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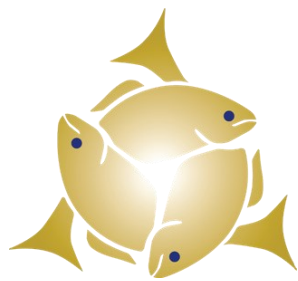


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WE ARE FAMILY

I'd like to begin by saying a huge thank you to all those involved in our Holy Week and Easter services across all the churches in our parish, and all those who made them possible working behind the scenes. In the coming pages hopefully, you'll get a taste of the whole variety of services that took place.

As wonderful as our worship was, what really struck me was what happened beyond the worship, elements possibly closer to the first Easter than any service. The time people spent together as a community. Cleaning the churches, in particular Holy Trinity after the scaffolding had been removed, decorating with flowers, rehearsing for Witnesses by Trinity Players and other services, working together at the Easter Fun Day at All Saints', Sharing in Prosecco after the Easter Eve service. This is just a small tip of all the ways people expressed their Christian fellowship across our Parish.

The focus of the story of Easter is of course on Jesus, but throughout the story there is also the disciples, this group who journeyed beside Jesus, celebrated at the Last Supper, hid together in the locked room, experienced the risen Christ and then became the foundation of our church, filled with the Holy Spirit. The fellowship that supported one another in the difficult and joyful times.

Our worship is of course an important part of expressing our Christianity, but so is the time spent as the body of Christ, either together or out in our communities.

Towards the end of the feast of Easter between Ascension Day (9th May) and Pentecost (19th May) we are encouraged to participate in Thy Kingdom Come, praying for God's light to be present in the lives of people around us and in our world. Culminating with Pentecost when we celebrate the disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that flows through each of us, the Spirit which enabled them to form these new communities. A vital part of these communities wasn't just the worship, but the relationships built amongst them.

We don't need to wait till Ascension Day to begin the prayers for God's Kingdom. But as well as praying for people to know of God's love. May we actively work to grow the relationships, that have been present from the beginning of the Christian faith, to be inspired by the example of the disciples.

Coffee after our services is a simple opportunity to meet others, but also can I encourage those who already stay, to talk to different people not just your usual group of friends.

Engage in volunteering at whichever church you regularly attend, not only is it helping to keep the churches going, it also is a great way to get to know new people and deepen the ties amongst our Church family.

If you already do a lot of things, how can you help others to join in and enjoy the same community spirit you have?

Let us be inspired by the example of the disciples, not to hide away, but to build the communities that will inspire the Christians in the years to come.

Every blessing

Phil Harper

SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY

Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon

5 May - 6th Sunday of Easter

10am - Parish Eucharist - Life with Jesus Part 2

5pm - Holy Communion - Traditional

12 May - 7th Sunday of Easter

10am - Parish Eucharist (with Children's breakout group)
followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

5pm - Choral Evensong

19 May - Pentecost

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Eucharist - Civic Service

6pm at the United Reform Church- Joint service with
Churches Together

Note there is no 5pm service today

26 May - Trinity Sunday

10am - Parish Eucharist - Patronal Festival

5pm - Congregational Evensong



St Helen's Church, Clifford Chambers

5 May - 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Morning Praise

19 May - Pentecost

9.30 - Holy Communion



All Saints' Church, Luddington

5 May - 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Holy Communion

12 May - 7th Sunday of Easter

9.30 - Holy Communion

19 May - Pentecost

9.30 - Holy Communion

26 May - Trinity Sunday

9.30 - Holy Communion



Worship Notes May 2024

Sunday 12th May Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The sermon at the Parish Eucharist is the Vicar's Address and then afterwards in the Parish Centre we meet to elect our Church Wardens, new PCC members and other office holders. We also receive a report on the life of the parish in 2023. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 19th May Pentecost. This is one of the most important festivals of the church year, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and come to the end of the Easter Season. This year the 10am Parish Eucharist at Holy Trinity will also be the Civic Service, when we look forward to praying for God's blessing on our new Mayor and the Town Council Chaplain will preach. This is an important occasion when we have the privilege of placing the Christian faith at the heart of our town and pray for our local civic leaders.

Another special service on 19th May is our Churches Together Joint Service which is at 6pm at Stratford United Reformed Church. This will be followed by the AGM for Churches Together in Stratford. **Please note there will not be a 5pm service at Holy Trinity that evening** as we would like to encourage everyone to attend the joint service.

Another important day in the church year is **Thursday 9th May, Ascension Day.** There will be the traditional early morning Eucharist at 7am at Holy Trinity, concluding with the blessing given from the roof of the North Porch. Followed by breakfast in the Parish Centre, and all finished in time for work and school!

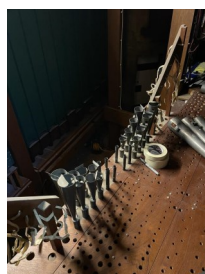
At **5pm on Saturday 11th May** all are welcome to join us for the special service of Choral Evensong to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Friends of the Music.

To finish the month, **Sunday 26th May, Trinity Sunday, is the Patronal Festival for Holy Trinity** when we give thanks for the dedication of our beautiful church as "The Collegiate Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity". This day is also a significant one for our Associate Priest, the Rev. Kay Dyer, as it will mark her final Sunday in this role before she retires and joins the ranks of our Honorary Assistant Clergy. It will be an opportunity to give thanks and express our gratitude for Kay's fruitful ministry in this parish over the years.

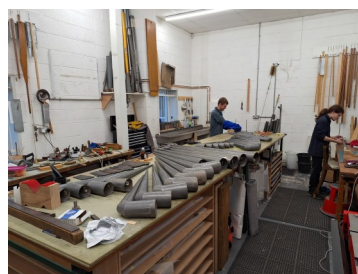
CLEANING THE HOLY TRINITY ORGAN by the team from Nicholson's



Cleaning the keyboard

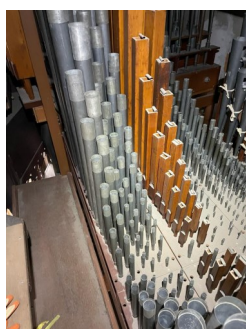


Marking the pipes



Pipes in the workshop

The pipes in position



View from the top of the scaffolding



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To all our parishes

Thank You for your Parish Share Contribution

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are writing to thank you for your continued generosity. Together, parishes in the Diocese of Coventry gave £5,214,158 in Parish Share in 2023.

This continues to enable a Christian presence in every part of our diocese. Your Parish Share directly supports 130 clergy and curates, as well as maintaining 159 clergy houses. It ensures the ongoing ministerial development and support for these ministers, alongside the 350+ self-supporting ministers, lay leaders, licensed readers, and clergy with permission to officiate. Together, they work tirelessly with our congregations to advance the Kingdom of God in our local communities.

Your generosity has helped to resource mission and ministry across the Diocese, enabling a warm and loving welcome to over 14,000 worshippers in our 203 parishes, and more than 2400 weddings, funerals and baptisms in our churches last year.

We know that the financial challenges are not behind us – post-Covid, the wars in Ukraine and across the world as well as inflation will see to that. But we look forward to working with you to strengthen and develop God's work in all our communities across the diocese.

As we progress through 2024, may God bless you as you seek to love and serve him and your neighbours. On behalf of everyone whose lives are being touched, thank you.

With our gratitude for the exceptional work of our PCCs, treasurers, clergy and laity,

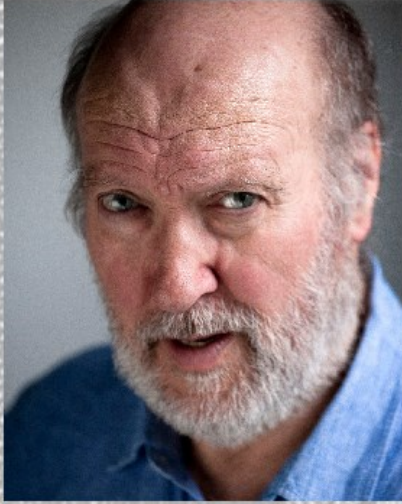
The Rt Rev Bishop Ruth Worsley Acting Bishop of Coventry

Jacqueline Ladds

Diocesan Secretary & Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline Ladds".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruth Worsley".



A jobbing actor's meandering journey through a landscape of Shakespearean productions played out somewhere, sometime, somehow, over the past 60 years

EXIT PURSUED BY A BARD

Devised and presented by actor, Christopher Saul.



“Rich, varied, nuanced and FUNNY”

Michael Rolfe: BBC Drama Director - Radio, TV and Film.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STRATFORD UPON AVON

25TH MAY 2024 AT 7PM

TICKETS £10

FIRST SHOWN AT LIFEWAYS, STRATFORD UPON AVON 11TH FEBRUARY 2024



Witnesses performed in Holy Trinity Church by the Trinity Players

Wednesday, 26 March, 2024

With an overfull audience somewhat cramped in the Chancel, the actors of the Trinity Players presented *Witnesses*, devised and directed by Ursula Russell, the story of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. It took the form of a sequence of dramatic monologues (with the occasional dialogue) given by the witnesses to the events. The voices were those of, essentially, ordinary people registering in amazement the culmination of ministry of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, hardly ordinary events.

Not all the voices were ordinary, but the more ordinary, the more extraordinary what they witnessed appeared to be. Those who were not ordinary had their dignity to protect – a rationalist doctor who could explain everything, Caiaphas the High Priest with the honour of his office to protect, Pontius Pilate who has his difficult job amongst the obstreperous natives whom he needed to pacify.

Officialdom needs to protect its authority. Meanwhile, the Son of God was observed by the apostles, adrift in the turbulence of the events, women from the crowds who opened themselves to the amazement of what was unfolding before them, culminating in Mary of Magdala who is there at the tomb amazed in the presence of her risen Lord. Interleaved amongst this chronicle of scenes were meditative music and poems, adding emotional resonances to the events presented, with hymns to begin and end the presentation, drawing in the audience, or congregation, or spectators to the Passion of our Lord, a story we all knew well but which was brought here vividly and personally to life.

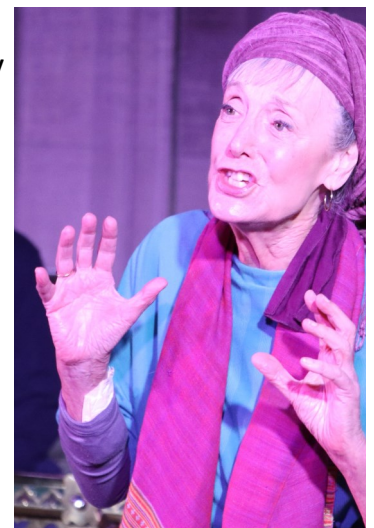
The Trinity Players are an accomplished troupe, each of whom in this performance inhabited their characters with clarity and commitment. There was little distance between audience and performers in the Chancel, giving an intimacy to the production that made it perfect for the place it occupied in the Holy Trinity Holy Week services. Although, in essence a drama, it was also a service, a celebration of The Passion as each Eucharist also is.

James Sorel-Cameron



Photograph by James Willets

Margot McCleary as Hannah



Kade McDougall and Jamie O'Neill as Thomas and Mark



Anthony Woollard
as Caiaphas

Phil Harper
as the
Centurion

Photograph by
James Willetts



John Ryder
as Pilate



Val Cubitt
as Miriam



Pete Cubitt
as Peter
Announcing
the
Resurrection

Photograph by
James Willetts



Heather O'Neill
as Mary the mother of
Jesus



Orion Johnson
as Mary of Magdala



Helen Warrillow
as Mary the wife
of Clopas

Kevin Hand
as Reuben



Ruthie Copeman



Catherine Spratt



David Southeard



Sofia Gibson



Patrick and the Cast
singing the final hymn

Photographs by
George Reah



Jane Armitage

PCC REPORT from March

Worship Teams - the PCC was taken through the planning stages of the 10am Parish Eucharist at Holy Trinity, the liturgy, the music etc. over the preceding months. There are currently four teams set up in 2021 but it is probable that this will be reduced to three, each with its own leader. They are looking to recruit new members.

Annual Accounts - these have been signed of by the auditors ready for presentation to APCM.

Annual Elections - three new Church Wardens are due to be elected, one Deanery Synod representative and seven PCC members. Applicants need to have been on the electoral register for six months and only those registered may vote.

The quotation for the new heating in the Church and Parish Centre was agreed.

The memorial bench for Rohan Stewart McDonald is ready and will be installed near the entrance to the North Transept.

A new Display case is being funded by FOSC to correctly and securely display items of interest and value.

Quotations were accepted for repair and remedial work to the property at St John's Close which will be for the new Associate Minister.

A new hire agreement has been drawn up for parties hiring church facilities.

A Human Resources officer will be elected to assist with Parish duties as a volunteer.

The Job Description for the new Associate Minister for Outreach and Nurture has been finalised and interviews will be held early in May. The interview panel was agreed.

The next meeting is 21 May 2024.



Greece



OPA!

Greek Evening

Saturday 22nd June

Parish Centre

6pm (doors open 5:45pm)

Adults £10, under 12's £6.50

Use the link in the bulletin to book tickets

With dancing by
Ithaca's dance team
"Vicky Drakopanagiotaki"

A buffet of Greek food & dessert

An evening of food & Dancing

Bring your own drinks



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PALM SUNDAY



Patrick introduces the Palm Sunday Eucharist



Procession with palms



Procession with palms

Procession returns to church



Photographs by George Reah

'QUICK-EYED LOVE'

Journeying through Lent, 2024, with George Herbert

A Lent Course presented in Holy Trinity Church

By the Reverend RICHARD COOKE

George Herbert, intellectual, academic, orator and ultimately a parish priest in Bemerton, Wiltshire, wrote some of the most personal and intense Christian poetry in English, none of which was even offered for publication in his lifetime. He died a month short of his fortieth birthday in 1633, less than a decade before England was torn open by the Civil War. In spite of the upheavals of his age, Herbert's poetry is intensely personal, struggling with his faith and with what his faith meant for him. You don't need to be a Christian to appreciate the beauty and energy of Herbert's verse, but faith will give a sympathy to what he expresses, and this is what our Lent course articulated.

Richard Cooke, over five weeks in Lent, took us through a selection of Herbert's verse, opening up its meanings and implications as living engagements with a Christian faith. He began with Love (III), a favourite poem of many, in which Love, perhaps a personification of Christ himself, invites a, shamefully reluctant believer to the feast of faith. In the second week we considered The Collar, in which the poet struggles to free himself from the cage and rope of his belief but, in the end, cannot help but respond its simple call. Then, in the third week, we considered Herbert's ecstatic meditation upon Prayer - the church's banquet . . . something understood,.

In the fourth week, we considered the poem that most of us know as a hymn: Teach me my God and King, exploring how faith lights up even the meanest of life's obligations. Then came The Call, a call to have faith light and guide life in love and joy, and also, in that fifth and final week, we considered The Agony, Herbert's meditation on Sin and Love, those matters that are beyond the reach of philosophers, but which are realised in Christ's Passion, Sin in the Agony of Gethsemane, and Love in the surrender of the Cross. Richard concluded his teaching on Herbert's poems with the sermon he gave in the Festal Choral Evensong on Easter Day, in which Herbert's poem Easter Wings, was considered, the larks harmoniously rising in celebration of the Resurrection, the spiritual triumph of spring.

Herbert's poems are complex, ambiguous, challenging, but, as with all the greatest poetry, they grip the reader by the imagination. In these sessions, the poems were read and discussed, from personal and theological standpoints. Richard Cooke is a highly accomplished teacher as well as an active and direct Christian. He encouraged our personal input, listening and responding carefully. These were wonderful active sessions, giving a real focus to our contemplation of the season of Lent.

By James Sorel-Cameron.



Some of the Easter flowers
Photograph by George Reah



Flower arranging



The Easter garden

After the Easter Vigil



EASTER



The choir at the West door



Dismissal



EASTER EGG HUNT



Sebastian



Success for Jackson and Zander



Friends of the Music: Celebrating our 40th Anniversary

The April issue of the Trinity Times included a brief article on the forthcoming celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Friends of the Music.

To mark the occasion we have been planning a 'reunion' day on Saturday 11th May. The day will bring together former Directors of Music, Organists and Choristers from across these 40 years, and will culminate in a celebratory Festal Evensong at 5pm, followed by refreshments in the Church.

We are now delighted to share the great news that, in addition to our current Director of Music, Douglas Keilitz, all the former Directors of Music and Organists, despite their busy diaries, are able to attend. It will be fabulous to see old friends such as Peter Summers, Andrew Jones and Benedict Wilson. A carefully created music list has been chosen for the Evensong by Tim Raistrick. It will give an opportunity for every organist and Director of Music to conduct and play.

The current choir, together with many former choir members, will be rehearsing together during the day to prepare for the Evensong. This will be a real celebration of the choir over the last 40 years.

We would therefore like to repeat our invitation to all members of the Holy Trinity congregation and community to join with us in what promises to be a glorious evensong and joyous reception. Drinks and nibbles will be provide courtesy of the Friends of the Music in celebration of this auspicious event.

Please do come along and meet up



FAMILIES ACROSS EASTER



It was a busy time over Holy Week and Easter for the work with Children and Families. The end of term was marked by having a whole school Eucharist at Holy Trinity School. As well as regular acts of Collective Worship (assemblies in older terms) during each term we have a Eucharist, for Harvest, Easter and School Leavers at the end of the academic year.

It's great to see the children taking part in the service, especially when they follow the actions of the person presiding, helping them

feel part of the Eucharistic Prayer.

At the Forest Church Service we thought about the different parts of the Easter story. As we told the story, we found items to make up our own Easter Gardens, making our own crosses from sticks we found. We finished by adding cress seeds to our gardens ready for new life to be brought to them over Easter. In May the services are on the 8th and 15th May starting at 4:15pm. We meet at the foyer of the Methodist Church before continuing the service in Holy Trinity Churchyard, anyone of any age is welcome.

After the Palm Sunday procession, the next of our Breakout Groups took place during the 10am Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist. This is a group for primary aged children to have some age-appropriate teaching. After watching a video retelling the events of Holy Week, they made their own palm crosses to hang on the Lenten tree they've been making.

During May we have two Breakout Groups, on the 12th and 19th of May.

On Good Friday the Journey to the Cross Service was an opportunity to pray through the events of Holy Week, with a selection of prayer stations around the church.



The service begins with the dramatic throwing nails into a tin bin, the noise echoes around the Chancel, and is quite emotional. We finish by looking ahead and

dancing around the cross, it's a very special service which appeals to people of any age.

On Easter Day the children did a great job helping with the sprinkling of water from the font, making sure everyone was aware of their baptismal promises.

At the end of the service, it was great to see people of all ages taking part in the Easter Egg hunt, helping one another to find eggs.

Last year we began the Bible Gift Fund, to help pay for Bibles to be given to the Year 6 Leavers at Holy Trinity School and for those Christened. We gave out 58 Bibles to the Year 6 and 35 at Christenings across the Parish. This was all because of the generosity of members of our congregations. We will soon be approaching the end of term and buying Bibles for this year's school leavers. If you would be able to make a donation of any amount I would really appreciate it. if you'd like to make a donation it can be made via internet banking.

The information you will need is:

To:- Stratford-upon-Avon PCC

Sort code:- 40-43-19

Account number:- 20649430

Reference:- Books + (your surname). That will allow us to claim gift aid if appropriate.

Alternatively, by cheque made out to Stratford-upon-Avon PCC and sent to the Parish Office. Please write on the back of the cheque that it is for the Bible Fund.





TRINITY FELLOWSHIP

On May 15th we have arranged a visit New Place gardens. This is where Shakespeare bought a house but it was sadly burned down by a future owner.

This used to be a garden that we could visit, take a picnic lunch or tea at any time but since the gardens were redesigned it is not so easy just to pop in. The garden visit starts at 2 p.m. As locals we can go into the gardens free of charge but we need to prove that we are residents i.e. show a utility bill to prove that we are local Stratford people or a driving license, anything with your address on.

Following the visit round the garden we have arranged to have a cream tea at the RST in the upstairs restaurant at 3 p.m. There is a lift to take us to the top floor which I hope will round the day off nicely. The cost of the tea is £8.00 per person. If you wish to pay by cheque please make it payable to Stratford upon Avon PCC. If you did not pay for this outing in March please contact me on 01789 204850 if you would like to join us. I have to let the RST know the numbers having tea by Friday 10th May.

In June we will be having a talk by Graham Sutherland on “Wicked Women –sinned or sinned against” This will be on Wednesday 19th June. We finish this year’s programme by holding a Strawberry Tea with entertainment. I hope you will all enjoy this occasion.

I look forward to seeing you all again on the 15th May at New Place Gardens if you arrive early just go in and make your way to the RSC well before 3 p.m.. Our meetings are held in the Parish Centre and start at 2 p.m. and is for the male members of Holy Trinity as well as the female.

Gina Lodge.
Chair.



“Politics” is often a dirty word. It seems to be simply about the nasty manipulations of power in our national and local lives. Many would prefer to have nothing to do with it.

Yet that word is derived from the Greek word polis – the city, the community, the nation. And in ancient Athens, for example, “politics” would have been a good word, all about our responsibilities as citizens. The prophet Jeremiah, some 2500 years ago, wrote these words to his fellow-Jews in exile in Babylon: “Work for the good o the country [or polis] to which God has exiled you.... for in its welfare you will find your welfare” (Jeremiah 29:9). We, and perhaps older people especially, may sometimes feel today like “exiles” in our country, even possibly in our Church – this was not what we were brought up in! But it is where God has put us.

This will be a very “political” month. Local elections on 3rd May could not only determine the power structure in our local communities themselves, but point the way to a General Election later in the year. And in our church, too, we have our annual meeting on 12 May which will enable us to address any “political” issues here, including not only the election of our Churchwardens and PCC members, but also of those who will represent us at higher levels in the Church – for our Deanery Synod members in turn elect those at Diocesan and General Synods Politics is about power, and power involves reconciling people’s diverse views –which means that it is all too often about conflict. We may be able to keep conflict to a minimum in a local church (it might be exciting and even healthy to have the occasional contested election, but often differences can be settled in other ways). At higher levels – even in the Church of England, which does have its zones of sharp conflict at present, let alone in our deeply divided nation – we need to act “politically” if conflict is to be resolved for the welfare of all.

That means, amongst other things, responsible voting, again keeping in mind the welfare of all as Jeremiah argued - which may be different from our own personal advantages or preferences, so we must try to be as well-informed as possible, and not just vote according to habit or short-term interest. It may sometimes mean other sorts of responsible activism as well if, as all too often happens, the normal political processes appear unable to solve crucial issues such as climate change or child poverty. But, however we are involved, we cannot opt out. We are citizens of God’s Kingdom, but also of a range of communities from the local church to the nation. As Paul Edmondson reminded us in his Good Friday sermon, we live “on the borderlines” between all these “kingdoms” and must take our responsibility in each.

So, let’s exercise our democratic privileges to work for the good of all the communities to which we belong – not least because, in their welfare, we will find our own true welfare.

Praise the Lord! We are a musical church.

This slight misquotation from Under Milk Wood (a play recently re-read by Trinity Players) seems apt for Holy Trinity, especially when looking back at March. Music is so central to the ethos of the church, not least in our liturgy and this is very much the case at Easter.

I am always amused when people say to me that the choir must be busiest at Christmas since, although there are a lot of services much of the music is the same at each. This is not the case at Easter where each service starting the Triduum from Maundy Thursday has a very different character and the music similarly changes to reflect this. There is a certain amount of stamina required for the two services on the Thursday, with Compline at a quarter to midnight, the Good Friday service, after which the choir had a practice in readiness for the Easter Eve service, Holy Communion on Easter Day and finishing with Choral Evensong – 6 services in all and a time commitment of about 14 hours.

Earlier in the month the Soundbites lunchtime concerts, organised by the Friends of the Music, had been pulling in audiences of over a hundred despite taking place in the Parish Centre. These concerts and the sandwich lunch have become a regular appointment for many people and they present an amazing opportunity to enjoy a wide range of musical styles, as exemplified by the final two of the month. In the first of these, Peter Whitehead, a viola player from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire performed an arrangement of the Bach Cello Suite No. 4, a wonderful but perhaps esoteric piece. The following week, local cellist Tori Rushton played a selection of Irish jigs and folk tunes incorporating electronic backing.

These concerts had been displaced to the hall primarily because of the organ restoration and two days after the scaffolding was down, that area was fully occupied by the 90-strong Stratford Choral Society. This has the distinction of being the oldest choral society in the UK and has strong links with Holy Trinity as its first conductor back in 1836, Thomas Helmore, was a member of the church choir and also conducted it for a time. Incidentally he was also responsible for the tune we sing to *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. The strong links between the society and the church have always remained and there are many of our choir and congregation who are or have been members. For this concert, the central piece was Mozart's *Requiem*. Its popularity was evident in the strong ticket sales, resulting in every pew and stacking chair in use for a packed audience. It was also the first occasion for the newly restored part of the organ to be heard, augmenting the richness of the orchestra.

Thus in the course of the month, very many notes were played or sung. I think this reflects well on us as a church whether the music is heard in a liturgical or concert setting. Perhaps what is most encouraging is that this month was not a one-off, as every month music plays an important part. This will be celebrated in May when we have the first choir reunion day, bringing back about 50 former choristers, at least one of whom was in the

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Praise the Lord! We are a musical church *cont...*

choir back in the early 1950s. The reunion day, on Saturday 11th May, will culminate in a very special service of Festal Choral Evensong at 5pm which will also celebrate 40 years of the Friends of the Music, as you can read elsewhere in this magazine.

Praise the Lord! We are a musical church.

Tim Raistrick



Stratford Choral Society in performance



Choir rehearsing after the Good Friday service



Tori Rushton at Soundbites

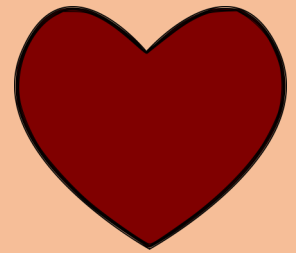
LIFE WAYS CARERS CAFÉ – A LIFELINE FOR CARERS

Do you care for a loved one or friend at home?

Would you like to come to a friendly group of carers for support, events, activities and refreshments?

Meet with people in a similar situation every 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoon in the month 2-4 pm

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HOLY TRINITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Wednesday 1st May. If you think it would help to meet with other people who are in a similar position at this difficult time in your life please come and join us. Just come to the Parish Centre at 2pm and we will finish at about 3.30pm.

There is no need to make an appointment; we will be delighted to see you. Come and join us in the lounge area of the Parish Centre.

David Harrison
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Luddington Village Walk. Saturday 18th May 10.00 am.

The very wet weather in March and April has made it unsafe to undertake this walk last month. We now hope many of the congregation will join us to explore the village of Luddington and its surroundings on Saturday May 18th .

Meet at 9.45am at Luddington village hall, parking in the car park or on the road. Both walks will begin at the village green. The circular walk, taking about 1h30, follows a path through surrounding farmland, returning via the weir to the village hall for refreshments. Those on the shorter walk will visit the restored orchard and pond, then retrace their steps to visit the church and weir before enjoying refreshments.

Dogs are welcome on a lead. Strong walking shoes required for both walks. No stiles but some wooden gates and a bridge on the longer walk. We hope the ground will be dry and the weather kind.

Contact Chris Cottrell (01789 204273) if you need a lift or more information.



Luddington Walk

Saturday 18th May

10am



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after walk

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