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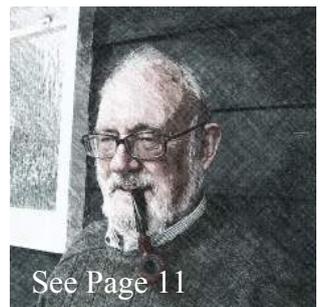
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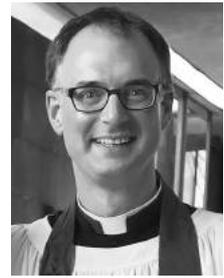
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# Mike Writes...



## "So, who painted the Sistine Chapel?"

So, who won the battle of Trafalgar? It's a question that I have put to many groups of people, ranging from young RAF recruits to experienced business executives. Invariably the answer I get is "Nelson." But that response is incomplete. Admiral Lord Nelson did indeed play a very significant role in the winning of the battle of Trafalgar but a fuller, more accurate answer to my question might go like this: "Admiral Lord Nelson, who inspired 27 captains of ships, who led 2100 officers, who in turn gained the full commitment of 17000 coarse sailors."



So, who makes Holy Trinity 'tick'? Unequivocally, the answer is "God." But God uses us, his disciples, to fulfil His will. So a fuller response – and I guess that you are now ahead of me – is: "God, through Patrick, who himself has inspired 2 clergy, who in turn have gained the full commitment of the 300-strong congregation."

So, how so? Well, Nelson invested in a team belief – that the fleet could do extraordinary things, Nelson's way. He also got the fleet to practice: rapid re-load and fire; close quarter battle; and what is described as unusual battle plans. Finally, he gave his senior officers clear objectives but crucially also the freedom to act on their own initiative, essential in the 'fog of war' (the smoke of the canons at Trafalgar did indeed form a foggy atmosphere). Nelson's change strategy was: Adopt; Adapt; Embed. He adopted plans from previous battles, he adapted them to suit his preferred tactics at Trafalgar, and he embedded them into the fleet so that everyone 'pulled together'. The victory was assured.

At Holy Trinity we are doing something similar to: Adopt; Adapt; Embed. The first phase (Adopt) has been completed; led by Patrick we have set out our Vision for the parish – Lives Changed through God's Love – and our Purpose – Worshipping God, Making Disciples of Jesus Christ, Transforming Communities. We are now in transition to the Adapt phase; that is we are in the process of discerning the tasks and priorities that we need to tackle in order to spread the Good News more effectively. Once we have addressed the tasks identified (whatever they might be), we will then need to Embed the solution into the psyche of the clergy and congregation. Then it will be up to us to 'practice what we preach'. All of us will have a leadership role. Who knows whether at Trafalgar one bold decision from one of those coarse sailors was the pivotal moment of the battle. The key to our success will be for us – the congregation – to do extraordinary things, Patrick's way – that is, led by Patrick. It was the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu (c500 BC) who said "As for the best leaders, people do not know their existence.....when the best leaders work is done, the people say we did it ourselves."

So, who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel? You've guessed – the answer is Michelangelo who inspired a team of 6 master craftsmen, who themselves guided 97 apprentice craftsmen.....



**Postscript:** *This article was written well before the EU referendum vote, but now that we know the result, you might like to consider the implications for Brexit in terms of Adopt, Adapt, Embed with all of us 'pulling together'!*



## *Worship Notes for July*

**On Sunday 3rd July we celebrated the feast of Thomas the Apostle.** This was also the day Rachel Saum was ordained Deacon at Coventry Cathedral. Please continue to pray for her and all those called to be servants and apostles of Christ at this time.

**On Monday 25th July** we remember another Apostle, St. James. There will be a eucharist in St. Peter's Chapel at 9.15am

**10th July** the preacher at the 10am Parish Eucharist is Rev. Dr. Paul Edmondson, who will be helping us to reflect on spiritual aspects of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, in preparation for the Trinity Players production that week.

**17th July is a special occasion for HolyTrinity@Rosebird** as it's the first service with Phil Harper, our new Children and Families Minister. Phil joins us from the start of July and will be commissioned for his new ministry here at the end of the Parish Eucharist on 10th July.

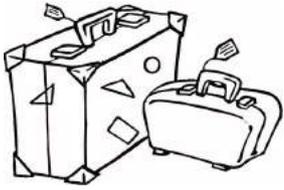
**Sunday 31st July -Healing Service** at 6pm, during which laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil will be offered with prayer for healing.

**August** is a quiet month as usual. However, please keep in your prayers those of us going on the tour to Canada. On **Sunday 7th August** the choir are singing, and yours truly will be preaching, at services at St. James Church, Stratford, Ontario.



Photo: Hilary Newman

Rachel  
With her family  
After her ordination  
At Coventry  
Cathedral  
Sunday 3rd July



## From Shakespeare to Moore Steve & Val Bate Are On The Move

We were all sad to learn that Steve and Val Bate will be leaving us in early September. Steve is taking up a new post in Hertfordshire, so his final service here will be on Sunday 4 September. They have lived in the Midlands for over thirty years now, and Steve has been Associate Vicar at Holy Trinity Church for the last four years. Val and Steve's work with the Trinity Tots and other children's activities and services, and Steve's organisation of the home groups will be much missed by everyone.



Steve's official title will be Rector of the Benefice of Much Hadham, Little Hadham and Albury, which are small parishes near Bishop's Stortford. He tells me that he will be the only minister covering these three parishes so his work will be very different from Stratford, with our relatively large staff. The name of Much Hadham may ring a bell with our readers because the famous sculptor Henry Moore spent his final years there and is buried in the Perry Green Chapel in the village.

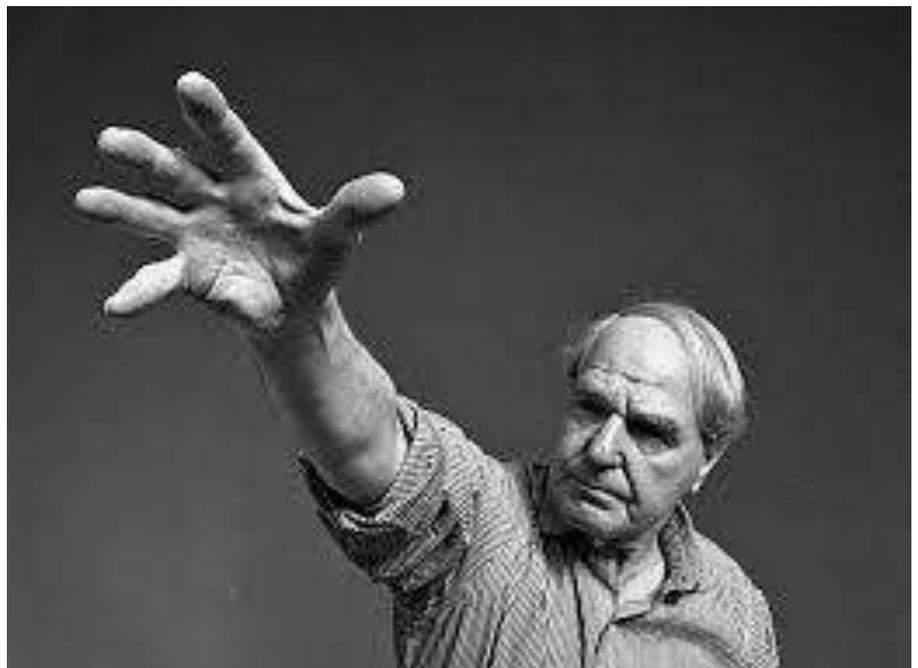
An interesting collaboration takes place in Much Hadham, as the church premises are shared between the Protestant and the Roman Catholic congregation, and apparently this arrangement works well, as well as being cost-effective. We look forward to learning more about this co-operation.

A full interview will appear in August's Trinity Times, when we will find out about Steve's earlier life as a University lecturer, how he benefitted from his years at Holy Trinity Church and how he and Val envisage the future.



Text

Judith Dorricott  
Read a full interview  
with Steve & Val in  
August's Trinity  
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# *Worship in July*



## **SUNDAY July 3rd Holy Trinity *St Thomas Apostle***

8.00am Holy Communion—with Revd Nicki Chatterton  
10.00am Parish Eucharist— Revd Canon Andrew Dow

**Parish Centre** FAB—with Laura Taylor

6.00pm Choral —with Revd Dr Stephen Bate

**St. Helen's Clifford Chambers** 9.15am Family Worship—with Pauline Newbury  
**All Saints' Luddington** 9.15am Holy Communion BCP—with Revd Graham Wilcox

## **SUNDAY July 10th Holy Trinity *7th Sunday after Trinity Sea Sunday***

8.00am Holy Communion—with Revd Patrick Taylor

10.00am Parish Eucharist— Preacher Revd Paul Edmondson

6.00pm Evensong—Preacher James Sorel-Cameron

**Parish Centre** 10.00am FAB—Phil Harper

**Parish Centre** 7pm Open To God—with Revd Canon Andrew Dow

**St. Helen's Clifford Chambers** Holy Communion—Revd Jenny Rowland

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

## **SUNDAY July 17th Holy Trinity *8th Sunday after Trinity***

8.00am Holy Communion—Preacher Revd Nicki Chatterton

10.00am Parish Eucharist - Preacher Revd Nicki Chatterton

6.00pm - Choral Evensong—with Revd Patrick Taylor

**9.30am Holy Trinity@Rosebird**—with Revd Patrick Taylor & Phil Harper

**Parish Centre** 10.00am FAB

**St. Helen's Clifford Chambers**—Morning Worship, with Pauline Newbury

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

## **SUNDAY July 24th Holy Trinity *9th Sunday after Trinity***

8.00am Holy Communion —Revd Dr Stephen Bate

10.00am Food4thought—Preacher Mike Milburn

6.00pm Holy Communion BCP & Compline—with Revd Patrick Taylor

**Parish Centre** 10.00am FAB—with Phil Harper

**St.Helen's Clifford Chambers**—Traditional Holy Communion with Revd Patrick Taylor

**All Saints' Luddington**—Holy Communion—with Revd Nicki Chatterton

## **SUNDAY July 31st Holy Trinity *10th Sunday after Trinity***

8.00am Holy Communion —Revd Patrick Taylor

10.00am Whole Parish—Preacher Revd Patrick Taylor

6.00pm Healing—with Revd Margaret Sweet

**Parish Centre** 10.00am FAB—with Revd Nicki Chatterton

**St.Helen's Clifford Chambers**—At Holy Trinity

**All Saints' Luddington**—At Holy Trinity



# The Judith Dorricott Interview



Can you Guess who  
I'm Describing?

she married her childhood sweetheart from Junior School  
she was at ballet school in London, while doodlebugs droned overhead  
she was in the first performance of Cinderella at Covent Garden  
she once spent eighteen months without seeing her husband  
she has just celebrated sixty years of marriage.

Yes, of course, you have guessed. It's a few snippets from the life of the Reverend Margaret Sweet, one of our Honorary Priests.

Margaret and I met in her charming house in Old Town, where she was born, and where she has lived for many years. She attended Broad Street School and met her future husband Reginald Sweet there, but Margaret had a passion for ballet and, at the age of 11, she was awarded a scholarship by Dame Ninette de Valois to study at Sadlers Wells School (later to become the Royal Ballet) in London, following general subjects during the day and ballet classes in the evening. This was when Margaret was in the first performance of Frederick Ashton's ballet of Cinderella at Covent Garden. Margaret hoped to teach ballet as well as many other forms of dance including Ballroom and Latin American so she pursued this career in London.

But Reg, in the meantime, had run away to sea! He attended King Edward's School, and his family wanted him to go to Dartmouth Royal Naval College but he had other ideas. Despite their different locations, Margaret and Reg's long-term friendship grew, they became engaged, and then married in St Peter's Chapel at Holy Trinity Church on 31 March 1956.

Reg left the Navy so that he, together with Margaret, could go to Oxford to study theology at Ripon Hall. Life was not easy, especially with their new-born twins, Jonathan and Lynette, but they managed on a limited budget and Margaret remembers the great kindness of all those around them, with thoughtful neighbours offering them gifts - including sometimes newly-laid eggs.

Once Reg had completed his theological training, and been ordained at Coventry Cathedral, the family moved to the parish of Styvechale in Coventry where Reg was Curate for four years. On finishing his curacy, he returned to the Royal Navy as Chaplain, and while they were in Portsmouth, Margaret took a three-year Teacher Training Course in Chichester.



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A great excitement for them was when Reg was stationed in Singapore. After the hardship of not seeing his family for a year and a half, Margaret took the twins out to meet him in Singapore during the summer holidays. It must have been a wonderful family reunion!

However because of medical problems which Lynette had, Reg needed to take a break from the Royal Navy, so he became Rector of a group of parishes in Norfolk, as well as Chaplain at Riddlesworth Hall School. Here both he and Margaret taught the young Princess Diana, with Lynette also a pupil at the school. After five years Reg was able to return to the Royal Navy and Margaret continued her teaching, eventually reaching the position of Head at a School in Norfolk. Once their children's education was ended, Jonathan worked in both the Home Office and the Foreign Office while Lynette took Holy Orders and is now Chaplain of Risley Prison near Warrington. Margaret's house is full of photographs of the family, including many of her much-loved grand-daughter Lucy.



Photo: Hilary Newman

The Sweet family never retire! Reg is Master of The Hospital of St. Cross in Winchester and lives there part of the week, while of course Margaret has returned to her childhood home, and is an active honorary Parish Priest at Holy Trinity.

Her journey to the priesthood only started a decade or so ago. Coming from a family of staunch Holy Trinity members, and married to a Priest, it seems almost inevitable that Margaret should think of taking Holy Orders. She trained at St Stephen's House in Oxford for three years, where she was the first woman and non-resident accepted on the course. Her many duties at Holy Trinity Church include the daily service, assisting at Sunday services, home communion and care home communion, visits to parishioners in hospital, taking weddings and funeral services and leading our Quiet Days. This might seem a great many tasks for a lady who should have retired, but Margaret really enjoys her calling and sees it as a privilege to be involved in the ministry of the church. The amount of people who ask for Margaret by name suggests that it is the parishioners who find it a privilege having Margaret conduct their ceremonies.



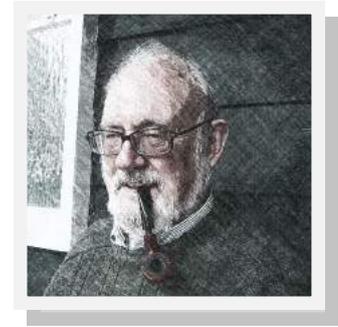
## Judith

*How would Margaret advise young people embarking on marriage? With her Christian faith at the fore, Margaret feels that tolerance is of great importance in marriage. Margaret's own tolerance and care for others is so evident that we, the parishioners, are honoured to have her in our midst.*

# Anthony Woollard's

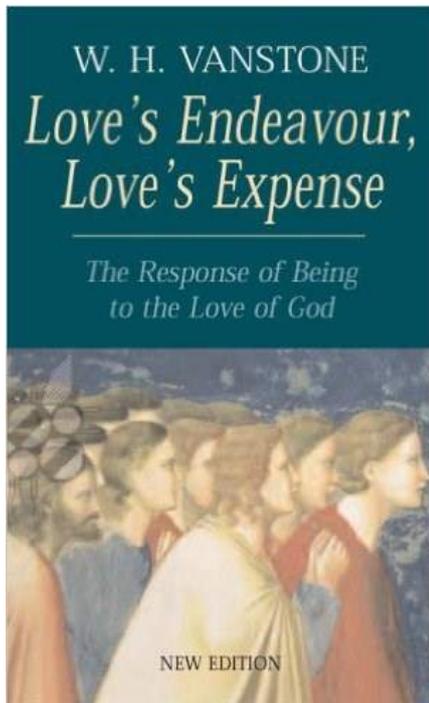
## Window on the World

"Being hurt and angry..."



By the time you read this we will know the result of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union. Whatever that result, some people will be hurt and angry, and convinced that "the wrong answer" has been reached. So many issues have been caught up in this debate, from the highest of international visions to the pettiest of domestic politics.

I wonder whether being hurt and angry is not just part of the human condition but becoming more so. Have we humans, over the past century or two, become more and more confident that we can find "the right answer" to everything, from how to cure a cold to how to run a country? And are we now discovering that life is not quite like that? And is that what makes us hurt and angry? Could this even be one explanation for why so many seem to have turned away from Christianity, disillusioned by a faith which rarely seems to deliver "the right answer"?



Some readers may remember a remarkable book called *Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense* by the late Canon Bill Vanstone. In his ministry he struggled to find out how God was at work in the world, and found some of the usual answers unconvincing. The one day, in his urban parish, he saw two boys struggling to make a garden on a piece of waste land. He saw how they did not work from a blueprint or try to impose "the right answer". They wrestled with the material to hand, with a lot of trial and error. And finally there emerged something beautiful. And he meditated on how, even if "the material to hand" all ultimately comes from God, God too is working with the situation on the ground, struggling painfully and at infinite cost to make it good and beautiful. Not imposing a blueprint. Not waving a wand. Not pulling strings like a puppet-master. But wrestling in painful love with what is to hand, even (dare we say) working by trial and error at times, and at last finding – not "the right answer" but an answer which works.

For me, this applies to everyday practical issues as much as to the life of the Spirit. It is relevant to the ongoing struggle for a truly just and fulfilling common life for the nations of Europe. It is relevant to local planning controversies, such as the debate about Long Marston housing and the proposed southern relief road, or about the idea of a new community at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath.

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We must begin by admitting our own pain, and the pain of others, in the dilemmas we face, whether locally, nationally or internationally. Then go on and search our motives for those feelings, which will invariably be very mixed. And, finally, try to find out what costly love might mean in those situations, and how we can apply it to reach some kind of an answer.

We may well get it wrong, just like those wicked Brussels bureaucrats or those evil town planners. That is human nature. *Twelfth Night* – as we will surely be reminded this month – is a play about confusions in identity and in love, where everyone manages to get everything wrong. And then something comes right, and we are surprised by joy.

And underneath it all:

*Thou art God; no monarch thou  
Throned in easy state to reign.  
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Preheat the oven to 160C/350F/gas mark 4. Line a 2lb loaf tin or a 15-18cm cake tin with baking parchment.

Beat all the cake ingredients together until smooth, then scrape the mix into the tin. Bake for about an hour, covering the cake after 40 minutes if it gets too dark.

Mix the syrup ingredients together. While the cake is still warm, still in the tin, prick it all over with a skewer. Pour over the syrup. Leave to cool in the tin before serving.



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# Civic Sunday 2016

Dr Roy Lodge



The civic service held in many parish churches, generally at the start of the new Municipal or Mayoral year, provides an opportunity for the celebration in thanksgiving, penitence and prayer for the well-being of the local community.

It is 18 years since the Mayor Cllr Juliet Short and I entered local politics at the same time largely influenced and invited to do so by her late Uncle, Cllr Fred Parrot, who was a giant of a political figure in these parts as a former Mayor, Alderman and Chairman of the County and District councils and who would have been so proud to have seen his niece taking on the Mayoral office for the second time.

It gives me great pleasure to be her Chaplain for this ensuing year and to thank the Reverend Patrick Taylor for allowing me to give this civic address.

The Mayor, whatever her own personal beliefs, stands for two component parts which are essential ingredients in what the New Testament calls the Kingdom of God.

These two components are the spirit of service and the spirit of unity.

During her year of office the Mayor will be called upon to put herself unceasingly at the disposal of the community – presiding, inspecting, welcoming, opening, advising, listening, reconciling, encouraging, and bringing strength and recognition to that great army of organisations and individuals who themselves are motivated by the spirit of service to others.

I dare to say that the Mayor is deemed to be the chief citizen in our community because she is ready to be the chief servant of our community.

Service, then, and unity are the two marks and the two objectives of the great civic office we celebrated in this act of worship on Civic Sunday. That involves, for some, public service and local government, which is not an easy option.

Councillors subject themselves to criticism, vilification and mis-representation when trying to interpret the mind of the community in achieving what is thought to be in the best interests of the common good.

Public service and Local Government is often demanding and complex, sometimes boring: it can be rather messy, involving inevitable compromises, settling for less than the best.

So it is right that at the beginning of another municipal year we should pray God's blessing on the work of the Mayor, the Councillors and officers, and pledge them whatever support and co-operation we can give them to aid them in their task.

The Mayor read for us from the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, a passage which might be called "...guide lines for Christian living.", that applies to all of us.

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Paul begins. “ I implore you by God’s mercy to offer your very selves to him...”

This phrase: “Your very selves”, refers to the whole me, the whole you; but more than that, it also means your whole selves in relationship with other selves and with your environment – your whole selves in community.

As the church of the Holy Trinity today is your patronal festival, and at the heart of our understanding of God, is something profound about relationships.

The chief lesson of the Holy Trinity is that if God is essentially relational, then all beings share in relation.

There is a relational content built into the notion of being. To be - is to exist in relation to other beings.

“Present your whole selves in community, in all your relationships” – and that for us must include the Town in which we live.

It is sometimes said that the Church should not meddle in politics, or that religion should not get mixed up in politics. That statement is at best misleading, at worse sheer nonsense.

We appeal to the derivation of our word, ‘politics’.

It comes from the Greek word ‘polis’ which simply means ‘city’.

So politics, properly understood concerns everything connected with ourselves as citizens, ourselves – in community, as members of society, with all its social, economic and administrative structures.

All these go to make up our “very selves” – in community.

There is no such thing as an individual in isolation.

The atheist philosopher Anthony Grayling famously challenged Christians to accept what he called the principles of secularism, whereby “religious observance is a private affair, wholly separated from the public and political domains.”

Christian commitment cannot be simply personal.

Groups such as Street Pastors, Peace Alliance, Faithworks, Holy Trinity in the Community, are among many that take seriously the implications of Christian commitment.

Any former separatist mentality has given way to partnership with voluntary agencies, local authorities, the police, civic leaders, and others.

The result has been a host of creative projects that address many of the biggest problems of city life.

Sorry, Professor Grayling, there can be no separation. Christianity has a vital part to play in our pluralist world. Religious faith is integral to civic life.

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Christianity will not be imprisoned in the vestry: the Christian religion is social or it is nothing.

How is it possible to fulfil one's duty to God and one's fellow men and women if one avoids any engagement in debates about the use of political power and the nature of our economic responsibilities towards our neighbours and our fellow human beings around the world?

The Churches Together in Stratford are to be commended for convening the public debate in this church on our membership and relationship with Europe.

The work we do for a living, the firm or office which employs us, the family around us, the school at which we were educated, or have our children educated, the kind of house we occupy, the sort of district we live in, the amenities provided by the local authorities, - all these things effect radically the kind of people we are or are becoming.

Therefore the God of all life must himself be concerned with all that relates to the life of our villages, towns and cities: that is, with politics.

Those who serve on Stratford's Town Council at present do so; I believe at a time of special opportunity.

The seizing of that opportunity must be on the basis of hope, and hope must be accompanied by patience.

The people of Stratford-upon-Avon I believe are anxious that their town should be developed in way that is in keeping with its history and such as will preserve its particular character.

They also I believe, look with confidence to their councillors to exercise a sensitive and responsible leadership in matters which affect the Towns future.

It is also much to be desired that its citizens too will continue to play a full part in the political life of the town and in consultations relating to the Neighbourhood Development Plan and in voting for its adoption in the very near future.

So let us hope that future visitors to Stratford and its residents will thank this generation for what they did to preserve and enhance the town just as we thank those who made it what it is today, the greatest of Britain's market towns, a theatrical centre of international renown, a great place to live and work; a town of beautiful buildings and open spaces in an unparalleled setting by the Avon, forever associated with our greatest dramatist.

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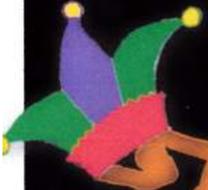
## Trinity Tots

For the under 5s



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# *Twelfth Night*

Text by  
Nicki Chatterton

*in Holy Trinity Church,  
Stratford-upon-Avon*

*Tues 12<sup>th</sup>, Wed 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> &  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016*



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# HOWLERS!

Compiled by Pat Pilton

My Granddaughter Charlotte, aged 7, had been naughty and sent to her room. Her mother went up a few minutes later to explain why she had taken this step. On the door handle was a notice "Do not disturb, upset child." *Daily Mail letter*

## SIGN of the TIMES

Notice spotted in a York launderette: "When the light goes out, please remove all your clothes."

*Radio 4's News Quiz*

## TV listing from the Daily Telegraph

**BBC 2, 9pm: Tribes, Predators and Me. A programme in which Gordon Buchanan learns to hunt crocodiles with his bare hands. Last of the series.**

Apologies to the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Chiswick. In our *Church Notes* last week, we stated that the church had observed a day of prayer and feasting. This should have read "a day of prayer and fasting."

*Brentford and Chiswick Times*

**Correction: In a caption in last night's Evening Gazette, Dorothy Duffney, conductor of the Cleveland Musical Society, was described as Mrs Vera Beadle. She is, of course, Mrs. K Atkinson of Hartburn Lane, Stockton.**

*Private Eye*

## School days remembered by readers of The Times:

Report on the son of a professor of mathematics: "Not up to pa." Another head teacher penned this report: "I have spent more time on X's homework than he has." While a reader in Northumberland recalled the final prep school report he received which said: "Charles Smith slept here!"



Officer sternly to Private Smithers: "I didn't see you at camouflage practice last night." Private Smithers: "Thank you, Sir."

**It's really not much fun being a wind-up merchant in a digital age.**

So I went in to a pet shop. I said, "Can I buy a goldfish?" The guy said, "Do you want an aquarium?" I said, "I don't care what star sign it is." *Tim Vine*

**"I'm very good friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know why."** *Chris Turner*

Another former member of the Holy Trinity community ordained!  
David Banbury's daughter, Ruth, is ordained at York Minster, Sunday 3rd July



What a happy day! We were blessed with our family, friends, the wonderful service, the seating arrangements (because the York Mystery Plays had only just finished York Minster had tiered stage seating and a stage to conduct the Ordination on. Everyone had a brilliant view!) the weather, the food and the prayers of friends far and wide. TWO Reverend Banburys – oh my!

Kathryn Banbury

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### MUSIC FOR JULY 2016

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Thomas the Apostle*

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##### 10am Parish Eucharist

*Motet:* Whitbourn *Give us the wings of faith*  
*Voluntary:* Bach *Prelude in b minor BWV 544i*

HOAN 511 173 (t.265)  
HOAN 514 (t.354) 294 352

##### 6pm Choral Evensong

*Introit:* Rutter *God be in my head*  
*Responses:* Radcliffe; Naylor  
*Canticles:* Noble *in b*  
*Anthem:* Whitbourn *Give us the wings of faith*  
*Voluntary:* Boëllmann *Toccata from Suite Gothique*

408 225 436  
Psalm 139

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

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##### 6pm Choral Evensong at the Guild Chapel, 6pm

*Introit:* Cook *Fear no more the heat o' the sun*  
*Responses:* Shepherd; Wilson  
*Canticles:* Howells *Collegium Regale*  
*Anthem:* Ireland *Greater love*  
*Voluntary:* Bruhns *Fugue in g minor*

336 373  
Psalm 145

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – *River Serenade*

*featuring Purcell's Dido and Aeneas*

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**From 7.30pm, Holy Trinity Church riverside, free entry**

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – *the seventh Sunday after Trinity*

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##### 10am Parish Eucharist

*Motet:* Ireland *Greater love*  
*Voluntary:* Ireland *Capriccio*

HOAN 249 374  
HOAN 32 445 HOAN 409

##### 6pm Festal Choral Evensong

*Introit:* Stopford *William Shakespeare 1616-2016*  
*Responses:* Shepherd; Wilson  
*Canticles:* Howells *Collegium Regale*  
*Anthem:* Ireland *Greater love*  
*Motet:* Cook *Fear no more the heat o' the sun*  
*Voluntary:* Langlais *Te deum*

336 372 373  
Psalm 77

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# Readings for July

## Compiled

### By John Cohen

#### Readings for Holy Trinity Stratford-upon-Avon, All Saints Luddington & St Helens Clifford Chambers

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> July                      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Thomas the Apostle

8.00 & 10.00 am	6.00 pm Choral Evensong	
Ephesians ch.2 v.19-end	Job ch.42 v.1-6	Psalm 139
John ch.20 v.24-29	1 Peter ch.1 v.3-12	

#### 10<sup>th</sup> July                      7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00 & 10.00 am	6.00 pm	
Colossians ch.1 v.1-14	Genesis ch.32 v.9-30	Psalm 77 v.1-12
Luke ch.10 v.25-37	Mark Ch.7 v.1-23	

#### 17<sup>th</sup> July                      8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00 & 10.00 am	6.00 pm Choral Evensong	
Colossians ch.1 v.15-28	Genesis ch.41 v.1-16, 25-37	Psalm 81
Luke ch.10 v.38-end	1 Corinthians ch.4 v.8-13	

#### 24<sup>th</sup> July                      9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00 [10.00 am TBA]	6.00 pm BCP Communion	
Colossians ch.2 v.6-15	Colossians ch.2 v.6-15	
Luke ch.11 v.1-13	Luke ch.11 v.1-13	

#### 31<sup>st</sup> July                      10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00 & 10.00 am	6.00 pm Healing Service	
Colossians ch.3 v.1-11	Readings to be arranged	
Luke ch.12 v.13-21		

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## Trinity Ladies Fellowship

Unfortunately Anne Morris could not be with us for our June meeting. The Revd Diane Patterson led us in prayer.

Anne missed a brilliant talk given by Mr. David Howe, a retired County Education Inspector. David told us tales of his time as an inspector. How he would sit in the classroom with the children trying to understand what the teacher was getting at. In one math's lesson for younger children the teacher asked "If 10 flies landed on your desk and you swatted 1 how many would be left"? A boy answered none. Not the answer the teacher wanted but David could see the logic in the boys answer and thought the boy had the right answer! He assured us that Primary schools still teach Tables and have Spelling tests although sometimes the words the children have to learn are not ones they have any use for in their everyday language. For instance one word to be learnt was 'Kiosk' not a word we hear much of today and none of the children knew what a kiosk was, and yet many of the children in that class could not spell the word 'once'. He thought that should have been in the spelling test! He also told us of famous people who went to school in Stratford, such as Gordon Ramsey who attended Stratford High School, and Sebastian Coe who attended Bridgetown School. In one school sports day Seb Coe came 3<sup>rd</sup> in a race, proving that you cannot always tell who is going to make something of their lives when they are very young. We all enjoyed the talk so much we have asked him to come back in the future. Anne had made a cake for us to celebrate the Queen's birthday, and at the end of the meeting David Howe cut the cake and we all sang Happy Birthday to Her Majesty.

In July we are visiting the Stratford Garden Centre. If you can give anyone a lift please meet at the Parish Hall by 2 p.m. at the latest.

Gina Lodge



### Click & Chatter

Do you enjoy knitting or other handicrafts? Would you like to join with others, doing the same thing? Come to the Parish Lounge, Holy Trinity Church Parish Centre, Old Town, on the 3rd Friday of each month, except December, between 2.15pm and 3.45pm. In May and November there is a Bring & Share lunch so the meetings begin at 1.00pm. **Next Meeting July 15th.**

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#### SOLUTION TO NAUTICAL CROSSWORD

**ACROSS** 1 Aground. 5 Cubicle. 9 Idled. 10 Chartered. 11 Skerry. 12 Steerage. 14 Issue 15 Landmarks 18 Stillness. 20 Icing. 22 Headwind. 24 Absent. 26 Agitation. 27 Arena. 28 Therein. 29 Sledged. **DOWN** 1 Amidships. 2 Rollers. 3 Underseal. 4 Deck. 5 Craftiness. 6 Bathe. 7 Corsair. 8 Endue. 13 Blue Ensign. 16 Mainbrace. 17 Sight land. 21 Iceberg. 22 Heart. 23 Whale. 25 Ants



# Ed Mulryne's Page...



This week my article will be about horses. You all say it'll never work. I say neigh.

Horses are large animals with four legs and two nostrils. Many people like to ride horses and compete in horse riding events. They are noble, powerful creatures who, while not indigenous to this country, inhabit many areas of British life and culture. From a young age I have spent most of my time in the company of horses. I feel more comfortable around them than I do around humans. When I grow up, I want to groom horses professionally because horses are my passion, and also I think it's a stable profession – ho ho. One of the most important things about owning a horse is being able to groom it. When I groom I use three things – a brush, a meat hook and lots of boot polish. I use the brush to brush dead flies and dirt from the horse and I use the meat hook to pick the horse's hooves. Naturally, all horses are actually pink, so I use the boot polish to cover this up. \*

One of the most famous uses of the horse in popular culture is in the franchise My Little Pony. Beginning in 1983 and continuing to this day, the My Little Pony brand comprises toys, TV shows, films and more. In 2013, My Little Pony grossed 650 million US dollars worldwide. My favourite incarnation of the franchise is the TV series 'My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic', which began in 2010. I like it so much because it uses the trials and tribulations of the ostensibly cute and fun-loving ponies to chart the rises and falls of the human condition. Whenever I feel discouraged or depressed, it's the thought of the determination and audacity of the ponies that keeps me going. The programme is a work of art that I think should be studied as its own A Level. My favourite character in the series is Twilight Sparkle. I see a lot of myself in her; her attitude to life mirrors my own. She is also pink and purple, which are my favourite colours.

Many people assume that, because they are so large, horses are unable to participate in sporting events which require more flexibility and agility, such as gymnastics, hurdles or line dancing. These people are wrong. Horses are perfectly able to do all of this and more. The reason the public have never seen horses taking part in such events is linked to a conspiracy set up by Henry VIII to discredit horses. Why did he do such a thing? Well, there is some debate among historians regarding his true motives, but the consensus seems to be that Henry felt jealous of their abilities. There even exists testimony from Cardinal Wolsey saying that he used to wander through Hampton Court on all fours 'emitting all the noises expected of an ass', much to Wolsey's consternation.

So there you have it. I do believe I have done the great animals justice. I didn't even have to be reined in.



*\*This is, of course, a trade secret and I ask that "mum's the word" as they say!*



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## July 1916

# The Battle of the Somme

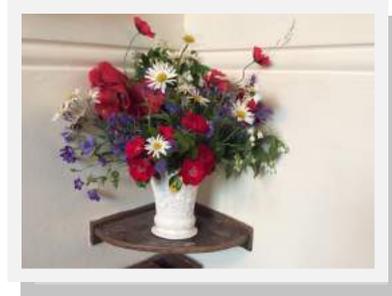
The darkness crumbles away.  
It is the same old druid Time as ever,  
Only a live thing leaps my hand,  
A queer sardonic rat,  
As I pull the parapet's poppy  
To stick behind my ear.  
Droll rat, they would shoot you if they knew  
Your cosmopolitan sympathies.  
Now you have touched this English hand  
You will do the same to a German...

*Isaac Rosenberg*



# St Helen's Clifford Chambers

## Angela Wylam Writes...



### A WEEKEND CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Food, flowers and bunting in red, white and blue: Clifford celebrated the Queen's Official Birthday in the traditional style we're most comfortable with. Fine and dry, Friday got the weekend off to a flying start with Clifford Club's well-attended pig-roast. Villagers and guests of all ages enjoyed the entertainment provided by Chuckle Truck.

Sunday's events were fortunately indoors: at St Helen's the Reverend Diane Patterson's illustrated highlights of the Queen's life were spiced-up with reminiscences from people who'd actually slept on the wet London pavements for the coronation in 1953.

By 12.30pm some tempting culinary creations were being carried into the Jubilee Hall (opened in 1935 for the Jubilee of King George V) and the Bring and Share Lunch was getting under way. As a community Clifford really knows how to put on a show: a small group (not always the same group) beavers away in the background and sure enough everyone else throws themselves into the spirit of the thing and makes it a huge success. The lunch was funded this time by Clifford Charities (Rev. Patrick Taylor is a Trustee) in recognition of our benefactor Thomas Jackson, reviving a tradition whereby St Thomas' Day was celebrated in the village in days gone by.

The day was rounded-off by a celebratory ring of the church bells by local ringers.



# All Saints' Luddington

## Jane Beeley Writes...

### Luddington Fete—July 24th



The weather cleared just in time for the Queen's Birthday Barn Dance and BBQ on the Village Green at the beginning of June. A well organized, fun event.

The village is now getting ready for the main Village Fund event of the year: The Luddington Fete on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July. This will be followed in August with the Luddington Flower Show so if you have any entries please bring them along to the Village Hall before 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, or come and view the display in the afternoon.

Ludflick Film Club is proving popular with some great films. The next will be shown on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. For more information call Sue Brayshay 750674.



## Film Night

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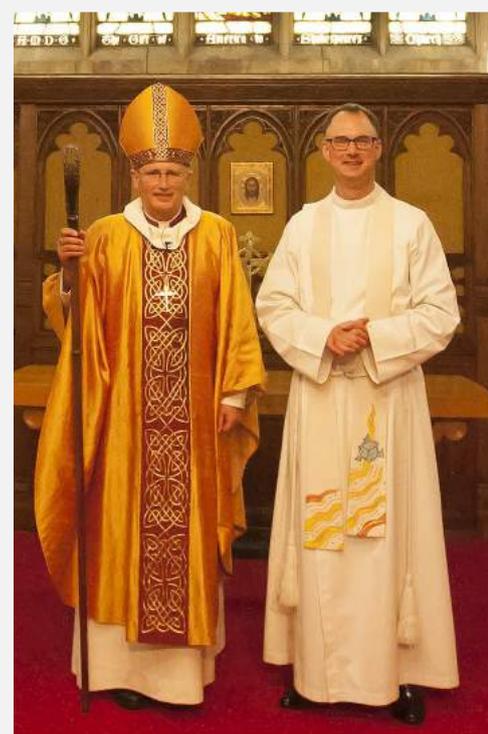


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# Bishop Christopher Re-Dedicates Holy Trinity's St. Peter's Chapel

*"A place of prayer, a place of healing."*



It was the day for Holy Trinity to "count its blessings" as, with the Bishop of Coventry, the church celebrated the old, the new – and the young!

The Right Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth came to Stratford on June 19 to preside over and preach at a special Parish Eucharist. During the service he re-dedicated the stunningly restored 13<sup>th</sup> Century St. Peter's Chapel; blessed the new £550,000 South Side extension and took time, too, to greet and bless the growing band of young people recently admitted to receive Holy Communion.

Work to refurbish the 13<sup>th</sup> Century St Peter's Chapel, close to William Shakespeare's grave, began in January last year. It has created a light, uncluttered and welcoming sacred space and exposed a magnificent stained glass window depicting Christopher Columbus, Quaker William Penn and other early settlers. The window, funded in America, was previously partly obscured behind the old clergy vestry.

Originally dedicated as a First World War memorial, St. Peter's incorporates a plaque remembering members of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Company (today's RSC) who died in that conflict. The church's daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer will now take place in the chapel, which will also be used for smaller weddings, renewal of wedding vows, healing ministry and private reflection and prayer.

The South Side extension -- the first major addition to Holy Trinity in 500 years -- has been tastefully designed to blend in with the Grade One listed building and is constructed of Cotswold stone. It houses a new clergy vestry, space for storage -- and much needed toilet facilities both for the congregation and audiences to the many concerts and community events held in Holy Trinity.

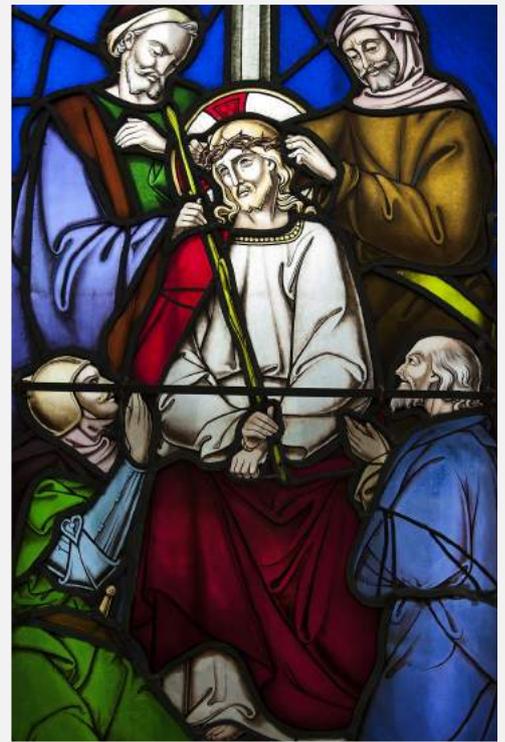
In his re-dedication of St. Peter's, Bishop Christopher prayed: "Almighty God we dedicate this chapel afresh to your service and for your glory. May it be a place of prayer... a place of healing... a place where your people may be built into a living temple to the praise of your glory."

In his introduction to the Order of Service, the Revd Patrick Taylor, wrote: "The chapel now resembles the way it looked when dedicated as a memorial to the fallen of the First World War, in 1920. It is the spiritual heart of the church, where the sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved in the aumbry which was previously hidden."

Of the South Side extension, the Vicar said: “The completion of toilet facilities and a new vestry mark the fulfilment of an aspiration Holy Trinity Church has held for many years. They make a major contribution to helping fulfil one of our core values of hospitality.”

Professor Ronnie Mulryne, chairman of the Friends of Shakespeare’s Church, which has raised £50,000 towards the chapel, said: “This is a proud day for the Friends. We have almost completed our fundraising for the interior of St. Peter’s, though we shall now have to take on – with the Parochial Church Council – the even more costly task of raising funds to repair the exterior.

“ Children in the parish are now able to meet and receive Jesus Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion before they are confirmed.”



The visit of Bishop Christopher was a special one, too, for the growing number of young families who regularly attend our Faith at Breakfast junior church.

In May, at a special First Communion Service, 16 young people were admitted to receive the Eucharist ahead of them being confirmed, and during the service of re-dedication, the Bishop took time to greet and bless those children. After the service he spent an enjoyable time talking and joking with them and posing for photos. One, Georgie Poulten, even dressed for the part—see *cover photo*.

Children in the parish are now able to meet and receive Jesus Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion before they are confirmed. In an introduction to the Order of Service, the Bishop and Patrick wrote: “Holy Trinity is a church for all people of all ages and this is expressed today by the blessing of children admitted to receive Holy Communion last month. Holy Trinity is a church on the move and today we celebrate all that God has done for us.”

Report  
Pat Pilton

Photos  
Harry Lomax



# Ronald (Ron) Offord

April 1923-May 2016

## An Obituary

*Teresa Cooper*



Ron has been a regular member of Holy Trinity Church since 1983. He was a Sides-man but has been unable to attend church in recent years because of ill-health.

A good, trustworthy, gentle man who lived his life, according to strong Christian values, which he shared with 'Rebecca', his wife of 40 years.

Technically a Cockney he was born within the sound of Bow bells! Son of a policeman, he was one of 4 children. A conscientious scholar, at the highly regarded William Ellis School.

Aged 14 he remembered fondly going to see the Coronation of George V1th.

Ron wanted to be a pilot and joined the Royal Air Force in 1942

Amazingly, one of his first postings was Stratford-Upon-Avon, staying, at what is now, Marks and Spencer.

He gained his wings having completed his training in Canada. Then he served in the Middle East, where he flew Blenheims, Wellingtons, Liberators and a Dakota.

Like many of his generation, he talked little about his exploits, or the hardships and challenges of war. They were the generation who "Just got on with things!"

Post- war Ron worked in Brentford, West London (starting salary £6) where he studied to qualify as an accountant.

Ron married Ella in 1953 and they lived in Hounslow and had two children Stephen and Marion. Ron and Stephen, represented the church choir, at prestigious venues like St. Paul's Cathedral and the Chapel Royal Windsor.

Sadly, Ron's wife and his Father died within a day of each other in 1973. A very difficult time for Ron and his family.

In 1975 Ron married Ella Rebecca and in 1983 relocated to Stratford-upon-Avon (Swallow Close) to be closer to Ella Rebecca's family.

Ella Rebecca was always 'Rebecca' to Ron.

Retirement saw both Ron and Rebecca indulge their shared love of gardening. The highlight was winning a prize in 'Stratford in Bloom'.

Keen on photography, and a member of Stratford Photographic Club, Ron also embraced modern technology, by attending computer classes.



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In later years, quieter pursuits like crosswords, reading and music were enjoyed.

Rather reluctantly, in 2015, Ron and Rebecca moved into the Stratford Bentley where Ron received the utmost care. They were beginning to feel more settled, when sadly Ron died.

Throughout his long life Ron faced many set-backs with resilience, courage and fortitude sustained by love and support from family and neighbours.



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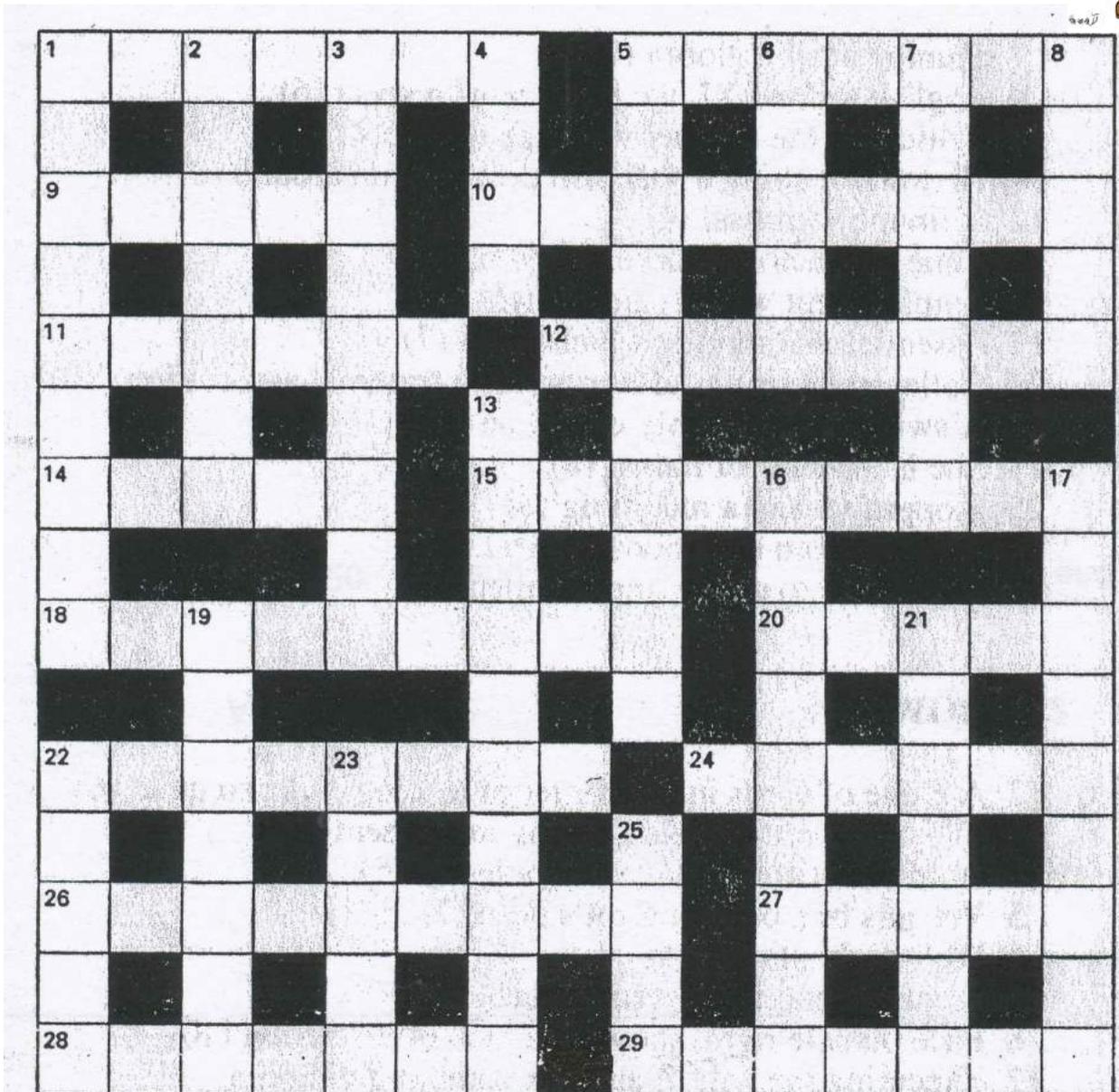
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# A NAUTICAL CROSSWORD FOR SEA SUNDAY (12<sup>TH</sup> JULY)



**ACROSS** 1 Nautically stuck (7). 5 Captain's cubbyhole (7)? 9 What the ship did when the wind dropped (5) . 10 Ship borrowed (9). 11 Reef (6). 12 Lowest sea-fare (8). 14 Problem (5). 15 Shore features (9). 18 Cause of becalming (9). 20 Winter topping (5). 22 Progress deterrent (8). 24 Elsewhere (6). 26 Turbulence (9). 27 Scene of action (5). 28 Internally (7) 29 How ships crossed a land strip (7)

**DOWN** 1 Between bow and stern (9) . 2 Breaking waves (7). 3 Hull protection (9). 4 Platform (4). 5 Guile (10). 6 Sea dip (5). 7 Pirate (7) 8 Invest (5). 13 Naval Reserve flag (4,6). 16 Spliced for celebration (9). 17 What the weary seafarer longs to do (5,4). 19 Envisage (7). 21 Atlantic hazard (7). 22 Core (5). 23 Cetacean (5). 25 Proverbial workaholics (4).

Compiled by Revd David Ellis



## A Life in the Week of The Great Fire of London Remembered...

An Evening with Samuel Pepys

June 2016

by Hilary Newman

Our 'Great Fire' adventure began in early Spring, when Steve received a request (*quite out of the blue!*) to write and perform a play commemorating The Great Fire of London for The Worshipful Company of Bakers, one of the oldest of the City of London's livery companies, and in one of whose baker's shops (*the King's, no less!*) the fire is purported to have begun!

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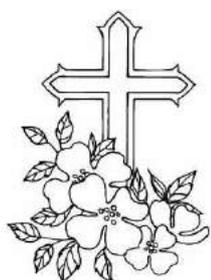


### Baptisms

**June** 12th Darcy Mitchell  
Gracie Slade  
Cobie Geoghegan  
26th Ava Osborne  
Samuel Tanqueray

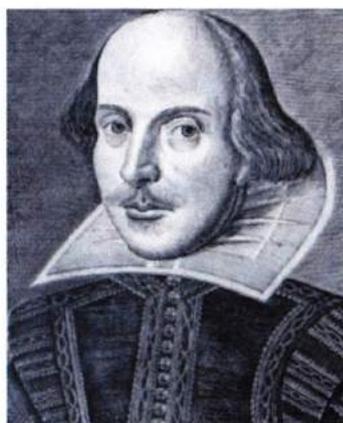
**June** 4th Nicholas Thompson and Katherine Waite  
(at Luddington)  
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### Weddings



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## From the Hammersmith Palais to the Guild Chapel via Alderminster

Leslie and Rose Hamilton Talk to Judith Dorricott



A second couple in Stratford celebrated a milestone in their marriage last month, also receiving a congratulations card from Her Majesty The Queen. This time the honours went to Leslie and Rose Hamilton who marked sixty-five years of marriage on Monday 6 June.

Leslie and Rose have been regular members of the Holy Trinity congregation since their arrival in Stratford over forty years ago, although they now worship at the Guild Chapel where the timing of Holy Communion suits them better. Leslie tells me that they have always been church-goers, although Rose is quick to point out that she was brought up in the East End of London within the Orthodox Jewish tradition, and one of her grandfathers was a Rabbi. She explains that she has not converted from Judaism, but has simply progressed in her religious faith, reminding me that John the Baptist was a Jew.

So, how did this warm and affectionate couple meet so many years ago? Leslie is originally from Southampton where he attended a Roman Catholic Grammar School, and then joined the Merchant Navy as a Marine Engineer Officer. Rose was training to be a nurse at the West Middlesex Hospital in London and they met at the Hammersmith Palais. Leslie asked Rose to dance and she accepted, although he told me, with a twinkle in his eye, that she wasn't a very good dancer! Three years later their romance culminated in a wedding, despite the fact that Leslie had spent much of the intervening time at sea. A Southampton lad born and bred, he tells me he has salt in his veins.

Leslie had been working on large marine turbines, and shortly after their marriage they moved to the Midlands where he was employed by Lucas Aerospace, often working on large Rolls Royce turbines. Their first family home was in Wythall, where their two children David and Anne were born. When Leslie, as a Chartered Engineer, was seconded to the Honiley Research and Development, they bought their house in Stratford. They still live there, and their home is full of happy photographs of their children and grandchildren - as well as many bouquets of flowers celebrating this special anniversary.

Their son and daughter attended Kineton High School, and they have both excelled in their chosen careers. Anne is now Director of NHS London, while David is a landscape architect and environmentalist. By a strange coincidence, Anne married Andrew, whose father was a Vicar in Long Compton, while David married Janine, who is the daughter of a Vicar in Northamptonshire. Anne's husband Andrew is a Barrister and Janine, David's wife, is a micro-chemical engineer, so they are justly proud of the attainments of all their closely-knit family. Leslie and Rose have two teenage granddaughters, Bethany and Joanna - so who knows what these girls will achieve!

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Rose initially found it hard to settle in the Midlands, used as she was to the vibrancy of London with its great choice of theatres and cinemas. However she has always felt very strongly about nuclear disarmament, and since the 1960's she has been involved in the CND protests. She even took David, as a toddler in his buggy, with her to Aldermaston, marching alongside Bertram Russell. She found plenty to talk about with this famous nuclear disarmament campaigner!

The family were keen campers and travelled around Europe for many years, but after Leslie's retirement they travelled in more luxury, visiting such far-flung places as India, China and America. Closer to home, Leslie has long enjoyed his garden, while Rose is renowned as an excellent cook.

The Hamilton's house emanates happiness and laughter, and the affection shown by both Rose and Leslie, not only for each other but also for their wider family, is palpable. I ask if the secret of sixty-five years of marriage is tolerance? Rose agrees but Leslie says their marriage has lasted because it has never been boring. He never knew what Rose would do next.



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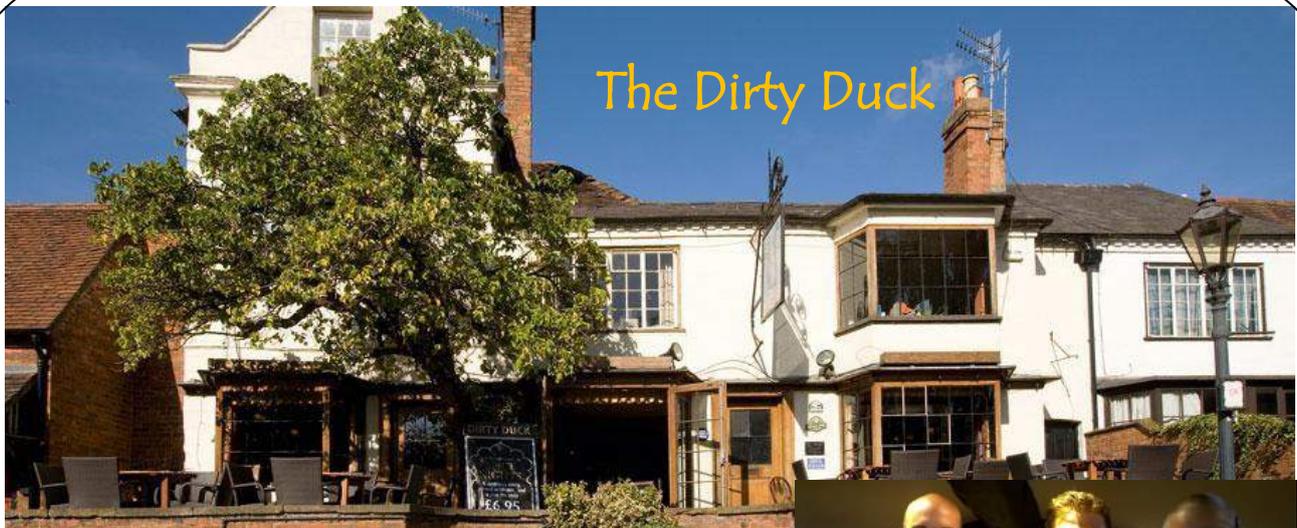
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