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# Worship Notes For November



Sunday 5th November

We celebrate All Saints' Day in the morning which is the Patronal Festival for Luddington.

At 6pm our focus turns to *All Souls-tide*, with a **Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving in Loving Memory of the Departed** at Holy Trinity. The names of those we wish to remember are read out at this moving service, which includes music from the Requiem by Lassus.

The choir will also be singing at a similar service for the departed at St. Helen's on 19th November at 6pm (note there is no 9.15am service that day).

## New arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, 12th November

As I hope you are already aware, there is a new arrangement for our Remembrance services this year. The Civic service in church will take place at 10am, i.e. **before** the Act of Remembrance in the Garden of Remembrance. The service in church will therefore be a little shorter, but we have extended the service in the Garden to compensate for this.

I would like to encourage parishioners to come and participate in the service in the church as well as the Garden in order to witness to the fact that the Gospel of Jesus is relevant to the people of our town and the world today. We also have the opportunity to offer hospitality to those in the Garden as we shall be serving coffee in the Parish Centre after the Act of Remembrance, which we've not done before.

Due to access issues there will be no FAB on this day.

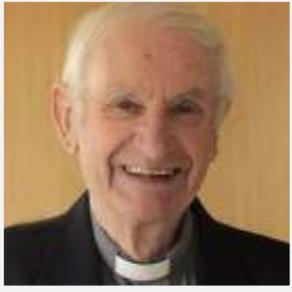
At 6pm we shall celebrate the Parish Eucharist at Holy Trinity.

At All Saints' there is a 9.15am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist and at St. Helen's a special service starting at the war memorial at 10.45am.

**26<sup>th</sup> November is the feast of Christ the King**, the last Sunday of the church year. The 10am service at Holy Trinity is Food4thought where we conclude our series of sermons looking at what we do when we celebrate the Eucharist and how it can make a difference in our lives.

**A date for your diary for December** - 6pm on **3rd December** is the **Advent Carol Service** followed by mulled wine. Not to be missed!

Patrick



# SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS



Revd. David Ellis

## Christ in the Battlefield

One hundred years ago my father, Norman, was a prisoner of war in Germany. He had served as a dispatch rider with the Royal Engineers, sometimes ferrying the army's top brass from HQ to the front in his sidecar. I still treasure the fragile map which he carried to help him find a tortuous route between shell holes where roads were unrecognisable. More than once he was hurled from his bike by shells which landed very close and would lie in a muddy hole for hours waiting for the bombardment to cease.

A strange feature of the battlefields was that, where most buildings were flattened, wayside crucifixes survived as stark figures on the devastated landscape. The chalked arms of the cross acted as direction indicators and they were also used as supports for telephone cables bearing communications to and from HQ. There must be a parable in that! In 1917 an army officer wrote to the *Church Times* confessing that when he had been tempted to desert he stumbled through the mist upon a crucifix which moved him to pray, 'How could I then desert these villagers when thou did'st not desert me?'



One dark night as the Battle of the Somme raged a shell burst very close and Norman felt a sharp pain in his face before losing consciousness. He woke in a field hospital with an agony surpassing all toothaches as a piece of shrapnel had penetrated through to his mouth.

But the deeper pain was his awareness that of the 250 comrades with whom he had trained only 13 survived. He was brought back to the Deva Hospital at Chester. The wound left a hollow in his face which as a child I would finger and ask him what it was. After six months he was back on the front line which had now shifted to Ypres. On 26<sup>th</sup> June 1917 the Germans launched a surprise attack in dense fog. As the horrendous mêlée of hand-to-hand-fighting died away Norman and his mates realised that they were lost behind enemy lines. Hands raised and dispirited they were marched away and transported deep into the heart of Germany, to the district of Hilschenbach, which during the 1914-18 war accommodated 50,000 British and French prisoners.



Some years ago Barbara and I camped near Arras, much associated with the Somme. The wayside crucifixes are still there. We visited the British Cemetery at Happy Valley with its rows of white headstones facing the rising sun, so many of them inscribed 'Known only to God', my father's comrades. We moved on to camp near the Lützel munitions factory in Germany where my father was marched to work, shovelling 40 tons of coke a day to fire furnaces for the fashioning of shells. Today the factory makes tin foil. I treasure a fragile note which simply reads, 'To dear Norman on the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his birthday with hearty congratulations and good wishes from his two aunties E & M.' - the only commemoration of his coming of age. Not that the prisoners were badly treated. They formed their own brass band with home-made instruments and they learnt some German.

The prisoners exchanged photographs and postcards of Lützel, a village half-timbered in black and white like the old buildings of Stratford. When we showed them to folk in Lützel they were euphoric. We were greeted with great kindness and sat in silence for a while in the little Lützel church where a beautiful tapestry quotes the words of Acts 2.42. 'Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of the people.' It spoke to us deeply of the healing of that brutal rift between two great Christian nations.

The godless horror of that war left my father cynical about religion. He found my calling puzzling and disappointing. Yet, as it happened, we had the privilege of nursing him through his last illness when he suffered with stomach cancer. Through nights of delirium he relived the trenches and writhed in terror 58 years after those ghastly experiences. One night when he was so much in pain he asked us to pray with him. That was a surprise and a joy. Night after night we prayed with him. The result was even more astonishing. The nightmares left him and in their place came a remarkable peace and gentleness. He died in peace, trusting in and even witnessing to the love of God.



David



## Phil Writes...

### It's beginning to look a lot like...

I hope I don't put any one into a blind panic by mentioning the "Christmas" word, but as some of our activities for children and families are at the beginning of December I need to mention them this month. But before we come to those, on November 12<sup>th</sup> there isn't a F.A.B. (Faith at Breakfast) service, due to the Remembrance Sunday service in the morning. However, at 3:30pm we'll be holding a special Eucharist service in church for the children who have received their First Communion. We've wanted to do something for them for a while and this seemed a great opportunity to bring them all together.

Over the Parish Weekend Away, one of the highlights for many people was the opportunity to spend time together in a relaxed setting. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 4-6pm there's going to be a Families Social in the Parish Centre, with a bring and share meal, activities for all ages and a chance to get to know each other better. It's hoped that in the coming months this could become a regular occurrence.



Hopefully you are now suitably mentally prepared for me to mention Christmas? Once again our Holy Family are looking for people to put them up for a couple of nights in Advent. Don't worry, you won't be invaded by a donkey and a pregnant lady, but instead our knitted Holy Family will visit with a box full of activities. They'll be staying for at least two nights with each family, giving you an opportunity to engage with the things they travel with. Their journey begins on Advent Sunday at our GoodNews@10 service (3<sup>rd</sup> December) and ends at our "Big Nativity" on Christmas Eve at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to share in the travels, not just those with children! If you would like to host the Holy Family email [phil@stratford-upon-avon.org](mailto:phil@stratford-upon-avon.org) or sign up on the sheets at church.



Whilst you're getting in the Christmas mood, make sure you put in your diary our Christingle service, which this year is taking place in Holy Trinity church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. This is always a special service, but to see Trinity lit by candles will make it even more special and it's an opportunity to support the work of the Children's society. We'll also need help making the Christingles on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

December at 10:00am in the Parish Centre, a fun occasion, and the sweets will need to be tested!

*Phil*

# WORSHIP

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

### **SUNDAY November 5th Holy Trinity** *All Saints' Day*

**8.00am** Holy Communion—Preacher Revd Kay Dyer

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist (Civic)—Preacher James Sorel-Cameron

**6.00pm** All Souls' Service & Parish Eucharist - Preacher: Revd Patrick Taylor

**10.00am Parish Centre-GoodNews@10**—Talk Revd Patrick Taylor

**St. Helen's Clifford Chambers 10.45am** Family Worship, —Revd Kay Dyer

**All Saints' Luddington 9.15am** HC BCP, Patronal Festival—Revd Jenny Rowland

### **SUNDAY November 12th Holy Trinity** *Remembrance Sunday*

**8.00am** Holy Communion—Preacher Revd Patrick Taylor

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist —Preacher Revd Patrick Taylor

**6.00pm** Congregational Evensong— with Revd Steve Jarvis

**10.00am Parish Centre—No Service**

**St. Helen's Clifford Chambers—No Service**

**All Saints' Luddington—No Service**

### **SUNDAY November 19th Holy Trinity** *2nd Sunday Before Advent*

**8.00am** Holy Communion—Revd Steve Jarvis

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd Kay Dyer

**6.00pm** Congregational Evensong—with Revd Graham Wilcox

**10.00am Parish Centre- FAB**—with Revd Patrick Taylor

**9.30am HT@ Rosebird**—with Phil Harper

**St. Helen's Clifford Chambers No 9.15am Service -**

**6.00pm** All Souls' - Revd Patrick Taylor

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

### **SUNDAY November 26th Holy Trinity** *Christ the King*

**8.00am** Holy Communion—Revd Kay Dyer

**10.00am** Food4thought—with Revd Steve Jarvis

**6.00pm** –HC BCP & Compline—with Revd Patrick Taylor

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

**St. Helen's Clifford Chambers**

**9.15am** Holy Communion Trad—Revd Patrick Taylor

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

# HOSPITALITY TEAS

Volunteers from Holy Trinity Church celebrated another successful season for this ministry which has provided teas in church at weekends during June, July and August as well as on Shakespeare Sunday and Summer Bank Holidays.

The main purpose of the ministry is to provide hospitality in a welcoming atmosphere for visitors, locals and members of the congregation, where they may sit and enjoy social time over tea and cake.

We get visitors from all over the world and have enjoyed lots of interesting conversations and answered numerous questions about our church. It has been known for visitors to ask for the recipe for a certain cake they have enjoyed!

The profit of over £3,000 this year will go towards the proposed kitchen in church.

This ministry would not function without the support of around 30 members of the congregation who bake and / or serve. These volunteers have enjoyed working together in small groups where new friendships have often been made. There will be notices in the pew leaflet next year inviting anyone who would like to join in to come forward.

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*Lilian  
Hopkins*

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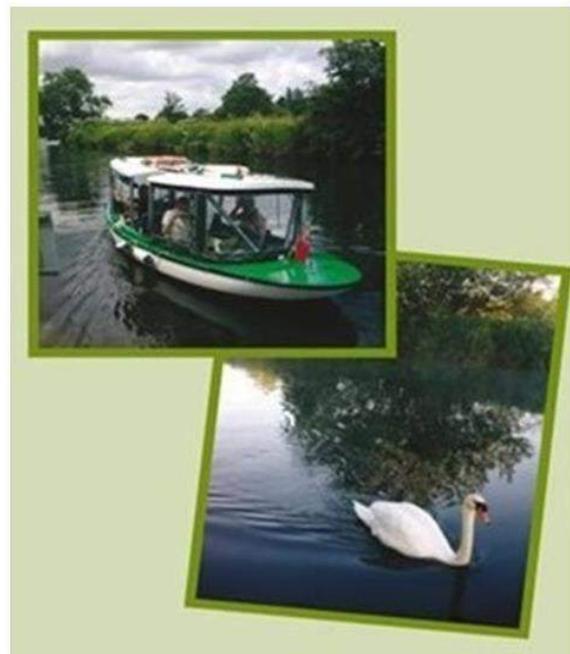
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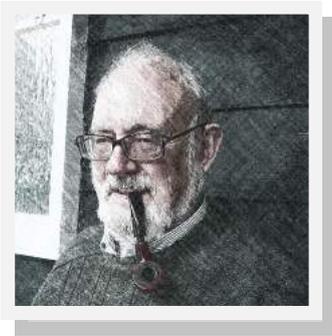
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## *Anthony Woollard's*

### Window on the World

" Being a servant leader is far from easy.."

Last month's article about Jonathan Dudley's book on Churchill set me thinking on the theme of leadership. Churchill is rightly still revered for his leadership in the Second World War. We know that he was flawed, as we all are, and some aspects of his career before 1939 and after 1945 were rather less distinguished. But that does not take away from his leadership qualities at the time when they were so desperately needed.

We seem very short of real political leadership these days. One reason may be that we live in a cynical age, when we are only too aware that most leaders have feet of clay. We are better informed than ever before about their failings, and about the criticisms of them which others express. Perhaps one of the real leaders of our time is Angela Merkel in Germany, but even her leadership has been sharply criticised by Right and Left alike. And when we hear about anyone described in their own country as a "Great Leader" or "Dear Leader", we can be sure that that person is a dictator. Dictatorship – exercising individual power by force, often supported by a personality cult – is not real leadership. Yet a surprising number of dictators have initially won power by genuinely capturing hearts and minds. Some retain elements of this throughout their lives and beyond, and their crimes are forgotten. Even now, Stalin appears to be far more widely revered in Russia than Churchill is here.

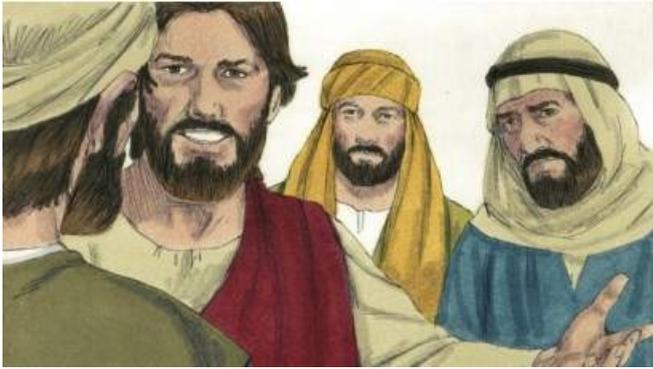


Capturing hearts and minds – that seems to be the first clue to the nature of leadership. But we would not want to take Stalin as an example. Surely we need to add that the true leader captures people's hearts and mind precisely in order to set them free, to enable them to be their true selves within the common cause. From the story of Jesus we get the picture of the servant leader, who does exactly that.

Being a servant leader is far from easy. Sometimes, in the harsh world of politics (or business, or many other worlds, even the Church), leaders do have to be strong and tough, to say and do hard things. This does not come naturally to those who seek only to serve and to promote love and forgiveness.



The true leader will almost certainly make dreadful mistakes at some time, and find it hard to sleep at night. Unless they themselves know love and forgiveness, they will easily slip over into one extreme or the other – either the tough dictator or the supine crowd-pleaser. Some may even combine the worst of both.



It is not my task here to comment on particular leaders. We will all have our views. What is clear is that better leadership, more courageous but also more sensitive and enabling, is sorely needed in our world. It is our task to pray for our leaders – and also to recognise those areas, however limited, where we ourselves may be called to exercise some kind of

leadership, and to learn from the mistakes and temptations which leaders face, and the example of Jesus.

*Anthony*

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# THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A PREACHER

## Judith Dorricott Interviews the Revd Canon Andrew Dow



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*On 31st October, not only was it Halloween, but it was also the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther pinning his 95 theses to the church doors in Wittenberg, Germany, thus starting the Protestant Reformation and the schism within the Catholic Church that affected the whole of Europe. Luther believed that preaching was one of the most important ways of helping us understand God, Jesus and the Bible itself. The Revd Canon Andrew Dow, one of our most thought-provoking preachers (even though officially*

*retired), looks at the importance of sermons today.*

**Judith:** Andrew, you may have preached up to two thousand sermons in your long life as a parish priest. What makes a good sermon?

**Andrew:** We should do some serious Bible study as well as prayer beforehand, as sermons must not be moralistic homilies, nor just a peg to hang a parish announcement on. We are trying to obey God and to get to know Jesus Christ better, and an inspiring preacher can help us along that path. A good preacher will use the Bible as a base for his sermon - after all it is God's word and we are trying to lay out the Bible's inspired truths about God, Jesus and ourselves.

**Judith:** Do you keep your sermons?

**Andrew:** I've kept most of them, as if a sermon is worth listening to once, it must be suitable for further airings! I have a good 'resource library' of illustrations and stories too, which can help bring the message alive. Of course I always update a sermon so it is relevant to the particular congregation.

**Judith:** Do you think sermons are relevant nowadays? Or are they just uninterrupted monologues?

**Andrew:** They are certainly relevant. Think of Billy Graham, who greatly influenced me, and many others in the United Kingdom in 1955. Inspiring sermons still draw huge numbers, including young people, young adults, business people - in fact people from all backgrounds. I'm glad to say that in all the parishes I have served, the congregation grew tremendously, and I'd like to feel that some of that growth was due to good preaching.

**Judith:** I know you have worked in many parishes. Tell me a little about your life before you came to Stratford.



**Andrew:** Well, I was brought up in Hertfordshire, but my parents weren't particularly religious. As a boy, I became involved in the Christian Crusader Movement and at Oxford, while I was studying theology, I was encouraged by the Rector to think about ordination. I then spent two fascinating years in Uganda teaching Bible studies and current affairs, and came home to attend Theological College in London, where I also met Miriam.

My first 'living' was at St. Paul's in Leamington Spa for ten years, and then nine more years at St. John the Baptist in Knowle, which is where our two daughters Jennie and Carrie grew up. Then Miriam and I moved to Christ Church in Clifton, Bristol which was both a privilege and a challenge. We regularly had 700 people attending our evening service, which included a choir and an orchestra. Although the congregation was large, we tried to keep it very personal with lots of house groups and disciple groups, so people got to know one another.

My final church was at St. Matthew with St. Mary in Cheltenham, which was very interesting as the first was very informal and the other church more traditional, so we held many different types of service to appeal to all our parishioners. I became Area Dean and Rector of Cheltenham and was really pleased that we started Street Pastors in the city.

**Judith:** You've been in Stratford since 2010, I think. How have you settled down?

**Andrew:** Both Miriam and I thoroughly enjoy our life here, partly because it's near Leamington Spa and Knowle where we have many friends - and Miriam is now the PCC Secretary for Holy Trinity Church. Of course I too am very involved in the church, and I do hope that through my sermons, I have "struck a chord" with some of the congregation.

**Judith:** I know you have an unusual hobby. Can you tell me about it?

**Andrew:** I was a train-spotter as a kid, and now I have a complete model railway, which I have been enlarging for the last ten to fifteen years. It's quite complex with a sound system, a light system and I have different types of trains, such as steam and diesel. I've also been a keen photographer since the age of 9, while Miriam is an excellent botanical illustrator. So we really enjoy our hobbies in our retirement.

**Judith:** Sitting in your house, I can admire both your beautiful photographs and Miriam's delicate paintings on the walls. But, finally, you've emphasised the importance of preaching. Do you enjoy it?

**Andrew:** Certainly! It is an awesome responsibility but also a privilege to set out the Bible's great riches both to believing Christians and to doubters and enquirers. Sometimes - just sometimes - God will let you see a person in the congregation experiencing a "light bulb moment" while you are speaking. That keeps me going!

*Judith*





## Helping Vulnerable Children

The media constantly bombards our eyes and ears with sensational pictures of children around the world, whose lives are being threatened and shattered by wars, famine, poverty etc. Without wishing to minimise the horrors that we see, what is often overlooked in all this 'noise' is the plight of the many vulnerable and disadvantaged children in our own country; children living in poverty, suffering domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, isolation & loneliness, bullying... the list goes on and on.

The Children's Society, in close partnership with the Church of England, is working tirelessly to help all disadvantaged children. Their mission statement says 'We fight for change, supporting disadvantaged children to have better lives. We are building a country where children are free from disadvantage.' The Society not only works directly with children (in the last year alone they worked with over 13,000 young people) but also campaigns vigorously to pressure government for change, where policy and legislation does not protect all young people and children.

The Society was founded in 1881 by Sunday school teacher Edward Rudolf, who opened the UK's first residential children's care home. While working in some of England's poorest neighbourhoods, Rudolf was inspired by the practice of Jesus Christ, who taught that children and the poor are at the heart of the Kingdom of God. These Christian roots continue to underpin the work of the Society.

Two crucial sources of income that support the work of the Society come from church congregations around the country, including our own churches of Holy Trinity, St Helen's and All Saints.

## Houseboxes

Houseboxes are a simple way for people to contribute towards the Society's work. Boxholders keep a small collection box in their home and throughout the year put loose small change into the box (although we have no objection to larger value coins and notes!). Once a year we hold a box opening event, when the boxes are emptied, the contents counted and passed onto the Society.



This year's box opening for all our Box Holders is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, in the Parish Centre, between 9.30am and 12noon.

House boxes are a crucial part of the Children's Society fundraising activities. If anyone would like a box, or would like any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact Paul Lageu (01789 298302 or paullageu@hotmail.co.uk).

## Christingle

For nearly 50 years the Children's Society has raised funds through Christingle services. This year Holy Trinity's service will take place in church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5pm. At our Christingle service we'll have a collection towards their work. We'll be making the Christingles for the service on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am in the Parish Centre. We also have a Christingle services at All Saints' Luddington on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm and St Helen's Clifford Chambers on Christmas Eve at 5pm.

Additional opportunities to support the Children's Society work are a cake sale after the 10:00am services on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Trinity. The children will be decorating cakes to sell as part of F.A.B. that day. And on Saturday 2nd December at Luddington Village Hall, there is a Christmas Coffee morning and the proceeds will be divided between the church and the Children's Society.

*Phil Harper*



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I was so delighted with the weekend and it exceeded all my expectations. Looking back on it now, I am struck by how much of what happened at Hothorpe has been brought back and will have an impact on our life as a church in the future: an experience of truly all-age worship which was engaging and inspiring; seeing how a diverse group of people can be united as followers of Jesus; an open and inclusive vision of church which embraces different styles and traditions without prejudice. Michael Sadgrove challenged us to review our values as a church and the Away Weekend will certainly be an important point of reference.

Photos  
Felicity Howlett

*Patrick*



# STRATFORD PARISH AWAY WEEKEND 2017

## "FINDING FAITH"

### It was a Privilege to Speak at the Parish Weekend at Hothorpe Hall in October

The Very Revd Michael Sadgrove

As I said in one of my talks, you never quite know what you are going to find when you are parachuted into a group of people you don't know. I needn't have worried. I was moved by the warmth with which I was welcomed. Indeed, what I took away from the weekend was the sense that everyone seemed glad to be in one another's company. Maybe that's the real purpose of going away together. It deepens relationships. It helps foster a sense of community and common purpose. And that, together with our prayer and worship, is perhaps what matters most.

I mentioned more than once that I'd spent an hour in the church beforehand, trying to get a feel for the place, its people, its staff and volunteers, its guests. That helped me focus on and earth the themes we explored during the weekend. We began with *Reaching Up* – looking at the worship of our church and what it says about the quality of our life. Next we discussed *Reaching Deep* – how we are encouraged to grow in prayer and the spiritual life as a community and in our personal lives. We moved on to *Reaching Back* – how we value and present our rich heritage, and how we understand it as a part of our Christian mission. Finally we came to *Reaching Out* – the outward-facing aspect of our church life as we relate to our town and parish, and to the wider world.

Our discussions took us along many different paths. I think we were all stimulated by what we learned from one another, and I hope this is continuing. If there is one insight that I want to underline, it's this. Despite my metaphors of reaching "up", "deep", "back" and "out", all of our life as a church means living out and celebrating all these things at the same time. In particular, what we call *mission* isn't some fourth add-on that follows all the other ways in which we "reach". All that we do and are is mission because the offering of our life to God is necessarily to live and share that life in the world where we belong. I quoted St Peter's first letter: "Always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within you". That's what being the church of God means.

It was very good to be with you. Thank you for your generous hospitality. You are in my prayers. I hope our paths cross again.

Michael





During one of the group sessions  
at the Parish Away Weekend  
Katy Healey  
told us her story...

**A**fter the death of my mother on Christmas Eve 2007, I have felt somewhat lost and almost empty like something was missing. This changed once I discovered Holy Trinity Church.

After her passing I struggled with depression and anxiety, rarely went out and felt so alone. One day I decided to go for a walk and ended up at the church. I'd been past it many times before but this time something made me walk inside. Upon entering I was greeted by welcoming faces and felt a sudden comfort and warmth as I walked to sit down and pray.

I spent over an hour just sitting with my thoughts and just looking around the church. I felt, for the first time in a long time, that I was not on my own: a certain presence almost surrounded me and something stirred inside me and I knew, that instant, I was in the right place.

Over the coming months I attended regularly, and each time I entered through the church door it was almost like my troubles were left at the door. I had found a safe place, somewhere I felt I belonged at last, which is something I had not felt in years, almost like home.

My confidence has slowly improved, I am able to communicate better and feel hope for the future and I believe this would not be the case if it were not for this amazing church and the people that make it so special - like a family.

The church is helping me realise I am not on my own at all, if I ever feel lonely all I have to do is go to church, see all my new friends, feel the presence of God around me, and when I leave I have the strength to carry on my day.

*" I am not on my own at all..."*

*Katy*

“ A warm atmosphere  
of love and  
Worship...”

Kate and Martin Corfield



From arrival on the Friday the atmosphere was one of friendliness and everyone determined to make the weekend a success. Our rooms were clean, warm and comfortable, Hothorpe Hall was very welcoming.

The talks given by the Very Revd Michael Sadgrove, based on Reaching Up, Reaching Deep, Reaching Back and Reaching Out, were relaxed and delivered with detailed care, preparation and were extremely thought provoking, particularly on our responsibility to the Heritage we have to Holy Trinity.

The group participation worked really well. With non-clergy leaders it made for relaxed, open discussion with everyone contributing. People felt comfortable to discuss relevant topics, express points of view and hear many varied opinions. Whilst the groups were not clergy led, Patrick, Steve and Kay were always available for discussion or private conversation.

At every meal time we rarely sat at the same table which enabled us to meet and chat with many members of our congregation – some we had not met before.

During the relaxation times in the bar there was a brilliant atmosphere of friendship and chatter, and again, always sitting in the armchairs and tables with different people.

An excellent evening of entertainment and talent on Saturday night from the youngest to the eldest with a lot of hilarity and fun. It is amazing what you do not know about people you thought you knew well. Phil Harper, who had done a brilliant job organising the children all weekend, also compared the evening show and gave a star rendition of ‘Cecil the Caterpillar’- complete with lisp.





“ ...a feeling of joy,  
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Commitment.”

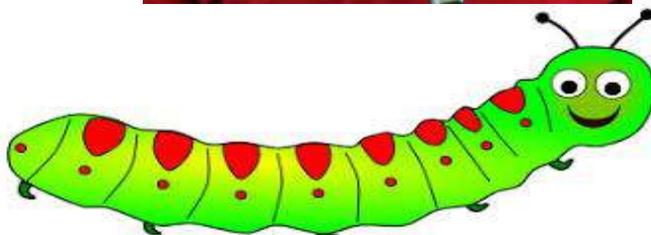
Sunday morning Eucharist was a whole church event with the children and adults from each group taking part. We were not just a congregation but a full church of people with a warm atmosphere of love and worship. One of the highlights was the children copying Patricks arm movements as he led the Eucharist!

Hothorpe Hall is a superb venue totally committed to making our time thoroughly enjoyable and very much Christian based. The chapel is a beautiful addition to the Hall and was used for the early morning service and Compline in the evening. We left Hothorpe Hall with a feeling of joy, love and renewed commitment.

*Kate & Martin*



“ Cecil was a caterpillar  
Cecil was my friend  
The last time I saw Cecil  
He was that big...”





## "Overwhelming and Humbling..."

As a long term worshipper at 8am Eucharist services in numerous churches up and down the country over my life span, it was with some trepidation that I set off to Hothorpe Hall for the Parish Away Weekend, realising I would know very few people and slightly wondering whether anyone would speak to me! I need not have worried at all and I met so many friendly new people it became a massive memory test to remember names once the

name badges were gradually discarded over the three days.

There were many aspects to the weekend and I will try to cover as many as possible. First and most importantly, Michael Sadgrove our Speaker was truly excellent. He had a warm, captivating, relaxed manner and somehow gave the impression he was speaking to us all personally and not merely addressing an audience. His four talks were based on Reaching - Reaching Up, Deep, Back and Out and covered respectively; Our Church in Worship, Prayer, Heritage and Mission, and by our Church I mean specifically Holy Trinity. Michael had travelled to Stratford upon Avon that morning and entered Holy Trinity as a visitor so that he could experience at first hand what is on offer to all who step over the threshold. In summary I felt he had been very impressed; by his welcome, the literature available, our Mission Statement, the stunning banners on the columns at the moment linking worship with heritage and the variety and number of services and groups on offer throughout the week. We were reminded, however, in Talk 4, that there are always new and innovative ways to Reach Out so that our visitors may encounter God's love. I understand these talks have been recorded so that everyone can have the opportunity to hear his inspiring words.

After each session we separated out into our seven groups to discuss & explore what we had heard and share our thoughts with one another. This proved to be a particularly valuable time, hearing a wide range of opinions to consider and I found myself several times questioning my own.

Together with these talks and discussions there was time for worship, either in the beautiful chapel, an integral part of Hothorpe Hall, or in a quiet room within the Hotel with views over the grounds, which had been thoughtfully and imaginatively arranged for contemplative prayer.

The culmination of our time together was expressed in a truly joyful and exuberant All Age Eucharist on Sunday morning. Every single person, however old, however young, contributed to the service with prayer, singing, music and movement in an outpouring of glorious thanksgiving to God. I personally found the experience overwhelming and humbling and am now so thankful to have experienced the Parish Away Weekend.

*Jacqui*

“...the sense of calmness we were all sharing.”



When I made my first rather tentative enquiry about the Parish Away Weekend I asked someone I presumed to be ‘in the know’ if it would be a very intense programme:

“Oh, no,” I was reassured, “you’ll be free to join in as much or as little as you want.”

This was true in theory but in practice we were only given the Saturday afternoon off and felt we had to participate in all the sessions for fear of missing something. An important point for me, not for the first time wondering what it was that everyone apparently knew but I might be missing; something which had encouraged me into Holy Trinity Church one Sunday morning some eighteen months ago.

You see, I’ve still barely left the starting blocks on my spiritual journey but it has become clear to me that it’s not just about faith, but about the wider experience of sharing in faith, never more evident than in the exchange of The Peace at the Parish Away Weekend Sunday morning service where, it seemed to me, everyone wanted to shake the hand, or kiss the cheek, and wish peace to almost everyone else in the room.

My wife, Olive, had arrived on the Friday evening not feeling in the best of health but determined to join in and enjoy the weekend, which she certainly did, thanks in no small measure to the concern and kindness shown her. In one of the group sessions we were brainstorming our feelings about the weekend and Olive said it felt ‘safe’, a description that seemed to resonate within the group and sum up the sense of calmness we were all sharing.

*John Skellern*

A photograph of a chalkboard with the text "Each day is a brand new opportunity to be JESUS to the world" written on it. The text is written in white chalk on a dark, textured surface. The words "JESUS" and "world" are in all caps.

## A Parish, a Family and a Weekend – Finding Faith



The hype, the advertising and the encouragement, did the Holy Trinity Parish weekend live up to expectations? In the view of the Bentall family – yes it did! Having signed up for the weekend over a year ago excitement was building. Sam and Lizzie, our children, were excited at the prospect of spending time with other children from the church and staying in a hotel. Clare and I were looking forward to the sharing with other members of the church and hearing Michael Sadgrove.

So, first impressions of the hotel on our arrival, what a beautiful location and great facilities. Sam shot off to the table tennis room and then outside to play football. As always Lizzie was in tow and following Sam's lead. Clare and I were off to sort our room which was a good size. Then it was dinner time followed by the first of our sessions – Reaching Up.

Following each session with Michael Sadgrove we had a discussion group. Clare and I were in separate groups where there were good discussions. I had the privilege to be facilitating the group I was in. We had some great discussions around the topics. Meanwhile, on Friday evening, Sam and Lizzie were watching the Lego Batman movie. Suddenly Friday was over and what fun we had all had! Bed time and prepare for a new day.

With such excited children an early start was inevitable! Sam, Lizzie and Clare were up at 5am and exploring our venue! Playing football in the dark and trying to be quiet so as not to disturb anyone. Then it was a new day and two more sessions – Reaching Deep and Reaching Back. Meanwhile Lizzie and Sam were off with Phil Harper being creative and decorating t-shirts. After lunch, time to relax. Clare and I spent a great afternoon around Hothorpe Hall whilst Sam and Lizzie played with the other children.

Amazingly, Saturday was nearly over and an opportunity to reflect and think about our Parish Weekend Eucharist. Then it was time to be entertained, Sam demonstrated his Black Belt Karate moves along with others sharing poetry, songs and jokes. What fun we all had and then bed summoned once again!

And then it was our final session with Michael Sadgrove – Reaching Out followed by our Parish Away Weekend All Age Eucharist. What an experience, great worship with a real sense of community. And then it was time to return home, where had the time gone! As a family we thank God for a wonderful weekend and a great opportunity to share with our friends from Holy Trinity.

*Tony Bentall*

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Laughter and Fun...

# Enjoying the sun...



# Loads more fun...

“ ee, by gum...”



“ and a little bit of butter for the King...”



We'll leave the last word to Phil...



## " As I drive through the glorious English countryside..."



About a month after getting the Children & Families Minister job I received an email asking me to put in my diary the Parish Weekend Away in October 2017 and saying that I would be leading the children's programme for the weekend. Back in May 2016 that seemed an age away, with plenty of time for organising and planning. Yet suddenly I find it's October 2017 and I'm driving to Hothorpe Hall, the majority of my office and desk has been bagged up and is now surrounding me in my car.

As I drive through the glorious English countryside what is my biggest worry for the weekend? Keeping the children entertained? Having enough

stuff to do? No, it's that we're doing the children's activities in possibly the nicest room in the hotel, the room where they hold wedding ceremonies and I hope it'll still be the nicest room by the end of the weekend. I had been on an expedition to Redditch the day before, to stock up on vinyl at Dunelm to cover the floors with, so some of my fears had been eased.

Once I arrived at Hothorpe Hall, I was given permission to drive my car to the front of the hall to unload. If they'd seen my car they may not have agreed, as for the 30 minutes it was in position I could feel the value of the property reducing. But eventually my domain for the weekend was set up and ready for the kids.

The Friday night began in a relaxed way, after a week of school I didn't think that they'd want anything to taxing. So we all chilled with a box of popcorn and the Lego Batman movie, which seemed to get the weekend off to a good start.

On Saturday the work began in earnest. I could have just put together a load of activities to keep the children busy, whilst the adults did the serious work with Michael Sadgrove. But I knew that that would be a disservice to our young people and everything that we've been striving for at Holy Trinity. So I took Michael's topics and areas of discussion and shaped the children's programme around this. Using the themes of "Reaching Back", "Reaching up", "Reaching deep" and "Reaching out".

We began by "Reaching Back" and thinking of important events and people in our lives and faith journey, and put all this together on a timeline of our life. Outside of the room we were based in were the coats of arms (or Heraldic achievements to give them their proper names) of all the people who had owned the hall over the years. Inspired by these designs and the events we'd each talked about we then designed our own coat of arms which summed up what was important to us and had shaped us into the people we are.





For the second session we were “Reaching up and deep”, discussing prayer, how we pray and how we can be inspired in prayer by the world around us. Anyone who explored the grounds of Hothorpe may have discovered the pieces of slates with inspiring quotes written on them. Some from the Bible, others by people like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. We set off in three groups to explore the grounds and write down all the quotes we could find. I must confess that my group had a slight head start, as I’d already got a good idea where the different slates were from an early visit myself

and a couple of others had made to recce the place before the weekend. When we came back together as a group we shared which of the words of wisdom appealed or intrigued us and what they might mean to our lives and our faith. The ideas and discussions that took place show how engaged our young people are in developing and owning their faith.



When it came to “Reaching out” we began to bring together everything that we had done over the weekend by designing and making T-Shirts that could encourage someone else on their journey of faith. Drawing things on them that were important to the children that had been highlighted on their timelines or coats or arms. Or using some of the inspiring words that could inspire others. The amount of thought that the children put into their designs was incredible and as they went into the final Eucharist, wearing their T-shirts, I’m sure that they were inspiring lots of other people on their journey of faith.



The final activity for the children was to share the Gospel reading with everybody, which they did by dramatising it. They put together a very polished piece of drama, especially considering the limited rehearsal time. The finishing touch was using a selection of costumes I’d purchased in the recent RSC costume sale. I don’t know if many noticed that the hi vis jackets that were worn were last used in the recent RSC production *Vice Versa*. But the children gave as good a

performance as their previous owners.

It was a real privilege to spend the weekend with such an amazing group of children and young people. Completely knackered, but also a privilege to learn from the children, through their insights and their understanding.

I’d like to thank everyone who helped and supported the children’s activities over the weekend. In particular thanks to Michael Sadgrove, for coming and entertaining the adults and keeping them out of mischief whilst myself and the children had our Parish Weekend Away.

Phil



# HOWLERS!

Compiled by Pat Pilton

Trinity Times reader and clergy cushions project leader Stella Webley spotted this on the RSC website: "Susie's Café Bar We're serving gourmet hot dogs at The Other Place. Our dog friendly café bar is fully licensed with a great menu of freshly prepared hot and cold food."

**Notice in Devon's Plympton, Plymstock and Ivybridge News.** Lost pet: Tortoise in West Alvington. New home and I didn't check the fences well enough. Name is Hector. Don't bother calling him, he won't answer



The South African National Defence Force has launched an investigation into an accident at a military base in which, during a fire prevention exercise, 83 military vehicles were completely destroyed by fire. *Cape News*

**A new church has recently opened in a former hairdressing salon in Nottingham. Reporting the story, a local newspaper couldn't resist the headline: HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN!**

*Radio 4's Morning Service*

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The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins had sat for 42 years.

## ONE-LINERS

This policeman came up to me and gave me a thin piece of paper. I said, what's that for? He said, I want you to help me trace someone. *Tim Vine*

**I was raised as an only child, which really annoyed my sister.** *Will Marsh*

I needed a password eight characters long, so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. *Nick Helm*

**Easiest job in the world: Australian psychiatrist, "Gday Gday how you doing... no worries... next."** *Milton Jones*

## THEY SAID IT

"I don't care what you say about me. Just be sure to spell my name wrong."



## BARBRA STREISAND

"Why does a woman work ten years to change a man's habits and then complain that he's not the man she married."

## WISE

Never judge someone by the opinion of others

## WORDS

# The Art of the Harvest



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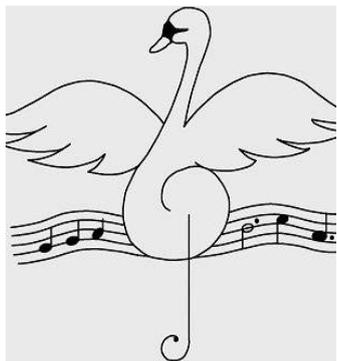


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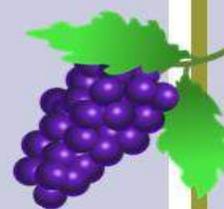


**The Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society** presents **C.P.E.Bach's *Magnificat*** and **Vivaldi's *Gloria*** on **Saturday 18th November 2017 at 7.30pm** in **Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon.**

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## MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER 2017



### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – All Saints' and All Souls'

**10am Parish Eucharist***Motet: Whitbourn Give us the wings of faith**Voluntary: Lang Tuba Tune*

197 224 (t.178) 271 374

VoF 14

**6pm Service for All Souls'***Music: Lassus Missa pro defunctis*

239 331 333

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Sunday

**10am Civic Service***Anthem: Guest For the fallen**Voluntary: Bach Fugue in E flat 'St Anne' BWV 552ii*

See special order of service

**6pm Parish Eucharist***Motet: Guest For the fallen**Voluntary: Bach Prelude in E flat 'St Anne' BWV 552i*

HOAN 511 HOAN 224

461 305 HOAN 598

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – the Second Sunday before Advent

**10am Parish Eucharist: The Elements***Motets: Tippett Go down, Moses**Vaughan Williams O taste and see**Voluntary: Bach Prelude in C BWV 553i*

HOAN 304 35 295 268

HOAN 172

**6pm Choral Evensong***Introit: Rameau O nuit**Responses: Shephard**Canticles: Dyson in c**Anthem: Tippett Go down, Moses**Voluntary: James Voluntary in a*

418 468 372

Psalm 89.19-29

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King

**10am Food4thought: The Blessing and Dismissal***Trinity Voices: David Waggoner Let me be a child of peace**Voluntary: Bach Prelude in f BWV 534i*

Special order of service

**6pm BCP Holy Communion***Mass: Byrd Mass for Three Voices**Motets: T Weed O Jesus, we have tried to make you King**Tomkins Remember me, O Lord**Voluntary: Bach Fugue in f BWV 534ii*

334 338 498 443

Compiled by Benedict Wilson  
Holy Trinity's  
Director of Music



## Sue Holt describes her's and Helen Holland's New Roles as Parish Administrators



“ Helen and I have had to challenge ourselves...”

Helen and I have worked together for over 18 months as Parish Secretaries helping any visitors to the Parish Centre and supporting the clergy and congregation. Since Linda's departure to ordination training, we have taken on some of Linda's many roles and have been promoted to Parish Administrators.

Helen and I effectively job-share the role of Parish Administrator. I work the first half the week and Helen works the second half, with both of us working on Wednesdays, when a weekly meeting is held to catch up on all that has been happening in the fast-moving office and churches. We also have a communications book to convey any messages or necessary information the other one needs to know. As Parish Administrators, we continue to be the first point for enquiries about christenings, weddings and funerals however taking more responsibility for the running of the Parish Office and planning ahead to anticipate the needs of the parish, as the church seasons change.

Our new role has meant Helen and I have had to challenge ourselves; neither of us had any HR experience before but we had our first challenge along with Hilda Craig, Churchwarden responsible for staffing, of advertising, interviewing and appointing a new Parish Assistant.

The new role of Parish Assistant is to meet visitors and congregation to the Parish Centre and if required, assist in church at the Chancel desk and shop. We are looking forward to Rebecca Rumsey joining us on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Rebecca's appointment will allow Helen and I to embrace our new roles more fully and enable us to support our clergy team more closely. Wendy Steinheimer continues to work as Bookkeeper and we are all grateful for our loyal office volunteer; Kath Parrington.

The office hours will remain the same; we are open Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm, the office telephone number is still 01789 266316 and email address: [office@stratford-upon-avon.org](mailto:office@stratford-upon-avon.org) We are making some improvements to the security of the Parish Centre and office to make a safer working environment, the most visible of which will be a new 'stable' door to the office.



Sue

# Autumn Themed Sermon Series

*The Eucharist – How going to Church can  
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19<sup>th</sup> November The Elements—Jesus as the Living Presence  
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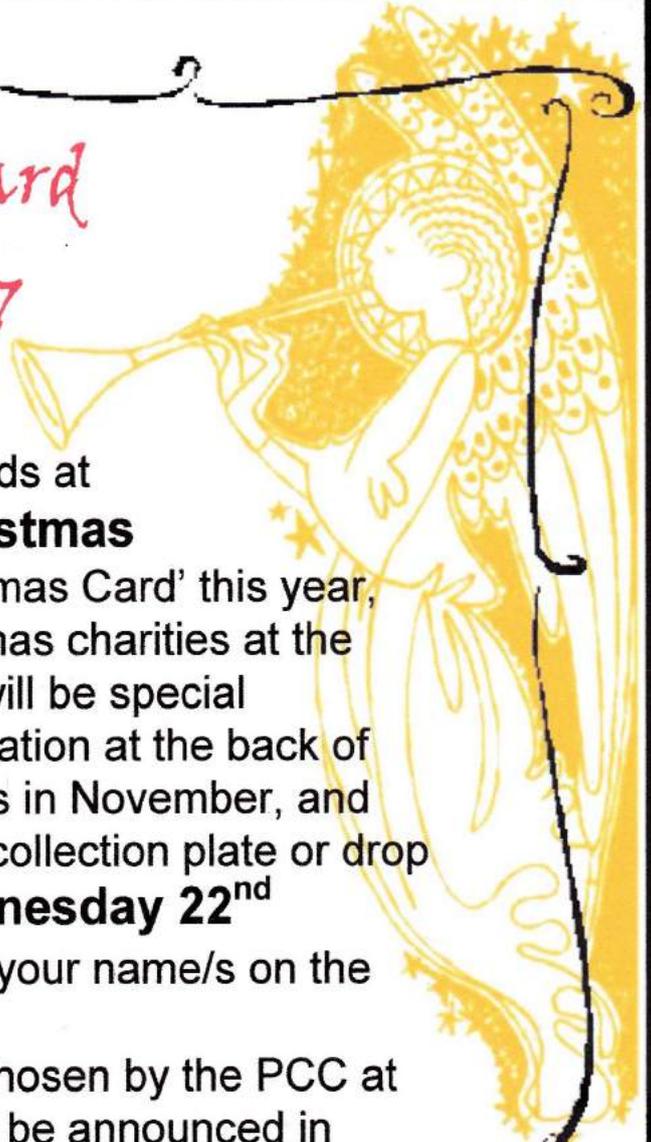
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## *Christmas Card Amnesty 2017*



Would you like to wish your friends at Holy Trinity a very **Happy Christmas** through the Trinity Times 'Christmas Card' this year, and support the church's Christmas charities at the same time? If you would, there will be special envelopes available for your donation at the back of church for the first three Sundays in November, and either place the envelope in the collection plate or drop it into the Parish Office **by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**November.** Don't forget to put your name/s on the envelope!

Our Christmas charities will be chosen by the PCC at their November meeting, and will be announced in December's Trinity Times.

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*Steve & Hilary*



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# Ann's Kitchen

## Chicken Liver Parfait

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### For the Parfait

400g fresh chicken livers, 100mls each ruby port and dry sherry, 1 large shallot (finely chopped), 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme, 50mls brandy, 1 garlic clove (crushed), 400g diced unsalted butter, 5 free range eggs, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. To cover the parfait, 150g unsalted butter (melted).

On a high heat, in a small saucepan, boil the sherry, port, shallot and thyme until reduced by half. Add the brandy and garlic and boil for 10 seconds more. Remove from the heat and leave to cool.

Pre-heat the oven to 150C/300F/gas 2. On a low heat, in a small saucepan, melt the diced butter without letting it colour. Keep warm. In a blender puree the livers for 30 seconds, add the alcohol and shallot mixture, and the eggs, and blend for an additional 3-4 minutes until silky smooth. With the machine running, gradually pour in the warm melted butter. Add 10 pinches salt and 4 pinches pepper.

Strain the mixture through a fine sieve and pour it into a 23 x 9 x 7.5 cm terrine mould. Place the terrine in a roasting tin and slide onto oven shelf. Cover loosely with a piece of buttered greaseproof paper and pour boiling water into the roasting tin until it reaches two-thirds up the side of the terrine. Cook for 40-60 minutes. The top of the parfait will be slightly raised and rounded with no dip in the centre. The inside should be 65-70C. If you have a temperature probe, check this.

Remove the terrine from the oven and leave to cool at room temperature for 2 hours. Then pour the melted butter over the top to prevent discoloration. Cover with cling film for at least a day, preferably 2 days, after which the flavour will improve dramatically. To serve, dip the terrine into a tin of hot water, then dip a knife blade in hot water and slide against the side of the terrine. Turn out onto a serving plate, slice with a knife blade dipped in hot water.

This keeps refrigerated for about a week, if it lasts that long!

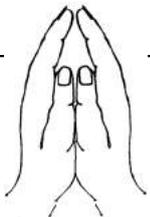
*I Hope you enjoy*

*Ann*



A Lesson in Leadership?

Photo: Phil Harper



## Contemplative Prayer Group

This group meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Lounge for a time of silent prayer, followed by a time to talk. Plus refreshments.

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# Trinity Ladies

Revd Diane Patterson

## Laughter—The Best Medicine

We had a lovely meeting on the 18th October when David Howe gave us a talk on LAUGHTER - THE BEST MEDICINE. Thankfully, we all laughed a lot while David retold jokes, and talked about what makes a joke funny (one member complained when her home town of Wigan was given as an example!)

David also talked about the lives of some well-known comedians and we joined in with the chorus of BRUSH UP YOUR SHAKESPEARE, and heard about some of the Bard's comedies, as well as well-known television programmes and their characters.

There were a good number of members present, and guests, who we were very pleased to see .

Our next meeting is on Wednesday the 15th November, at 2 pm, and is our AGM, followed by more items OF SENTIMENTAL VALUE, which proved very popular at our September meeting when members brought precious items and shared their stories with the group. We had several requests to 'do it again' so here's another opportunity.

On Tuesday the 7th November we will all be attending the 10am Holy Communion service in church to celebrate together the 72nd Anniversary of the founding of the group. After the service we will have coffee together in the lounge of the Parish Centre. As always, everyone is very welcome - so see you all then.



*Diane*



## Christmas is Coming!

At St.Helen's Clifford Chambers

Sarah Crang

The festive season draws on apace... and with the end of the year approaching, thoughts quickly turn to the year that is to come! The newly formed charity, The Friends of St. Helen's, are selling Christmas cards with wonderful winter scenes, and a 2018 Calendar featuring photographs from the parish of Clifford Chambers. The cards are sold in packs of 10 with two beautiful snowy scenes, and are priced at £5 per pack. The colourful calendar makes an interesting and useful Christmas present, and is priced at £6; an envelope is also included for those wanting to post them to people further afield! Both are stocked at Holy Trinity Church Shop. Please show your support... it is much appreciated!

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Sarah*



## Mike Baker



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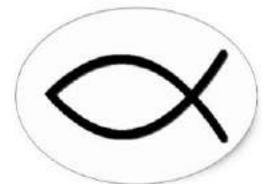
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## OCTOBER 1917 – A New Visual Radio Play A Response by Kathleen O’Neil



A century has passed since the Russian Revolution of October 1917, enticing us to take a look back at that transforming year in world history. And what better way to do it than with a new visual radio play by Stratford playwright Steve Newman, produced by The Bird of Prey Theatre Company, and Trinity Players.

Held at the Dirty Duck in Stratford on the evening of Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> October, it was a Sunday treat for all who attended. The actors also appeared to be having loads of fun too.

As the guests ate a scrumptious buffet, the actors played their parts with gusto, with many playing more than one character. The songs, with music by Matt Leonard Price, were sung with the utmost passion and emotion.

The sound effects of a desert wind, motor boats, gunfire and horses, plus live drumming, made one feel as if you were really there in the midst of the chaos and action. It was a broad based emotional adventure, bringing to life many of the happenings in that violent world of 1917.

There were moments when a sense of seriousness hung in the air – until humour brought forth a giggle or two.

The play incorporated aspects of the shift of power in Russia towards the Bolsheviks, led by Lenin. It also, in a sung duet, explored Rasputin’s influence over the Tsar, and most especially, the Tsarina.

At the core of the play was the brutal Armenian massacres and the emotional story of Aram and Mariam Kalisian and their escape, as children, from Armenia where over a million people were driven from their homes and murdered.

Steve’s play also looks at Britain’s Secret Service, which was deemed to be the most efficient there was, employing extraordinary people like Sir William Wiseman, the novelist Somerset Maugham, TE Lawrence and Gertrude Bell, who shared a close relationship. Gertrude’s extensive knowledge of the desert and her ability to speak many Arabic dialects led her to become the consummate politician and the

‘creator’ of Iraq!

The play wrapped all of these events up at the end, resulting in an enthusiastic response from a delighted audience.

It was a very enjoyable performance and evening!

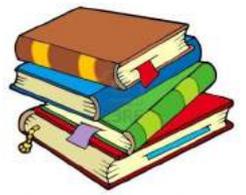
*Kathleen*



Pete & Val Cubitt

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# From the October Registers...



## Baptisms

15th October Claire Elise Carrel  
Oscar Christopher Southam  
Amelia Grace Watson  
Phoebe-Louise Rose Woodhouse  
Erin-Jayne Dorothy Woodhouse

29th October Sebastian Packwood-Ace  
Samuel and Joseph Hacker  
Auriella Cross

*Omitted from the September Register;*

30th September Matthew Harris and Jocelyn  
Keedwell

21st October Christopher Gent and Rebecca  
Jones



## Weddings



3rd October Dorothy Harrison

26th October John Knott

## Funerals



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# Soundbites



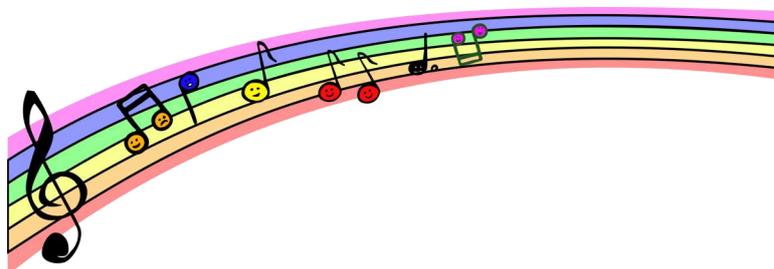
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The fabulous Vocal Group Omnium Gatherum  
who sang on October 18th

## November's Wednesday Line Up

- 1st: Eloise Yates—Trumpet
- 8th: Karl-Johan Dürr-Sørensen—Clarinet, with  
Rohan H. Stewart-MacDonald—piano
- 15th: Rebecca Mills—Soprano, with Benedict Wilson—Piano
- 22nd: Louise Cournarie, RAM—Piano
- 29th Kathryn Ellis—Soprano, with  
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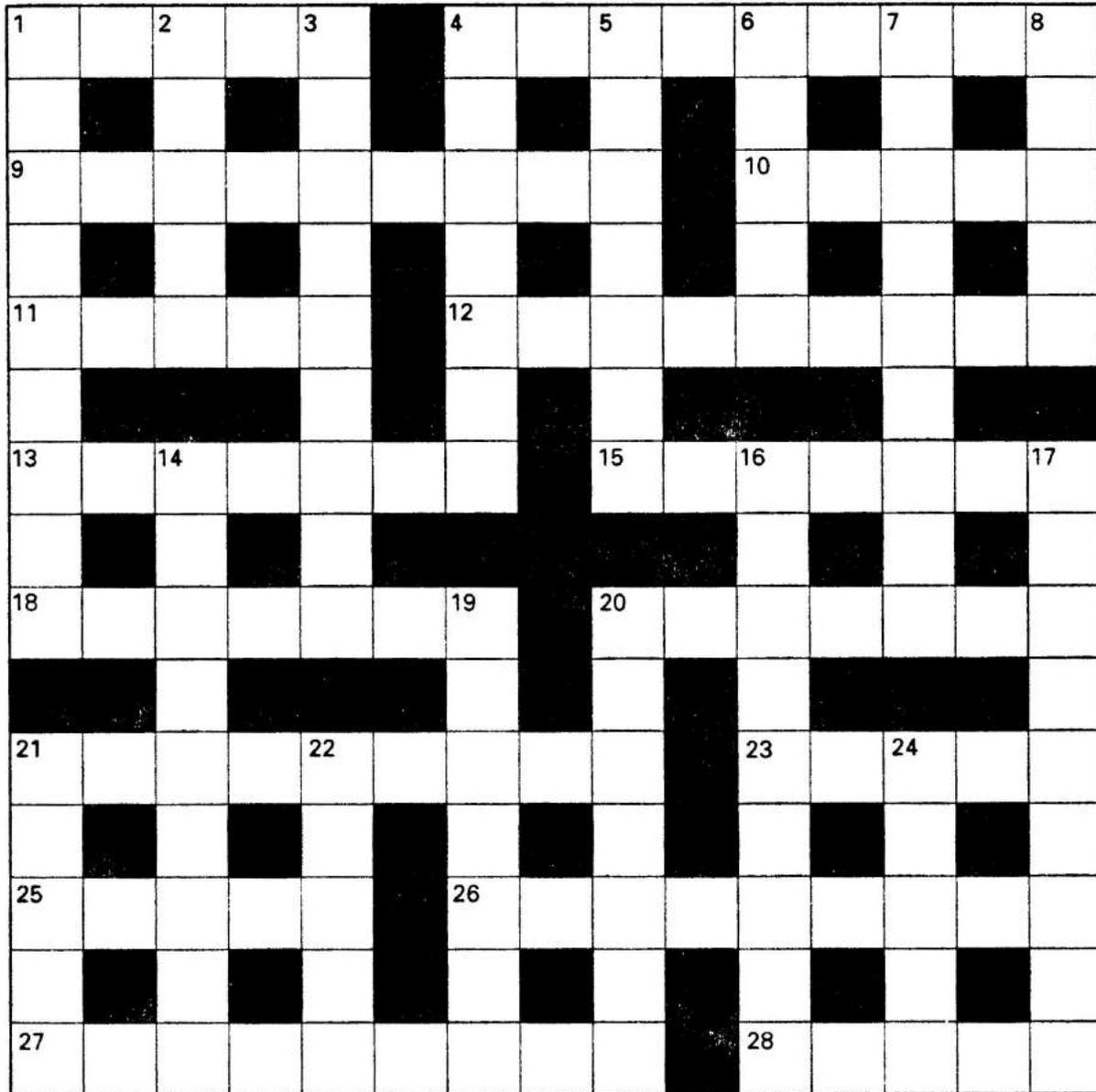
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# A Doctor's Waiting Room Crossword



## CLUES ACROSS

1 Cover a wound (5) 4 Joint inflammation (9) 9 Hospital conveyance (9) 10 Bury (4) 11 Fresher (5)

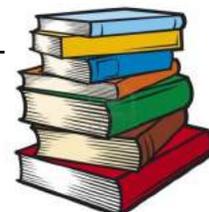
12 Hormone increasing blood pressure (9) 13 Nasal cavities (7) 15 Seekers of spiritual ecstasy (7)

18 Fleshy fruit like the pineapple (7) 20 Air current (7) 21 Part of facial structure (9) 23 An actor without words (5) 24 Biblical mountain (5) 26 Approach again (2-7) 27 Before today (9) 28 Sacs in the flesh (5)

## CLUES DOWN

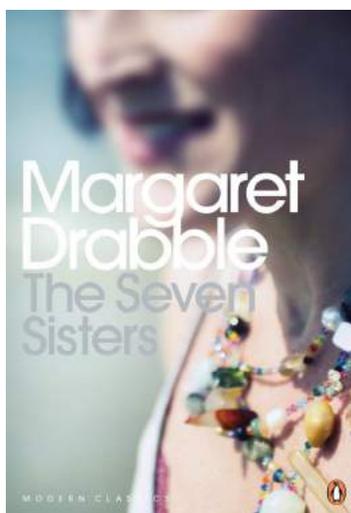
1 Identification of a disease (9) 2 Arm-bend (6) 3 Tissue hardening (9) 4 One-year plants (7) 5 Proposition to be proved (7) 6 Rule (5) 7 Summing up (9) 8 Warning instrument (5) 14 Brain cord terminals (5,4) 16 Intermittent (9) 17 Makes the object of ridicule (9) 19 Scrubbed (7) 20 Pertaining to food prescription (7) 22 Scalpel (5) 24 Joins (5)

Compiled by David Ellis Answers on Next Page



# Novel Theology

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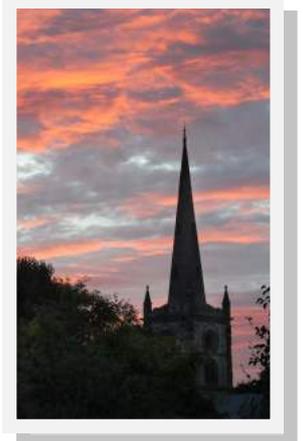
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