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This Issue...

Welcome to August's *Trinity Times* which we hope you enjoy.

Amongst many other things, on page 4 you'll find Revd Nicki's article 'A Journey with the Eucharist', a lovely piece.

Go to pages 11 and 12 and you'll find this month's Christianity at Work feature, 'I Believe That God Called Me', by Revd Graham Wilcox.

There's a double page feature on pages 16 and 17 called *The Class of '45*, that looks at the lives of four Holy Trinity ladies who've reached a certain age!

On pages 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 you will find the report of July's PCC meeting.

You can read, on pages 33 and 34, the first part of a brief biography of Scout Gang Show Wizard Tony Guy, who was awarded an MBE earlier this year.

On page 39 there is an update of The Friend's of Shakespeare's Church £150,000 St Peter's Chapel Appeal by Ronnie Mulryne.

There's a full page of photographs of Revd Nicki's 'bit of a do' on page 43.

We've caught up with 'From The Registers' on pages 22 and 23.

Next month there will be a 'farewell' article from Sam Bridges, plus an interview with Holy Trinity's new Marketing Manager, Marion Homer, with the Christianity at Work spot written by RSC actor Jim Hooper.

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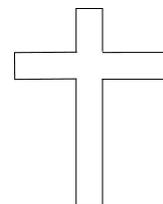
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Nicki Writes...



A Journey with the Eucharist

Finally, I pull the poncho-like vestment called the chasuble over my head and adjust it so that it sits evenly on my shoulders. Only the celebrant gets to wear this vestment.

Now I am ready. I look in the mirror and I don't recognise myself. I am someone else, but altogether me at the same time. This is the life to which God has asked me to say yes.

I suddenly realise that like a journey of faith I have, through the years, been travelling on a type of journey with the Eucharist. As a child and young adult before I was confirmed, I would go to the altar rail and receive a blessing, always a special experience. After my confirmation I would then receive the bread and wine. Going to the altar rail then became for me a strangely moving experience. Then a year ago I found myself on the other side of the altar rail distributing instead of receiving the bread or wine. Now I found myself dressed as a priest and about to preside at my first Eucharist. Until today I had received the bread and wine consecrated by a priest. Today that priest was me.

For well over a thousand years, priests have said and used nearly the same words and gestures I said and used at my first Eucharist. After all the anticipation, excitement and nervousness at presiding at my first Eucharist I suddenly felt quite calm and surprisingly serene, and before I knew it I had given the final blessing at the end of the service, had taken off the chasuble and was chatting to people as they left church.

In the past two weeks since that Sunday I have presided at the Eucharist a further three times. Each service has felt very different yet entirely similar.

My second Eucharist was in the Parish Hall at GoodNews@10. Quite strangely I was much more nervous presiding at that service than in the church. The service in the church was one with which I was very familiar. The Eucharist in the hall was something new to us all and I felt a great responsibility for it to not only go well, but to be a format that those who attend GoodNews@10 would appreciate and find acceptable.

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The service in the hall was in a very informal setting with people sitting café style at tables instead of in rows of pews. That informality meant completely rethinking how to celebrate the Eucharist. The tradition of everyone coming forward in rows to receive communion or a blessing at the front of the hall would be both too formal and logistically very difficult. Therefore when the time came to receive the bread and wine we invited a person from each table to collect a chalice and plate of bread. Returning to their table they sat down and served their neighbour with the bread and wine using the words '*The body of Christ*' and '*The blood of Christ*'. This was repeated around the table as each person served their neighbour until all had received. Whilst this was going on the children, who had been invited to sit in front of the altar during the Eucharistic prayer, were blessed.

It was a lovely service to preside at which allowed for a lot of congregation participation and fitted the informality of GoodNews@10. It was my second celebration of the Eucharist as a priest and a very different one from the previous week in the church. And yet was it? The words I used were slightly different and the way we distributed and received the bread and wine was different but fundamentally it was the same. However much the language or ceremony may vary, the Eucharist is fundamentally the same. For me the Eucharist has been and continues to be a very personal yet shared journey, a pilgrimage toward God.




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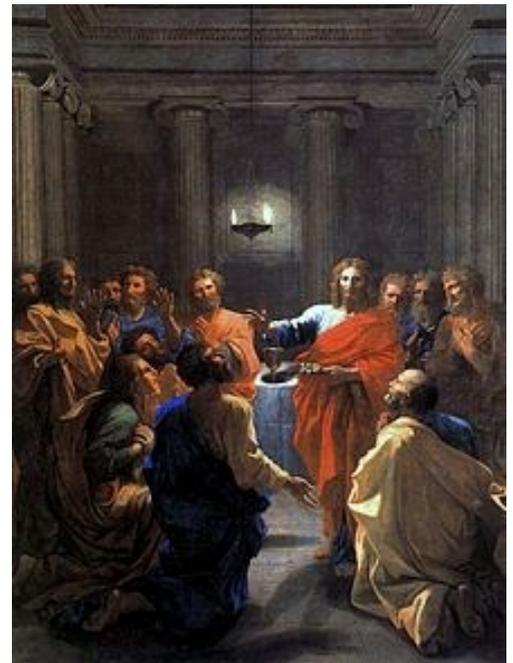
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Answers to Who's Who?
A—Heather Bridgewater
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Worship in August

SUNDAY August 2nd Holy Trinity *Trinity 9*

8.00am Holy Communion— with Revd Canon David Ellis

10.00am Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd Dr Stephen Bate

Parish Centre: Good News @ 10—Talk Rachel Saum

6.00pm Holy Communion BCP—Preacher Mike Milburn

St. Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.15am Family Worship—with Revd Diane Patterson

All Saints' Luddington 9.15am Holy Communion BCP—with Revd Nicki Chatterton

SUNDAY August 9th Holy Trinity *Trinity 10*

8.00am Holy Communion—Preacher Rachel Saum

10.00am Parish Eucharist—Preacher Rachel Saum

6.00pm Congregational Evensong—with Revd Graham Wilcox

Parish Centre 10.00am Junior Church

St.Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.15am Holy Communion— with Revd Jenny Rowland

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

SUNDAY August 16th Holy Trinity *Trinity 11*

8.00am Holy Communion—with Revd Canon Andrew Dow

10.00am Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd Canon Andrew Dow

6.00pm Congregational Evensong —with Revd Dr Stephen Bate

Parish Centre 10.00am Junior Church—with Revd Dr Stephen Bate

St.Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.15am Morning Worship—with Revd Canon David Ellis

All Saint' Luddington 9.15am Family Holy Communion—with Revd Diane Patterson

SUNDAY August 23rd Holy Trinity *Trinity 12*

8.00am Holy Communion—with Revd Nicki Chatterton

10.00am Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd Patrick Taylor

6.00pm Congregational Evensong—Preacher Revd Canon John Graty

Parish Centre 10.00am Junior Church—with Revd Nicki Chatterton

St.Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.15am Trad Holy Communion—with Revd Dr Stephen Bate

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

SUNDAY August 30th Holy Trinity *Trinity 13 (5th Sunday)*

8.00am Holy Communion—with Revd Patrick Taylor

10.00am Combined Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd Dr Stephen Bate

6.00pm Healing—with Revd Dr Stephen Bate

Parish Centre 10am Junior Church—with Revd Patrick Taylor

No Services at St Helen's Clifford Chambers and All Saints' Luddington

Worship in August



August Worship Notes

There are two feast days this month when the Eucharist will be celebrated at 9.15am in St. Peter's Chapel:

Thursday 6th August The Feast of the Transfiguration (see Luke 9. 28-36)
Monday 24th August St. Bartholomew the Apostle

As 30th August is a 5th Sunday in the month, the 10am service at Holy Trinity will be a Combined Parish Eucharist (and so no services in the village churches that day)

Making the Parish Eucharist more accessible

At the APCM in April a question was asked concerning what we can do to make the Parish Eucharist more accessible to those with little or no previous experience of going to church. This idea was given further consideration at the PCC away day in May. Last month the PCC approved the introduction of a new form of service on the 4th Sunday of each month at 10am (see page 27 for the full PCC report). This new format of service will be less formal than the usual Parish Eucharist and allow for more time to be given to teaching and discussion. Holy Communion will still be included, but the service is intended to be shorter than on the other Sundays. Music will be provided by a music group and the choir will move their Sunday morning off to the 4th Sunday, with the evening BCP Holy Communion service also moving to the 4th Sunday. The new pattern will start from September.

I'm very pleased to see this development which will complement the other worship we offer and mean that there is a choice of formal or informal services every Sunday of the month. I'm aware that there have been several changes to our worship over the last 18 months and so I hope that having put this piece of the jigsaw in place we can now enter a period of stability and consolidation. I think many of us are beginning to feel there's been enough change for now!

Patrick

'So You Wanna' Be A Canadian?'

A Brief Encounter!

Martin Corfield

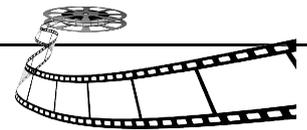


A couple of weeks ago I was in Holy Trinity in my role as Lay Chaplain. As usual the Church was very busy with visitors from various parts of the world. A gentleman wearing a black tee-shirt came over and asked if it was in order to take photographs. Obviously the answer was yes. As he turned and started to walk away I briefly noticed that the word Canada was inscribed on the back of his tee-shirt. Mindful that some of the visitors can be on tight time schedules, I caught up with him and mentioned our Choir's trip to Canada in August next year as part of the celebration of Shakespeare's birthday 400 years after his death. To say the least he was stunned especially when I told him of how and why the visit had come about and what they would be doing in Stratford, Ontario. "Stratford Ontario" he exclaimed, "I live just 3 miles from there – gee whizz, that's amazing – incredible". At that point I showed him the pictures of the choir on display in the church and gave him a copy of the July Trinity Times which has the super article on Stratfords of the World Unite by Ursula Russell. To say the least he was utterly stunned and almost lost for words. But he did leave me with a few:

"Tell everyone involved, particularly your Choir at Holy Trinity, that the people of Stratford, Ontario will give you the warmest and most affectionate welcome you could imagine. You will be truly made welcome and looked after at the festival and I will make it my business to tell as many as I can of our all too brief encounter today. And, with Stratford, Ontario's love affair with Shakespeare and link with Stratford-Upon-Avon, the Choir could find itself to be the star attraction at the Festival. I for one will be going back-stage for some autographs".

Oh yes, the gentleman's name – Bruno, and the inscription on the back of the tee-shirt – '**So You Wanna' Be A Canadian?**'.

Faith in Film



The August Faith in Film selection is Sir Richard Attenborough's 1992 classic CHAPLIN starring Robert Downey JR as Charlie Chaplin.

The film studies not only the rise of Chaplin from East London poverty and his extraordinary comic talents, but also an ever growing sadness.

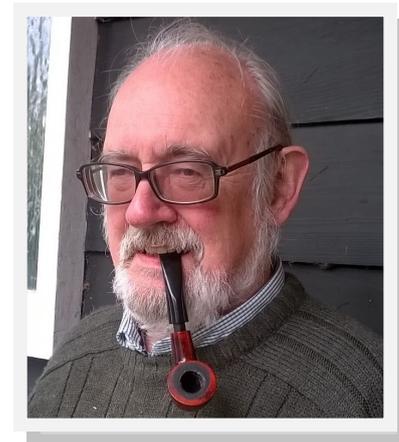
There also a great performance from Dan Aykroyd.

Faith in Film Sunday August 16th at 7.30pm Holy Trinity Parish Centre Lounge

Anthony Woollard's

Window on the World

"Visions are vital.."



At the time of writing, the great Greek drama is still being played out. Whether or not the country will remain part of the eurozone or even of the European Community, one thing is certain; life will be tough there. No tougher than in some other poor countries, to be sure. But the idea that a western European nation, the country that gave us democracy and many other gifts, could be in this state, is pretty staggering for all that.



Greek PM Alexis Tsipras Photo: Yahoo

It is easy to assign blame. Is this all about Greek corruption, tax-dodging and over-generous welfare? Or about the rigidity of a particular economic philosophy – the great European project forcing Germany and Greece into the same mould when they are manifestly so different? Is it the final failure of a vision, or something which could apply to any of us whether we subscribe to that vision or not?

One of Greece's gifts to the world is, of course, the theatre. And perhaps specifically the idea of tragedy. When we watch *Hamlet* or *Lear* we are certainly aware of choices which should and perhaps could have been different. But the point about tragedy is its virtual inevitability. These people, in this situation, were pretty much bound to behave as they did. And the result could hardly have been other than it has been.

Look at Greek history over the past few centuries, and the state of the country is really hardly surprising. That does not excuse the corruption and tax-dodging – though most countries have their share of those – but it puts quite a lot into perspective.

Equally, look at the recent history of Europe as a whole, and not least of France and Germany, and here too we see peoples playing out a pre-determined role. Reconciliation after 1945 had to happen. It could only be achieved by a great vision of unity, which eventually led to the drive for a common currency. Visions are vital, but they can lead to unintended and impractical results when people can get hurt.

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Christian faith is extremely realistic about tragedy in history. But it also claims that history as a whole can and will be redeemed. Often, Christian teaching has focused on individual sin and redemption, sometimes placing far too much emphasis on personal choices and personal guilt in the here and now. The canvas of Scripture is far vaster than that. This ultimate Greek tragedy, if that is what it turns out to be, is not just about the behaviour of individual sinners in 2015 in Athens, Berlin or Brussels, but part of “God’s rich tapestry” about which I wrote in a recent column. That tapestry contains both light and dark threads, but we may have to stand well back in order to tell which is which. In fact, the parable of the wheat and the weeds suggests that we may not be able to tell until the end of time.

One day, historians may look back and see 2015 as a turning point in European history as dramatic as 1815 or 1945, and the decision in the Greek referendum as significant as Waterloo or D-Day. But for good, or for ill, or both? Only God knows.

Or it may turn out to have very little visible significance for Europe at all. A settlement will be reached, and life will appear to go on (though still tough for the Greeks). But I am struck with a certain parallel with the Danish TV series *1864* which recently appeared on our screens. That was all about a little war which moved the boundary between Denmark and Germany somewhat to the north – hardly a major European event. But it was devastating for the Danes, and clearly at some level they remember it, or the series would not have been so successful. 2015 will surely leave a similar scar on Greece, whoever is “to blame”.



Photo: Google

The identities of nations, and the visions which drive them, are important. We will soon need to decide, in next year’s referendum, how we in the UK relate to that same vision of a united (in some sense) western Europe which has played such a part in the Greek tragedy. But that, perhaps, is for another column.

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I Believe That God Called Me

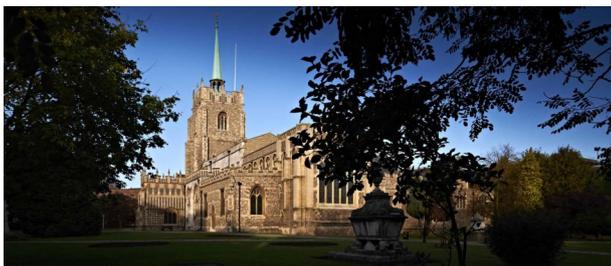
Graham Wilcox



“Do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to the office and work of a priest?” *I believe that God called me.*

Attending Nikki’s ordination at Coventry Cathedral recently reminded me not only of my own ordination, now many years ago, but also of my time more recently as a Bishop’s Advisor to Ordinands in the diocese of Chelmsford. In this task I had to interview at length people from a wide variety of backgrounds, both male and female, who felt they were being called to ordination in the Church. I must admit I was surprised that I was ever asked to do this since I had never really given the subject much serious thought in recent years and hardly saw myself as a model priest! Chelmsford is a large diocese comprising not only the county of Essex but a large slice of north and east London so there were quite a few people to see. I read a few books on the subject and attended some courses but on the whole I learnt most from meeting the people themselves. It was quite sensitive but rewarding work because people were disclosing quite a bit about themselves and their own lives to me, in confidence of course.

I came to see that there are two aspects to ordination. One is the fairly obvious one of the individual’s sense of personal calling. This must be there, otherwise I think people will go off the rails in the future, but it is not easy to discern. It must be more than just ‘people in church tell me I would make a good vicar,’ although that might be an ingredient. For some the call can be ‘the Joan of Arc’ moment when they hear the voice of God at the bottom of the garden, or think they do, but for most people the call comes gradually in the process of interaction with the life of their Christian community over a period of time. This sense of personal call must also be linked to the other side of the equation which people found much more difficult, namely the Church’s calling of them. In the Ordination service the Bishop, as the representative of the whole Church, accepts and confirms that call of the individual. We do not ordain ourselves. This means the Church has to carry out a selection process as to people’s suitability for ordination in the rough and tumble of parish life. Having holy thoughts or wanting to save the world is not enough. This was the part that got people more uptight. What did they think they were being called to do ?



Chelmsford Cathedral

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Did they honestly think they could do it and why? Was their lifestyle compatible with being a minister of the gospel and the Church's teaching? That caused a few problems with some and had to be handled carefully. But most people I saw had a deep and real faith but the tricky area was moving this on to the practicalities of ministry in the modern Church and here the work got interesting.

It is always a balancing act for the Church needs new clergy to replace oldies like me who are nearing the edge, and pretty urgently at the moment, but you just cannot accept anybody who offers otherwise both to avoid potential pain for themselves and for the parishes to which they might go. Most of the people I saw went through the selection conferences and were ordained, some voluntarily withdrew and saw it was not for them and a few went to selection conferences and were turned down. The last is a traumatic business and we tried to avoid it in the discernment process beforehand. It was Christianity at work in the sense of sorting out the potential workers if you like.

The photograph of Graham, on the previous page, shows him as Rector Thomas Stanley in Trinity Players 2013 production of *The Roses of Eyam*.



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Worthing Herald

City bus on fire— passengers alight.

Wales Guardian, now defunct, quoted in The Times

Irony of the day from BBC headquarters: A sign asking staff not to steal toilet paper from New Broadcasting House, has been stolen.

Evening Standard

Volunteers at the Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank collection weekend at Tesco last month had to hurriedly produce new shopping lists to hand out to shoppers. The lists are a guide for customers of the items that the foodbank is most in need of. The official shopping lists that Tesco delivered to the Stratford store were in Welsh. Siawns rhywfaint o gamgymeriad!



“Yesterday’s the past, tomorrow’s the future, but today is a gift. That’s why they call it the present.”

Bill Keane

**“All Things Bright And Beautiful”
Spotted in a wedding order of service!**



ONE-LINERS

**My dad used to say “always fight fire with fire.”
Which is probably why he got thrown out
of the fire brigade.”**

Peter Kay

**My wife sent her photograph to the Lonely Hearts Club.
They sent it back saying they weren’t that lonely**

Les Dawson

**I love it when people repeat what I said. But don’t quote
me on that.**

Tim Vine

And Finally...

A Sunday school teacher was describing that when Lot’s wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. “My mummy looked back once when she was driving,” he said, “and she turned into a telegraph pole.”



“I’m sorry, but the holiday-relief vicar not tailoring his sermon to fit in with the parking restrictions isn’t a valid excuse”

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The Class of '45

Compiled by Hilary Newman

As we all know, 1945 was a momentous year. Victory was in the air, joy was in abundance, and life, in the summer months, was beginning to get back to normal after six long years of war. In four households around the country, the joy was particularly poignant as four



Photo: Harry Lomax

members of our congregation were being welcomed into loving families, and all within weeks of one another! And not a Stratfordian among us!

How then did our life's journeys bring us all here to Holy Trinity?

Hilary Newman's Journey

For my part, it was a long broken journey brought to a head in both joy and tragedy. I was born in Chorley, Lancashire, the daughter of a Methodist mother and a 'sometime' Congregational father, who chose to send their only daughter to a Church of England boarding school at age 11. At school we attended Chapel twice a day and the local Church three times on Sunday (if you were in the choir, which unbelievably, I was!). I was confirmed by the Bishop of Liverpool on the 1st March 1958. Fast forward almost 50 years, and I met Steve, the love of my life, through work and moved to Stratford. In 2008, what should have been another joyous welcome turned into a tragedy when our first grandson, Isaac, was born, but unable to breathe on his own. During his short life, and after many years of 'see-saw' church-going, I felt drawn to Holy Trinity to pray firstly for a miracle for Isaac, but also for God's strength for his parents. Two months later, Isaac was baptised and the following day his ventilator was switched off. God had shown us the meaning of the gift of unconditional love, and continues to do so every day.

Brenda Lageu's Journey

I was born and brought up in Buxton, where I attended a Congregational Church becoming a Sunday School teacher. At Grammar School I developed a love for Shakespeare, and school trips to the RSC made Stratford a magical place for me.

After marrying I moved to north Warwickshire and was confirmed when eight months pregnant. During the next 30+ years my faith was tested almost to destruction, two failed marriages, giving birth to 7 wonderful children, only to lose Stephen, my second born, to cot death at six months, and the eldest in a car crash.



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Our ladies in times gone by!
WHO'S WHO?
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at age 29. Twenty two years ago I married Paul, not a practising Christian at the time. As years passed, I began to feel God's presence around me again, but our occasional church attendances somehow didn't feel quite right. Then one year we attended the Shakespeare service at Holy Trinity, and we both felt something very special. We started to attend services whenever we were in town (we were then living in Cumbria), We prayed for God's guidance and both felt He was speaking to us. We knew we had to uproot and follow Him to Stratford. Our lives have changed so much since our move, that we know we are now walking with God at our side.



C

Heather Bridgewater's Journey

I was born in August 1945 on Walney Island, close to Barrow-in-Furness, so, like Hilary, I'm a 'Lancashire Lass', My father, from Edinburgh, was in the RAF, and his career meant moving frequently, particularly around Lincolnshire. He sadly died at age 36, leaving my mother to bring up two daughters alone. She re-married Arthur, a widower with three children, and suddenly we were a family of five children! We moved to Solihull and at 16 I met Geoff, aged 17, at St Alphege Church's Sunday evening Youth Club. Four years later we married at St Alphege, and next year we will celebrate our Golden Wedding. We have been truly blessed with two lovely daughters, Sarah and Joanna, and their own families - three grandsons, all well over 6 feet, and three gorgeous grand-daughters. Latterly we lived in an idyllic spot at the foot of Lake Windermere, where we had a 7¼" gauge steam railway and a herd of Angora goats! Retirement, we knew,



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would bring us back to Stratford, and, having decided to try out both Holy Trinity and the Methodist Church, we visited Holy Trinity first, and were so warmly welcomed by the lovely Jan Craven, we never did cross the road, and have never looked back.

Brenda Pitt's Journey

I was born in Bishop Auckland, the nearest hospital to my parents' farm in the High Pennines, a farm (2,000ft above sea level) that had been in my father's family for over 200 years. Due to my mother's post-natal complications, my early weeks were spent with my maternal grandmother in Sunderland. Outings to church in those early years were irregular as there was always something to do on the farm. Although I had been christened into the Church of England, our few church attendances were to the Methodist Chapel, and I attended their Sunday School, during the summer months only. My playmates, before being joined by a younger brother and sister, were the farm hens whom I nursed and sang to! I also tried feeding the horse rhubarb - not a good idea! My church attendance became more regular after I joined a nursing friend on a visit to the Holy Land, and after spending 30 years living and working in Alcester, I retired to Stratford and joined Holy Trinity, a church community I found to be friendly and busy and one I love being a part of. Some of our hymns transport me back to happy times in the north east countryside.



August's Diary...



Wednesday August 5th –Stratford Methodist Church, Old Town, Stratford. Summer Family Fun. 10.00am-12.00noon. Summer crafts, games and refreshments.

Wednesday August 12th—Stratford Library will be hosting a day dedicated to bugs!

Saturday August 15th—Summer Picnic in the Garden of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, 6.30pm —9.00pm. Admission Free. Bring own food, drink and chairs. More information from the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Until August 21st—Stratford Boat Club is running rowing camps for 12 to 18 year olds.

Tuesday August 25th—St Helen's Coffee & Chat. 10.30am -11.30am

Until August 27th—Stratford Tennis Club has sport camps for 3-12 year olds.

August 17th-21st—Stratford Cricket Club will be giving complete Cricket coaching for all ages.

August 25th—The RSC has a host of events lined-up including *Blood, Guts and Gore* when there will be demonstrations of creating black eyes, bloody noses and split lips.

Every Wednesday Lunchtime in August– Soundbites is a series of FREE lunchtime concerts (1.00pm), with sandwiches available to buy from 12.30pm. Money raised will help The Friends of the Music support the music of Holly Trinity.

Sunday August 16th—Faith in Film. 7.30pm Holy Trinity Parish Centre. August's choice *Chaplin*, directed by Richard Attenborough. Free Admission.

Friday 21st August—Click and Chatter, 2.15-3.45pm, Holy Trinity Parish Centre Lounge. Contact Andrea Blood (266825) or Gillian Nunn (415830) for further info.



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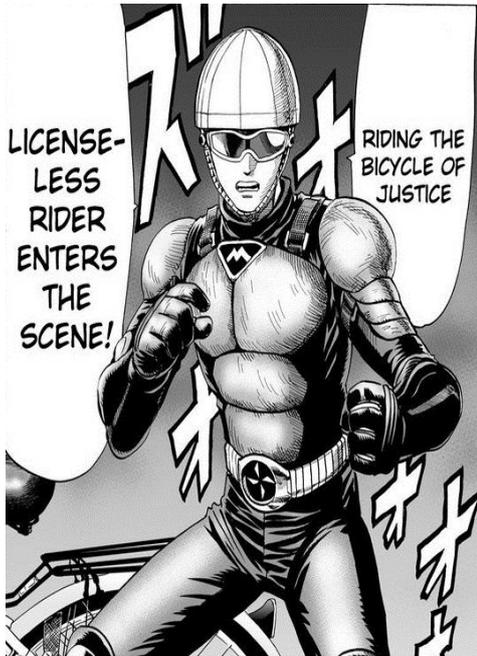
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Kevin Tomes' Page

An Average Hero



This is the Licence-Less Rider. He is the highest-ranked 'C'- Class hero in Z-City from the incredibly entertaining Japanese Manga comic 'One-Punch Man'*.

In one story, a great monster called Sea-King rises up and heads towards Z-City bent on destruction. The eponymous One-Punch Man, AKA Saitama, and his allies are occupied elsewhere so there is no-one to defend the city.

And so, riding the Bicycle of Justice (complete with handlebar-mounted utility basket) Licence-less Rider enters the scene!

He hurls himself at Sea-King, using the most powerful attacks he has at his disposal – and he is effortlessly swept aside.

But the Rider gets back up and charges into the fray again. And again, and again. The horrified, fleeing, people of Z-City look on as the Rider is beaten and thrown aside by Sea-King. Many of them yell at the Rider to give up, that he's out of his league and is going to get himself killed.

But the rider answers back: "I don't have a choice but to do it! If I don't, who else will? I have to fight!"

As futile as the Rider's attacks are, he delays the Sea-Kings advance just long enough for Saitama and his allies to arrive. Saitama is in time to save the city – but too late for the Rider.

As silly as the setup to One-Punch Man is, when people think of the word 'Hero', this is the sort of thing that comes to mind: Pure, altruistic, self-sacrifice.

But, as I learned recently, heroism doesn't have to be so overt.

In the last few months of my grandmother's life, she needed 24-hour care. My mom and my aunt would take 2-day shifts staying with her. My brother would taxi my mom there and back.



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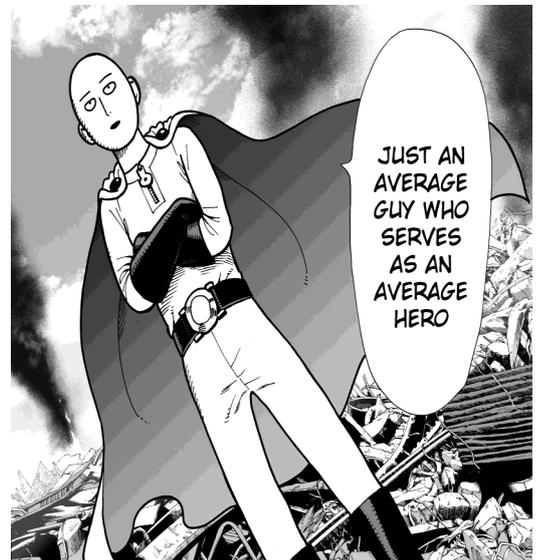
Whenever he got to my gran's he would sit in with her, have a cup of tea and read his paper. It got to a point that gran would want to make sure that his tea and paper were in with her ready for when he arrived.

That small act, that little bit of predictable, regular routine was important to my gran in what was a very chaotic and scary time. Not only did it settle her, but it allowed my mom and my aunt a few precious moments to themselves so they could hand over what had happened in the last few days, and prepare for the two days ahead.

In those moments, my brother was a hero to my gran, my mom and my aunt. And he almost certainly didn't even realise it.

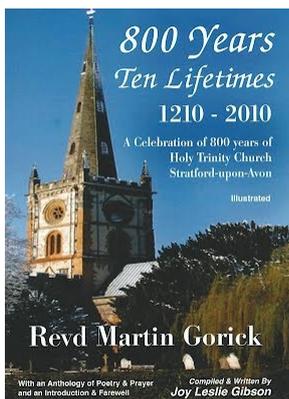
I recently learned of a charity called The Cinnamon Trust. It's a group of people who help look after the pets of those who are ill or infirm. Taking the dog for a walk or cleaning the bird cage at times when the owner can't. Small acts that seem trivial to most, but are heroic in the eyes of the people who need them.

I believe a hero is simply someone who has the ability to act, and does so. It doesn't have to be big or showy, or public. Many acts of heroism happen each day without anyone noticing. After all, your average bin collector potentially saves more lives each year than the average surgeon. It's all a matter of perspective.



*No gag in the footnotes this week. Just to note that the One-Punch Man comic has been translated into English and all 101 current chapters are available to read for free, with the artist's and writer's blessing. But be warned – this is a not a comic for kids, and remember to read right-to-left! http://bato.to/comic/_/comics/onepunch-man-original-r9123

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Ed Mulryne's Page



A Message From Our Sponsor...



Seeing Ronnie Corbett advertising Wiltshire Farm Foods on the back of *Trinity Times* has caused me to think about my own mortality. Seeing Mo Farah having his lovely meal confiscated by a thieving five year-old has left me insecure. Witnessing those strange, otherworldly men in the Oak Furniture Land advert compels me to burn down the hundred acre wood, leaving Pooh and Piglet homeless. Cringing as the lined, dusty countenance of Michael Parkinson leers from the corner of the room, promising a free Parker pen just for enquiring, makes me want to run into the arms of Wogan. I don't care how many reasons there are to shop at Morrison's – if Ant and Dec are there count me out. And still it goes on.

What I'm getting at here is that I find the world of advertising vapid and bewildering. Commercials are the stuff of nightmares. Indeed, if you look closely at any of the paintings or engravings of Dante's inner circles of Hell, you'll be able to make out, in the background, the distinct outline of the once ubiquitous Go Compare man. Furthermore, if I were to go to Hell – ahem, God forbid (!) – I imagine that I would be presented with a large television playing nothing but commercials on a constant loop.

Having said that, there is something I like about commercials - they sometimes interrupt what might be a pretty dull and numbing programme, naming no names (Kirstie and Phil, A Place in the Sun, etc.). But that doesn't make up for the rest of it, really. Commercial breaks are too long nowadays, anyway. Though we're lucky. If you were to go over to America, you would find that the world of advertising over there reminds one of Sepp Blatter – it is loud, unwelcome, far too influential and hated by all civilised people.

And these jingles are the stuff of nightmares, too. The hours these people must spend creating little tunes and slogans for their products is astonishing. I have tried to create some slogans of my own to replace the ones I feel aren't particularly effective:

'Anchor Cheese – it goes straight to the bottom.'

'Waitrose Essential – because 'value' sounds too common.'

'The iPhone 6 – price of a small car, durability of a haemophilic child.'

I won't go on.



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From The Registers...



Christenings



12 April 2015

Isaac David Bristow; Ethan Thomas Watson; Theadore Charles Henry Ball

3 May 2015

Ellie Rose Loquens; Naomi Nicola Loquens; Sophia Burton; Lola Athena Burton; Henry James Buckley West

17 May 2015

Ryan James Smallwood; Fraser Benjamin Leach; Portia Bundy; Stephanie Claire Bright; Sarah Louise Cole; Mark Lorenz; Lucy Honeychurch

24 May 2015

Harrison Gabriel Diaz

31 May 2015

Megan Mitchell; Nieve Isabella Frost Burley; Naia Emilia Sophia West

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Thomas George Webb; Elizabeth Patricia Lola Claire Louise Allum

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Rosalind May Elizabeth Wendy Burt; Wilfred Geoffrey Styche

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Rachel Elizabeth Polner

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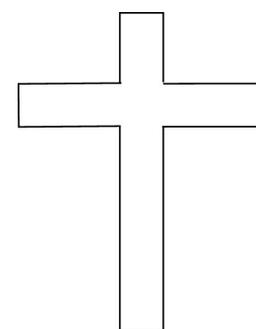
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Elliot Benjamin Trinder; Archer Paul Rupert David



Weddings



16 May 2015

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30 May 2015

David Haydn Williams and Amy Jane Bridges

20 June 2015

Max Thomas Oxtan-Morris and Hayley Louise Davis

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Clifford Chambers, 23 May 2015

James Michael Hibbard and Laura Jayne Townsend

11 July 2015

Richard Charles Moorhouse and Lucy Bailey

18 July 2015

Adam Stephen Richards and Tara Louise Mills



Funerals

April 2015

- 1st Michael Proctor
- 9th Cis Bolton
- 20th Alice Taylor
- 25th Pat Ganderton

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- 11th Maggie Mellor
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30th Pam Smith





NEWS ...



QUEEN MOTHER'S CLOTHING GUILD

This year's Coffee Morning will be on **Thursday, September 10th, from 10.00am to 12 noon**, in Holy Trinity Parish Centre, in the lounge. I am very much looking forward to seeing all our members there – and we are always delighted to welcome new faces! Please do come along if you are a knitter, a sewer, or if you would like to donate any bought article of new household linen or new clothing (for both sexes and all ages). Every year, the Clothing Guild distributes thousands of garments amongst some 60 other charities within the British Isles, providing for countless needy recipients.

For further information, please telephone Eithne Mulryne on (01789) 205774.

With very best wishes.

Gillie Jackson



Honour The Spirit of Louise Weatherhead



In February 2014 Louise Weatherhead passed away, a Stratford resident well known and loved by many. To honour her spirit and her memory her son Wayne and neighbour Andy are encouraging friends and members of the local community to join them running *Stratford's Big 10k on September 13th* dressed in pink and purple, in aid of The Shakespeare Hospice who supported Louise through her illness.

Some of the parents involved with children and families' ministry at Holy Trinity Church have already signed up, including Ruth Poulten, Chris Rogers and Andy Martin. If you would like to join them please let Andy know

(andrewmartin@acumenassociates.org) and sign up at <http://www.tempoevents.co.uk/running/stratfords-big-10k/stratfords-big-10k.php>

If you're not up for running but would like to support the group, please visit their JustGiving page

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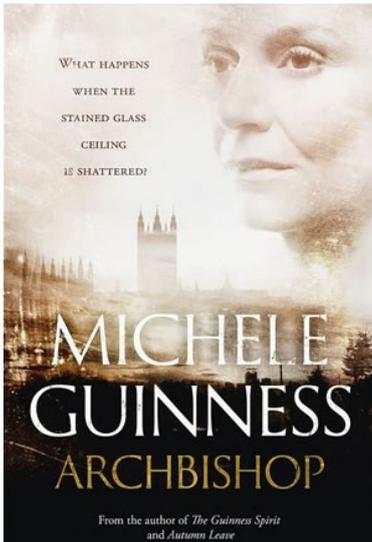
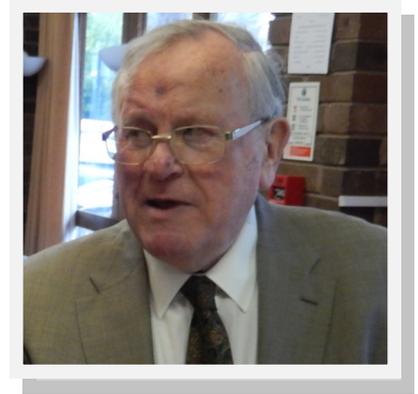
Find A Summer Read In St Helen's



If you're heading off on holiday and are looking for a good book to take with you then pop into the church. In the back pews behind the font you will find plenty of choice from thrillers to romance. A small donation would be appreciated to help with church restoration.

Clifford News

Colin McDowall's Book Review



At this time of year, many of us eagerly anticipate having time to escape from work and relax with a good book, I recommend *Archbishop* by Michele Guinness as likely to be an ideal choice for any *Trinity Times* reader or, indeed, anyone interested in a well told yarn about the policies and politics of the Anglican church. Michele Guinness has written a dozen books covering a wide variety of subjects that always include considerable Christian wisdom, but this meticulously researched thriller is her first work of fiction:

Five years from now, the Church of England is in dire straits, yet one woman is making a difference in her diocese. She is the Bishop of Larchester (almost, but not quite Trollope could be a comment on the whole novel), a charismatic and visionary priest who, when finding herself making history as the first female Archbishop of Canterbury, demonstrates that she is a mistress of diplomacy and deeply committed to bringing the church back into the heart of the community and cultural life. Having a clear plan for growth, the courage to fight the government (complete with Muslim Prime minister) over social justice & welfare reform, and with a track record of success, she may be just what the church and the nation needs; but not everyone wants a woman leading the Church of England, and behind the serenity of Lambeth Palace dark forces are at work (Anthony Trollope making way for Dan Brown, and both eclipsed by Michele Guinness) as the church interacts with powerful politicians and businessmen whose manipulations and occasional corruption plague society.

The author has a fascinating background. Brought up in an orthodox Jewish family, she became a Christian, aged 17,

“...through reading the New Testament under the bedclothes by torchlight because (along with *Lady Chatterley* et al) it was a forbidden book; I was blown away by the persona of Jesus in St John’s Gospel - I didn’t even know he was Jewish, but eventually realised that this man spoke all the truth I had been looking for and ever wanted to hear; and I ended up married to an Anglican clergyman.”

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Michele Guinness has worked within many branches of the media. Her last job was Head of Communications for the NHS in Cumbria & Lancashire, but since retirement she has concentrated on writing and public speaking.

Earlier this year, *The Church Times* widely advertised and recommended *Archbishop* to its readers, and more recently reminded them of the well known story about The Rt. Revd Francis Underhill, Bishop of Bath & Wells 1937-43, who famously informed a startled audience of clergy:

“There is nothing I like better after lunch than to lie on my couch for an hour with a favourite Trollope.”

Over the years this anecdote has passed into episcopal folklore but perhaps, were the good bishop alive today, he just might shelve his Trollope in favour of this cool Guinness.

“Archbishop” is the August choice of our church’s Novel Theology reading group. You might like to read it and join the group in discussing it on Thursday Aug 20 at 8.00 pm.

Archbishop was published in 2014 by Hodder as a £9.99 paperback.



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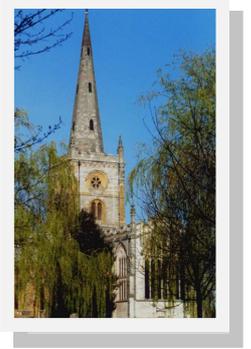
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PCC Report

Wednesday 14th July 2015

Ruth Langdon



“The work now really begins...”

The Reverend Patrick Taylor’s observation following the unanimous approval of 3 sets of proposals including the wording of a new parish vision and creating a more informal 4th Sunday service in the church building.

The initial plans were developed from discussions held by those who went to the Away Day on Saturday 23 May. 27 people attended, 9 of them PCC members. Patrick said, “I would like to say a big thank you to those who came to the Away Day. I think those who were there appreciated the opportunity to step back, reflect and pray, about where God is calling us as a parish in the future.”

Proposal 1: Agreement of priorities

The first proposal was around the “agreement and adopting of priorities”. Patrick explained that “this agreement shapes the heart of our energies and activities and is a very important decision.”

It includes 3 areas of focus:

- *Worship Priorities*
- *Discipleship Priorities*
- *Transforming Communities Priorities*



John Cohen requested further clarification about what “multiple entry points” meant under the “discipleship priorities” and Patrick explained that this was about “Holy Trinity enabling access for everyone.....whatever stage they are on their Christian journey.”

Nurture and Discipleship Team – members needed

A new “Nurture and Discipleship” team will also be created to help deliver some of the priorities in this area. This group will provide co-ordination of existing activities and review future actions with The Reverend Steve Bate as Chair. He would welcome anyone who has a passion for this area of work to get in touch.

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Proposal 2: New Service Pattern and entry arrangements for Junior Church

The PCC heard that there had been a number of discussions about worship at Holy Trinity at, and since, the Away Day. Patrick stated that the second proposal also follows a question asked at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), about the provision of accessible worship for adults who are not used to the more formal style of the weekly Parish Eucharist.

He added that 3 key issues had been identified :

Desire for a less formal and more accessible service for adults in the church building

Disruption to the atmosphere and flow of GoodNews@10 when the congregation leave to come across to the church building for Holy Communion

Unsatisfactory logistics of entry for Junior Church into the church building at present

New 4th Sunday Service from September

“This service will be designed bearing in mind adults who may not be used to going to church” Patrick explained. “It will be more informal, have a simpler liturgy and more time for teaching about faith, Church and Christian life – up to 20 minutes if needed. In line with all that, there’ll also be scope for discussion and watching short films and presentations. And while the service will remain a celebration of the Eucharist, it will use shorter more interactive Eucharistic prayers. The music will be provided by an instrumental group, using predominantly contemporary songs.”

Mike Millburn emphatically supported the idea. “This fits perfectly with the delivery of the worship and discipleship proposal as well as with the overall strategy regarding access and multiple entry points.”

The PCC approved the proposal to establish this new service on the 4th Sunday of the month from September. This will mean the choir will change their Sunday morning off to the 4th Sunday, with 6pm BCP Holy Communion also moving to that day. The first Sunday evening service will be Choral Evensong.

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Good News @10

The PCC heard from Hazel Tattersall who commented that “the distribution of communion on Sunday 5th July at Good News at 10 in the Parish Centre was beautiful, and the service flowed really well, especially considering this was the first time.” Ruth Poulten strongly agreed. “It was lovely to watch the children getting involved and even better to see new faces interacting closely with those who come more regularly. It felt very intimate, and others have also said that it definitely hit the mark.”

Patrick added that “Feedback has also been very positive from those who attended the service in the main church building”. Although Rachel Saum said that a member of the congregation had told her they felt that “life had gone out of the service”.

The PCC approved a complete celebration of the Eucharist, including distribution of Holy Communion, in the Parish Centre on the first Sunday of the month - rather than the congregation coming across to the church building to do so.

Patrick suggested “On special occasions or particular feasts, the Parish Eucharist and Good News@10 may join together.”

Junior Church

The PCC also approved a proposal to allow Junior Church to enter the church building in a way that enables them to feel part of the congregation and welcomed into the service.

Patrick explained, “It’s proposed that a short song is sung before the distribution of Holy Communion starts, during which Junior Church process together up the aisle and assemble under the tower. They then receive Communion/blessings at the high altar immediately after the choir and then go to their pews/seats. The song may be sung at any time between the end of the eucharistic prayer and the start of the distribution, at the discretion of the President and depending on the moment of arrival of Junior Church.”



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Proposal 3: Vision

For the past 12 months discussions have been taking place concerning our Parish Vision. Beginning with the Leadership Team, then through the Standing Committee, the PCC and finally the away day, we have been seeking to discern what God is calling us to be and do as a Parish. Following some debate about different options for wording, the PCC voted to adopt the following as the Parish Vision and Purpose Statements:

OUR VISION (What we want to be/are called to be; our long term aspiration)

"Lives changed through God's love"

OUR PURPOSE (How we are going to fulfil our vision; the things we will do)

"To play our part in worshipping God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), making disciples of Jesus Christ and transforming communities"

It was agreed that the Vision Group would meet to consider how best to communicate the new vision to the church community.

More information will appear in next month's *Trinity Times*.

Team Reports

All Saints

Paul Stanton spoke passionately about some urgent requirements at All Saints Luddington. "The building is in dire need of restoration. I have carefully analysed this and prioritised the most pressing needs such as the gable end which needs replacing, as do the mullion frames in the altar window. Trees at the rear of the church are also in a poor state and are dangerous. All this I would suggest could cost upwards of twenty to thirty thousand pounds."

Pauline Newbury from St Helen's Clifford Chambers offered information about funding from external sources which she would be happy to discuss with him.

Holy Trinity- Buildings

Church Warden Mike Warrillow informed PCC that archaeological work had finished on the South Side and that the builders had moved in and were digging drains. He said plans remained on target and he would be updating the website on a weekly basis to keep people informed.

Scaffolding on the North Porch would be in place for another 6 weeks.

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St Helen's

The PCC heard from Pauline Newbury about plans to have the War Memorial re-cut and cleaned as the names were becoming very difficult to read. Pauline told members how important the war memorial was to the village and she would investigate funding for the work.

PCC were also made aware of a planning application from a neighbouring dwelling, to construct a single storey rear extension. Views were expressed concerning the impact it might have on the view from the churchyard.

Staff appointments

It was announced that the new Head Verger, Paul Harris, is due to start on September 7th. He is currently verger at Ludlow Parish Church and will be relocating to Stratford with his wife Annie in August.



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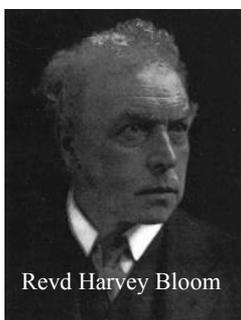
by Geoffrey and Doreen Lees



Part Three - Highlights From the First Decade.

The second issue of *TrinityTimes* recorded the sincere congratulations of the Bishop of Coventry, John Daly, on the launch of the new church magazine, and an interesting piece on the "History of the Ladies Forum" by its then chairman, Joan Forbes. Her chairmanship lasted from 1976 to 1981. After that the position was assumed by the senior curate's wife Pauline Lowen. Joan reminded readers that the original name of this group had been "Young Wives" and had been established at St James Church in Guild Street. She recalled that in 1967 St James had been declared unsafe (due to the deterioration of the Wilmcote stone of which it was constructed) and its congregation transferred to Holy Trinity. For the obvious reason that other ladies who were not married wished to participate, the Group name was changed to Ladies Forum after the first four years of its existence. The distinction between Ladies Forum and the Churchwomens Group, which ran conjointly, was mainly in that the Ladies Forum held their meetings in the evening while the Churchwomens Group met in the afternoon.

Reference has already been made to the role of Mrs Patricia Wainwright as the lady responsible for the church flowers. Apart from carrying out this important role, in the third issue Patricia commenced a series of 12 articles entitled "Know your Church", concerning some of the architectural and monumental treasures of Holy Trinity. This well researched series brought together information and stories which have formed a valued resource for a number of subsequent writings. Patricia herself published, in 1983, a short book composed almost entirely of these contributions. In our necessarily brief selection we note that, beginning with "The Madonna", Patricia recorded:



Revd Harvey Bloom

"Before the Reformation the Clopton Chapel was known as the Lady Chapel. In an old plan in the Rev Harvey Bloom's* *Shakespeare's Church* (1909) the Altar of St Mary is shown where the Carew Monument now stands."

Over the altar tomb on the right, where Sir John Clopton had hoped to rest, is a little niche, empty for many years, in which now stands a small coloured statue of the Holy Mother and Her Babe, a popular place for flowers given in memory of mothers. On Mothering Sunday in the middle of Lent we always have flowers there to honour Christ's Holy Mother and our own.

*The Revd James Harvey Bloom (1860-1944) was the father of the popular novelist and playwright, Ursula Bloom (1892-1984), who lived in Stratford-upon-Avon for a while and wrote about the town in her book *Rosemary For Stratford-upon-Avon* published in 1966.



Steve Newman

Tony Guy - Toward An MBE

Part One

Blackpool & The Irish Dasher

In Conversation with Steve Newman



As the editor of the Scouting journal *WISPA* Tony is always looking for new writing talent and recently asked someone who had been insisting on vetting an article Tony was sweating over if they would like to write it themselves, giving them a free hand to write whatever they wanted. Tony started laughing. "They declined of course. A nine year old Scout wrote it in the end. Good piece too. It's all about trust isn't it."

In the 70 years or so of Tony Guy's involvement with the Scout movement trust has been at the centre of everything he does.

Born at 75 Wetherby Avenue, Blackpool, in July 1937 Tony would soon realise he was surrounded by accomplished and rather adventurous men and women.



Tony with his Mum

Tony's father, George, was initially an engineer who, in the 1920s, became the mechanic of motorcycling super star (and ten times winner of the Manx TT) Stanley Woods, known then as the 'Irish Dasher'. Stanley was an extremely charismatic devil-may-care character who nonetheless survived that very hazardous occupation, dying in the 1990s. George also raced successfully in the Manx TT races.



Stanley Woods 1930s

In the early 1930s George met a young woman called Aileen (Tony's mum) at a motorcycle grass track meeting where, having spotted the very good looking Aileen, George rather embarrassingly fell off his powerful Norton motor bike going round a corner. Aileen helped him to his feet and, as Tony told me, the rest became a different sort of history with his father eventually becoming, like Tony's grandfather, a hotelier and publican.

Tony's mother also became Bill Lyon's secretary. Bill was the founder and owner of the Swallow Side Car Company that was situated next door to Stanley Woods' workshop. Famously Lyon's business became Jaguar Cars which, after WWII, moved to Coventry. Sir William Lyons ('Mr Jaguar') died in 1985.

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Blackburn born Benjamin Guy – George’s father - started work as a thirteen year old boot black and pot boy at the Black Bull Hotel in that famous Lancashire mill town. Benjamin quickly gained promotion, firstly becoming the hotel's concierge – and then manager.

The Black Bull Hotel is still in business, owned by Marston's.

Tony isn't sure why Benjamin left Blackburn, but by the early years of the 20th century he was the manager of Blackpool's Bridge House Hotel. Soon after he married Emily, and in 1913 their son George was born.

Which brings us back to the emergence of Tony in July 1937, at a time of great tension in Europe, and one of the hottest summers ever recorded in the UK.

“ Although I was too young to realise at the time, I think everyone must have known deep down that war was on the way, with Chamberlain's 'piece of paper' seen for what it was, a delaying tactic. All I do remember, when I was four or five, is that Blackpool was in fact a prison camp for 'enemy aliens', with many streets closed, and hotels used to house these people. I only remember one bomb falling on the town; they may have been aiming for the Tower I suppose!”

After the war his father became the manager of the Royal Oak in Blackpool (still there), a pub he ran for 27 years, and the first pub in Blackpool to serve bar food, as Tony recalled:

“ I remember clearly the first time they put the pasties and cheese & onion sandwiches on the bar, in 1952 I think it was. The customers loved them, a huge success. Within weeks pretty much every pub in Blackpool was selling bar food.”

It was a few years before the pasties and sandwiches that Tony became aware of the Scout movement:

“ They were based in Blackpool’s Holy Trinity Church, on the south shore, where I’d been baptised and where mother took me every Sunday. I soon became involved with the Scouts. Church and Scouts were, for me, in those days, one in the same thing.”

Tony started the Blackpool Gang Show in 1962 in Holy Trinity’s Church Hall, later taking the show to the Blackpool Opera House, and then the Winter Gardens.



Tony's father George

To Be Continued...

Tony Guy, and his wife Joyce, are members of Holy Trinity’s congregation. Tony was awarded an MBE for services to Scouting in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List.



Trinity Players News...

Ursula Russell



Saturday 3rd October—Saturday Live in the Lounge. Relax with friends over a glass of wine and enjoy words and music by members of Trinity Players. You are most welcome to come with a reading or a song that you would like to share. Admission Free.

Saturday 31st October— With this year being the 80th anniversary of the death of T.E.Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), Steve Newman's new visual radio play, *The Black Car— A Story of T.E.Lawrence*, will be staged either in the Parish Lounge or the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Lawrence died riding his Brough Superior motorcycle. Did he swerve to avoid two delivery boys, as most biographies and Lean's film would have us believe, or was he killed? It's a mystery the play may help to clarify.



Ticket details to follow.

Saturday 14th November— **He's Back!! The BFG returns** with Sophie to thwart the plans of the evil child chewing giants. Two performances, times to be confirmed. Tickets on sale at the end of September. Do join us for thrills and laughter as winter sets in.

July 12th, 13th, 14th & 16th 2016—Trinity Players present *Twelfth Night*, Shakespeare's best loved comedy, in Holy Trinity Church, as our contribution to the 400th Anniversary Commemoration. Proceeds to the Friends of Shakespeare's Church St Peter's Chapel Restoration Fund.



Hospitality Teas

Hospitality Teas are Now Being served in Holy Trinity Church
Saturdays from 2.30-4.30pm, and Sundays from 2.00-4.00pm.

If you would like to volunteer your help please contact Ursula Russell
on 01789 204923

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Sociability extends further. There are day-long outings to other areas, an annual Guild walking and ringing day in the Cotswolds, respected week-long courses in Hereford and Bradfield, shorter courses in Kineton and holidays including trips abroad, the East coast of the States being one venue (there are ringing towers in New England, New York City and Washington DC, for example). The week-long UK Young Bell Ringer's Cycling Tour (YBRCT) combines a week of cycling (about 130 miles) and ringing (about 25 towers). 'Young' relates to the fact that it started 41 years ago and carries on today with the (now retired) vicar who started it when a curate. A mix of young and old alike take part, many being parents and their children. This year's trip to the Peak District includes options by train for the really hilly bits and for the really unfit or older ones! The West Cork Ringing Festival is held to support that outpost, where just a few towers exist. UK ringers are invited over for a long weekend to help locals progress, as they don't have many to learn from in their own area. In return, accommodation is free, in the homes of local ringers. Lundy is a popular venue, with the Landmark Trust saying that one-third of their visitors are ringers. Articles in *The Ringing World* tell of ringers when on holiday turning up in towers in Australia, New Zealand and Africa and being warmly welcomed. Each university has a ringing guild (including the Open University), and alumni are always welcome.

I work away quite a bit. I have no despondency about time alone in a hotel at the end of the day because I know that, after work, I can turn up at any local practice night and be welcomed into that team for the night and end up in the pub afterwards, amongst new-found friends.

At a County cricket match last month, four of us ringers from three counties met up at the ground, and, amongst other idle chat, hotly debated the merits of publishing my rather technical article in June's issue of *Trinity Times* - in whispers, so as not to disturb those snoozing around us. Our chat extended to whether we could invent an app identifying other ringers close by to contribute to the debate. Nerds? No. Passionate? Some of us, maybe?

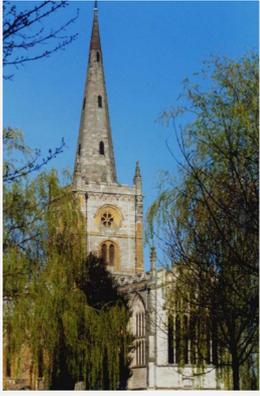
If you'd like to have a go, don't hesitate to contact me:

jeannette.davey1@btinternet.com, phone 01789 299145 and leave a message, or speak to Charles Wilson our Tower Captain, or any of the ringers. It would be good



Jeannette (2nd from right) with new-found ringing friends from Dublin Cathedral.

(Young Bellringers' Cycling Tour 2014)



The Bells, The Bells

Jeanette Davey
Deputy Tower Captain



Having hit you hard in last month's article with the technical stuff required to be a good method ringer, it's worth taking a few steps back and reflecting on some of the reasons why we do it.

It's a good mental exercise and one which can be practised whether you're 9 or 90, quite literally. I'd love to see some scientific research done on the incidence of dementia in ringers. I'd guess that it's lower than average, because ringing keeps our minds agile.

It's great physical exercise – both the ringing and the climb up to the tower. Once you're defeated by that climb (there are 48 steps up to our ringing chamber), you'll find other towers which suit you better, such as ground floor rings (at Bidford, Halford or Clifford Chambers), and those with a grand, easy, modern staircase, such as Alveston or Dartmouth Town. If you're looking for a greater challenge, Cathedral staircases provide their own test of fitness. It's not unknown for ringers to choose where to live based on accessibility into the ringing chamber (amongst other ringing criteria...!).

It's free – no need to fund gym subscriptions or extra lessons in this discipline – you take part and are taught for nothing, all bar an annual subscription to the local Guild of about a fiver per annum.

And, best of all, it's incredibly sociable. Sunday 26th July saw a Ringer's Service held at Holy Trinity, where you'll have been introduced to some of the Stratford ringers. It's a hobby where parents and their children can join together and progress together, and where the parents can even find their children making faster progress. Grandparents may well be ringers too. When whole families can ring, one particularly satisfying option is to ring together in a quarter peal (a bit special, being 45 minutes non-stop) to mark a special occasion for someone in the family. You only need six of you, less than a home-grown cricket or footie team...

One of the sociable aspects of ringing is to attend the 'theory' lesson. That takes place in the pub after Tuesday night practice. There is a genuinely good reason: ringing is thirsty work. In truth, it's time to relax amongst friends, not everyone chooses to go, and the term 'theory lesson' is a misnomer. Up and down the country, ringers go to the pub after practice night. There are a few towers that don't, quite often for good reason, such as the distance travelled by many to the practice to support a learning team, or an early start for work tomorrow, or GCSE's / homework / age of ringer being a hindrance, or lack of desire to drink, but all are welcome.

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Appeal Update

Ronnie Mulryne



The Friends of Shakespeare's Church are delighted to have received wonderful support for our appeal from groups of Church members. Once again, the Hospitality Teas group is working hard to gather funds, as well as to share a welcoming presence with visitors from across the world. This is a valuable ministry as well as offering most encouraging financial support. The Trinity Ladies group has given a generous donation and Margaret Dale's plant sale has raised a very welcome sum. Individuals have helped us too. Do you know of other groups or individuals who might join in? We realise that the Holy Trinity congregation has been widely generous, and that there are other causes which need help. But if you feel that the restoration of St Peter's will make a positive contribution to the worshipping life of the Church, please help.

We for our part have been busy, especially in planning fund-raising occasions for the year from September. We have had a minor set back in that our application to the Town Trust has been deferred to the next round, so that we shall have to wait for an outcome until November. We remain hopeful. Our application to the Heritage Lottery fund will be submitted during August. Individual FOSC Trustees are preparing applications to sixteen or so other grant-giving bodies identified as matching our needs. Many of you will know that applications are time-consuming and often lead to disappointment.

There is good news however. A very high-profile figure known to all of you has agreed to be our guest at a fund-raising dinner in Church in February. Who is it? Watch this space for further news. We have heard, in addition, that the Trinity Players may be able to help in a notable way a little later in the year. Doing what? Again, watch this space. You won't be disappointed. Teasing? Well, let's get our plans in place and our ducks in a line before we commit publicly.



So, why all this effort? St Peter's is potentially a beautiful, as well as historic – thirteenth-century, – part of our Church. It holds wonderful works of human hands, including the tomb of William Shakespeare's acquaintance Richard Hill and the great American window, with its figures from the earliest days of the American colonies. (Do you know why William Penn is carrying a book inscribed No Cross No Crown?) But our main motivation is to provide our Church with a sacred space for individual and small-scale worship, by restoring St Peter's to its former dimensions, sweeping away more recent accretions and furnishing the space with appropriate church furniture. The 'new' St Peter's will not only be beautiful but faith-inspiring.

For more information, have a look at our display boards, now in St Peter's.

A River Serenade



A Review by

Pat Pilton



Led by Sam Bridges, the young singers and musicians of Holy Trinity Church went down by the river to play – and what a wonderful sound and joyous summer evening they provided for an audience of close to 250 people.

It helped that the sun shone, the strawberries were succulent, the Pimm's mixed to perfection and the setting sublime. The river, contrasting greenery of the trees and a flotilla of gaily decorated boats, in Stratford for the hugely popular River Festival, added much to the sense of occasion.

But rightly, it was the music that stole the show – it even drew applause from festival-goers watching from the opposite bank of the river. Yes, the mastery of the sound system by Sam's father certainly paid off!

Buoyed by the success of the first *River Serenade* concert last July, the Friends of the Music asked Sam and the Music Group to stage a similar fundraiser this year. Many of the eleven performers were familiar, but the programme they presented was new. And, incredibly, whilst there had been many hours of individual practice and preparation, the group only got together to rehearse as an ensemble that very afternoon.

The spirituals *Down by the River* and *Deep River* set the mood for an evening of music sung mainly a cappella -- not the easiest of challenges, especially outdoors. But the male and female voices blended well through familiar and well-loved classics like *Lullaby of Birdland*, *Autumn Leaves*, *The Way We Were* and *Danny Boy*. We were treated to splendid solo performances from Kate Matthews (viola), Solomon Hayes (counter-tenor) and Sam (tenor) himself, with a full-blooded rendition of the Sinatra hit *My Way*.

The ensemble whistled through the Beatles' *Blackbird* and rocked to Bonnie Tyler's *Holding out for a Hero*. But, in true showbiz tradition, they left the best to last. An innovative and brilliant performance of Elgar's *Land of Hope and Glory* -- the voices singing not only the words but mimicking the sounds of a full range of instruments as well. As Chair of the Friends, Jane Hornby, said: "I'll never take Land of Hope and Glory seriously again!" Jane also made a presentation to Solomon and Sam -- heading off to Oxford and Portsmouth Cathedral respectively to continue their musical education -- and thanked her committee and helpers who had worked so hard to help make the evening a success.



How privileged we are to have such talented young people at Holy Trinity. All deserve a mention: Sam Bridges, Victoria Lougher, Claire Fisher, Alice

Harvey, Hannah Hawley, Kate Matthews, Solomon Hayes, Ed Mulryne, James Fellows, Ben Dennes and Joe Woodman. We might not have been treated to Sam's signature *Some Enchanted Evening* this time, but he and his singers certainly provided one.

All Saints' News

Jane Beeley Writes...



"Wettest fete in over ten years, but we soldiered on!"

Summer is always a busy time in Luddington with events organised by the Luddington Village Fund who raise money for charity. This year the designated charities are Stratford Hospital Cancer and Eye Appeal and All Saints' Church.

Music in the Meadow has become a regular feature in June and was much enjoyed.

Our annual Village Fete was held on the 26th July, and despite the weather being the wettest in over ten years it soldiered on to produce a fun day for all those attending, with great food and all sorts of fun and games including Punch and Judy and a Birds of Prey flying display.



"Ouch!"

The final summer event for the Village Fund will be the Flower Show in the Village Hall on Sunday, 16th August which is always worth viewing even if you have nothing to enter.

In September the Village Hall Committee start their Autumn events with a Coffee Morning on 16th September. Everyone is welcome for coffee, cake and chat. There is also a book swap for those who are interested. A Skittles evening is planned for the 19th September and there will be Quiz Nights in October and November. These events are always sold out so if you are interested don't leave it until the last moment. The Village Hall is also available for private parties and events and if you would like to book it please phone 07803 575090.

And of course everyone is welcome to attend our services at All Saints' at 9.15 a.m. on Sundays. There is always coffee and chat after the services and we would love to see you there.

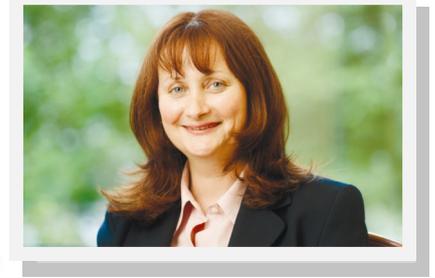


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St. Helen's News

Pauline Newbury Writes...

Coffee, Cake & Chat



A well-attended service followed by coffee and cake as part of the 29 Days of Prayer initiative organised by Kate Distin during 2012 inspired us to look at ways the villagers of Clifford Chambers could meet in a relaxed and informal environment. Loneliness can often take its toll on village life especially during the winter months.

Every fourth Tuesday of the month between 10.30 and 11.30 we meet in the Jubilee Hall for Coffee, Cake, and Chat - we are all great bakers here in Clifford Chambers and there is always an excellent selection of home-made cakes plus an endless supply of tea and coffee!! Quite often during the summer months there are vegetables and fruit for sale which has been donated by Clifford's allotment holders.

The coffee mornings are extremely popular with a cross section of the village attending. Diane Patterson and her husband Alan also attend together with lots of visitors from Holy Trinity which encourages us to make new friends within the Parish. This is also a great opportunity for Diane to meet with villagers who for various reasons are not regular worshippers at St Helens - she has given comfort for those who are in need of support.

So if you enjoy making new friends and chatting to existing ones, why not come along to the Jubilee Hall in Clifford Chambers where you will find a warm welcome and delicious cakes. We look forward to seeing you.



"Oh, didn't we have two luvly days..."



"A special stole."

Revd Nicki's

"Well, you'll need tissues, chocolates, and a bottle of wine to share with Adrian."



Ordination



"Not like that, like that."

Photos: Harry Lomax



"Some Aspirin!"

"And the cake!!!"



Saturday & Sunday June 27th & 28th 2015



Almost The Last Word...

David Ellis

Something Funny Happened On The Way...

Canon David Ellis who retires from the Ministry Team this autumn recalls some of the amusing events of his 53 years as a priest.

All clergy acquire a wealth of funny stories. In the 1960s I was a school chaplain in Hong Kong. Fortunately for me all the teaching was in English as I found Cantonese impossible. So did the long serving Bishop R.O. Hall. When he was urged to pronounce the blessing at a cathedral evensong in Cantonese, 'The Lord bless and keep you this night' came over as 'The Lord eat you for supper tonight'. He never tried again. I marvelled at my Chinese boys' ability to learn all subjects in English, but few mastered the ability to distinguish between 'r' and 'l' in pronunciation. This sometimes came through in their writing. In answering a question on the gospels one boy wrote, 'Jesus cured a woman who could not stop breeding for twelve years.'

In the Carlisle Diocese I found that the surname 'Pigg' was not uncommon in Cumbria. I was asked to take a service where the funeral of a Mrs Pigg had recently been held and by tradition all the relatives turned out on the Sunday for what was known as 'The memorial'. When I arrived at the church the organist reminded me to say a prayer for Mrs Pigg. Just then the church door opened and she said, 'These are all the Piggs coming in now.' Soon the front pews were full of Piggs. Later, in my own parish, I had the joy of marrying Gary Pigg to Betty Little and eventually of baptising their firstborn. On my visit to arrange the baptism they told me of their intention to name the child William Little Pigg in honour of his two granddads. Until I tactfully pointed out that the poor lad might suffer much teasing at school they suspected nothing odd about their choice.

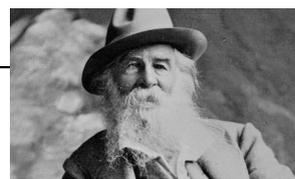
In Halifax most of my congregation were robust Yorkshire widows. One Sunday morning Elsie Eatwell informed me that she had attended a funeral where a 'right nice hymn' had been sung and she wanted to know what it would be. I tried most popular funeral hymns on her but none rang a bell. Later that week, when I was posting an important letter, it fell from my hand through an iron grid above a cellar window. When I couldn't shift the grid to retrieve the letter I went home to fetch a long garden lopper, hoping to grab the letter with it. Alas, it wouldn't go through the grid. Two strong chaps however lifted the grid and I knelt down to manoeuvre the lopper. By this time, observing the vicar on his knees, a sizeable crowd had gathered. Then all at once a voice in the crowd said, 'It were No. 23 Abide with me!'

Many funerals were conducted at the Co-op Funeral Service Chapel. The clergy robed in a room at the back where the coffin was left open so that mourners who wished could come and pay their last respects. On one occasion the deceased was lying there with a rapturous smile on his face. His two sisters came in to see him.

One said, 'Ee, doesn't he look happy!'

'Oh, I don't know', said the other. 'You can never tell with our Fred. He were always that slow I don't think it's struck him yet what's happened!'

Will there be laughter in heaven? Scriptures makes much mention of the joy of heaven and one cannot imagine joy without laughter. If there is no laughter in heaven, many of us - clergy especially - might be disappointed.



Walt Whitman

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And that object became part of him for the day or a certain
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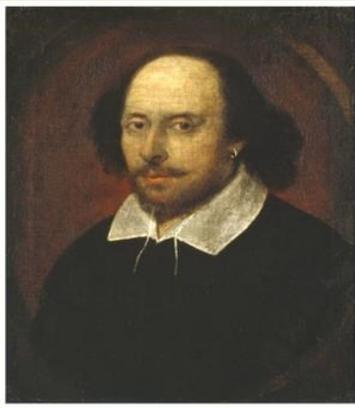
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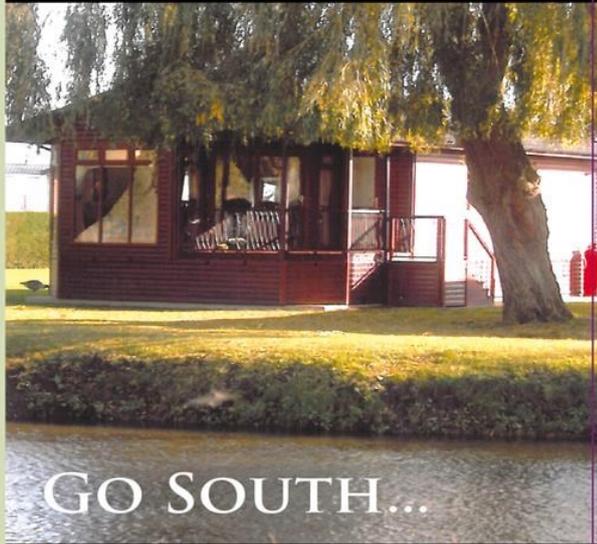
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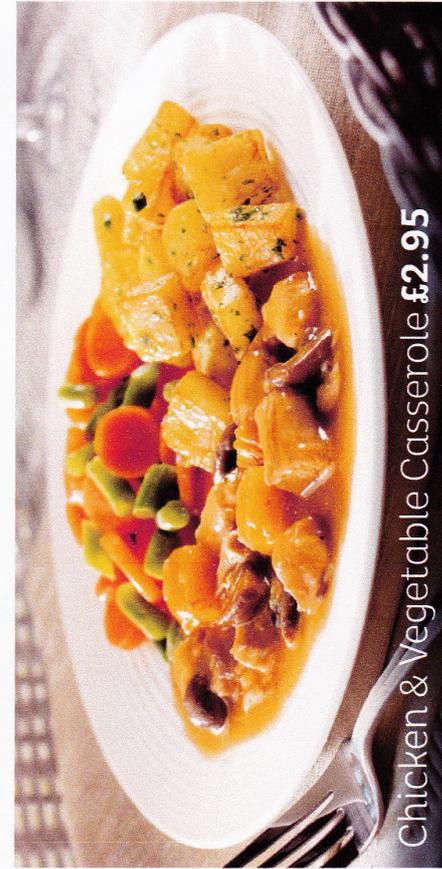
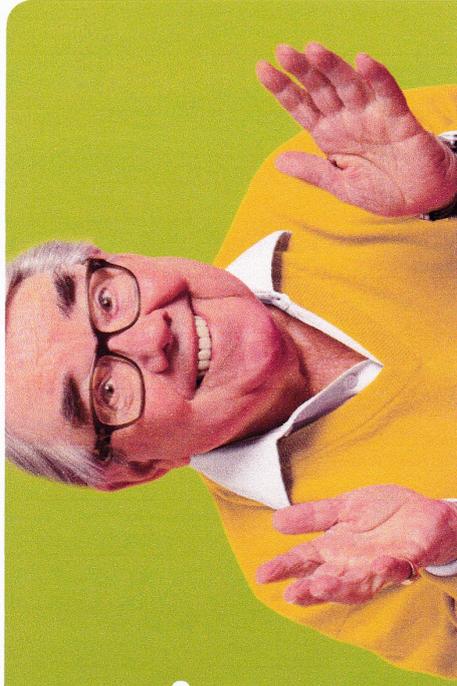
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