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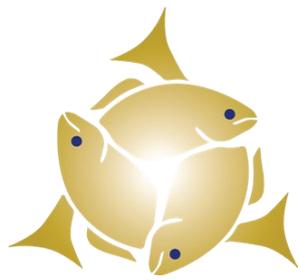


# TRINITY TIMES



Lives changed through God's love

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## A TIME FOR CELEBRATION

You may by now have a touch of Jubilee fatigue after the four-day bank holiday and all the celebrations across the parish. But for me, there was a part of it that I experienced, and I think it should be captured and celebrated. As you may be aware the 10am Parish Eucharist has been trying to be intergenerational. It's difficult to quantify what is intergenerational, like many words it means different things to different people. But for me a great example of intergenerational was the Jubilee Street Party inside Holy Trinity. Although with the wet weather plan being put into action perhaps Jubilee Party would be a better description.

In the word intergenerational, the prefix "inter" is often forgotten in a definition, and people just focus on the generational - having different ages in the same place. But the "inter" needs to be the focus. A definition of inter as a prefix is "The prefix, inter, implies between, among or together." Intergenerational isn't just about different ages being present in the same place, but being among one another, being together, growing relationships. For me the setting up on the Saturday afternoon and the party itself was a



Setting up

perfect illustration of being intergenerational. On the Saturday different ages were working together, using their personal skills for the good of the group, the wisdom of some and the physicality of others. The party on Sunday demonstrated intergenerational in a different way, through celebration, forging new friendships, not just all in the same room, but interacting with each other without barriers.



Jubilee party

The service on the Sunday evening took intergenerational to another level, not just between ages, but between those who are church regulars and those who aren't. At the service there was a representation of not just the Holy Trinity Congregation, but of the whole of Stratford, and unlike some civic occasions where it could perhaps be said there is an element of feeling forced to attend. Through bringing crowns, decorated, processed into church and displayed throughout the service, those attending were offering something to the service, and were a vital part of it. There was no pressure on groups to attend, but I was amazed how many did send representatives. Later in this issue, with some more pictures of the crowns, there is a list of all the schools and groups who took part in the project and most had a representative at the service.



Crowns on display throughout  
The service

One great piece of feedback came from one group whose representative didn't make it to the service. WORK-SHOP describe what they do as

"Purposeful work activities for adults with learning disability and autism" helping them to learn skills to become part of the adult workforce. After the service I received an email from them apologising that their representative didn't make it to the service, but asking if I had any pictures from it. At that time I didn't, so all I could do was share the link to where the service was uploaded to YouTube. Below is the response I received to that email.

*"Wow thank you! I just showed the participants and they loved it! The room was silent as they watched (I think I've discovered their new favourite thing to watch)...Thanks again for letting us be involved – they loved making and supporting this project."*



Crown decorated by Work-Shop

Cont...

Of course, I can only be in one place at any one time, but I'm sure that similar experiences were taking place in the other churches in our parish. The big question is how do we continue these experiences of being one family of God, bringing them into our daily lives and life as a parish? Not just being in the same room, but working together, celebrating together and welcoming all who make up our town. The minimum we can do is to look for these big occasions and make the most of the opportunities they offer. But imagine if every time we gather as a church family, it had that same feeling and experience? I don't mean that every time is a party, but even in the sombre seasons of our faith, we can still be excited to be amongst one another, sharing our faith with one another. Perhaps this could be a step towards continuing to see lives changed through God's love?



*Phil Harper*



## Tree Planting for the Queen's Green Canopy

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee a new tree has been planted in the churchyard. We were joined by the Queen's representative, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox, our new Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon, Gill Cleeve, and Chairman of Stratford District Council, Mark Cargill. Thanks to Lindsay MacDonald for leading the team organising this.





## SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY

### Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon

**3 July - St Peter and St Paul**

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Vocation and Ordination*

5pm - Taizé

**10 July - 4th Sunday after Trinity**

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Called by God*

5pm - Choral Evensong

**17 July - 5th Sunday after Trinity**

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Called to serve*

5pm - Choral Evensong

**24 July - 6th Sunday after Trinity**

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Mary Magdalene ~ following your calling*

5pm - Holy Communion - Traditional

**31 July - 7th Sunday after Trinity**

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *Responding to God's Call*

5pm - Healing Service

### St Helen's Church, Clifford Chambers

**3 July - St Peter and St Paul**

9.30 - Holy Communion

**10 July - 4th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 - Morning Worship Band

**17 July - 5th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 - Morning Worship

**24 July - 6th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 - Holy Communion

**31 July - 7th Sunday after Trinity**

No service



### All Saints' Church, Luddington

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**10 July - 4th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 - Holy Communion

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# SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST



## Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon

**7 August - 8th Sunday after Trinity**

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *The Transfiguration*

5pm - Taizé

**14 August - Blessed Virgin Mary**

10am - Parish Eucharist ~ *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

5pm - Congregational Evensong

**21 August - 10th Sunday after Trinity**

10am - Parish Eucharist

5pm - Holy Communion - Traditional

**28 August - 11th Sunday after Trinity**

10am - Parish Eucharist

5pm - 5pm - Congregational Evensong

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9.30 - Holy Communion

**14 August - Blessed Virgin Mary**

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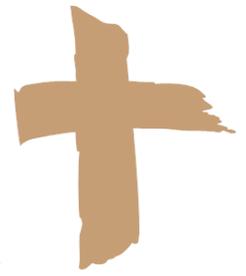
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# Worship Notes July and August



## JULY

On Sunday 3 July we will celebrate the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, traditionally the time of year when ordinations happen. This year please pray for Sarah Cushing, our Parish Administrator, who is being ordained priest at Coventry cathedral in the morning, and also our new curate, Thomas Powell, being ordained deacon there in the afternoon. Thomas' first Sunday in the parish will be on 10 July.

The theme of being called by God will then take us through July at the 10am Parish Eucharist at Holy Trinity, as we consider the different ways in which God calls us to ministry, lay and ordained.

**Sunday 17 July** we will be focusing on the work of Street Pastors and hearing about this important ministry from members of the congregation at Holy Trinity who are Street Pastors themselves.

**Sunday 24 July** we will be keeping the feast of St Mary Magdalene and, inspired by her story, considering what it means to follow your calling, even when you don't think you're up to it or others put you off.

## AUGUST

August brings two important feast days which we will keep on the nearest Sunday:

**7 August The Transfiguration:** the remarkable episode where Jesus seems to shine with bright light and a voice is heard, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

**14 August The Blessed Virgin Mary:** we give thanks for the first person who said "yes" to Jesus in her life and so who is not only the Mother of God but also the first disciple of Jesus Christ



## SILVERWARE AT ST HELEN'S by Angela Wylam



In last month's Clifford News the St Helen's team described how "the parishioners of Clifford Chambers" came to be the custodians of what is thought to be the second oldest silver communion chalice and paten in the country, both hall-marked for 1483 in the reign of the Tudor king Henry VII. Having been in regular use till 2010 they were moved somewhere more secure than the St Helen's vestry. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee seemed to be the most auspicious occasion for them to make an appearance and this they did on Sunday 5 June when the Reverend Kay Dyer used them at the 9.30am service.

For many of us something dating from the nineteenth century is very old, though we at St Helen's are quite accustomed and fond of our Norman arches and English Perpendicular windows. Even so it sends a tingle down the spine actually to hold something beautifully wrought in the fifteenth century. You have to wonder how many hands have held it down the years and in what circumstances. There is even a fascinating mystery as to how and why the chalice came to Clifford. Both items remained on show after the service and people were able to have a close look at them, together with several other fine silver items known as the Dighton Silver, a bequest in 1780, each with its own important leather case. We are grateful to Mike Hill who made two panels with descriptions and photographs of the chalice.

Who knows when next they might be on show, but whenever that might be, if you have any sense of history, don't miss it.

## TRINITY TIMES PCC REPORT BACK - 24 MAY 2022

Patrick began by welcoming new members Marie MacDougall, Heather Fletcher and Beckey Barton. Since a vacancy had now appeared for a representative on Deanery Synod, Beckey was elected to this. That in turn created a vacancy for a co-option, and it was agreed to co-opt Sarah Paine.

Elections were made for a number of other external positions.

A presentation was made on Soul Space by Pauline McIntosh in conjugation with Patrick Taylor. This explained the key points:

WHY- to follow successful Alpha courses and find a replacement that would appeal to a wider audience.

WHAT - a course based on an Emmaus workshop and a trainer with experience and literature.

HOW- develop marketing, a team of leaders and advertising in parishes, local venues and social media.

These workshops covered ten sessions, five on the life of Christ and five on living a Christian life and were held at a venue outside Holy Trinity. They have recently been held via Zoom.

Four workshops have been held, with thirty-eight participants. One homegroup has been formed and a knock-on effect has been observed with wedding couples and christening bookings.

A report back was made on the work of developing the Parish Eucharist at 10am on Sunday and the following conclusions reached:

This service must continue to be inclusive.

Three styles of worship have emerged – fully participative and creative service (e.g. Mothering Sunday, Easter, Blessing of School and Work Bags) at least once a month. A more traditional feel service including choral music once a month not planned by a worship team, but still to have resources and activities for all ages. Finally services developed by the worship teams, less defined but still inclusive. The rota, set by the Clergy team, will reflect seasonal events.

The evening service will continue to offer other options and a further choice of service is being discussed with the Diocese, to be offered at an alternative time of the week.

The proposal for this pattern was accepted and will be reviewed in the future.

A temporary screen will be allocated to the Creative Corner to assist in following the service but a review of all screen usage will be carried out as soon as possible.

A brief discussion on Safeguarding reminded everyone of the need for all employees and volunteers to receive appropriate training every three years, via the link on the Diocese of Coventry website. Team leaders should keep their members up to date, or via the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The next PCC meeting is 19 July 2022.



Jane Armitage



## Jubilee Lunch Poem by Stella Webley



I went to a marvellous party  
The Mayor and the Vicar were there.  
The church filled up with the people  
Who agreed it's "a jolly affair"

The weather had turned rather stormy  
We were pleased to be out of the cold  
Sharing fellowship with one another  
Young, not so young, and old.

The decorations were simply amazing  
Bunting and balloons all around.  
People sitting on benches  
Hardly a space could be found.

The food was abundant and tempting  
A banquet fit for a Queen  
This Platinum Jubilee Party  
Was the first the country had seen.

The jazz band played with commitment  
The notes floated high in the air.  
While we ate and talked with enjoyment  
We celebrated with everyone there.

Thanks to Phil, Christine and others  
Who made this a special event  
The volunteers and food providers  
All a "second mile" they went.

So what is the next celebration  
The church can look forward to?  
Maybe a harvest occasion  
Or a Patronal Festival "do".



# CELEBRATING PENTECOST AND THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



Photographs by Harry Lomax

# CROWNS FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



Harry Lomax



Harry Lomax



## Jubilee Crowns

Across the Jubilee Weekend we had a host of crowns decorated by schools and organisations from across the town. Thanks to the team who organised the crowns, especially David Neale and John Rees who cut out and painted them all. Also a huge thank you to all those who decorated them. If you didn't manage to see them in church some of them will be on display in the windows of the ex-Debenhams store across the summer.

## Schools and Organisations who decorated Crowns

Alveston C of E Primary School  
Bishopton Primary School  
Bridgetown Primary School  
Clopton Nursery Trust  
Coop food  
ECO WORK-SHOP  
Escape Arts  
Girl guiding Stratford upon Avon District  
Holy Trinity Primary School  
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust  
Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall  
Shottery St Andrew's CE Primary School  
St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School  
Stratford Fibro Friends  
Stratford Food Bank  
Stratford Preparatory School  
Stratford Town Centre Chaplaincy  
Stratford-upon-Avon Christmas Lights Committee  
Stratford-upon-Avon in Bloom  
Stratford-upon-Avon Primary School  
Thomas Jolyffe Primary School  
Trinity Tots & Ken Kennett Stay & Play



Sherron Guise

# NEWS FROM TRINITY PLAYERS

Our performances in the first half of 2022 have either included making a collection for Charity or in support of community and church events.

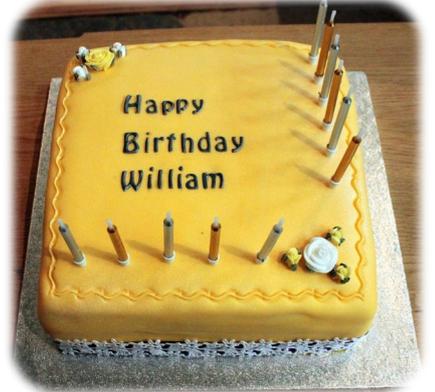


The Winter's Tale

In March we reached our target of £1000 towards the restoration of the Shakespeare Statue on the Town Hall and thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Winter's Tale* – in costume of course – as part of Paul Edmondson's Community Project, *Shakespeare's Coming Home!*

Then on 22 April we were delighted to be back in Holy Trinity with a live audience for our annual celebration of the Bard's Birthday with *Coffee, Cake & Shakespeare*.

Our thanks to those of you who donated at *Message of the Cross*.



We were able to send £375 including Gift Aid to UNICEF Ukraine and £200 to Stratford Town Centre Chaplaincy.



Ruthie Copeman as Mary  
The mother of Christ

This was the fourth time we have staged our Easter Play and each time there are changes as new actors and readers join the core team to tell the story as if they had been there, two thousand years ago. Having just seen the remarkable and hugely inspiring Passion Play at Oberammergau I am motivated towards even more re-writing!

We were invited to perform our Mummings' Play, *The Holy Trinity Play of St George*, at the Albany Road Jubilee Street Party and then twice as part of the Stratford Town Centre Celebrations. Fortunately, these traditional plays, each adapted by the Performers for their own community are for all seasons, so Old Father Christmas became the Green Man and Roger Taylor wrote us a jolly tune for a Jubilee Song.

We continue to meet each month to read plays and share favourite poetry and prose but will take a break over the summer to prepare for a Production of *The Winter's Tale* to be performed in the church week beginning 24 October. And we

hope that in 2023 we will be able to stage *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* postponed from summer 2022.

If you are interested in joining us onstage or backstage, do contact Ursula Russell on [urussell@joyousgard.org.uk](mailto:urussell@joyousgard.org.uk) or speak to any member of the Players.

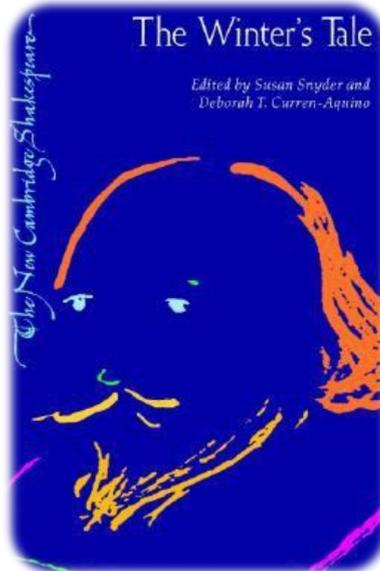
Ursula Russell



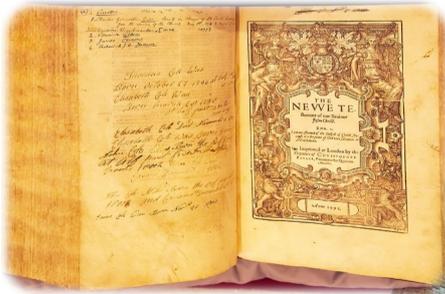
The Black Knight



St George and  
the King of Egypt



# 150 year anniversary at All Saints' Church, Luddington



Luddington Bible

Some of All Saints' Congregation



The Right Rev'd John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick and Rev'd Steve Jarvis cutting the cake



Flowers

On 29 May, All Saints Church in Luddington celebrated its 150th Anniversary, with a joyful service of Evensong at 5.00pm. The Bishop of Warwick, the Right Reverend John Stroyan preached the sermon, and the Reverend Steve Jarvis officiated. The choir of Holy Trinity were in full voice. The Church was bedecked with gorgeous flowers, befitting such a lovely celebration and the Flower Team, led by Mitz, provided some beautiful arrangements. Making the occasion special was the return of the Luddington Bible, from the Shakespeare Birthplace courtesy of Tim Raistrick, which dates from 1591. The bible itself was originally in the old chapel, and was rescued from the fire that destroyed the chapel. It was presented to All Saints on the day of consecration, 8 May 1872, by John Baldwin. After the service, the congregation were able to view it, and marvel at its condition. In addition to regular members of the All Saints' congregation, the service was also attended by several members of the local community. We were also very pleased to see Elaine and Valerie, long term members of the congregation who we had not seen for some time due to personal reasons. Sadly, some people missed the service because of pre-arranged holidays.

Although on the chilly side, a wonderful spread was enjoyed under a marquee in the Churchyard, a special cake, with prosecco or soft drinks served. The team wish to extend their very grateful thanks to everyone who came together to make this a service to be remembered with thanks, in particular, to Steve J., Linda, Steve and Jean, Debbie and Chris, Dave and Penny for their help setting up, serving and tidying up afterwards.

We were very fortunate with the weather. It managed to stay dry until after we had tidied up and headed home.

Jean Loquens and Teresa Kristunas

Photographs by Harry Lomax



## 2021 APCM Financial Update

How did we  
do in 2021  
compared  
with recent  
years

### Parish finances returned to a small surplus in 2021



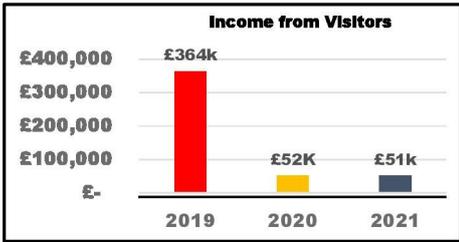
How does that  
look like for  
each of the  
churches in  
the parish?

### 2021 Results by each church

	2021 Actual		Better/(Worse) than 2020	
Holy Trinity	-£1,977	☹️	£115,704	😊
All Saints'	£9,674	😊	£3,099	😊
St Helen's	£3,044	😊	-£5,033	☹️
Total	£10,741	😊	£91,791	😊

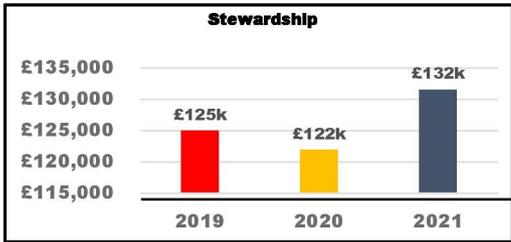
How important is visitor income to our recovery?

Visitor income is key to our financial health, yet stewardship provides the major contribution.



Visitor Income declined sharply in 2020 and remained constant in 2021

Stewardship is the major source of income and increased by 8% in 2021



Are we running out of money?

**Holy Trinity Reserves**

**£125k**  
**4 Months Reserves**

**\*\*WARNING\*\***  
January 2024 Holy Trinity needs £57,000 to pay for the 10 year organ service

**£77k**  
**20 Years Reserves**  
**All Saints' Reserves**

**£12k**  
**3 Years Reserves**  
**St Helen's Reserves**

How does 2022 look?  
What can we all do?



Villages Full Year Budget: All Saints' = £-232  
St Helen's = £-859

**No Change from 2021**

- Review our own levels of stewardship
- Look for volunteering opportunities

**Each church needs to grow**

## All Are Welcome In This Place by Eve Archer

“Let Us Build A House, All Are Welcome” is a favorite hymn of mine and not only do I think the words give me a sense of belonging to the family of Holy Trinity I also like singing it too!

When I first started coming to Holy Trinity, I was met with such an enthusiastic welcome from our beloved Andrea Blood, and I was also impressed on how members of the congregation and clergy were interested in getting to know me. I was a little unsure at the time if I was going to take to church life as since leaving school, I had only visited churches for weddings and funerals and for an occasional service with my aunt. The service seemed to drag on and I couldn't see how it was relevant to my life and the world I lived in. My belief in God was in me but I thought I didn't need a church to help me with my relationship. Of course, I was wrong.

As my career took off and life took on a very fast pace, I gave little thought to church until life began to give me the experiences that make us question so many things about ourselves and God. I began to feel that life was unfair in many ways, taking loved ones from me and the atrocities that exist in the world, but something deep inside was pushing me towards the church. When I moved to Stratford, I decided that I needed to connect again with the church and began attending services at Holy Trinity and somehow, I felt I had come home. I felt an immense sense of belonging and presence of God when I attended the services and began to make friends. I attended the Alpha course and enjoyed discussing all the things that I had kept inside, and I began to feel lighter from my burden and happy to share with my fellow students.

I have now been with the church six years, and I help to welcome new worshippers to the church with the Welcome Team and have been touched by how quick a stranger becomes a friend. I haven't found all the answers to my questions yet, but I do know I am being guided and for me, this is exactly what I need and I believe that God is helping me to find my place through difficult and happy times.

The Welcome Team invite all new worshippers to fill out a card so we can contact them and let them know about church life and we invite them to a Welcome Mingle so that they can get to know other new worshippers and meet in a relaxed atmosphere with members of the clergy and church wardens etc.



The Welcome Team



The journey through the church

Later we invite new worshippers to attend an evening with Patrick and Steve at the church. Patrick guides us on a fascinating journey through the church from Christening to death and beyond. Everyone finds it very interesting and opens the wonder of where we worship and how relevant it is to our Christian life. I'm pleased that many of the new worshippers have already become involved actively in the church, volunteering to assist with Trinity Tots, AV team, church guides for visitors, sides people and bell ringing to name just a few.

The Social Team also become involved in helping new worshippers with all the wonderful events they arrange. In May we organized a Maytime walk and one of our newer worshippers Lynn Suter, led a happy band of walkers for a delightful walk along the river Avon. I took on a much gentler walk that led us to the Greenway and a meander to the old railway bridge where we met with the river walkers and made our way across the racecourse and on to Bobby's railway café for coffee and cake. It gave us all a chance to interact and relax on our walks and we had a lovely time. As everyone enjoys a walk, further walks will be arranged by the social team in the future so keep your eyes and ears peeled for the announcements. As we said on the day, it is not always easy to meet new people at a church service but if you do see someone you don't know or haven't spoken to in a few weeks, just say 'hello' and welcome them to our great church. As the hymn says, "All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place".



River Walk



Ready for the walk

If you are new to the church, and have not yet been contacted by the Welcome Team, or are interested in joining the team, then please do contact me in church on a Sunday morning or by email:- [ega1912@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ega1912@yahoo.co.uk)

**WIMBLEDON**

Ladies Singles Final  
 Saturday 9th July in  
 Holy Trinity Parish Centre  
 1:45pm for a 2pm broadcast

**& STRAWBERRY TEA**  
 served from 3:30pm  
 Cost £5.50.

Non tennis fans welcome to join us for tea  
 Please sign up by 1st July  
 via the weekly e-bulletin

SOCIAL EVENTS

For more information please contact  
 Chris on 01789 204 273

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*'To gild refined gold, to paint the lily.'* KING JOHN

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On

Friday 29th July 2022

To

Monday 1st August 2022  
 10.00a.m. - 4.00p.m.

ENTRY £5.00 Children FREE  
 Children's Flower Trail Competition



The Oberammergau Passion Play is the most famous event of its kind in the world. Every ten years, almost the whole community of a village in Bavaria are involved in a season of performances presenting the story of Holy Week and Easter – in fulfilment of a vow taken over three hundred years ago in thanksgiving for deliverance from the plague. Given that Covid was the cause of deferring the 2020 performances, that vow had a special relevance this year.



Ursula and I were privileged to attend a very early performance, and some others in the congregation will be following us. It is indeed an experience, with (literally) a cast of thousands as actors, singers, orchestra or backstage, in a huge and partly open-air theatre with remarkable acoustics but not very good sightlines. A full script, in English and no doubt other languages (the play is of course all in German), is available, and it could be difficult to follow the performance without it. Also, the total play experience lasts for a full eight hours, though that includes a three-hour interval for dinner!

That script keeps very close to the Gospels, including many extracts from Jesus' earlier teaching, and in that sense is quite traditional. But one aspect of the tradition – reflected of course in some Gospel passages themselves - was its focus on the Jews as Christ-killers. In fact Hitler strongly promoted the play as a propaganda tool. That of course has become a great embarrassment. The latest version of the script goes out of its way to emphasise that Jesus and his followers were themselves Jews (some Hebrew prayers and rituals are included, to great effect) and that some of the Jewish religious leaders were on his side (Joseph of Arimathea gets a lot of lines). The debates in the council of priests are a substantial and very thought-provoking feature of the play – and, when the crowds are worked up to demand that Pilate should release Barabbas, a considerable minority refuse and call for Jesus' release instead. In addition, the commitment of Jesus to the poor and marginalised is considerably heightened, though he is emphatically not a conventional revolutionary and still repudiates the way of rebellion and violence.



Maybe such emphases just sound “politically correct”. But they came across rather as reminding us that righteousness and evil are rarely concentrated totally on opposite sides in the many conflicts, religious and otherwise, between human beings. You feel that, yes, this is “the greatest story ever told”, but it has its ambiguous sides; it is mainstream Christian but it does not follow a neat formula. And, interestingly, given that Roman Catholicism is the dominant version of the faith in Bavaria, there is quite a lot in it that sounds decidedly Protestant!

Not all the participants, I am sure, are committed Christians (indeed there was at least one Muslim in the cast). But articles published locally testify to the meaning for their own faith journeys of participation in this massive event – particularly in learning about the continuity between Judaism and Christianity. Whilst it certainly makes an impression on the huge audiences, its biggest impact must be on the participants themselves.

That may be equally true for groups like Trinity Players who are involved in such drama on a very much smaller scale. Belonging to such groups can be important to many people in their faith journeys. Having said that, the Church has learnt afresh over recent years that there are no spectators in worship – only participants. And in that sense every Eucharist is a mini-Oberammergau, even if not five hours long.

## Bells ring out for Platinum Jubilee



The bell ringers at Holy Trinity enthusiastically took part, alongside many other churches throughout the United Kingdom, in the ringing leading up to the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's on Friday 3 June. Locals commented on how lovely it was to hear our bells as a prelude to them enjoying the service from St Paul's in the comfort of their own home.

We rang rounds and call changes on the ten bells and took time at the end to record the event with a group photograph of us all in the Ringing Chamber.

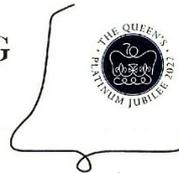
A young family visiting Holy Trinity at the same time were invited to watch the ringing (from a safe distance) and once we had finished one of the young boys was given a go on our 'dumb bell'. The parents commented 'This has made our day even more special. We have never seen bells being rung before, and for our son to have the chance to ring one was something we will never forget; and on such a special day.'

The Holy Trinity bell ringers rounded off the weekend by ringing for both services on Sunday, which included the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Service.

Marion Mitchell

### CELEBRATORY BELL RINGING

Coventry Diocesan Guild  
On Friday, 3 June 2022  
Stratford upon Avon,  
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Holy Trinity



#### Rounds and Call Changes

- 1 Jennifer Winslow
- 2 Gay Gott
- 3 Liz Green
- 4 Rhod Mitchell
- 5 Marion Mitchell
- 6 Alan Patterson
- 7 Julie Ashurst
- 8 Charles Wilson
- 9 Keith Archer
- 10 Mark Sayers

Rung in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, prior to the service of thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral.



Simon Linford  
President  
The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



## TRINITY LADIES

Our meeting in July will be on Wednesday 20 and for this meeting the Committee decided to hold a lunch for members in the Parish Centre followed by a fashion show. The lunch will cost £10.50 for two courses: lasagne followed by cheese cake. I will do my best to make sure that vegetarians and gluten free etc will be catered for. Please let me know if you have a special dietary requirement. Also if possible can you please pay Diane Edwards for the lunch at the June meeting. The lunch will be served at 1 p.m. so can members please arrive at about 12.45p.m. If you are able please can you arrive even earlier to help put the tables out and lay them. Unfortunately Coco Ivy the shop who we were expecting to supply the clothes for our fashion show are now unable to be with us due to staffing problems. I have therefore asked Kevin Taylor, last year's Mayor, to come and tell us about his year in Office. Kevin is a very enthusiastic person and I am sure that we will find him a very interesting speaker.



This will be our last meeting until 21 September when Cyril and Roxanne Bennis will be talking about the Swans of the Avon. At our AGM last November it was decided to make a donation of £25 towards the upkeep of the swans especially as they were suffering from Avian flu at the time.

I do hope that you all are able to join us for the lunch in July and that you have a very pleasant summer. I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

New members are always welcome.

Gina Lodge (01789 204 850)

Chair

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 SOCIAL EVENTS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
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## FROM THE REGISTERS - MAY/JUNE

### CHRISTENINGS

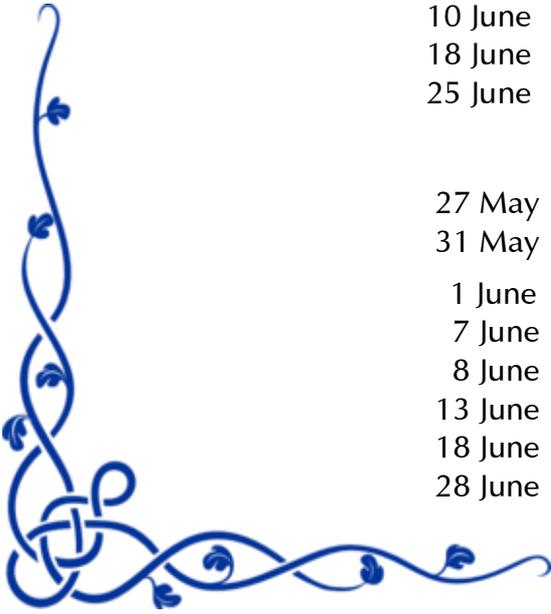
22 June	Esmae Nobes
22 June	Robert Laity
22 June	Harriet Benge
26 June	Lottie Priest
26 June	Albie Jackson
26 June	Orion Martin-Sweet
26 June	Oliver Chapman-Wheeler

### WEDDINGS

4 June	Sean Keegan and Clare Hinkley
10 June	James Hall and Francesca Rance (Blessing)
10 June	Matthew Preece and Claire Wise
18 June	Tony Francis and Angharad James
25 June	Alex Hammocks and Jennifer Ewins

### FUNERALS

27 May	Ian Ainsworth
31 May	Margaret Kroll
1 June	Luca Martucci
7 June	Martin Smith
8 June	Wendy Anne Hughes
13 June	Edward Morgan
18 June	Rev. Neville Beamer (Memorial Service)
28 June	Brian Brazier



### HOLY TRINITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Wednesday 27 July. If you think it would help to meet with other people who are in a similar position at this difficult time in your life please come and join us. Just come to the Parish Centre at 2.30 p.m. We usually finish at about 4 p.m. There is no need to make an appointment. We will be very pleased to see you. We will NOT be meeting in August and I will inform you of the date when we will recommence our bereavement group at the beginning of September.

Gina Lodge

Bereavement Co-ordinator

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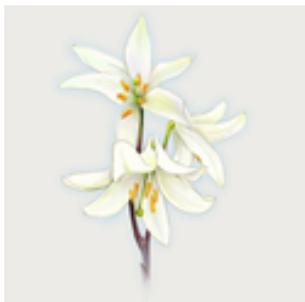
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## Holy Trinity Tower lit up for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Our tower lit up in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thank you to the Royal Shakespeare Company lighting department for all their hard work.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of Sheila Wolstenholme, a regular member of the congregation at Holy Trinity and subscriber to Trinity Times, and also the passing of Brian Brazier, the husband of Hazel. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this sad time.

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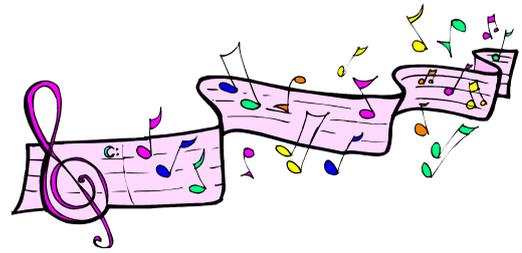


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## SOUNDBITES

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| 6 July    | Boaz Performance Academy USA                                |
| 13 July   | String Quartet from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire          |
| 20 July   | Michael Overbury - Harpsichord                              |
| 27 July   | Yugen Saxophone Quartet from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire |
| 3 August  | Sarah Dunbar and Sian Davis - Soprano and Piano             |
| 10 August | David Price - Organist                                      |
| 17 August | TBC                                                         |
| 24 August | Violin and Piano from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire        |
| 31 August | Killian Schola - Classical Pianist                          |



## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

The first Tuesday evening of every month



The meetings begin with a relaxing and stilling exercise, and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us when we pray. We start by sharing some material - usually a bible passage but sometimes a poem or a picture which may be circulated to members in advance. We then have thirty minutes of silence for prayer. We end with a reminder of the material, say the Grace together and quietly disperse.

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

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

# FANOUROPITA CAKE

## The Greek Fasting Cake for Lost Things

Our new Operations Manager, Lola, invited parishioners to meet her and enjoy coffee and cakes one Saturday morning in May. Lola produced this wonderful Greek Orthodox cake which honours Saint Fanourios on 27 August each year, and explained that this is the saint Greek people ask to help them find lost objects. If and when the object is found, they thank Saint Fanourios with this cake. Traditionally the cake has nine ingredients to symbolise the nine mysteries of the church, the days of creation and the angels' battalions. It was so delicious that the recipe is printed here.

### *Ingredients:*

- 225 ml seed or olive oil (seed oil will make a lighter cake)
- 225 gm granulated sugar
- 225 ml orange juice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 400 gm self-raising flour
- 80 gm raisins
- 80 gm chopped walnuts

### *Method:*

Preheat the oven to 180C or 160C fan

Put the sugar and oil into a bowl and whisk until the sugar dissolves. In a separate bowl, combine the orange juice with the baking soda and mix with a fork until the baking soda froths up and dissolves. Add this mixture to the sugar and oil and whisk together thoroughly.

In a third bowl mix together the flour, ground cinnamon, ground cloves, raisins and walnuts. Add these dry ingredients slowly to the liquid, while whisking all the time until the cake batter is smooth.

Transfer the smooth mixture to a round oiled cake tin of 28 cm diameter and bake for 45-60 minutes. Test the cake with a skewer to ensure it is cooked through, and leave it in the tin to cool down. Once cooled, you can ice it if desired.



Lola meeting some of the volunteers at Holy Trinity Church on 7 May



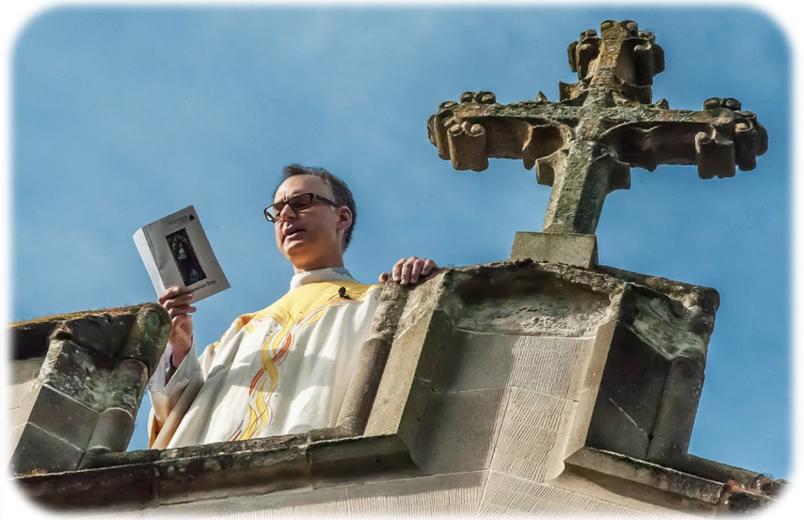
# LOLA'S WEDDING TO TONY

Lola, our new Operations Manager got married in Greece. She sent some photographs of her wedding. Judith Dorricott will be interviewing Lola for the September magazine.



Photographs courtesy of Lola Spetsioti

The Ascension Day Service was on Thursday 26 May.



Photographs by Harry Lomax

## Ukrainian Refugees

Refugees from Ukraine are now arriving in Stratford. *Welcome Here*, the local refugee support group, is hosting drop-in socials twice a week for refugees and the hosts they are staying with. The drop-ins are on Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00 and Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00 at Stratford Quaker Meeting House, 37 Maidenhead Road, Stratford CV37 6XT. People can drop in any time for tea, coffee and biscuits and a chat.

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On Friday 27 May Timothy West came to open the new Shakespeare Marina.  
Patrick was there to give the blessing.

