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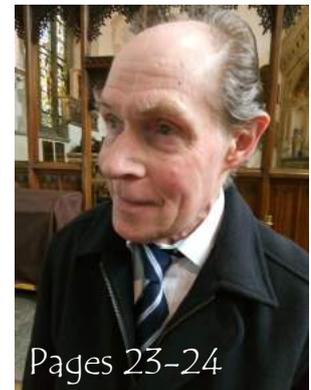
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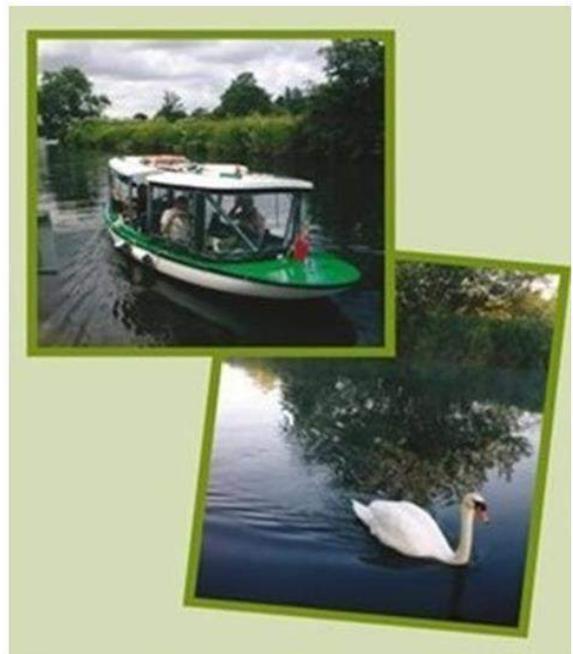
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Farewell from Steve & Hilary...

It's been a great privilege over the past 3 years to pester and cajole people for copy, and to edit this great magazine. We both hope that we

have filled the boots of Pat and Colin adequately, but now the time has come to hang up those boots and hand over to a new team.

A huge thank you to all who have contributed in words and pictures during our tenure, and a very special thank you to Geoffrey Lees, and his late wife Doreen, for their tremendous hard work and dedication dealing with subscriptions and distribution over many years. This issue of the magazine is also Geoffrey's last. We'd also like to say a big thank you to Brian Vince for the years he spent organising the advertising.

*With every blessing to you,
our readers.*

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Kay Writes...



A Rhythm of Prayer and Worship

What I like about Holy Trinity Church is the foundation of prayer that underpins everything that happens, whether day by day or throughout the seasons. Most people will be aware of the major flow of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost, but perhaps less aware of the finer details within those and Ordinary time.

There is a constant rhythm of days on which to remember and commemorate Saints, martyrs or other famous people whose lives have affected those around them during their own life time and perhaps have left a legacy for us to enjoy now. These are called Principal Feasts and Holy Days, and Festivals. There are twenty-eight festival days spread throughout the year, when Holy Communion is often celebrated in St. Peter's Chapel at 9.15am instead of morning prayer. That is if there is not already a service of Holy Communion being offered either in the Chancel at Holy Trinity at 10am on a Tuesday morning or at 10am in the Guild Chapel on a Wednesday morning.



Image: Old Postcards of Stratford

Some people feel that they miss out if they cannot get to church on a Sunday, others say that the prayer and worship sets them up for the week. There are lots of good reasons why it might not be possible to attend church on a Sunday, so if you are one of those who really do miss your regular opportunity to worship, have you thought of looking out for a service of prayer or Holy Communion during the week?

Of course many people will be at School or work on these days, but it is well worthwhile checking the Pew Sheet or Holy Trinity Website, to see if you might be able to attend one of the special communion services that can fall on a weekday. They are short but very interesting services, when we can gather together to remember important people such as Joseph of Nazareth, Thomas the Apostle and Holy Cross Day.

All confirmed members of the Anglican church are encouraged to try to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion once a week if possible. But if you just want to pray with others, then joining in with the prayers for about 15-20 mins at 9.15am or 4.15pm during the week, will help you to learn more about the other special days in the church year.

Throughout the year we remember some of the lesser known saints or famous people whose faith has inspired Christians over the centuries, we also have ember days when prayer is offered for those who serve the Church in its various ministries, both ordained and lay, and for vocations.

Spring is a good time to make a fresh start with your pattern of church attendance, so whenever and wherever you worship, may you receive a special blessing this Easter.

Kay



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Patrick's Worship Notes for April & May



“ It's a Busy Season...”

April begins with Easter day and then we continue our joyful celebration of the gift of new life in Christ during Eastertide, moving onto the Ascension and then the feast of Pentecost in May, bringing the Easter season to a close. It's a busy season and highlights include:

Monday 9th April Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This normally takes place 9 months before Christmas (25th March) but has been transferred this year because of the clash with Palm Sunday. A service of Holy Communion will take place in St. Peter's Chapel at 9.15am.

Sunday 15th April Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This year we shall be launching our new five year plan for Holy Trinity which will be presented at the morning services on this day. The meetings follow the Parish Eucharist and we elect our Church Wardens and other office holders, and receive a report on the life of the parish in 2017. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 22nd April Shakespeare Service 11.15am. The preacher is Professor Graham Holderness, author of *The Faith of William Shakespeare*.

Monday 23rd April St. George, patron of England. 9.15am Holy Communion St. Peter's Chapel.

Wednesday 25th April St. Mark the Evangelist. 10am Holy Communion Guild Chapel.

Tuesday 1st May St. Philip and St. James, Apostles 10am Holy Communion in the Chancel.

Sunday 6th May, 6pm a service of prayer and remembrance for the departed.

Thursday 10th May Ascension Day. There will be the traditional Early Morning Eucharist at 7am at Holy Trinity, followed by breakfast!

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Sunday 13th May A number of children will be admitted to receive their first Holy Communion at a special All Age service at 10am.

Monday 14th May St. Matthias. 9.15am Holy Communion St. Peter's Chapel.

Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday The Civic Service also takes place as part of our usual Parish Eucharist. We look forward to praying for God's blessing on our new Mayor and welcoming the Mayor's chaplain to preach. *If anyone would like a trip to London, you may like to go to hear Patrick preach at St. Paul's Cathedral at 3.15pm.*

Sunday 27th May Food4thought. We begin a new series of teaching called "Holy Habits".

31st May 7.30pm Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi). We celebrate the gift of Jesus present with us in bread and wine in this special Eucharist in the Chancel.

Evensong Sermons during April we will focus on key books of the Old Testament: when were they written, why and by whom?

Please note, we will celebrate Trinity Sunday—our Patronal Festival—on 3rd June when the choir return from their Half Term break.

Patrick

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.

Everyone is welcome

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 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

EASTER DAY

Sunday April 1st Holy Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion—Revd Steve Jarvis

10.00am All Age Eucharist—Revd Steve Jarvis

6.00pm Choral Evensong—Revd Patrick Taylor

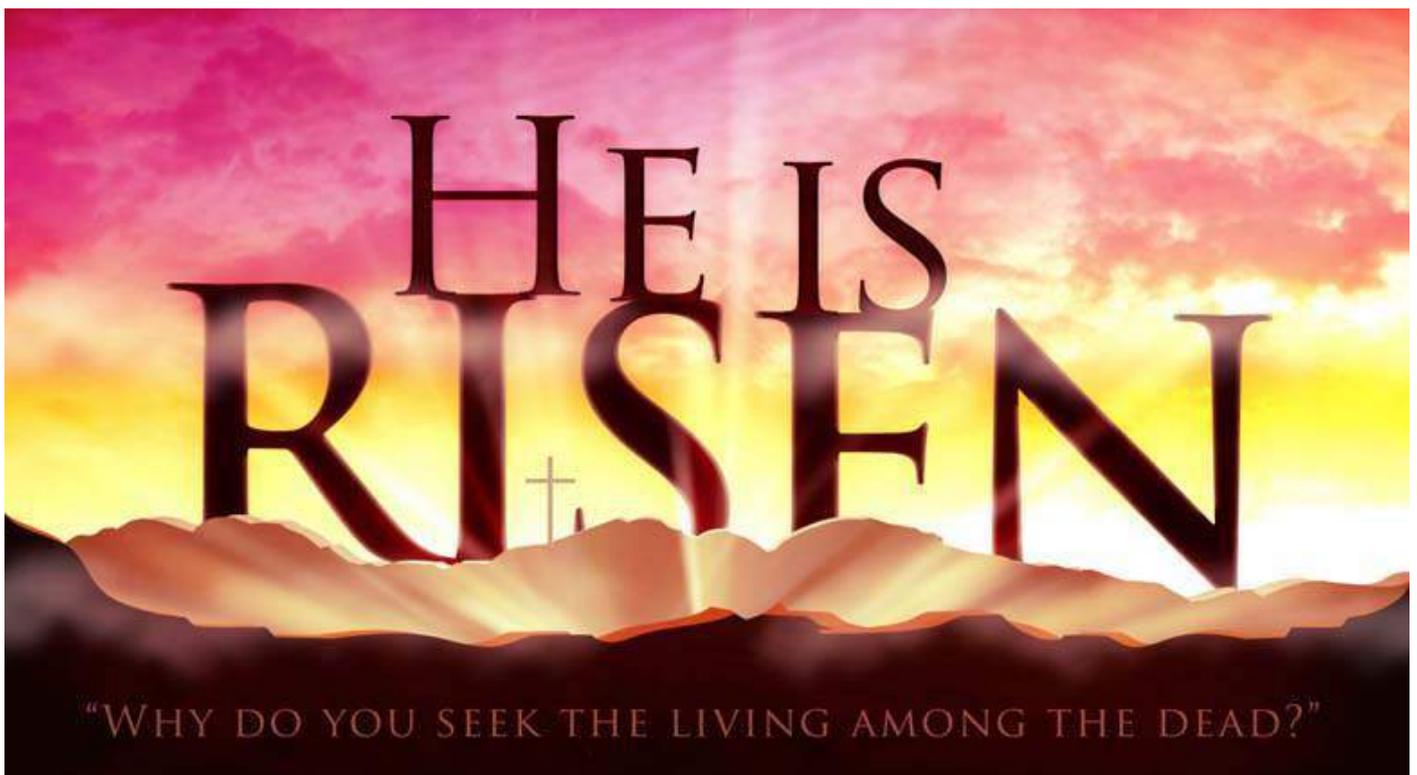
St.Helen's Clifford Chambers

9.30am All Age Holy Communion

Revd Kay Dyer

All Saints' Luddington

9. 30am HC BCP



SUNDAY SERVICES

IN APRIL

SUNDAY April 1st Holy Trinity *Easter Day*

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SUNDAY April 8th Holy Trinity *The 2nd Sunday of Easter*

8.00am Holy Communion—Preacher Revd Kay Dyer

10.00am Parish Eucharist—Preacher Revd Kay Dyer

10.00am Parish Centre FAB

6.00pm Holy Trinity Congregational Evensong—with Revd Steve Jarvis

St. Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.30am Holy Communion—with Revd Diane Patterson

All Saints' Luddington 9.30am Holy Communion—with Venerable Brian Russell

SUNDAY April 15th Holy Trinity *The 3rd Sunday of Easter*

8.00am Holy Communion—with Revd Patrick Taylor

10.00am Parish Eucharist—with Revd Patrick Taylor

10.00am Parish Centre FAB

10.00am HT@ Rosebird—with Phil Harper

6.00pm Holy Trinity—Choral Evensong with Revd Kay Dyer

St. Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.30am Morning Worship—with Revd Graham Wilcox

All Saints' Luddington 9.30am—with Revd Steve Jarvis

SUNDAY April 22nd Holy Trinity *The 4th Sunday of Easter*

8.00am Holy Communion—with Revd Steve Jarvis

11.15am Shakespeare Service—with Graham Holderness

6.00pm Holy Trinity—HC BCP & Compline—with Revd Patrick Taylor

St Helen's Clifford Chambers 9.30am HC Traditional—with Revd Kay Dyer

All Saints' Luddington 9.30am Holy Communion—with Revd Jenny Rowland

SUNDAY April 29th Holy Trinity *The 5th Sunday of Easter*

8.00am Holy Communion—Preacher Revd Kay Dyer

10.00am Food4thought with Baptism—with Revd Patrick Taylor

10.00am Parish Centre FAB—with Phil Harper

6.00pm Holy Trinity Choral Evensong—with Revd Steve Jarvis

St Helen's & All Saints'

No Services

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SUNDAY SERVICES

IN MAY

SUNDAY May 6th Holy Trinity *The 6th Sunday of Easter*

- 8.00am** Holy Communion—with Revd Dr Paul Edmondson
- 10.00am** Parish Eucharist—with Revd Dr Paul Edmondson
- 10.00am** Parish Centre-GoodNews@10—Talk Phil Harper
- 6.00pm** Holy Trinity—Service for the Departed with Revd Kay Dyer
- St. Helen's** Clifford Chambers 9.30am Family Worship—Revd Diane Patterson
- All Saints'** Luddington 9.30am HC BCP—Revd Canon John Graty

SUNDAY May 13th Holy Trinity *The 7th Sunday of Easter*

- 8.00am** Holy Communion—with Revd Patrick Taylor
- 10.00am** All Age Parish Eucharist—with Revd Kay Dyer
Admittance to 1st Holy Communion
- 10.00am** Parish Centre—No Service
- 6.00pm** Holy Trinity Evensong—with Revd John Hall-Matthews
- St. Helen's** Clifford Chambers 9.30am Holy Communion—with Revd Patrick Taylor
- All Saints'** Luddington 9.30am Holy Communion—with Revd Graham Wilcox

SUNDAY May 20th Holy Trinity *Pentecost*

- 8.00am** Holy Communion—with Revd Kay Dyer
- 10.00am** Civic Service—with Mayor's Chaplain
- 10.00am** Parish Centre FAB—with Revd Kay Dyer
- 10.00am** HT@ Rosebird—with Phil Harper
- 6.00pm** Holy Trinity—Choral Evensong with Revd Steve Jarvis
- St. Helen's** Clifford Chambers 9.30am Morning Worship
with Revd Jennie Rowland
- All Saints'** Luddington 9.30am Holy Communion—with Revd Steve Jarvis

SUNDAY May 27th Holy Trinity *Sunday Between Pentecost & Trinity*

- 8.00am** Holy Communion—with Revd Steve Jarvis
- 10.00am** Food4thought—with Revd Steve Jarvis
- 10.00am** Parish Centre FAB—with Phil Harper
- 6.00pm** Holy Trinity—HC BCP & Compline—with Revd Patrick Taylor
- St Helen's** Clifford Chambers 9.30am HC Traditional—with Revd Kay Dyer
- All Saints'** Luddington 9.30am Holy Communion—with Revd Patrick Taylor



Anthony Woollard's

Window on the World

“Transform Communities...”

Easter is the supreme time of new beginnings, and this year it corresponds almost exactly with the beginning of a new tax year.

Most people do not like paying taxes. We all know that there are many things necessary for our lives – health, education, defence and so on – which have to be paid for through taxes, but we generally want to minimise our own tax burdens. Whole political movements, and a vast industry of financial services, are dedicated to help us do just that.

But lately some surprising things have been happening. A leading Tory peer has argued that many of us must simply accept higher taxation if the changing needs of society are to be met. And a Tory local authority has asked its wealthier residents to pay a voluntary extra slice of council tax to enable it to discharge its responsibilities of care for the homeless. What is going on?

Our Archbishop, Justin Welby, has recently written a book called *Reimagining Britain: Foundations for Hope*. It is not about religious issues as such, but about very “secular” social challenges, though written from a strongly Christian viewpoint and drawing on the Bible and Christian traditions of social ethics. It argues that now, in the era of Brexit, is an opportunity for us all, at all levels, to re-think society and how it should work.

One of his main arguments is that, in our pursuit of a better life for ourselves as individuals, we have lost sight of the very basic idea of the Common Good. And this is something which is bigger than individuals, bigger than religion or any of the other things that divide us. A previous Chancellor of the Exchequer was fond of saying “We’re all in this together”. Welby demonstrates just what that might mean, in many areas of society, and it is not quite what George Osborne thought that it meant.

**‘THE CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
HOPE IS AN ESSENTIAL EMOTION AND
STATE OF MIND FOR ALL HUMAN BEINGS.’**

OUT NOW

JUSTIN WELBY

**REIMAGINING
BRITAIN**

Foundations for Hope

It is not about “austerity” as we have come to know it with cuts in public spending to reduce the national debt. It is far more about working for greater equality and community, and being prepared to give time and money to that end. Not just to the State – much of the change must come at a lower level in society, and Welby is not in general arguing for massive new taxes or lots more laws. You can’t compel cultural change, though there is a lot that governments can do to help or hinder it. But it’s not just a matter of the individual heart either. It’s all the groups in between; families, schools, religious bodies and local community organisations.

That is why the recent controversy about the Stratford Artshouse matters. We can argue about the place of the arts in society, compared to other social needs, and how much arts facilities might need to be subsidised, or how far they should depend on volunteer commitment, and so on. But we can’t deny that they are part of our culture, and can influence the sort of cultural change towards a better community for which Welby is arguing.

We live in a hugely and often painfully changing society, and some people are bearing far more of the costs of that change than others. If we care for the Common Good, then those of us who have time, money, energy must be prepared to put them in.

And, as we will doubtless be reminded at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, that is as true of the Church as anywhere else, because the Church is still a key part of our culture, and because we are called, in our list of purposes, to “transform communities”, beginning with our own.

If you want to call such a challenge a “tax”, then you may. But surely it should be a privilege and a joy to contribute to the Common Good.

Anthony

	<p>Gail Honeyman's <i>Eleanor Oliphant</i> <i>is Completely</i> <i>Fine</i> Is the choice For April 5th</p>	
<p>The Group meets on the First Thursday of the Month</p>		<p>If you need information about dates, or have ideas for future readings please contact Anthony Woollard 01789 204923</p>

WANTED! HOMES FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES.



Patricia Hall-Matthews

Representing Holy Trinity in the Community, I am on the management committee of **Welcome Here**, our local refugee support group. We are delighted to have welcomed the third family of refugees from Syria to Stratford in November 2017, and wish them well in settling to their new life in the UK. We have been active in augmenting the basic supplies provided by the Home Office scheme. Children's toys, baby clothes and equipment (a second baby for this family was due within weeks of their arrival, and has now been born), and a welcome pack of fruit and goodies were waiting for them on arrival. Friendship and social support has been offered by local Arabic speakers, as well as English language tuition. They were invited to, and enjoyed, the Christmas lunch at the Methodist Church. Lifts to hospital were arranged around the baby's birth. We are especially pleased at the support that they are receiving from another Syrian family who came to Stratford a year earlier and are becoming part of the community here.

The support supplied by Warwickshire County Council during the first year in the form of a dedicated support worker, language classes etc, is very much reduced in subsequent years, so ongoing help for our first 2 families by local people, with language learning and advice about form-filling and bill-paying, is essential. This is offered by members of **Welcome Here**.

A fourth family originally from Syria, but who have been living in camps for several years, has been selected for Stratford by the UNHCR, and are expected to arrive here in mid-March. We look forward to welcoming them too.

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Stratford District Council has committed to receiving 12 refugee Syrian families. The global problem of finding housing is reflected here in Stratford! **We are urgently searching for suitable homes for more families.** This will create a community of Syrian people in the town who can support one another in becoming self-sufficient and integrated citizens of our country.

Welcome Here believes that there could be generous-minded property owners within our Stratford community who would wish actively to support a displaced Syrian family in need of a home here.

Social housing cannot be offered, as it would displace local families in need. Rent for privately owned accommodation in Stratford is usually high. The families are tenants and have to manage on basic rate benefits. They may struggle to make ends meet, but are reliable rent-payers and responsible tenants, with the support of the council and **Welcome Here**. Privately rented premises must be inexpensive enough to be affordable on housing benefit.

Some private landlords, and importantly, some agents, flatly refuse to let housing to tenants on benefits.

Any type of housing can be used. Families are chosen according to what accommodation is available. The council pays the initial 2 months rent while the families are preparing to come and furniture and necessities are being supplied.

Is there anybody out there who is willing to let a property to a Syrian refugee family please?

Roger Matthews, chair of **Welcome Here**, would be very glad to hear from anyone for a preliminary discussion about properties which could be potential homes for further refugee families at roger.matthews@phonecoop.coop.

Tricia

Holy Trinity Parish Centre

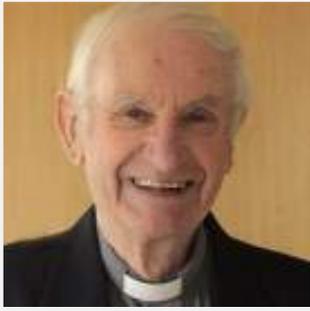
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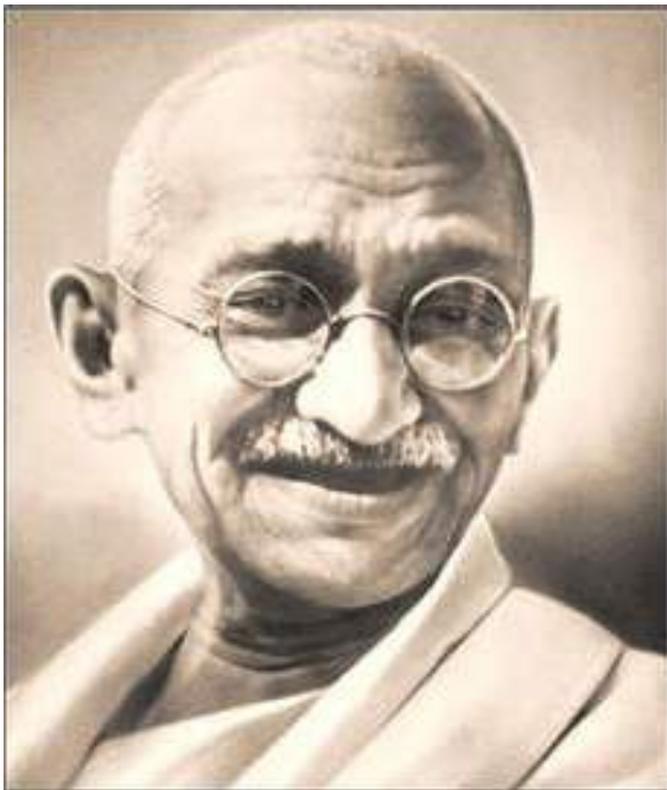


Revd David Ellis

Where charity and love are, God is there

The assassination of Mahatma Gandhi just 70 years ago, moved me as a young boy and aroused my curiosity. Though he wasn't a Christian he was my picture of what Jesus would be like if he walked the earth today and died for a similar political reason. Ten years later, en route to Hong Kong on National Service, I spent a whole day in Delhi. An army friend and I strayed into the old part of the city where we were immediately overwhelmed by the dire poverty - the noise, the stench, the squalor and so many ragged children begging us for 'One rupee! One rupee!' It was both a cultural shock and a spiritual encounter. This was where Gandhi walked among the 'untouchables' as Jesus walked the streets of his day. I went on to find something similar in the slums of Hong Kong and after ordination I was back there with my family in full time ministry.

Years later, on our journey home from the Far East, we stayed in India and visited Gandhi's grave in the park by the River Jumna where he was cremated on a funeral pyre. We took off our shoes to approach the black marble slab which records Gandhi's last words when he was shot as 'Hey Raam' by which he commended himself to his Lord. The park is a place of peace and spiritual presence. But soon we were back in the side-streets and the bustling world of bullock-carts, bicycles and filth where Gandhi's heart still lives. That same evening, 21st July 1969, I bought a copy of the Hindustan Times which reported the first moon-landing!



From Delhi we took the train to Agra to stay with Revd Alan Treherne, chaplain at St John's Boy's School about a mile from the Taj Mahal. Alan was a lone European in a Christian school whose goal was to inspire and equip young men to dispense the grace of Christ in the shape of practical action among the poor. No-one could fail to be impressed by the perfection and symmetry of the Taj Mahal, pristine white both in the morning sun and by moonlight. But not far away were fruit stalls covered with big black flies, goats wandering the city streets and donkeys walking round and round a cement mixer, animal dung everywhere and of course the pitiful 'untouchables'.



Dr E Stanley Jones, an American missionary who spent many hours with Gandhi, affirms in his book 'Christ of the Indian Road' that God used this extraordinary Hindu to Christianise unchristian Christianity. Dr Jones contrasts the opposition Christianity has aroused in India (because of its association with foreign oppression, not least the Amritsar massacre) with the person and compassion of Jesus which for the Indian has a compelling attraction. On the walls of the mud hut where Gandhi lived for many years was a picture of Jesus with the words, 'He is our Peace'. Gandhi was overwhelmed by the Sermon on the Mount as 'life-changing' but questioned whether Christians really lived it. His closest companion for many years was the British missionary, Charles Freer Andrews, who acted as his nurse during those periods of fasting which touched the soul of India and deeply influenced its politics. On reaching the end of his 21 day fast in 1924 he asked his friend to sing the hymn, 'When I survey the wondrous Cross'.

It was in his earlier struggle for the oppressed people of South Africa that Gandhi developed his weapon of Satyagraha, which he defined as 'returning good for evil until the evil doer tires of evil'. That speaks of a Christ-like grace. India still remembers Gandhi's power to move hearts to reconciliation and forgiveness by acted parables akin to those in the Old Testament. For him Jesus was the true 'Satyagrahist', who passed the test of non-violence, even if he seemed to be otherwise a failure. 'He, who when being killed, bears no anger against his murderer and even asks God to forgive is truly non-violent. History relates this of Jesus Christ that with his dying breath on the Cross, he said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" '.

The enigmatic Gandhi reminds us that amazing grace is not a Christian monopoly. It is the unconditional gift of God. It can appear at unexpected times and in unlikely people through acts of compassion, forgiveness and self-sacrifice. Nowhere is amazing grace so perfectly revealed and demonstrated as in the life and death of Jesus. As Christians we should recognise it as the presence of his living Spirit In the world today whatever form it takes.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est





The Signs Aren't Bad At All

Colin McDowall

Maisie Sly, a profoundly deaf six year old from Swindon, charmed us all last month walking the Hollywood red carpet after playing the lead in “The Silent Child”, an Oscar winning film about a little girl born profoundly deaf to hearing parents and living a withdrawn infancy until a speech therapist teaches her sign language.

As a long-retired teacher of deaf children this resonated with me and prompts me to share my own experience with sign language:

When I left school in 1952 after a decade as a chorister then crucifer at Birmingham Cathedral, everyone, including me, thought I'd train for ordination; but things happen don't they? While a reluctant national serviceman, I saw the film “Mandy” (also about a little deaf girl) and was very moved and inspired by the whole concept of teaching speech and language to deaf children.

Some might claim this was God changing my mind; I can only say I felt a very strong vocation that had me eventually graduating (1957) from Manchester University as a qualified teacher of the deaf. Qualified, that is, to teach deaf children (in special schools with acoustically treated classrooms using sophisticated amplification plus lip-reading) but not, definitely NOT, able to chat with them anywhere in a natural way using sign language and finger-spelling as deaf people themselves do.

The use of sign language in the education of deaf children was strictly banned, worldwide, following an international conference at Milan in 1880 (think Darwin!) that decided using sign language in classrooms would train deaf children to communicate only with other deaf people which, in turn (via deaf marrying deaf), would propagate deafness by creating more deaf babies.



It was also supposed that eliminating sign would enable existing deaf children to enter the hearing world. This official policy was preached and believed by virtually everyone concerned for the next hundred years. Along with all my fellow students at Manchester I totally believed and accepted this doctrine; and in my first teaching post, at the Doncaster residential school for the deaf, the head warned me that using signs was a sackable offence and advised me always to teach with a piece of chalk in one hand and a board rubber in the other to make signing impossible. I recall being shocked when he caned a boy for signing in assembly; believe me, signing was absolutely taboo!

My next two teaching posts in Hertfordshire and Sussex were in boarding schools for partially hearing children who, though deaf, had naturally acquired (albeit very imperfect) speech and language so signing wasn't really an issue. However, I observed in all three schools that forbidding sign language in the classrooms didn't seem to improve deaf children's speech or communication, yet all of them easily and happily chatted together using signs at play, during meals and in their dormitories. It soon occurred to me that it would be helpful if teachers could use sign language in the classroom too, but when I voiced this thought at conferences and meetings I found the vast majority of my colleagues were still convinced oralists; the kindest of whom thought I'd lost the plot while some, I'm sure, thought I wasn't fit to be a teacher of the deaf and should find a different job.

Fast forward to 1980 (a century after that Milan conference) and I did indeed have a different job in Liverpool, responsible for the education of all its hearing-impaired children. The 'deaf world' was different too. In America, Martin Luther King's assassination resulted in the passing of equality laws to favour not only black people but all minority groups, so American Sign became recognised as a proper language. In England, the 1978 Warnock Report stated that teaching methods needed by children born profoundly deaf differed from those needed by other hearing-impaired children.

I was well aware that my new Pooh Bah post (involving work previously done by three headteachers with all-age deaf children in special, mainstream peripatetic, and PH units) was not because of my abilities but simply reflected current crazy politics and finances in Liverpool. Nevertheless, I took advantage of my unique position and sorted 400 hearing impaired children according to their needs, and employed a number of deaf people to teach staff, parents and children to use sign language.

It was encouraging that the BBC's 'Blue Peter' heard about my school and chose it for their annual Christmas appeal (for the latest radio hearing aids, thus advertising that its eccentric headteacher, advocating sign language in his deaf school, also favoured the best electronic hearing-aids); but the ultimate accolade was when Manchester university invited me to be their external examiner for the next three years and asked me to lecture their students on the place of sign language in the education of deaf children. I well remember my opening line: "I feel honoured to be asked to talk to you about sign language here in pure-oral Manchester where I too trained. It feels like preaching communism at the Vatican...".

Colin



Kathleen O'Neil Interviewed by Judith Dorricott

Kathleen O'Neil is excited...

She has turned her novel for pre-teens into a 'visual' radio play which will be produced in September, thanks to a little help from Steve Newman.

Her book *The Dilemma* has been many years in gestation, but Kathleen's own childhood was full of imagination and she has always had the urge to write. She started this story, which was aimed at 8-13 year olds, while still

living in South Africa and, like many hopeful novelists, has been sending it out to various agents and publishers over the years.

The story, set in the 11th century, is the tale of two small medieval fairies Fleuben and Silkabella who come to earth from another planet. Kathleen will not give us the full story but she says these two main characters "see something amazing" and "something profound happens to them". They start off as immature beings from outer space but evolve as the story continues. Kathleen is fascinated by time and space travel, and these aspects feature strongly in the book.

Kathleen's own life has been something of an adventure. She was born in Port Elizabeth on the south coast of South Africa, and is grateful for the influences of both her grandfather who was passionate about astronomy and her mother, who encouraged her tremendous appetite for reading. Most of the fiction available to children was from Great Britain and Kathleen was sometimes puzzled by descriptions of English weather and English countryside in the Enid Blyton stories she read. Snow and hawthorn bushes were unknown entities to her!

Kathleen married young, had two sons, Lawton and Aidan, and still managed to work in administration while completing her Bachelor of Commerce degree.

She continued working as the boys attended school in Johannesburg, at the same time providing art-work for text books for the Oxford University Press in Cape Town.

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Port Elizabeth

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Kathleen has family in Germany, and has travelled to Europe, with her boys, to see their relatives several times, but they never visited England.

Sadly her marriage ended while the children were growing up, and the idea of bringing her boys up in England took root. Kathleen says that the political climate in South Africa now is very difficult, with an unstable economy and a high crime rate, so she felt her boys would have a better future in Great Britain, and she is grateful that the boys' father agreed with her. She then came to London to "check it out". I asked her what her first impression was. "Awful! London looked grey and cold!" she admitted, but went on to say that she visited many places in England and fell in love with the country.



Photo: Harry Lomax

What are the advantages of life in Great Britain? Kathleen admires our infrastructure and our education and has found that most places are really charming. The disadvantages are just the British weather and the lack of outside space compared to South Africa. She explained that much of her childhood was spent playing outdoors, and she remembers with great fondness the sunshine, the bush and the beautiful pristine beaches.

Kathleen decided that she loved living in Stratford-upon-Avon, so firstly worked for a firm of solicitors and now works for a local business. She brought her sons over in March 2013 and they were absolutely delighted to see snow on the ground when they arrived!

Cont...

Holy Trinity Church has played a large part in the O'Neil's lives in Stratford. Her family were regular church-goers in South Africa, and she was a Server at St. Thomas's Church in Johannesburg. She joined our congregation, quickly made good friends and became a Server here too. She feels that God has been looking after her, even during the more turbulent periods of her life, and that He will continue to do so. "He is always with us" she says.

Now romance has blossomed and Kathleen is starting a new chapter in her life. She met her fiancé Andrew Gardner, who comes from Derbyshire, two years ago and they will marry at Holy Trinity Church on 30 June, followed by a reception at Compton Verney. Andrew is a designer for an IT company and they have much in common. "It was meant to be" says Kathleen.

What does the future hold? Kathleen has high hopes for her radio play and for the eventual publication of her novel, and says that her dream is that her work will become a film one day!

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Judith

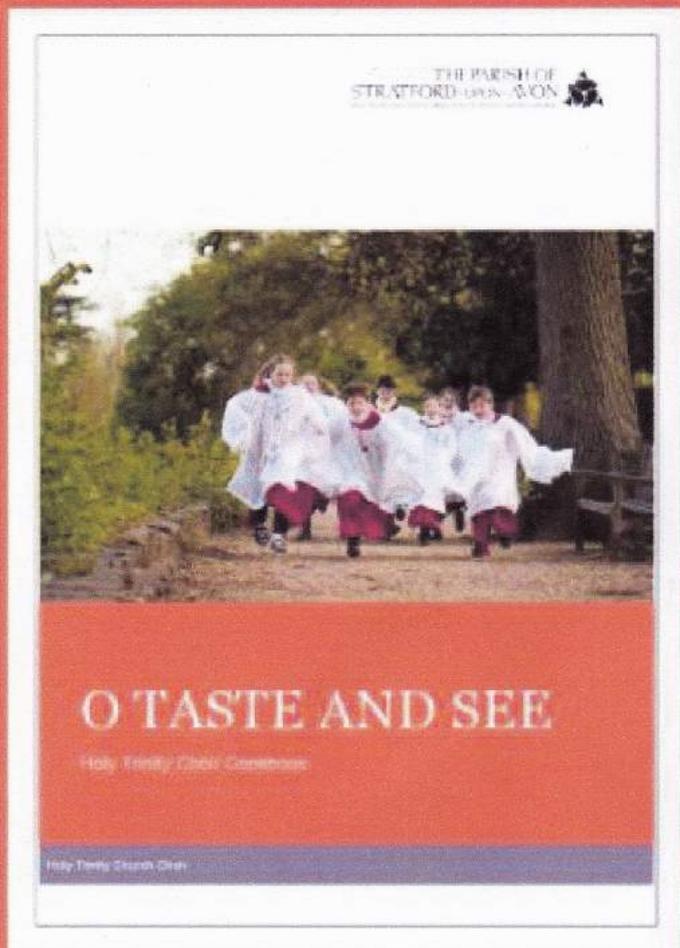


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THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK

David Wilson



I was recently reminded of a sermon given by a clergyman who, some twenty-five years ago, had been invited to speak at a service in St. James Church in Styvechale, Coventry. I was fortunate enough to be in the congregation.



Image: churches-uk-ireland.org

We were strongly moved by this clergyman, who simply explained what had happened to him in his life.

Speaking from the pulpit the Revd Lawrence, for that was his name, told us he had been born and raised in a tough district of Liverpool, and thought, as a teenager, it might help him if he learned how to box, in order to survive the often violent situations around him. He soon gained a reputation as a youngster not be messed with!

Part way through his talk the Revd Lawrence moved on a few years by telling us that, despite the hard start to his life, he did turn into a decent and responsible citizen, and how, eventually, he felt the calling to train for the Ministry, becoming, in time, a fully ordained Minister in the Church of England.

He told us how he served in a number of parishes over a twenty year period before an opportunity arose to consider taking on a Parish in his native Liverpool. He applied and was accepted.

He and his wife duly moved into the vicarage with all the upheaval this entailed, and, one night, only days after their arrival, the Revd Lawrence had a very strong dream. In it a voice firmly told him to tell his milkman that "God Loves Him". On waking he didn't tell his wife about it, and did nothing more.



The next night he had the same dream, and again the voice said: "Tell your milkman that God Loves Him". This time he woke immediately and told his wife about the dream, and that he'd experienced it twice.

" Well, you're a minister rooted in Christ, what are you going to do about it?"

" I've never even met our milkman."

" He comes at 5.00am every morning. So you'd better get up."

The Revd did as he was told, got up and waited in the hallway. When he heard the chink of bottles he opened the door to find a very surprised milkman looking at him. After a moment or two the milkman asked:

"Don't I know you, from way back? We lived a few streets apart, and boy could you use your fists; and to think you're now a Vicar! "

They shook hands, and yes, the Revd Lawrence did remember him. After a pause he said to the milkman:

"Look I 've had this powerful dream, twice now, in which I've been instructed to tell you that *God Loves You.*"

Apparently the milkman was visibly shaken, and explained that his wife (a strong Christian) had in recent years relied on a wheelchair to get around, and that he'd pushed her everywhere, including to church. He was not a believer, he said, but in respect and love for his wife he always took her to the services, left her there with her friends, returning later to collect her.

"She asked me many times to stay with her during the services," the milkman explained to the Revd Lawrence, "she often added *God Loves You.* Why not get to know more about him?"

The milkman said he always declined, saying to his wife: "If, as you say, God loves me, let him make contact with me personally and tell me so!"

The milkman went on to explain to the Revd Lawrence that his wife had recently died and that he was trying, with difficulty, to come to terms with his loss. And now, finding himself on the doorstep of his new vicar, a man from his past, who had now told him that "God Loved Him", he felt very humbled.

The Revd Lawrence finished his talk by telling us that this dear man, this humble milkman, had, after their meeting in the early hours, started coming to his church services on a regular basis, getting to know the church family there, and even enjoying the occasional meal at the vicarage.

The Revd Lawrence said it was plain to everyone in his Liverpool church, that this man, this milkman, was visibly growing in his faith, on his new journey with Christ.

David

"God for Harry! England and Saint George"

(Shakespeare, Henry V,3,i)

Judith Dorricott



How much do we know about our patron saint and the legend with the dragon? St. George's Day is on **23rd April** and coincides with the date of William Shakespeare's birth in 1564, and his death in 1616, so in Stratford we have a special reason to mark the occasion.

There are many versions of the life of the saint, but it seems that George was born between 250-280 AD in Palestine to noble Greek parents, who were practising Christians. George joined the Roman army as a guard, and some accounts suggest that he visited England with the Emperor Constantine to promote Christianity. Then in 303 AD in the region of Cappadocia, the ruler Diocletian decreed that every Christian soldier must offer a sacrifice to the Roman Gods. George refused to obey, freed his slaves and gave his great wealth to the poor, before confronting Diocletian. For his refusal to deny his Christian faith, George was decapitated outside the walls of Nicomedia (then a Greek city but now lying in Turkey). Seeing the strength of his faith, witnesses apparently convinced the Empress Alexandria of Rome to embrace Christianity.

St George is especially venerated by the Crusaders, but is accepted as a Saint by all branches of Christianity from Roman Catholicism to the Eastern Orthodox Church to Lutheranism. His name features in Islamic texts as a prophet as well.

Many of us will have noticed the Victorian stained glass window in the far left-hand corner of the west window of the nave. This glorious window shows Saint George, slaying the golden dragon with his lance, while his white horse rears up towards us, - it is a wonderful vibrant image.

As shown in our stained glass image, St George is usually clothed as a Crusader, wearing chain mail armour and carrying a lance often tipped with a crucifix. He often has the red and white cross of St George on his shield and his horse is always depicted in white.

Of course the story of St George and the dragon is legendary. It appears to have become popular in medieval times when The Golden Legend was published firstly in Latin and then translated into English. This book aimed to record all the lives of the saints and became the medieval 'best-seller' of its time.





Holy Trinity

Photo: Harry Lomax

The story goes that the town of Silene in Libya was plagued by a venom-spewing dragon. Firstly the local people appeased its appetite with sheep and then with children, but then the lot fell onto the King's daughter. This princess was sent to the lake to be eaten by the hungry dragon but St. George arrived just as the dragon emerged from the water. The Saint made the sign of the cross and charged at the dragon, wounding it. He and the princess dragged it back to Silene where St. George persuaded 15,000 men, including the King to convert to Christianity. Once they had all converted, St. George killed the dragon with his lance. The King, in gratitude, built a church to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. George on the exact site of the killing.

The legend of St. George and the Dragon was presumably brought back to England by the Crusaders, so this story became a popular courtly romance in the middle ages.

Although we don't celebrate 23 April as a national holiday, St. George is present in every aspect of our culture. He has been the subject of innumerable paintings across Europe, from Raphael to Rubens to Burne-Jones and Dali. He is celebrated by Edmund Spenser in the poem "The Faerie Queene" and in music by Sir Edward Elgar in "The Banner of St. George". He is important in our literature too so let's leave the last word to William Shakespeare:

"Saint George, that swinged the dragon and e'er since sits on his horse back at mine hostess' door" (King John, 2,i)

Judith



Whatever happened to Mary?...

As many of you may know, but some of you may not, Mary Cox was involved in a very bad traffic accident late last year. Luckily, Mary had kept herself physically fit, and is always cheerful and positive, traits that have enabled her to overcome the inevitable trauma. She initially spent several weeks in hospital in Coventry, followed by several more recuperating in Scholars Mews. When I saw her last she was about to fly to South Africa to spend some time with her family, and a daily physiotherapist! She had managed, with her trusty 'walker', to get to the mid-week Guild Chapel services once she was back in Stratford and a little more mobile, but was hopeful that she would soon be back at Holy Trinity—and at home!

With every good wish for your complete recovery, Mary.

Hilary



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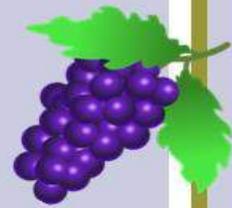
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Phil Harper

Children & Families Minister

Storytelling...



We were very excited to have the Parish Register back in church as part of Shakespeare Week's Warwickshire schools open day. An annual event organised by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and run in partnership with other organisations across the town, including Holy Trinity Church.

The theme of this year's Shakespeare Week was storytelling and Holy Trinity plays an important part in the story of Shakespeare's life, especially at the beginning and the end. The Parish Register records Shakespeare's baptism and funeral. It was very special to have the register in the chancel along with the font that Shakespeare was baptised in, and his grave. All the school children that visited us that day were very excited to see such an important part of the churches history. Unfortunately, after being on display, the register has to "rest" for a few years before it can be brought out of the archives again.

In April we will begin preparing the third group of children to have their First Communion. It's usually for children aged about 7 and upwards. If your child would like to join this group, please speak to me or email phil@stratford-upon-avon.org. The children will be admitted to communion at a special service for all ages on 13th May at 10:00am. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to join us at this service to celebrate this important event in the children's lives, but also the life of our church.



We have another special service on Sunday 24th June at 10:00am (please put the date in your diary). As part of the Diocese's centenary celebrations the cross of nails is going on a pilgrimage to all the church schools in the Diocese. The cross will be visiting the Willows school over this weekend and we're having a service in church to celebrate this. Bishop Christopher will be joining us for this service as well as staff, students and parents from the school.

Phil



"So, did it work out?"

Shirley Crimp

For health, age and distance reasons Jack and I realised earlier in the year that our church worship and activities would have to change, and yet the thought of leaving Holy Trinity and all our friends was something we just could not bear to think about.

But in our long lives so many times God has given the solution to a problem and we realised that "in a nutshell" we needed two Churches – St Edmund's, our local Anglican church in Shipston-on-Stour where we now live, for Sundays and Holy Trinity for weekdays, though inevitably on occasion the days are inter-changeable. And that we would need to share our financial support between both churches which the banking system made so straightforward.

The result – attending Sunday Eucharist at St Edmund's means that all our acquaintances there have become friends and we feel part of the congregation. For a Church which has only just appointed a new lady Rector after a year's inter-regnum it has an amazing network of support, activities and innovative services eg the lay-led Celebrate service once a month has become very special and reminds me of the thought-provoking "Food for Thought" services. And of course it was fortuitous that the Curate and I had known each other over 20 years ago when we were teaching at the same school.

And now when we walk into Holy Trinity we experience that wonderful feeling of being welcomed not only by the building itself but by so many friends and the always-helpful staff. Soundbites is a joy on Wednesdays and the shop provides such interesting, useful, often unique and always reasonably-priced gifts and cards. It is also a privilege to be part of the KJB reading team.

Just as we did at Holy Trinity we have enjoyed visiting the village churches in the Benefice at Idlicote and Honington, places we rush past on the A3400 when homeward-bound. Just as at Luddington and Clifford Chambers these churches are so unique and it is a joy to see the small village communities dedicated to keeping them a helpful and meaningful presence.

And what a pleasure it was for both of us to be at the Christmas Eve Carol Service at Holy Trinity and I could be a sidesman again with my own section for the collection – thank you Lynne for that.

So is it working? Again "in a nutshell" yes indeed it is – Praise the Lord.

Shirley



MUSIC FOR THE TRIDUUM

Compiled by Benedict Wilson



Thursday 29th – Maundy Thursday

10am Parish Eucharist*Motets: Duruflé Ubi caritas**Tallis Verily, verily**Voluntary: Bach O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross*

See special order of service

11.45pm Sung Compline to conclude The Watch (in the Chancel)

Friday 30th – Good Friday

2pm Good Friday Liturgy*Motets: Leighton Solus ad victimam**Chilcott Were you there?**Victoria Popule meus*

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Saturday 31st – Easter Eve

8pm Easter Vigil*Motets: Ledger This joyful Eastertide**Voluntary: Howells Saraband for Easter Morning*

See order of service

Sunday 1st – Easter Sunday

10am All Age Parish Eucharist*Setting: Bob Chilcott A Little Jazz Mass**Motet: Steve Dobrogosz Lord I'm free**Trinity Voices: Glyn Lehmann We are home here**Voluntary: Lefébure-Wély Sortie in E-flat major*

See order of service

6pm Choral Evensong*Introit: Harris Faire is the heaven**Responses: Rose**Canticles: Dyson in D**Anthem: Elgar Light of the world**Voluntary: Bach Christ ist erstanden BWV 627*

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Psalm 66.1-11

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Parish Trip on the Severn Valley Railway

I am, with Clare Bentall, organising a trip to and on the Severn Valley Railway on Saturday 8th September 2018. The trip will be leaving by train from Stratford-upon-Avon to Kidderminster and then onward by the Severn Valley Railway.

Book Now!

Full details of arrangements, times and fares will be published later.

Peter Rowland

Hearty Lunches for the Homeless



Photo: Steve Newman

Ann, Hilary, Marion and Steve—members of the Holy Trinity Team—preparing to serve hot lunches to the homeless in the kitchen of the URC, Rother Street, as part of the Stratford Churches Together Homeless Project on Saturday 17th March. We fed around 12-14 people on a bitterly cold day!

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HOWLERS!

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From a local newspaper article about milkman Tony Fowler who has helped his community and was recently honoured. "Tony has an MBE for services to the community which he collected from the Queen dressed up as a Friesian cow."

Item spotted on Wikipedia: List of serial killers in the United States. This list is incomplete. You can help by expanding it.

Advert sent out by the China-Britain Business Council seen by a listener to Radio 4 News Quiz: "The winners of the China Scotland Business Awards will be announced at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow on Thursday next week as part of a Chinese Burns Supper."

Spotted on a label for salt: Himalayan Pink Salt — the 250 million years old salt. Best before December 25



The Times was taken to task by a reader when some years ago it published a list of *100 Things To Do This Easter*. Apparently, attending church was not one of them!

Seen on Gumtree: Hello I'm selling this 2007 Polo. I got it in a part exchange for my wife.

THEY SAID IT...

BILLY GRAHAM

"Scripture is filled with examples of men and women whom God used late in life, often with great impact — men and women who refused to use old age as an excuse to ignore what God wanted them to do."



"A real Christian is a person who can give his pet parrot to the town gossip."



'You borrowed Daddy's phone. Try to remember where you moved my bank account to'

The Daily Telegraph's Matt Pritchett — aka cartoonist Matt — is celebrating 30 years of punctuating the newspaper's front page with his genius take on the day's news. Matt roughs out six cartoons each day for selection by the Editor. Almost never does he experience a rejection. So it was a shock when recently he was asked to design a cover for his local parish magazine. He delivered it and, hearing nothing back, called to make sure it was OK. "No", they said, "We can't use it." He had drawn Cupid shooting an arrow at someone who was firing a gun at a pheasant. "Pheasant shooting stops at the end of January. Nobody would be doing that in February," they said. Newsroom colleagues very much enjoyed hearing that Matt was not good enough for the parish magazine.

The Telegraph Magazine

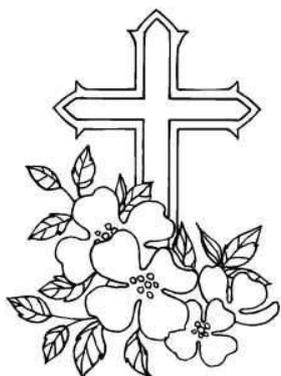
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From the March Registers...

Funerals

Omitted from the February Register (with apologies):
19th February Peter Bull



1st March	Revd Margaret Sweet Requiem Mass
3rd March	Doreen Lees' Memorial Service
9th March	Graham Roberts (<i>Oakley Wood</i>)
9th March	Donald Harris (<i>Luddington</i>)
13th March	Brenda Byard (<i>Oakley Wood</i>)
26th March	Anne Grey
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PCC Report: Tuesday 13th March 2018

Ruth Poulten

New Strategy Agreed

Members of the PCC declared the new Holy Trinity Strategy to be “exciting and inspiring” as it unanimously agreed to adopt it as our 5 year plan.

The Reverend Patrick Taylor said it had taken a significant amount of time and consultation to reach this point.

“This is a really key document, charting the goals we will be focusing our energy on as a church community. It’s very important that we have a strategic direction and this decision will set the agenda for how we focus our resources in the coming years. I’m really looking forward to us getting on with the work and delivering the strategy.”

It was agreed that the plan would be communicated initially to the congregations on the day of the APCM, 15th April.

Other News in Brief

The PCC voted to adopt the Financial Statements for 2017, which had been prepared in great depth by Treasurer Anthony Woollard.



After some discussion, the PCC agreed for Holy Trinity to join HeartEdge – an initiative for parishes who have heritage and civic roles in common.

Patrick introduced Operations Manager Andy Winter to the PCC where he provided a brief overview of the new data protection act which takes effect on 25th May.

Andy explained:

“**The key difference** is that we have to evidence our compliance with the act - for example, with an audit trail of consents to hold and use personal data. We’re in good shape now, and therefore working towards being in good shape for when the **act kicks in.**”

As part of the Diocesan Centenary celebrations, the Cross of Nails from Coventry Cathedral will tour all church schools in the Diocese. It will arrive at Holy Trinity’s church school, The Willows, for the weekend of 24 June, when an all age service is planned in Church led by the Bishop of Coventry.

Mike Warrillow is standing down as Churchwarden after six years’ service, and four years prior to that. Patrick thanked him for all he had contributed to the PCC over that time, especially as Warden responsible for buildings.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 May 2018.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Comes Home



Lambeth Palace has released details of a visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury to Coventry and Warwickshire in May. The Most Reverend Justin Welby will be meeting people throughout the city and county which profoundly shaped his mission and ministry for fifteen years.

Having been ordained in Coventry Cathedral in 1992, Justin Welby was a curate in Nuneaton and then a rector in Southam. He later served at Coventry Cathedral from 2002 to 2007, where he became the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry. A decade later he is frequently seen wearing a Coventry Cross of Nails.

Archbishop Justin is returning home to help celebrate the Centenary of the Diocese of Coventry. The diocese, in its current form, was created in 1918. At the same time, the old parish church of St Michael became the cathedral of the new diocese. From 2nd to 5th May, Archbishop Justin will be meeting civic and religious leaders, refugees, asylum seekers, farmers, school children, teachers, students, business leaders, performers in the Arts, hospital patients and staff.

The general public will also have an opportunity to hear and meet the archbishop at three events.

There will be a **hog roast** at Grange Farm, Grandborough (between Rugby and Southam) on Thursday 3rd May. The event starts at 6:30 pm.

'Ask the Archbishop' is an event for people in their 20s and 30s at All Saint's Church, Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) on Friday 4th May. It starts at 7:30 pm and includes an opportunity for questions from the audience.

The main highlight of the archbishop's visit will be a **Centenary Festival** at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 5th May. The festival starts at 10:30 am and includes music, drama and activities for all ages.

Admission to all three events is free of charge



The Social Team

Our next event will be a **Wine Tasting Evening with Cheese on Saturday May 12th, 7.00pm for 7.30pm**. A non-alcoholic option will be available. The evening will also include an entertaining quiz as well as information about the wine and cheese. Tickets are £7 per person and will be available from April 8th. The ticket price is to cover the cost of the event, not to fundraise. We look forward to sharing this evening with you.



Trinity Ladies

Revd Diane Patterson

“Many thanks to you all...”

We were delighted to have forty-one people at our charity tea on 21st March! This number included some visitors, and we are hoping they will want to join the group. The hall looked most attractive decorated with spring flowers and the afternoon was in aid of the work of SPRINGFIELD MIND. We welcomed Claudine, the fundraiser and Tracey who runs the Dementia Café who came to speak most inspiringly, about their work. Their talk was followed by a raffle and we then moved round tables to enjoy tea and cakes. We charged £2 in aid of Springfield MIND and also donated half the money raised on the raffle - we will be sending them in total, £130.50. So very many thanks to all our members for their various contributions to a very successful and enjoyable afternoon.

On 18th April we look forward to welcoming Maureen Beckett to talk about Israel. We will also be taking names and collecting money for our May outing. We are visiting the Guildhall and Shakespeare's schoolroom and then going to the Hathaway Tea Rooms for a cream tea. The total cost of the afternoon will be £10.75, payable at our April meeting, or if you won't be at that meeting do get in touch with me by the end of April if you would like to come.

A Very Happy Easter To You All

Diane

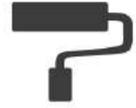


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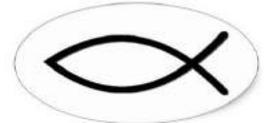
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Mothering Sunday Fun at St.Helen's

Revd Kay Dyer



Children attending the Mothering Sunday Service at St. Helen's, Clifford Chambers had lots of interesting activities to join in with. Some tried their hand at ringing a bell, you never know they might be our next generation of Bell Ringers at the church.

Four children had a Birthday over the weekend and so we sang Happy Birthday to them and then we had a lively song accompanied by a variety of percussion instruments, that both children and adults played. During the sermon many children made tissue paper flowers to give to their mums or grandmas and the collection was taken by children.

Before the last hymn children came up to collect lovely bunches of flowers prepared and donated by Angela.

Then at the end of the service refreshments were provided with a Birthday Cake.

In the picture you can see the edge of the toilet rolls and other items that the congregation and local residents provide for the Foodbank. St. Helen's has a strong link with this charity.



We look forward to seeing you at a Family Services or Holy Communion at 9.30am on a Sunday morning, everybody welcome.

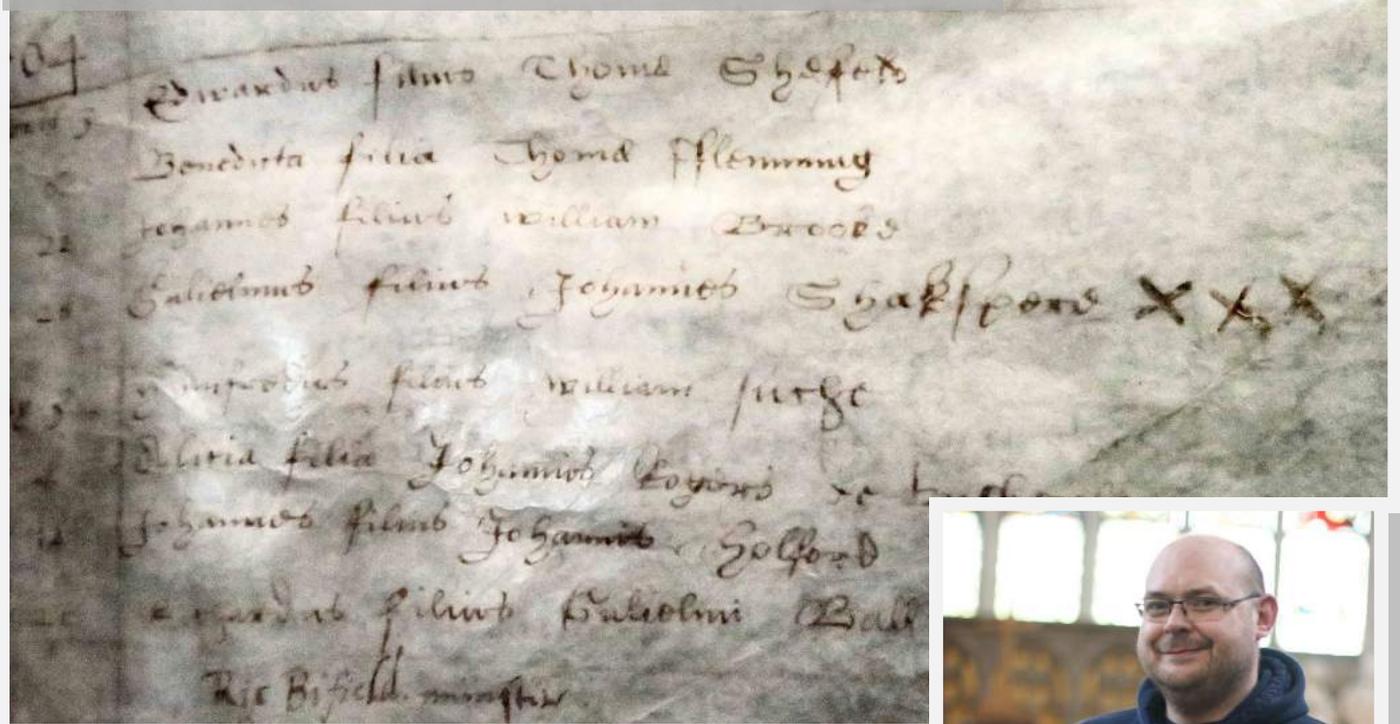




Shakespeare Records under Guard



Photos:
John
Burgess



The original Holy Trinity Register recording the baptism of William Shakespeare was on show & under guard in the church during the recent 'Shakespeare Week'.





Scattered Reflections

The Place of Music

Ronnie Mulryne

William Shakespeare – of course – knew the score (so to speak). Remember Lorenzo in *The Merchant of Venice*: ‘The man that hath no music in himself,/ Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,/ Is fit for stratagems, and spoils,/ ... Let no such man be trusted.’ Earlier during the same magical scene (Act 5, scene 1) Lorenzo tells us that (on the contrary) ‘Harmony is in immortal souls’.

In Shakespeare’s day, like ours, ‘soul’, as the *Oxford English Dictionary* puts it, meant ‘the spiritual part in man in contrast to the purely physical’. The word had wider meanings too, as column after column of the *OED* shows, including the principle of life itself.



If W. Shakespeare visited Holy Trinity today how would he, or Lorenzo, rate us? Pretty highly? We’re privileged certainly. We have a church organ comparable with the finest. We have a choir of real quality. We have Trinity Voices, young choristers eager to join in our worship. But still more, we have musicians of the highest quality giving our music **life**. Benedict, Stephen, Rebecca all have long experience and high qualifications to call on. Until recently, we had Rohan among us.

Our organ scholars have been wonderful assets. Sam has returned to us from Oxford, planning to build a musical group to enrich some of our services. We have a vicar who sings beautifully, an accomplishment not all that common among vicars in general. There are able vocal and instrumental musicians among us. We even have a congregation which sings – with varying degrees of skill, yet lustily and to the Lord. Soundbites thrives. The wider community enjoys the town’s Choral Society under Stephen’s leadership. A Place of Music, yes.



Yet how might a severe audit go, if W.S. or another were to judge us? Do we have music ‘in our immortal souls’, in Lorenzo’s words, or merely on our lips? We have many opportunities to deepen our spiritual life as we listen or perform. Hymns and Psalms and Songs of Praise, Introits, Anthems and organ Voluntaries can all open our minds and replenish our hearts. But how often do we unthinkingly repeat the words of hymns, or join in responses in routine fashion? How often does our attention wander when the choir sings or the organ plays? An audit would take note.

Cont...



During a recent 'Food for Thought', Andrew Dow taught us the meaning of one of the hardest sayings in the New Testament, John 12 verse 25: 'He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal'. In the original Greek, the word for 'life' on its first two occurrences here, is *psyche* (ψυχή): 'soul', 'mind' 'spirit', anything greatly precious and loved. As Andrew explained, St John is telling us we must value *psyche*, our very life, below service to God. In the terms of these reflections, we should value even music, loved and inspiring as it is, below the worship it serves. Through music we should enter, in St John's words, a gateway to life eternal.

Can we make this Place of Music even more fit to serve, as Lorenzo puts it, the 'harmony' of 'immortal souls'?

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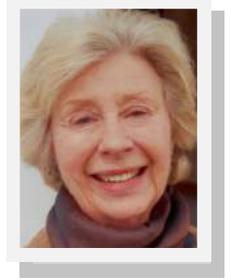
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NEWS FROM TRINITY PLAYERS

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What's in a Name?

We are renaming '*Coffee, Cake and Sonnets*' to better reflect the range of extracts from and inspired by Shakespeare that we perform.

So do come and join us for '*Coffee, Cake and Shakespeare*' on Friday 20 April in Holy Trinity at 11am to celebrate the Birthday of the Bard with entertainment and a slice of Birthday Cake. *Admission free.*

A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Players are staging '*A Midsummer Night's Dream*' June 13,14,16 with children very much in mind but to be enjoyed by all ages – so fewer long speeches but plenty of fantasy, fun, music and song.

As well as back stage during the performance, we are looking for some help beforehand, particularly in design and making skills so that we can give imagination free rein in creating a fairy forest and those who live in it.

Think *Lord of the Rings*, *Game of Thrones* (no, I haven't seen it either) or maybe something completely different?

The Dilemma

The *Dilemma* is a new 'visual' Radio Play for children of all ages, written by Kathleen O'Neil. It will be produced and directed by Steve Newman, and performed in September 2018.

Date to be Announced

If you would like to help in any way do contact me or any of the Players.

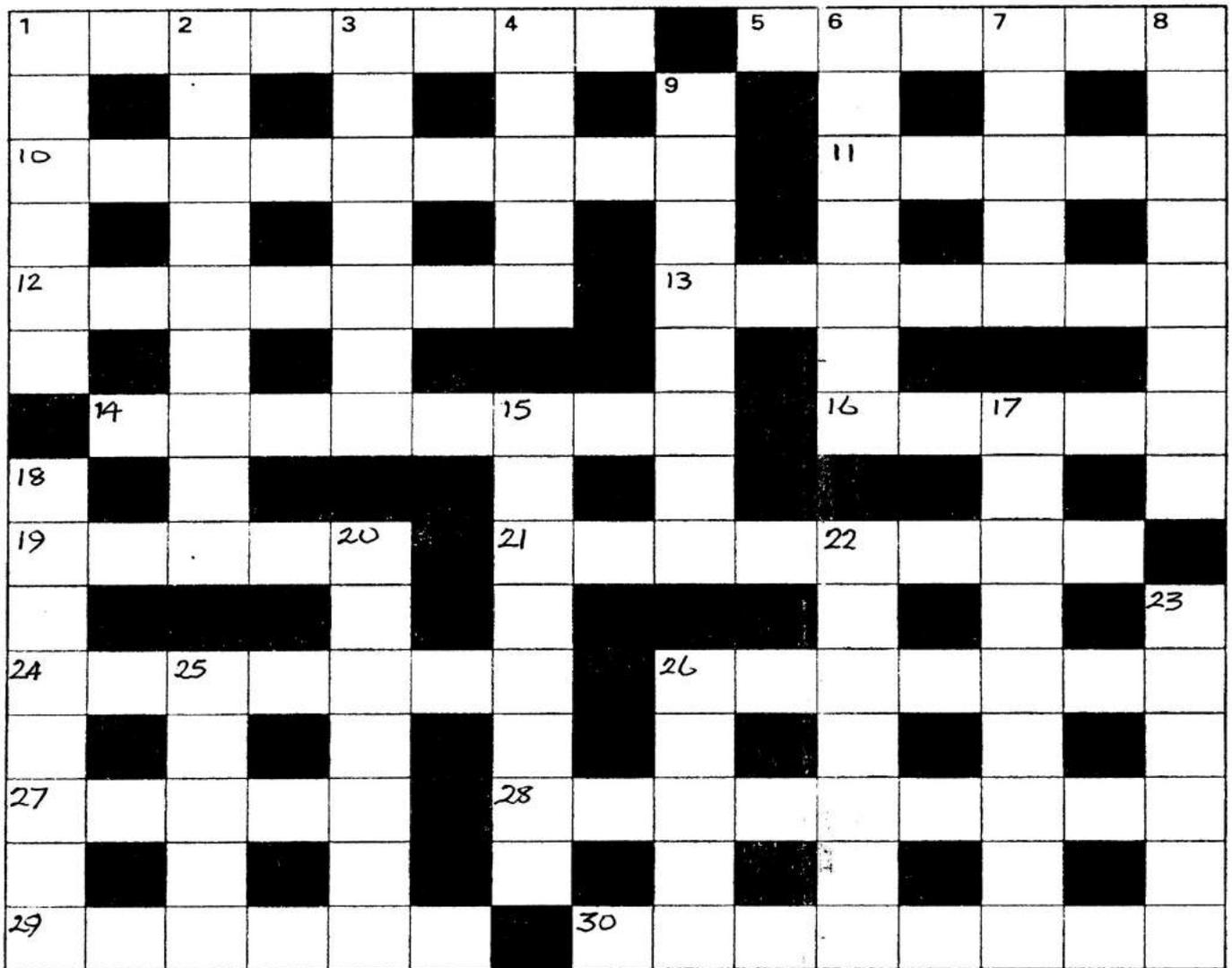
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Crossword for April/May



Clues marked * indicate the name of a Bible character found in the verses following. References are to the King James Version.

ACROSS 1 Rattled and demoralised (8) 5 Glues (6) 10* Luke 1.59-end. (9) 11 Even colder (5) 12 Home base (7) 13 Islamic fast (7) 14 Something missing (8) 16 Amass (5) 19* I Samuel 16.1-12 (5) 21* Daniel 3.8-end (8) 24 Remark (7) 26 Part (7) 27 Middle Eastern native (5) 28 Lover's card (9) 29 Stinger (6) 30 Supplanters (8)

DOWN 1* Isaiah 6.1-8 (6) 2* John 3. 1-17 (9) 3 Harvesters (7) 4* Matthew 27.45-50 (5) 6 Victory (7) 7 Infant (5) 8 Music at an open window (8) 9 Divorce or alienate (8) 15 Idle (8) 17 Make English (9) 18 Expulsion (8) 20* Ezekiel 1.1-3 (7) 22* Acts 6.1-6 (7) 23 Heavenly messengers (6) 25 Intended (5) 26* Acts 15.22-27 (5)

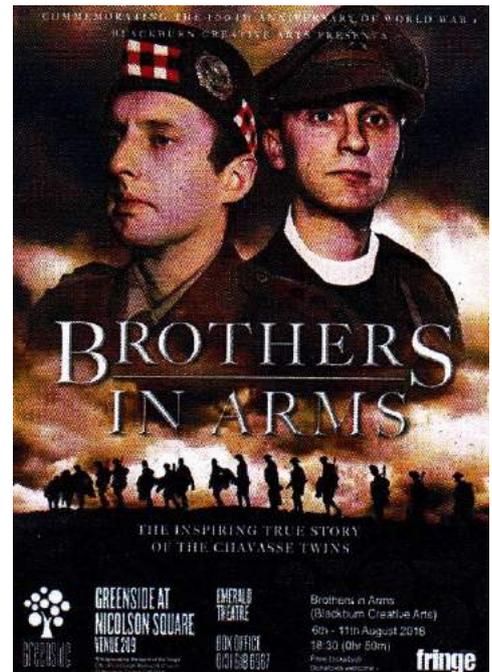
Revd David Banbury



The Revd David Banbury—one time Director of Mission at Holy Trinity—was licensed as Vicar of St John the Baptist, Burscough Bridge, near Ormskirk, Lancashire on Palm Sunday. We send him, and his ever busy wife Kathy, many congratulations and good fortune for the future for all their family.

Kathy and David's children, Phil and Ruth, were both married in 2017. David's play *Brothers in Arms*, set during WWI, will be playing at the Edinburgh Fringe

Festival this year, from the 6th-11th August, at the Greenside Emerald Theatre.



Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will take place on **Sunday 15th April** at approximately 11.30am in the Parish Centre. We need to elect four churchwardens, as well as four members to serve on the PCC. Those wishing to stand need a proposer and seconder, and need to be on the Church Electoral Roll. For more information please speak to Miriam Dow, PCC Secretary. 01789 417852

SOLUTION TO APRIL/MAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Unnerved 5 Sticks 10 Zacharias 11 Icier 12 Address 13 Ramadan 14 Omission 16 Hoard 19 Jesse 21 Abednego 24 Comment 26 Section 27 Iraqi 28 Valentine 29 Nettle 30 Usurpers

DOWN 1 Uzziah 2 Nicodemus 3 Reapers 4 Elias 6 Triumph 7 Child 8 Serenade 9 Estrange 15 Inactive 17 Anglicise 20 Ezekiel 22 Nicanor 23 Angels 24 Meant 26 Silas



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