Dan set up this approach, originally a pilot scheme in 2012, in Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust and he explains that military requirements in selection, training and practice cultivate a different culture to civilian life and therefore NHS-treatment needs to understand and adapt to the impact of that culture, requiring particular attention to respectfully try to engage veterans on their level. Dan is proud of the fact that the scheme has been so successful that it is now fully funded and has also helped to shape four NHS services called TILS (Transition, Intervention and Liaison Services) that now cover the whole of England for anyone that has served in HM armed forces. Dan is clinical lead for the Midlands and East England team, from Shropshire to Suffolk and as Head of the Psychological Services in the Adult Community since 2014, Dan has tremendous support from his team, particularly the nursing staff (some of whom are ex-Armed Forces) who have helped advance the project.

Dan and his colleagues' work, was brought to the attention of our local Member of Parliament, Mr Nadhim Zahawi, who recently visited Dan and the team including a veteran service user at the Stratford clinic to find out more about it. Mr Zahawi said that he was delighted to have the opportunity of



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meeting such tremendous staff who were involved in an inspirational service!

Now, Mr Johnny Mercer, Member of Parliament for Plymouth, has met Dan and the team too and according to Twitter is keen to take a similar approach in south-west England - Dan, of course, is delighted that this service has received such positive attention. Despite its growing success, he is keen that the service remains authentic, retains its core values and is always compassion-focused. In the future, he wants to encourage military families to become more involved as well.

You may even hear "Doctor Dan" on the radio as he is sometimes asked to talk about trauma and current psychological issues, such as exam stress. This year, Dan modestly admits that he was nominated for Clinical Leader of the Year in his NHS Trust.

Dan finds that his Christian faith underpins his work, and says that while he was used to Evangelical churches when growing up, his faith has become more 'liberal' over the years through personal and professional experience.

Many of our parishioners will know Dan's wife Angela, who is the Communications Officer at Holy Trinity Church. Dan and Angela originally met as children, doing their First Holy Communion together aged 6, and later after further education started going out and have now been married for nearly twenty years. He is the first to admit he is a proud Dad of their three children! As well as enjoying family life, Dan has had a lifelong interest in music and sport. While the days of being in a pop band are perhaps over, he still loves playing and writing music on the piano and keyboard, and keeps fit by avid running alongside the family Springer Spaniel, cycling and playing squash.

It is a privilege to talk to some-one who is not only a great communicator, but also a good listener - two characteristics essential for a compassionate clinical psychologist. Maybe we should thank Great Uncle Maurice for triggering Dan's interest in the Armed Forces, and particularly in supporting the mental health of the veterans.

Judith Dorricott



Karen Harrison *mcfhp mafhp*

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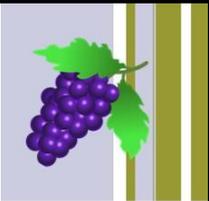


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2018 SHOE BOX APPEAL

For many years, as a church community, we have been supporting Operation Christmas Child, run by the American based charity "Samaritan's Purse". However, this year, the Holy Trinity in the Community have been exploring other UK based Christian charities who are doing a similar thing.

We have chosen for this year to support the UK based charity **Link to Hope** with their shoe box appeal, which benefits families and the elderly of eastern Europe, directly through their regional partners.



Link to Hope (formally Link Romania) was established in 1991 in response to the devastating television pictures of the appalling conditions in the orphanages in Romania. A group of Christians in Worthing led by Mark Shipperlee (who later became the charity's founder) hired a truck, loaded it with aid and drove to Romania. They ended up in a town called Iasi in the NE of Romania and there the work began. Nicolae Ceauşescu's brutal regime left the country impoverished and reeling from the effects of the totalitarian police state.

Link to Hope's Purpose & Beliefs

Link to Hope offers help to people of all backgrounds regardless of race, colour or creed with no qualifying criteria other than that they are poor and marginalised. The work that Link to Hope undertakes is through a known networks of church leaders, pastors, community leaders and mayors who are at the front line of providing help and services to those that need it. Link to Hope is driven by Christian principles and holds Matthew 25 v 35 – 40 at the heart of its work.

"Then the King will say to those on his right... For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



What Link to Hope do

Life in Eastern Europe is very hard. The countries that have succeeded in entry to the EU have provided many people, especially the young, with the opportunities that their parents could only dream of. However, those of low or no literacy existing in poor housing, still struggle with poverty, illness, lack of money, unemployment etc. Tragically their children are born and raised to live in the same way and continue to exist in a circle of poverty they can never escape from. Link to Hope believes that the only way out of poverty is through education and that there is also a need for social care for those that cannot look after themselves.

Where Link to Hope work

Link to Hope currently works with nationals in Moldova (NE) and Romania (NE), Bulgaria (N) and the Ukraine (S & W). It sends Christmas Shoeboxes to all of these countries, especially people struggling to survive in the poor villages that lack basic amenities. They also work and support the most vulnerable, especially children, families and the most marginalised; those who are at the mercy of authorities and circumstances that they have no control over.

For more information about Link to Hope, please check out their website: www.linktohope.co.uk

Leaflets contain details of the 2018 Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal will be provided during September.

Revd Steve Jarvis



THE CHOIR'S TOUR TO HOLLAND

Both Mum and I had a fantastic time in Holland and we are both very grateful for the opportunity to join the tour and all the fundraising and organisation that went on behind the scene in order that the tour was able to go ahead.

Our tour started with a wonderful outside classical music concert in Glaveland, singing outdoors in the sunshine and in front of lots of festival goers was great fun. Later that day and in contrast we sang at the beautiful church in Naarden to a packed congregation. Every concert the Choir performed was greeted by a standing ovation and lots of praise and gratitude. It was wonderful to see how much the music was appreciated by everyone and clearly gave great joy.

The following day we sang at the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam 'Het Begijnhof' a most interesting place dating back to the 17th Century when it was then a community of single Catholic women who performed good deeds but chose not to live in a convent and take vows. Today this is still a community of single women who live and work in a shared community in the centre of Amsterdam. We were also lucky to visit the towns of Wassenaar, Monnickendam and Haarlem making beautiful music and representing Holy Trinity Church.



Abi Routh (age 12)



Even though I've been in Holy Trinity Choir for over two years now, this year's trip to Holland was my first tour and it lived up to all of my expectations. It was an amazing experience and I really enjoyed singing in different locations with massive audiences, getting to know the whole choir better and exploring Holland, which is a fascinating country.

One of the highlights of the trip for me was singing in beautiful churches with fantastic acoustics; the best for me was our second performance in Naarden. It was a really pretty town with a canal running through the middle and the church was also spectacular. We sang some lovely pieces including Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb and Tippett's Five Negro Spirituals. We also got the first of four standing ovations which was magical.

Another thing that I really enjoyed was swimming at the hotel as well as at the beach. The hotel had a beautiful swimming pool with a jacuzzi and water fountain, perfect for an early morning swim. My final highlight was exploring



Holland, which is covered in sweet windmills and cheese shops that make the place unique. On our day in Amsterdam, we went on a boat trip on one of the country's many canals. I loved our tour to Holland and hopefully I can go on another tour in a few years.

Amelia Parkin (age 12)



In Holland we did amazing and extraordinary things, from singing in some of the most beautiful places I've ever seen, to exploring the great streets of Amsterdam. I was excited but also nervous to go on this trip in the beginning but it turned out to be a great experience.

Loads of people were extremely helpful on this trip and we couldn't have done it without them, with the mums willing to look after other children, as well as Benedict who didn't let the heat or tiredness bring us down. In Holland everyone was always so positive to others even if they weren't feeling great themselves. My favourite thing of all was either watching all the children and adults having fun and relaxing or seeing all the people who came to our concerts with smiles or an impressed look on their faces which only pushed me further.



I absolutely loved my time and can't wait till next year where I'm sure it'll be just as good!!

Isabelle Coupe (age 11)

Holland was a great experience. It was musically wonderful, also it was a great social experience. I enjoyed looking around the towns and cities and also singing at the different churches. The hotel was amazing. I loved the swimming pool and we all had lots of fun there. The weather was nice and in general I had a lovely time.

Theo Sampson (age 12)

When earlier this year I was persuaded during a post-evensong drink to join the choir on their trip to Holland I told friends I was mad, but how wrong could I have been! The Friends of the Music had through the generosity of congregation, parents and supporters made a considerable contribution towards the costs of the trebles and that investment was fully justified. As Treasurer

of the Friends of the Music, and a passionate advocate of church music, I witnessed the choir sing a formidable repertoire in five concerts including an outdoor festival, all in extremely hot conditions. The choir fully enjoyed themselves but also showed great professionalism during the concerts to large audiences and standing ovations.

The teamwork shown by choir and parents could in my experience be bottled and sold to businesses.

I will leave others to tell the story in more detail, but lasting memories remain of Laurens Macklon singing Quilter's O Mistress Mine followed by the choir performing Faire is the Heaven by William Harris at the end of the final concert. A peaceful close to a very busy week. There also remains the sight of our ever-energetic and talented Benedict Wilson playing cards with some of the choristers late on the last night.

This choir visit was a very successful week from so many aspects. The FOM now hope to commission a professional CD recording of the repertoire sung on this memorable visit.

Martin Stanley





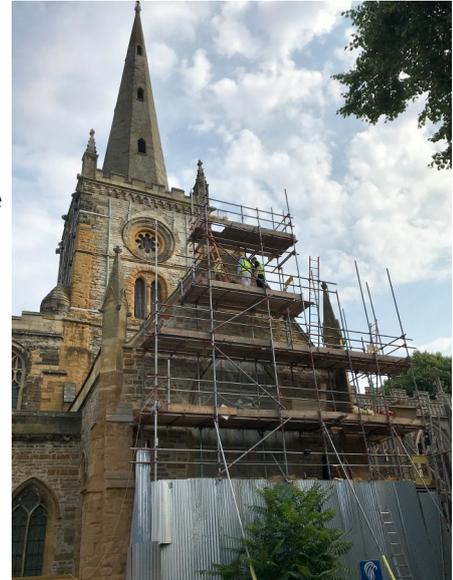
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCAFFOLD



Anyone walking around the outside of church will have noticed the scaffolding surrounding the South Transept. From inside, in St Peter's Chapel, even in glorious sunshine all seemed a bit gloomy. The restoration of St Peter's Chapel created perhaps the most beautiful part of Holy Trinity church.

But above the barrel roof, out of sight of those gazing at the American window, all was not well. The top of the gable wall was leaning, on the ground there were pieces of mortar and the cross that once adorned the roof fell off some years ago.

Starting immediately after the Shakespeare Celebrations this year the scaffolding went up and work began. The Friends of Shakespeare's Church



has played a major part in the repair, thanks to generous donations from members and visitors to the church. One of the final jobs was the installation of a new cross, matching the cross on the North Transept. Revd Patrick Taylor bravely made the journey to the top of the scaffolding to dedicate the new cross.



There have been delays to the building work, for a change this has been due to the good weather and mortar drying too quickly. But St Peter's Chapel, dedicated as a World War I memorial chapel, will be ready for commemorations leading up to the centenary of the Armistice in November.

DEDICATION OF HOLY OILS FLASKS

On 29th July Patrick dedicated new glass flasks to hold the holy oils. They were a gift from anonymous members of the congregation and will be stored in the niche in the south wall of the sanctuary (the old *piscina*, where the vessels for Holy Communion were washed before the Reformation). The three bottles are inscribed with the first three letters of the name of the oil contained, as follows:



INF (Infirm) -the oil for anointing those who are sick or dying. This oil is used at our Healing Services.

CAT (Catechumens) -oil used at Christenings (baptisms). A Catechumen is a person who is receiving instruction in preparation for baptism

CHR (Chrism) -this oil is used to anoint people as they are commissioned for a special role or ministry (including confirmation, ordination, and the monarch at a coronation). We have recently anointed the

Head Teacher at our church school and our Operations Manager, amongst others!

During services, and when we visit the sick or dying, we use small metal containers, called *stocks*, which contain the oil (usually soaked into cotton wool to prevent spillage). If you know of anyone who would like to receive prayer and anointing (e.g. before or after going into hospital for an operation) then please don't hesitate to ask!



KATHLEEN – STRATFORD LADY REMEMBERED

I have always had a keen interest in history, more so since I started working for the National Trust as a volunteer nearly 20 years ago. There is something rather spiritual and moving about delving into someone's past and bringing to people's attention interesting facts that have lain dormant for years, and, if it hadn't been for your efforts, facts that might never see the light of day again. So, when Kathleen's heart-rending story was first brought to my attention a few weeks before Remembrance Sunday last year, I couldn't resist the temptation of digging into the tragic event surrounding her death.

Two friends of mine, Alan and Andrew, having collaborated on publishing books about the First World War for a number of years now, were researching their fifth book for this special centenary year. Their first book, published in 2009, and entitled *Meet at Dawn, Unarmed*, was taken from the memoirs of Andrew's grandfather, Captain Sir Robert Hamilton, who, serving in the Royal Warwick's, was the British officer who initiated the Christmas truce in 1914, on his sector. Last year they visited Holy Trinity to research the content for their next book, about *The Aftermath of the First World War*; wanting personal stories and to look at some of the memorials within the church to those who died during the terrible conflict. As we walked down the path, once they had finished looking around the church, Alan, always on the lookout for the unusual, spotted the memorial at the end of our pathway to a young Stratford lady called Kathleen Stoehr. I, like many, because of it being so overgrown and seemingly forgotten, had never bothered to look at it before. Together, we cleaned away the moss and read about the tragic story that I am about to relate to you.



Kathleen Stoehr's memorial at the top of the Church path

Kathleen, the second daughter of Reginald and Ellen Lizzie Hudson, married Charles Felix Stoehr in July 1914. On the 15th December 1915, she set sail from London on the SS *Persia*, bound for Bombay, via Malta and the Suez Canal. Three days after leaving Malta, 70 miles south-east of Crete and some 400 nautical miles from the entrance to the Suez Canal, the ship was sunk by Captain Max Valentiner, commander of U38. No warning was given, as the rules of war normally required with civilian shipping, and three torpedoes subsequently hurtled towards this unarmed vessel. This 500-foot passenger ship, carrying no combat troops or war material of any kind, within five minutes sank in 1700 fathoms. Due to the speed of its sinking, only a few lifeboats were launched. There were 519 passengers and crew aboard, of which 343 perished. Passengers were made up of women travelling alone, of which Kathleen was one, families and a number of military personnel travelling to Egypt and India.

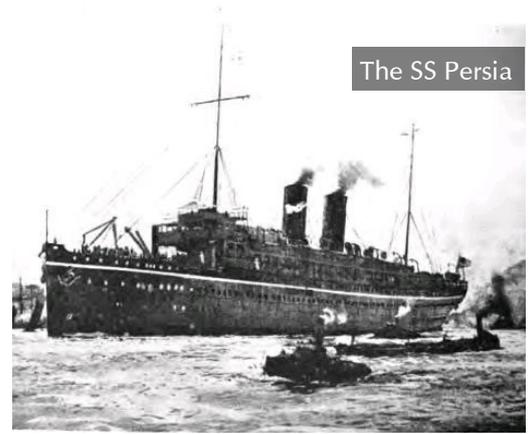
Of all the women and children on board, only fifteen women and a handful children survived. Kathleen has no known grave, and, if her body was ever found, she now lies somewhere in Alexandria, Egypt, in an unmarked grave. She, like many, probably perished within the ship, which, just like the *Titanic*, is deemed a sea grave. During my research, I came across an announcement from the Stratford upon Avon Advertiser - Herald from 7th January 1916, and, courtesy of The Shakespeare Centre Library and Archives, have reproduced it below:

'THE SINKING OF THE PERSIA – A STRATFORD LADY AMONG THE VICTIMS.

When the latest fiendish outrage at sea became known it was not long before report obtained currency that among those on board was a Stratford lady, and eagerly was each list of lost and saved persons perused in the hope that her precious life was among those preserved. But this hope was not to be realized. Of the hundreds on board only 15 female passengers were saved, a sadly small proportion when one considers all the circumstances of the tragic disaster. The lady whose life has been cruelly sacrificed is Mrs Felix Stoehr, second daughter (Kathleen) of Mr & Mrs R Hudson of Grassholme, Stratford upon Avon.

Cont...

This lady was well known and was only 21 years of age. Most Stratfordians will remember her marriage in July of 1914 to Captain Stoehr, of the Royal Engineers, who had been stationed at Aden for three years. It was one of the prettiest social events of the year. Whilst on their honeymoon in Norway the war broke out, and they returned home. Captain Stoehr reported himself to the war office, and wished to go to France, but he was sent back to Aden, and Mrs Stoehr followed two months later. She spent the winter there, but returned to England for the summer, arriving the day before the Lusitania was torpedoed. While Mrs Stoehr had been at home, her husband had several narrow escapes in the fighting which took place in the Aden hinterland. On one occasion, shrapnel shell burst close to him and killed his horse and a soldier standing near Captain Stoehr was wounded in two places, and later was shot three times in an engagement, though, fortunately, without receiving serious injury. A sad feature of the case lies in the fact that through ill health the young wife was unable to return earlier in the season. Mrs. Stoehr was journeying by the Persia to India to rejoin her husband, and her parents received a letter from her at Malta. She met her death on December 30th exactly a month after her cousin Lieutenant J.W.W Hudson of the 5th Warwick's was killed in the trenches in France. The death of Mrs Stoehr under such tragic circumstances caused great sorrow in the town, and a very general sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Hudson.



Paul Talbot

TRINITY LADIES



A beautiful summer morning and the day of our outing to the Burford Garden Centre. Twenty-five members and guests met at the Parish Centre and boarded the coach. We had a stop for coffee at Stow on the Wold and then went on to Burford. There were lots of delightful goodies for sale, and that was even before we got to the plants! There was also a very nice café area for lunch. We felt that everything (including lunch) was rather expensive, but enjoyed having a look round and a chance to catch up with friends and share news.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th September at 2pm in the Parish Centre when we look forward to welcoming Ursula Russell who is coming to tell us about her time as Deputy Lord Lieutenant. New members and visitors are always most welcome to join us at any of our meetings. I look forward to seeing everyone then.

Diane Patterson

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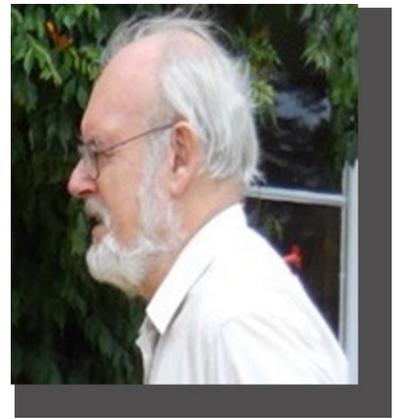
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I do not always remember sermons, but I particularly remember one preached at a Civic Service, many years ago, by our good friend Roy Lodge who was Mayor's Chaplain that year. It was about the importance of trust, and the way in which our society seemed to be losing much recognition of this. Some might think that this was just a typical older person regretting "the good old days"; well, many of us are capable of that, but I think Roy had a point.

The beginning of a new school year brings this particularly to mind. When I first entered the Department of Education in Whitehall in 1970, the legal framework for schools, colleges and universities was relatively simple. It existed, as such frameworks must do – but in the key area of the curriculum, an enormous trust was placed in teachers. Subsequently, that largely disappeared, and now the curriculum in State-supported schools is highly regulated. There were reasons for this. New approaches to education had multiplied during the 1960s, and some of them, to some people, seemed far too radical and looked like a betrayal of trust. And the amount of variation between good and bad schools had become unacceptable. So the politicians did what they always do, and tried to manage things from the centre. But it is an interesting question how far you can manage in this way something as delicate as the processes of teaching and learning, which is ultimately about trusting individual teachers and learners.

In some places, especially London, the more centralized approach seems to have had results. The new initiatives were not all bad; such initiatives rarely are. But many aspects of education now look like a bit of a mess – whether it is the way schools are governed and funded, or the results which emerge. Even our little local controversy about the name of our church school ("The Willows" or "Holy Trinity"?) may reflect anxiety on the part of parents and others about the way things are going; and anxiety is often a problem of trust.



Because all human beings are flawed (or, if you prefer, sinners), trust is frequently betrayed, whether at very personal levels or at the level of an institution like a school. So we, or our politicians, put into places more and more rules and regulations and systems. If something can be totally tied down by a computerized approach, let it be tied down! But I wonder how many of us have reason to distrust even our computers?

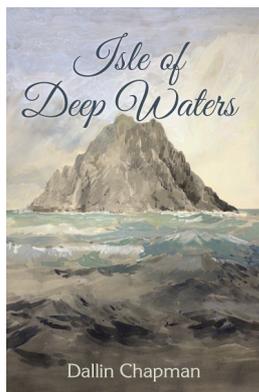
After all, they too are created by people, whether it is the hardware, the software, or the way the software is used. A good old slogan in the computer world is "Garbage in: garbage out"; the results of systematizing our approaches to problems via the computer are only as good as what actual people put into that process – and more often than not, it sometimes seems, that is garbage.

People are what matter. Real human beings interacting with each other. Our systems are meant to serve them, and, when they take on a life of their own, they fail to do this. And **trust** between people matters – even though (or perhaps especially because) people can be untrustworthy. Trust is an absolutely central element in our humanity. The Church is based on the story of a God who, in creation, trusts the untrustworthy, and, when that trust is betrayed, does not intervene with a computer program but....in Person. That suggests to me that Roy Lodge's message should be central to our life and witness.



DALLIN'S NEW NOVEL - ISLE OF DEEP WATERS

Many of us will have enjoyed Dallin Chapman's first novel "Tree of Shadow" published two years ago. At last we have the opportunity of reading the second book in her trilogy, called "Isle of Deep Waters" which will be released on 7 September.



This book tells the story of five strangers who are linked by their knowledge of a terrible crime. As they seek to flee from what has happened, they find themselves inexorably drawn to the lonely Isle of Deep Waters, tracked by a mysterious and relentless pursuer.

Like Dallin's first book, this novel is set in different times and worlds, and the two stories are linked in many ways, although they are not sequential.

Dallin tells me that the trilogy is called "Journeys to Lost Landscapes" and the third part will be published early next year.

Naturally there are thematic developments within the trilogy, and Dallin says that the second book, like the first, has Christian undertones. No doubt it will be just as fascinating!

Judith Dorricott

ENGAGE FESTIVAL



The second ENGAGE 50+ festival starts on Saturday September 29th, with a Festival Information Day. This year at a new venue; Stratford College, The Willows North (off Morrisons roundabout), Alcester Road, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9QR between 10am to 4pm.

There's a lot going on in our town and surrounding area for people from 50 to 100+ but it's not always easy to discover who's doing what and where. If you'd like to expand your horizons, learn a new skill or hobby, volunteer or simply acquaint yourself with what's going on that might be of interest, this is the Fair for you! 80 or so exhibitors, workshops and talks and a great cafe too. Try dance

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72 groups exhibited last year in various stalls to over 600 visitors, the exhibition was by mainly local organisations (U3A's, church groups, etc amongst a wide range of groups.) and was directed to the 50+ age group.



More details can be found online at www.engagefestival.org.uk

Interested? Then put it in your diary.

Roy Dyer

STRATFORD REMEMBERS: ARMISTICE CELEBRATIONS AT HOLY TRINITY 2018



Antic Disposition's Henry V

In two month's time the nation will be preparing to commemorate the end of the First World War. With towns and cities around the country, we here in Stratford-upon-Avon will be doing our bit to commemorate those who gave their lives in the service of King and country, and all who were caught up in the destruction of the war in Flanders and Belgium.

There will be a special **All Age Service** commissioning the beginning of our commemorations on Sun 4th November at 10am.

As a church community we have been successful in securing grant funding from the Government's Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust to purchase eight clear Perspex seated silhouette figures, which will help to tell the story of St Peter's Chapel, and its dedication in 1919 as a memorial chapel to the 61st (2nd South Midlands) Division. This was an important Division made of regiments from the Warwickshire (including South Birmingham, Coventry, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire). For more information about the figures please go to www.therebutnotthere.org.uk



There But Not There A Nationwide Installation for the Fallen.

We will also be hosting, in partnership with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, an exhibition which tells the story of the contribution of the people of Stratford-upon-Avon to **The Great War**, the story of those both in service, and on the home front.

And on Armistice Weekend itself we will be holding a special **Vigil Service** on the evening of Saturday 10th November. This will be an opportunity to come and light a candle of remembrance for the fallen of the 1914-1918 Great War conflict, while accompanied by the choir singing Compline, and music especially chosen for the occasion.

On **Remembrance Sunday** itself, we will once again host a Civic Service before moving to the Garden of Remembrance, where along with the town, Royal British Legion, Armed Forces Cadet Units, Civic dignitaries and the general public, we will facilitate the laying of the wreaths at the war memorial.

Finally, our commemorations will lead into a series of five evening performances of **Shakespeare's Henry V** (12th-16th November). This will be the culmination of a special professional touring production, set in the period of the Great War, which is being performed in cathedrals around the country by Antic Disposition. We are very privileged to be able to host the final five performances here at Holy Trinity Church, the resting place of Shakespeare himself. To book tickets for Henry V please go to www.anticdisposition.co.uk/henry-v-2018.html



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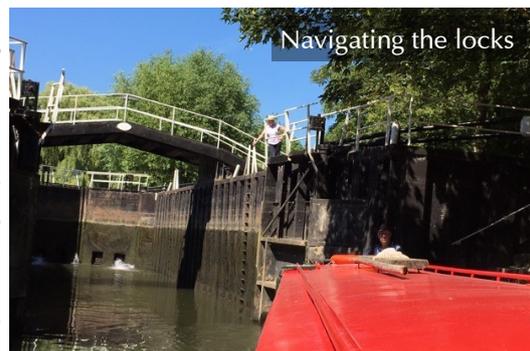
DRAGONFLIES ON THE AVON - AN ENCOUNTER



Mike & Alan in charge

The beginning turned out to be oddly – you could say weirdly – appropriate. You plunged off a main road opposite a Budgens supermarket into a green tunnel of high hedges which appeared to lead nowhere – until you emerged suddenly into a daylight boatyard, cars parked here and there, the sluggish Avon flowing past and a brilliant red-painted cruiser called the Swan waiting. Not quite Cleopatra’s barge perhaps, burning you’ll recall on the water, but near enough. The sweltering day made up for any calorific deficit on the part of the Swan (or shortage of joules if you must).

The crew, passengers really, comprised the members of the Diane Patterson/ Mike-and-Helen Warrillow home group. With the exception that is of me, an interloper. All of us should be called passengers except for Mike who expertly steered our course, until after many a brilliantly-negotiated lock our craft rammed a robust not to say massive lock gate, with bits of metal flying off the hired Swan into a scarcely ruffled river. One other member deserving the name of crew was Alan P. who coiled and uncoiled mooring ropes with the skill of a seasoned yachtsman. Just as notable in adapting to the needs of a voyage such as ours were Helen W. and Lilian Hopkins, who saw us through lock after lock by sheer muscle power and copious sweat – or perspiration to be pc.



Navigating the locks

Lunch on a grassy knoll, corks popping and prosecco flowing, came as a wonderful al fresco treat, in almost cool temperatures, or so we persuaded ourselves, in contrast to the furnace-like conditions on the river and on board. There were even car-borne friends to meet us, with children and grandchildren to boot (don’t understand this literally) and Sian to make everything efficient. You couldn’t do better at the Ritz.



Lunch with friends

On the way back, as on the outward leg, we progressed at a breakneck four miles an hour. But we saw dragonflies every few yards dancing on the still water, their brilliant colours contrasting with the dun-hued river and willows fatigued by the relentless heat. The dragonflies, we thought, were just like this collegial Holy Trinity fellowship, which for a time at least enlivened a river that was otherwise reed-choked and almost solitary.

Ronnie Mulryne



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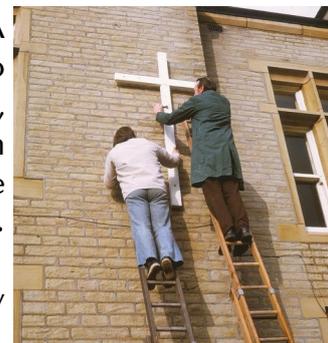
These words headed an advertisement in the Church Times. The advert went on to describe the parish of St Augustine's Halifax where the church which once seated 800 had been demolished. Built of soft Yorkshire stone in 1880 it was crumbling badly. The woollen industry had collapsed and the factories were closed. The millworkers who occupied the terraces had moved away, their place now taken by Pakistani Muslims. The congregation which now worshipped in the school hall was down to 23 faithful souls. Yet the mission-minded Diocese of Wakefield took the bold and pioneering decision to experiment with a parish without a church building.

Having completed my five-year appointment as Youth Officer for the Carlisle Diocese I was looking for a new challenge and this was it! On St Francis Day (4th October) 1974 Barbara and I took the plunge and stayed for 10 years of rewarding ministry. Our plant was a very large Victorian vicarage and a church school with its caretaker's house.



The vicarage cellar was dank and dirty. Propped against the walls were dozens of brass plaques from the old church which spoke of past benefactors and military heroes. Among them was a large framed photo of Edith Nettleton who went out to China from St Augustine's as a missionary in the 1920's and did remarkable work among women and children all over the Diocese of Foochow. In 1930 she was kidnapped and held to ransom by communist brigands. When no ransom was forthcoming she was brutally beheaded. St Augustine's still celebrates its own martyr on 30th September. We lifted Edith's photo to the walls of the ground rooms above to benefit from her encouraging smile!

We decided to devote the ground floor to community work while we lived upstairs. A large 8ft cross, painted white, was fixed to the wall facing the main thoroughfare to show we were still in business and the vicar's study, which could accommodate 30, was turned into a simple chapel as our power house. Every morning we met at 7 am and some who hadn't belonged to a church for years began to join us. Two large housing estates for pensioners had been built where terraces had been demolished. Each had a community centre and quite soon we had thriving Sunday afternoon services going in each of them. We bought an old minibus and every Wednesday morning would gather up the flock for the vicarage chapel communion service. Meanwhile the Sunday morning service in the school hall also began to grow in numbers.



One of the pensioners who attended our first service in the Crossley Close community centre was Ivy. She sat at the back and turned her chair to face backwards, a challenge indeed! I resolved to pay her a visit. It took more than one attempt to gain access and then to get anything out of her. But I persisted till she gradually opened up. She was born with one layer of skin missing and spent six months wrapped in olive oil and cotton wool. Aged 10 a tumour was removed from her brain through the front of her face, giving her a plastic nose. With very little sight she was registered as blind. Ivy became the first person to join us for daily prayer at 7 am.

We set up a 'home group' which met in the vicarage on Wednesday evenings. Several members displayed behavioural oddities. One young man who had a gift for playing the mandolin would spend half his time rolling his head around. But there was such a love among them and a keenness to learn. We gave time to prayer for healing. After a while Ivy felt the time was right to pray about her blindness. She knelt in the middle of our circle. We laid hands on her and prayed. When she returned to her chair she thought we had switched the light on but we hadn't. Someone handed her a prayer book with quite small print and to our astonishment she read every word of a psalm! Her optician had to agree that something quite remarkable had happened and she discarded her white stick. The vacant cross was already turning into a resurrection, with so much more to come.

HOWLERS!

Compiled by Pat Pilton

"So apart from the pews, the sermon, the hymns, the coffee and all that praying, you'd come again?"



ONE LINERS:

So I was in the jungle and I saw this monkey with a tin opener. I said, you don't need a tin-opener to peel a banana. He said, I know, this is for the custard.
Tim Vine

I'm learning the hokey cokey. Not all of it. But I've got the ins and outs."
Iain Stirling

I'm at the stage now where my senior moments all merge into one. *Speaker at Avon Probus Club*

A *Times* reader tells how he treasures one of his final school reports which reads: "Should have done well but has fallen into bad company." In a letter to the newspaper, the ex-pupil reports: "I became a consultant surgeon and the bad company became a professor of physics.

Andy Du Port from Chichester, West Sussex, was taught geography and rowing by the same master and got a school report which said: "Good at rivers." *You Couldn't Make It Up*

Spotted on the BBC website: London is to get a new migration museum. It is starting out in a temporary home, but the hope is that in a couple of years it will move to a permanent site.

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- Wherever possible we always send the same person, and we will never send a stranger
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- We pride ourselves on being punctual – we're always there when you need us
- We don't wear uniforms – our Caregivers look like a family member or friend.

Unique Senior Care provides outstanding home care services to older people in their own homes, where they are most happy and comfortable.

We believe that by supporting older people to remain in their own home instead of in residential care, we can enable them to live more fulfilling lives.

Families can relax, safe in the knowledge that their loved ones are in excellent hands, being cared for by a care company that specialises in one thing: people. It doesn't matter how simple or complex our clients' needs are, our Caregivers ensure that each individual is cared for with respect, dignity and compassion.

From an hour a week to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, our care is highly personalised, individually tailored to meet the needs of the individual and is always in accordance with your wishes.

To speak to a team member, please visit www.uniquecare.co.uk or contact us at:
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DEDICATING NEW BIBLE
 A new King James Bible, kindly donated by Rena & Ken Kelly, was dedicated during one of our morning services. This Bible will be used during some services and for the daily King James Bible readings, which take place each day at 2:30pm in church.



MEND Art Project



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ART EXHIBITIONS

Over the Summer months, in partnership with Coventry Cathedral, we have had a few art exhibitions in Church. A selection of contemporary textiles from the MEND project, accompanied by costumes from the RSC, as part of their Stitch in Time campaign. Charles Walker Hazzard's Angel of Dresden sculpture.



RSC Costumes



The Angel of Dresden