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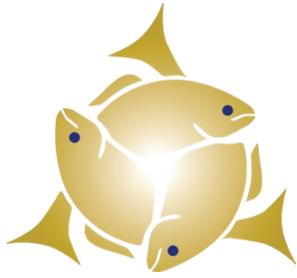
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### Editorial

Welcome to the October edition of Trinity Times. The nights might be drawing in, but hopefully this edition of Trinity Times will shine a little light in the darkness. We are pleased to announce that Felicity Howlett will be taking on the role of Design Editor from the November edition. Felicity has been cutting her teeth with some pages in this edition, but from November she will be taking the role on fully. We wish her the best of luck and know she will do a fine job.

Don't forget that we've a new email address to send items for the magazine to [timestrinity@gmail.com](mailto:timestrinity@gmail.com). If you would like to submit contribution, we'd love to receive it.

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Front cover photograph by Harry Lomax, a picture of some of our visitors this summer.

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## A TIME FOR REFLECTION



I find that autumn puts me in a reflective mood. As the poet Keats famously put it, this is a “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.” Leaving behind the heated activity of the summer, this can be a good time to take stock of our lives and our faith. For those involved in school or academic life, the start of a new term will have brought with it readjustment to new routines. For all of us, the effect of the evenings drawing in (doesn't it happen quickly?), the heating going back on and having to wrap up in more layers can make it feel like this is the time to look back on the past and consider the future.

This natural instinct to reflect is actually a fundamental element of a healthy prayer life. For centuries, Christians have ended each day by reflecting on what they have experienced that day. It's only natural to want to say thank you to God for all the good things of the day and to be grateful for our blessings. Likewise, we may feel prompted to mull over things that were not so good or went wrong. Perhaps there is something we need to seek God's forgiveness for? This spiritual practice is sometimes called the Examen (an examination of the day) and is based on asking ourselves two key questions:

*For what moment today am I most grateful?*

*For what moment today am I least grateful?*

Giving these questions careful attention, day by day, can lead us into a profound realisation of how God's love is at work in our lives and what God wants us to attend to in the future. Can you find a few minutes each day to consider these questions in prayer?

This was a pattern that came naturally to another poet, George Herbert. In his poem *The Church Porch* he talks about prayer each day and uses ordinary routines such as getting undressed and winding up a watch as metaphors for our reflection:

“Sum up at night,  
    what thou hast done by day;  
And in the morning,  
    what thou hast to do.  
Dress and undress thy soul:  
    mark the decay and growth of it:  
if with thy watch, that too be down,  
    then wind up both,  
since we shall be most surely jug'd,  
    make thy accounts agree”.



From time to time something more than our daily routine is required for a deeper time of reflection. I have been in full time ministry for over 17 years now (and in this parish for almost five) and Bishop Christopher has agreed that I can take a period of sabbatical next year. This means that I will be off duty during May, June and July 2019. I will then take a summer break with the family which means I will be back on duty in the parish towards the end of August. I am aware that this time is a great privilege, and am giving careful thought to how I can use it wisely. I hope it will be a time of reflection, rest and renewal, to re-energise me for the ministry and challenges that lie ahead in this parish in the years to come.

I hope your autumn is a fruitful time and that you find some moments for prayerful reflection and thanksgiving.

*Patrick*

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER



### Holy Trinity Church

**Sunday 7th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

**Parish Centre** 10.00am TrinityCentre@10

**SUNDAY 14th October, Holy Trinity Harvest Festival**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Harvest Eucharist with Baptism Candles

6.00pm Evensong

**Parish Centre** *No service in the Parish Centre*

**SUNDAY 21st October, 21st Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

**Parish Centre** 10.00am TrinityCentre@10

**Rosebird Centre** 10.00am HolyTrinity@Rosebird

**Methodist Church** 6.00pm Open to God

**SUNDAY 28th October, Bible Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Food4Thought

6.00pm Holy Communion BCP

**Parish Centre** 10.00am TrinityCentre@10

### St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

**SUNDAY 7th October, 9.30am Harvest Family Worship**

**SUNDAY 14th October, 9.30am Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY 21st October, 9.30am Morning Worship**

**SUNDAY 28th October, 9.30am Holy Communion Traditional**



### All Saints', Luddington

**SUNDAY 7th October, 9.30am Holy Communion BCP**

**SUNDAY 14th October, 9.30am Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY 21st October, 9.30am Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY 28th October, 9.30am Holy Communion Traditional**



### Upcoming Services

*A selection of upcoming services which maybe of interest*

#### Holy Trinity

**4th November, 10.00am All Age Service "Stratford Remembers" with Eucharist**

6.00pm All Souls' Tide Service

**11th November, 10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service**

10.50am Act of Remembrance (*Garden of Remembrance*)

#### St Helen's

**25th November, 6.00pm All Souls' Service**

#### All Saints'

**4th November, 10.00am Patronal Festival, Holy Communion BCP**

## WORSHIP NOTES OCTOBER

The season of **Harvest Festivals** is upon us. Luddington enjoyed their festival service and lunch on 23rd September and there will be special services at **Clifford Chambers on 7th October (9.30am Family Worship) and Holy Trinity on 14th (10am All Age Eucharist)**. We give thanks to God for the ways in which we are so abundantly blessed. Bringing a gift of food to a Harvest Festival service not only provides something for someone in need, it's a statement that we are aware of how much we have and would like to thank God for the amazing resources at our disposal. Donations for the Stratford Food Bank will be welcomed. Please see the pew sheet for details on the sorts of items required.



We celebrate the life and witness of one of the Gospel writers this month: **the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am** Eucharist in St. Peter's Chapel.



**Bible Sunday, 28th October** is an important opportunity to engage more deeply with scripture and review our own practices of bible reading at home. At Holy Trinity our monthly Food4thought service at 10am will take place on this day. It provides an opportunity for extended teaching within the context of a less formal celebration of Holy Communion, with music led by an instrumental group (the choir return for BCP Holy Communion at 6pm).

*Patrick*

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Last year we changed the times of the Christmas Eve services at Holy Trinity and added in a new service. We will be continuing with these new times, so as a reminder and to help with your forward planning, these are:

#### Christmas Eve

**3.00pm A Service of Lessons & Carols -**

Led by the Choir (*Doors open 2.15pm, Not suitable for very young children*)

**5.00pm The Big Nativity**

A family-friendly service. (*Children welcome to dress as a nativity character*)

**6.30pm Carols for All**

An informal service of carols and Christmas readings

**11.00pm Midnight Mass**

Our first Eucharist of Christmas, with the choir (*Doors open at 10.15pm*)

#### Christmas Day

**8.00am Holy Communion with carols**

**10.00am Christmas Day All Age Eucharist**

A joyful celebration of Christmas for the whole community

#### St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

Christmas Eve - 5.00pm Christingle Service

Christmas Day - 9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist

#### All Saints', Luddington

Christmas Eve - 7.45pm Carols on the Green

Christmas Day - 9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist



## CHRISTMAS CARD AMNESTY

Although it is still only October, we want to remind people about the Christmas Card Amnesty. Rather than sending cards to members of the congregations, people are invited to make a donation towards our four Christmas charities and have their name printed in the December/January edition of Trinity Times. More details in the November edition.

We are also going to be running a poll to find out people's favourite Christmas carol. Over November people will be invited to tell us what their favourite carol is and why. The results will be in the December/January edition along with some of the reasons why. If you'd like to take part details will be in the Weekly pew sheet from the beginning of November.



### Contemplative Prayer Group

Come and join us on the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Lounge for a time of silent prayer, followed by a talk and refreshments.

**Everyone is welcome**

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## Social Team

# Harvest Ceilidh

### Sat 13th Oct, Parish Centre

### Doors open 5:30pm Band begins 6pm



Food, fellowship and dancing, for any age, what more could you want?

Join us at our Harvest Ceilidh (bit like a Barn Dance) with live Ceilidh band.

A warm supper and dessert is included in the price of the ticket. (Please bring your own drinks, alcoholic or non-alcoholic)

**Tickets must be purchased before the event for catering purposes.**

**£8 adult, £5 child (16 and under),**

available after morning services from the Social Team.

## FROM THE REGISTERS SEPTEMBER

### Christenings

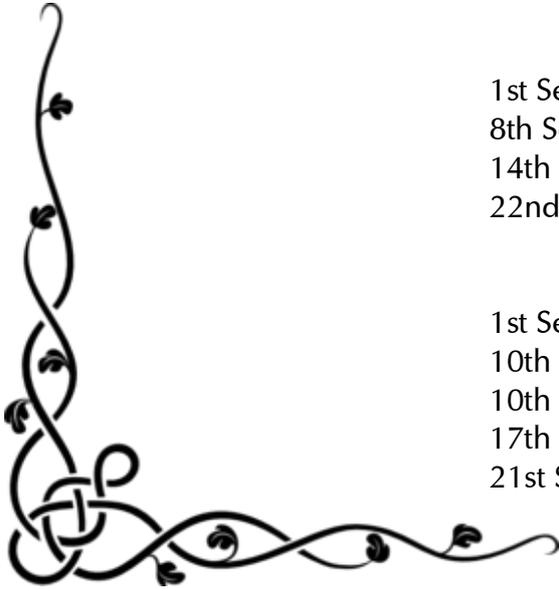
9th September George Morgan  
9th September Verity Offer  
9th September Ava Lee  
16th September Evangeline Hackett  
23rd September Amelia Blackman  
23rd September Joseph Blackman  
23rd September Amilah Hussain-Paragreen

### Weddings

1st September Robert Moore & Matilda Bott  
8th September Laurie Pennington & Alexandra Wickens  
14th September Daniel Green & Joanne Cooper  
22nd September Harry Fellowes & Sarah Oldham

### Funerals

1st September Ivor John Bowen  
10th September Phyliss Mitchell  
10th September Douglas Wathen  
17th September Marjorie Una  
21st September Keith Lloyd



## SHOEBOX APPEAL 2018



For our 2018 Shoebox appeal we have chosen to support the UK based charity **Link to Hope** with their shoe box appeal, which benefits families and the elderly of eastern Europe, directly through their regional partners.

Link to Hope offers help to people of all backgrounds regardless of race, colour or creed with no qualifying criteria other than that they are poor and marginalised. Link to Hope currently works with nationals in Moldova and Romania, Bulgaria and the Ukraine. It sends Christmas

Shoeboxes to all of these countries, especially people struggling to survive in the poor villages that lack basic amenities.

Life in Eastern Europe is very hard. The countries that have succeeded in entry to the EU have provided many people, especially the young, with the opportunities that their parents could only dream of. However, those of low or no literacy existing in poor housing, still struggle with poverty, illness, lack of money, unemployment etc. Tragically their children are born and raised to live in the same way and continue to exist in a circle of poverty they can never escape from. Link to Hope believes that the only way out of poverty is through education and that there is also a need for social care for those that cannot look after themselves.

You can choose to fill a shoebox for either a family or an elderly person. We have forms and shoeboxes available from our churches, with details of what to put in your box and a form to attach to the box.

Filled shoeboxes need to be brought to Holy Trinity Parish Centre by **Wednesday 31st October**.

## FAREWELL TO PAUL



*We were all sorry to hear that Paul Harris, our Head Verger, is leaving us soon, but Judith managed to catch up with him in church for a chat.*

**Judith: Firstly, Paul, tell us when and why you are leaving?**

Paul: I'll be leaving Holy Trinity in early October and as to why? The job I'm moving to is a fantastic opportunity for me to work in a cathedral and where the skills and experience I have gained here I can utilise to lead the verging team in Oxford. I also believe that sometimes God will move you on and it is about faith and the opening of doors. My favourite bible passage is from Jeremiah 29, vs 11 'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'.

**Judith: What is your new job title?**

Paul: My title is Dean's Verger at Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford. The Dean is in charge of the cathedral and traditionally, the head verger is called the Dean's Verger. I will be leading a team of three vergers and 400 volunteers!



**Judith: Will your responsibilities be different?**

Paul: Well, I won't have any responsibility for the fabric of the cathedral, but, like here, I'll be doing a bit of everything especially as I like to be involved! At Christchurch, we start with daily morning prayers at 7.00 am, and finish with Choral Evensong, which is a lovely service that's also open to visitors. The Verger's job is to be in the background but to make sure everything, particularly during the services, happens smoothly. The best vergers are unobtrusive.

**Judith: Where will you live in Oxford?**

Paul: We've been given a small cottage in the cathedral grounds.

**Judith: And is your wife excited about the move?**

Paul: Annie is excited about the move to Oxford as it is a city we know and love. Our son spent three years studying at Keble and because we were living in Salisbury at the time it was easy to visit.. Annie is quite an art lover and with so many paintings to see and admire in Oxford she will be in her element.

**Judith: What is the best part of your job here?**

Paul: I particularly enjoy a busy Saturday afternoon with a lovely wedding in church, and where the congregation mixes with tourists visiting the church. It's good to remind people that this is a living, working church, as well as Shakespeare's burial ground.

**Judith: What will you miss about Stratford?**

Paul: All our friends here, but we will be able to come back very easily.

**Judith: And anything here you won't miss?**

Paul: No! I enjoy all my work within the church and as a verger there is so much variety and every day is

*Cont...*



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*The Chapel is open daily and is free to all, we need volunteers to help welcome those visitors*

*Working in pairs, full training will be given. Even 2 or 3 hours a week would make a big difference. This is a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in history, meet people from all over the world, and be a part of something truly exciting*



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different. The one thing I will definitely miss is the Hospitality Teas! I was once accused of having an OCD complex, (Obsessive Cake Desire) but with the wonderful cakes on offer.....

Judith: **When you think back about Stratford, what will your image be?**

Paul: It will definitely be a picture of Holy Trinity Church. I took some photos earlier this year during a snow storm here. These are not to Harry Lomax's standard and therefore not available to the public, but I get the sense from them of the church being a solid presence during all storms and tribulations that life can throw at you.

Judith: Thank you, Paul, for your time, and we all wish you a very happy move to Oxford.

Judith Dorricott



## HOLY TRINITY ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Are you a tweeter, a Facebook scroller or Instagram fan? Or are you completely confused by all of those statements? Holy Trinity has a presence on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. They are ways to keep up to date with what's happening at Holy Trinity, but also give you a glimpse of what's happening behind the scenes.

If you do use any of those forms of social media, make sure you follow us, but also help us to spread the word by liking, commenting or sharing. The more people interact the further we will reach.

If you haven't followed us yet, click on the links on the church homepage [www.stratford-upon-avon.org](http://www.stratford-upon-avon.org) or search for **@HTCStratforduponAvon** on Facebook, **HolyTrinitySonA** on Twitter or our new page on Instagram **holytrinitychurchstratford**.

If you need any help getting started using social media then our Communications Officer, Angela Barnard, is very happy to answer your questions - contact via the Parish Office (01789 266 316).



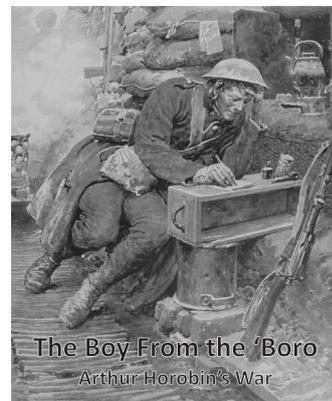
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## WORLD WAR ONE DRAMA COMES TO CLIFFORD

A moving drama, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, will be staged in Clifford Chambers village hall.

**The Boy From the Boro** tells the story of the 'war to end all wars' from the viewpoint of an ordinary Warwickshire man who was caught up in these earth-shattering events. It will be staged on Saturday, November 10th in the hall at 7.00pm and tickets will include a one-course, hot meal.



Created by Three in One Productions, **The Boy From The Boro** tells the story of Arthur Horobin, a one-time farm worker and shopkeeper from Nuneaton, who joined the Warwickshire Regiment and was thrust into the mud and blood of trench warfare.

The story is personal and often harrowing and therefore, because of the nature of some of the content, the play may not be suitable for children aged 7 or under. Tickets are £12 for adults and £8 for children and are available from Les Moseley (phone 01789 296019 or email [leslie.moseley@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:leslie.moseley@btinternet.co.uk)).

## TRINITY TOTS - FUN FOR ALL



Every Thursday afternoon (during term time), the Parish Centre hall is transformed into a colourful play zone. With large sit-in cars, building blocks, a kitchen, dressing up costumes, fairy castle and our latest addition a ball pit. We also cover the floor with rugs and mats that are covered with toys for children from birth upwards.

The afternoon begins at 1.30pm with a time of free play. Each week we also have a craft and an activity relating to our theme. The theme for the beginning of this term is autumn and colours, so we've made leaf hedgehogs and tissue paper stained glass windows. For our activities we've tried paint bags and played with coloured rice. In the coming weeks we're going to be playing with bubbles, edible sand and trying some bread painting. At 2.30pm we put the toys

away and move into the lounge for a drink and biscuit, accompanied by a story and songs with musical instruments.

If you've a young child you will always be welcome at Trinity Tots, but don't despair if you haven't. We also need some **extra helpers**. You don't need to come every week, but you could be on a list of people we can call on if we are short of helpers one week. If you can put toys out, that's great but not essential if you can't. Mainly we need people to welcome, to offer cups of tea and coffee and to talk to people. If you think you could do this please contact Phil at [phil@stratford-upon-avon.org](mailto:phil@stratford-upon-avon.org) or 07791005696. For new parents, we meet **1:30pm-3pm** at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, cost is £1 for one child and adult, 50p for any additional children or adults.

### Olivia Dutson – Babysitter



I am 21 years old and completing a Masters degree at the Shakespeare Institute. I am an experienced babysitter available to work in Stratford-upon-Avon town on weekday nights and at weekends. Please do drop me a text on 07932 812721.

## STRATFORD REMEMBERS: ARMISTICE CELEBRATIONS AT HOLY TRINITY 2018



In just over a month's time we will join with communities around the country in commemorating the end of the First World War.

The Parish will be leading on events here in Stratford-upon-Avon, working in partnership with local organisations, to bring our community together in remembering the sacrifice of those who served on the front line, and those affected closer to home. A special **all-age service** on the morning of All Saints' Day (4th November) will mark the beginning of two weeks of activity under the title "Stratford Remembers".

In partnership with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, we will be hosting a **week long exhibition**, previously displayed in Halls Croft, which tells the story of the contribution of the people of Stratford-upon-Avon to the story of the Great War. This will feature the story of those both in active service, and those on the home front.

Following our success in the securing grant funding from the Government's Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust to purchase eight clear Perspex seated silhouette figures, we will be able to tell the story of St Peter's Chapel, and its dedication in 1919 as a memorial chapel to the 61<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> South Midlands) Division. This was an important Division made of regiments from the Warwickshire (including South Birmingham, Coventry, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire). For more information about the figures please go to [www.therebutnotthere.org.uk](http://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk). This, along with the exhibition provided by SBT, will provide an opportunity for our local schools to join with us in engaging with the Armistice commemorations.



We will have a free screening of the recent film adaptation of R.C. Sherriff's **Journey's End** on Wednesday 7th November 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). Set in the trenches near Saint-Quentin, Aisne in 1918, towards the end of the First World War, Journey's End gives a glimpse into the experiences of the officers of a British Army infantry company. The film stars Toby Jones, Paul Bettany and Robert Glenister.

The Armistice itself will be marked by a special **Vigil Service** on the evening of Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> November. This will be an opportunity to come and light a candle of remembrance for the fallen of the 1914-1918 Great War conflict, while accompanied by the choir singing Compline, and music especially chosen for the occasion. On Remembrance Sunday itself, we will once again host a **civic service** before moving to the Garden of Remembrance, where along with the town, Royal British Legion, Armed Forces Cadet Units, Civic dignitaries and the general public, we will facilitate the laying of the wreaths at the war memorial.

The evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> November a beacon will be lit in the Remembrance Garden, part of a chain of beacons that will be lit around the country. This will be followed by a peal of bells from Holy Trinity.

Finally, our commemorations will lead into a series of five evening performances of **Shakespeare's Henry V**. This will be the culmination of a special professional touring production, set in the period of the Great War, which is being performed in cathedrals around the country by Antic Disposition. We are very privileged to be able to host the final five performances here at Holy Trinity Church. To book tickets for Henry V, please go to [www.henry-v.co.uk](http://www.henry-v.co.uk)

So please join with us as "Stratford Remembers" this special centenary year which marks the end of the 1914-1918 Great War.

Revd Steve Jarvis  
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Antic Disposition's Henry V

## STRATFORD REMEMBERS - EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**All Age Service, Sunday 4th November 10am** - A special service for all ages in Holy Trinity Church to mark the beginning of our commemorations.

**Stratford-upon-Avon & The Great War** - exhibition in church all week.

**Remembering the 61<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> South Midlands) Division, St Peter's Chapel** - 'There But Not There' installation, and an opportunity to leave prayers for those who have served and those who died in conflict.

**Journey's End, Wednesday 7th November 7.30pm (Doors open 7pm)** - A free screening in Holy Trinity of the recent film of R.C. Sheriff's play set in the trenches near Saint-Quentin, Aisne in 1918.

**The Boy From the Boro, Saturday 10th November 7pm** - A play, staged in Clifford Chambers village hall.

**Vigil Service, Saturday 10th November** - The choir singing Compline, an opportunity to light a candle.

**Civic Service of Remembrance, Sunday 11th November 10am** - A service in Holy Trinity Church to remember all those who have served and those who lost their lives.

**Act of Remembrance, Sunday 11th November 10.50am** - We gather at the Garden of Remembrance for the laying of wreaths and two minutes silence (all are welcome to join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre following this service).

**Beacon Lighting, Sunday 11th November 7pm** - A beacon will be lit in the Remembrance Garden as part of a chain of beacons that will be lit around the United Kingdom. This will be followed by a peal of bells rung out from Holy Trinity.

**Shakespeare's 'Henry V' Monday 12th November to Friday 16th November** - Touring theatre group *Antic Disposition* perform Shakespeare's play in Holy Trinity Church. Tickets available from [www.henry-v.co.uk](http://www.henry-v.co.uk) priced from £20-£40. Moving effortlessly between 1415 and 1915, Antic Disposition's Henry V combines Shakespeare's epic history play with original songs inspired by the poetry of AE Housman, in a powerful tribute to the young soldiers caught up in conflicts five centuries apart.



**HENRY V**

By William Shakespeare  
Additional words by AE Housman

UK Cathedral Tour  
8 October – 10 November 2018

Holy Trinity Church,  
Stratford-upon-Avon  
12 – 16 November 2018

British Theatre: LondonTheatre1; The Londonist;  
The Reviews Hub; The Upcoming; Gay Times

Stage Review: Everything Theatre; Ginger Hibiscus;  
The Public Reviews; Plays to See

## SKELETONS IN THE ATTIC



My grandfather was stationmaster at Cambridge station and such was his love of the Great Eastern Railway that he named his firstborn Gladys Evelyn Riche (initials GER). And so the love of railways has been lurking not far beneath the surface. Of course I realised that I was a little quirky and have been secretive about my passion for trains. However, all that changed on Saturday 8th September when a happy band of some 31 expectant travellers set out to board God's Wonderful Railway (Severn Valley branch) to make a huge journey back in time and cover the 11 miles from

Kidderminster to Bridgnorth and all stations and time zones in between.

What a nostalgic day. Even the weather was reminiscent of the past - drizzle - but it did not dampen the spirits of those worthy travellers intent on going back in time to savour an age which I discovered was not as long past as I thought. Memories came flooding back and stories recounted in the corridor carriages of the 1950s. No concrete cows here – all was genuine. The views from the window of rolling countryside and idyllic farmhouses; the smell of the steam and smoke as we puffed through the tunnels; the laughter of times remembered and most importantly (for me!) the stories of so many who had secrets silently hidden in their attics. Slowly those secrets were unlocked and shared. My own secret had lay dormant for many years of the weekends when I used to lead my innocent young sons into the attic and try to get them enthused with my model railway. But they didn't catch on and they used to look rather sadly on their father in the superior sort of way that only children can!



But somewhere between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth I discovered I was not alone. One by one stories emerged of converted garages and attics; of OO or N scale tracks; of Hornby, Triang and Fleischmann; of transformers of the non-religious type. It almost seems at one stage that one of the qualifications to become a member of the clergy was to own - or at least dabble - in elaborate reconstruction. And who can blame them? To see the power and the magnificence of those massive steam engines painstakingly restored to their former glories; the devotion of the volunteers; the museum; the stations. And somehow I began to realise that I was amongst friends where I could share my passions; my long hidden stories. No talk of Brexit today. My secret had been outed. I would be able to discuss in future without fear of pain or ridicule the fact that I still have those engines and Pullman carriages and they need a good home. I can see the start of the Holy Trinity model railway club. My skeletons in the attic can be dusted down and we can talk almost spiritually of God's Wonderful Railway.



So very many thanks go to Peter Rowland who organised the timetable so carefully that everything ran like clockwork and his commentary on the way showed an immense knowledge of the subject. I can't wait until the Santa Special when I can take my innocent grandchildren to revel in the magic.....or is that just an excuse for me to return? In the meantime the nostalgia continued well into the evening with the last night of the proms. But that's another story.

**Richard Hartley**

# CHRISTIAN AID

Over the summer we have had various displays in church. The final display was from Christian Aid, highlighting the plight of displaced people.



Harry Lomax



Harry Lomax

Imagine you were forced to flee your home **today**. You must travel to an unknown and unfamiliar location. How **safe** would you feel?

Imagine if **war** came to your town – how would you decide whether to **stay** or to **leave**? How would your **hopes** for the future change?

Imagine there was **no water** in your home – or the shops. How would your family **survive**?



Sorri



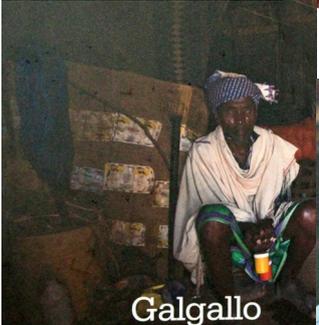
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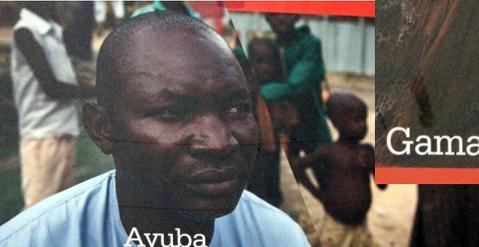
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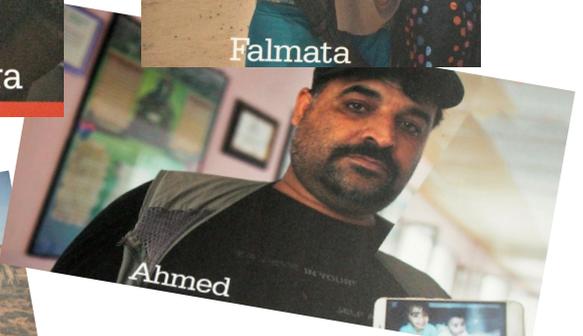
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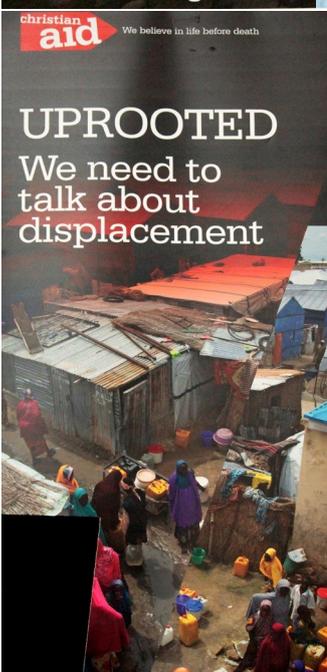
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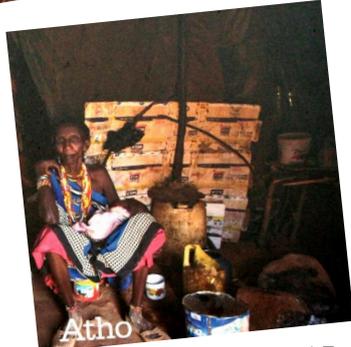
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Thank you for journeying with displaced people for this short time. Will you continue to stand with them?

Amplify their voices and help make sure there is better protection for everyone on the move.

Join our campaign and stand up for displaced people at [caid.org.uk/displaced](http://caid.org.uk/displaced)



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## BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL & WORK BAGS

It was great to begin the new academic year with a special service, where we blessed old and new school and work bags also the people who will carry and use them.



## FAIRTRADE STALL

Did you know that we regularly have a Fairtrade stall after some 10am Sunday Services? With a selection of food and hand made items and of course Fairtrade chocolate!! The stall will next be out on 14th October (Parish Centre), 4th November (in Church) and 9th December (Parish Centre)



Photos on this page by Harry Lomax

## GREENBELT - WHY DID I WAIT SO LONG TO TRY IT

I am not sure whether it was the August Bank holiday traffic that put me off or just the thought of camping again, but this year I did it, I went to Greenbelt as a first timer!

It was amazing, twenty different venues to choose from with amazing speakers, great music and lots to do for those from one year old to 85 years or more. With a wonderful family atmosphere, around 10,000 people attended the event in the grounds of Boughton House, Northamptonshire. Some camping in the field next to the marquee and display areas. Others attending for a day or two, some staying at a college nearby. As I had not camped for some time, I took advantage of "Camping Light" who refurbish and re-use tents left behind at other festivals, which satisfies my aim to recycle as much as possible, to help ensure the grandchildren have a nice planet to live on in the future. These tents are already pitched for you, as were the glamping tents for those who like to sleep a little higher off the ground.



In the vast camping area I soon spotted the Franciscans' Tent, where a lunchtime Holy Communion Service was held by the Bishop of the local area at 12.30pm on the Saturday. On Sunday the Franciscans held a Service of Morning Prayer in the HUB where delicious breakfast baps and hot beverages were available with other snacks 24 hours a day throughout the weekend. The morning service was broadcast live on the local radio, and BBC technicians could be seen around the festival site ready to record other events.

There were lots of food outlets around the festival site, so you could get away with hardly cooking yourself at all. The long tent in the picture below, is the "Jesus Arms" pub, right between the Big Top and the Little Big Top tents. I found the "Christian Aid" tent further down the field offered an amazing choice of cakes and at main meal times, dishes made from items that had just passed their Best Before Date, but were perfectly safe and tasty to eat and would have been binned.



The environment is high on Greenbelt's agenda and everyone was encouraged to take re-usable cups or buy one there. As far as possible plastic items were not used for cutlery or for serving food in.

It is well worth taking your own foldable portable chair, or a rug to sit on the grass, as there are only a few chairs provided.

This does ensure that a lot more people can squeeze into a venue, as some events are very popular and many people just stand in the tent doorway to listen if they cannot get in. Paula Gooder's talks were excellent as usual and John Bell had some warnings to give us about becoming hooked on technology.

I am sure there would be something for everyone, it was just hard to choose between three items that you wanted to attend that all happened at the same time! Still there is always the £50 memory stick with all the recorded talks on at the end of the festival, or a choice of individual talks that can be purchased during or after the event.

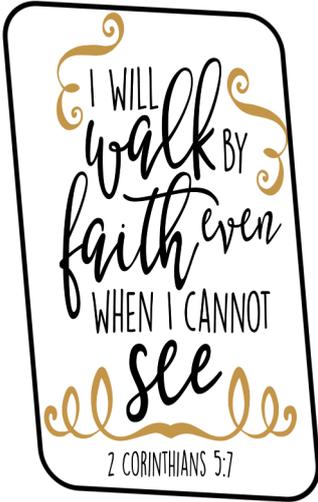
I certainly hope to go again and wonder whether Holy Trinity families might go as a group in 2019. See [www.greenbelt.org.uk](http://www.greenbelt.org.uk) for more information, and perhaps we will see you there next year?

**Revd Kay Dyer**



I wonder what it felt like for ordinary British people at the time of the fall of Rome nearly 1600 years ago. No media then, of course, and news would take a long time to come through. And all the political and economic effects, for example from the withdrawal of troops, would have taken much longer. Probably many subsistence farmers felt no effects at all. But this was the beginning of what we call the Dark Ages of the Western world.

I have wondered for some time whether we might be entering a new Dark Age. The political news – whether of goings-on in the USA, or the role of Russia, or the massive uncertainties surrounding Brexit - just seems to get gloomier and gloomier. Could what we call civilization really collapse more or less completely? A gruesome thought, but maybe we should not write off the possibility.



We now know two things, of course. First, that the Dark Ages were not completely dark, and in fact saw a great growth in Christian culture. Second, that they did not last for ever, and were succeeded by several revivals from the Middle Ages onward.

Our own little town is feeling its share of the strain. Too much traffic, and desperate attempts to deal with it. More tourists than we can comfortably cope with, at a time when many tourist centres are having to consider restrictions of some kind. And over-dependence on the tourist trade, while other areas of our economy (like High Street shops) fail, and problems of poverty and homelessness get worse. And all this is a symptom of the unbalanced nature of our wider economy and society - which is related, in complex ways, to those big issues like Brexit.

There remains much that is good in our town and our society, worth preserving and developing as the storm-clouds gather. Just so, in the fifth century and beyond, little pockets of civilization, not least the monasteries and other outposts of Christianity, preserved and developed those values that were in danger of being swamped by anarchy. Even then, Christians could not claim a monopoly of such values, and they certainly cannot today. But the Christian story is a key part of the history of the Dark Ages, and vice versa.

A newspaper, not usually friendly to the Church, recently carried an article by one of its regular columnists. Faced with a life-threatening disease, she finds comfort and support above all in her local (Roman Catholic) church. She is as critical as anyone of the sins of the institutional Church, including the scandals about child abuse. But the local Christian community is for her a pillar of strength in time of need.

Keeping alive our heritage – both of local Christian community, and of the broader culture to which the Church for all its sins has contributed so much – must be a priority in these dark days. We need make no apology for the role of Holy Trinity, both as a place of such community and as an element in our wider cultural heritage (Shakespearean of course, but also architectural, musical and so on). It takes hard work, and it takes money, and our efforts on both fronts will have their critics. But we could well find our role growing in surprising ways as the darkness gathers – if it does.



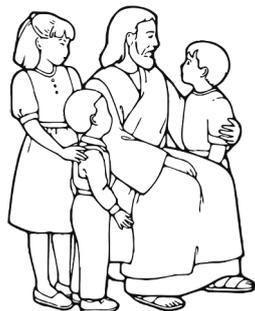
Quite soon, I will be handing on the baton as PCC Treasurer. I pray that my contribution will be seen, not just as helping to administer a charity which some would see as irrelevant in a secular world, but as helping to keep alive the Christian story here and so prepare for whatever may lie ahead for us all.

# THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HELPING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

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In 1881 Sunday school teacher Edward Rudolf, whilst working in some of England's poorest neighbourhoods, was inspired by the practice of Jesus Christ, who taught that children and the poor are at the heart of the Kingdom of God,



to open the 'Church of England Home for Waifs & Strays', the UK's first residential children's care home. As his influence spread across the country, the increasing number of homes were brought together as 'The Church of England Children's Society'. Edward's Christian principles still underpin the philosophy and work of the Society.

The Society has evolved over the years and no longer runs care homes. However, it continues to work tirelessly to help all disadvantaged children, still working in close partnership with the Church of England. 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 11,000 children and young people) but also campaigns vigorously to pressure government for change, where policy and legislation does not protect all young people and children. An example of the important work they do is their annual 'The Good Childhood Report', which made the headlines recently following the shocking revelations regarding the number of young girls self-harming. It is through such work that the Society can bring into focus those areas affecting young people that require urgent attention and hopefully put pressure on government to take action.



If you would like to know more about the work of the Society please visit their website at  
**[www.childrensociety.org.uk](http://www.childrensociety.org.uk)**

Church congregations around the country, including our own churches of Holy Trinity, St Helen's and All Saints', provide crucial financial support for the ongoing work of the Society. This includes House boxes, Christingle and direct support via direct debit.

House boxes are a simple way for people to contribute towards the Society's work. Box holders 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 3rd 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 [paulageu@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulageu@hotmail.co.uk)).**

Christingle Services were introduced into the UK (from Germany) by The Children's Society. The first service was held 50 years ago this year. To raise money for the Children's Society, Holy Trinity is holding a Christingle service in church at 4pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All Saints', Luddington are also holding a Christingle on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. More details on these services in the November issue of Trinity Times.



## CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Photo Harry Lomax

It was great to begin the new academic year with our Blessing of the School and Work Bags service. Thank you to everyone who took part in the service; it was great to worship as one Church family for this occasion. I know from the feedback from some that the service certainly helped to ease some back to school jitters. As part of the service, we wrote our own words of blessing and encouragement on labels; it's lovely to still see those labels on people's bags and prams.

This month we've another all-age service on 14th October at 10am, to celebrate Harvest. I hope you'll be able to join us for what will be another special occasion. As part of the service all are invited to bring donations of non-perishable goods to be given to the Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank. There will then be another all-age service on 4th November at 10am, to begin the churches commemorations of The First World War.



You may have heard that we've changed the style and format of the Sunday morning worship in the Parish Centre. We're currently having a "soft" launch whilst we try things out and settle into the new informal service, TrinityCentre@10. To give you an idea about the format; on the first and third Sundays we have a service, similar to the previous GoodNews@10 service, which includes sharing in communion as part of the service in the Parish

Centre, we also have our music group playing. On the other Sundays we have a service, similar to our all-age services, but sitting around tables, which concludes with people having the option to go across to the church building to receive communion. All welcome to join us for these services.

Phil Harper



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## QUEEN MOTHER'S CLOTHING GUILD



This year's Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday, October 30th, from 10.30am to 12 noon, in Holy Trinity Parish Centre, in the lounge. I am very much looking forward to seeing all our members there – and we are always delighted to welcome new faces! Please do come along if you are a knitter, a sewer, or if you would like to donate any bought article of new household linen or new clothing (for both sexes and all ages). Every year, the Clothing Guild distributes thousands of garments amongst some 60 other charities within the British Isles, providing for countless needy recipients.

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

Gillie Jackson

## SMARTPHONE NEEDED FOR SERVICES

This may seem a bit of a strange headline, but have you a, not too old, smartphone lurking around your house that you no longer use? Last Christmas we broadcast some of our services on Facebook live and as part of our five year plan we would like to do this regularly. To do this we need a smartphone that we can connect to Facebook and film the services live.



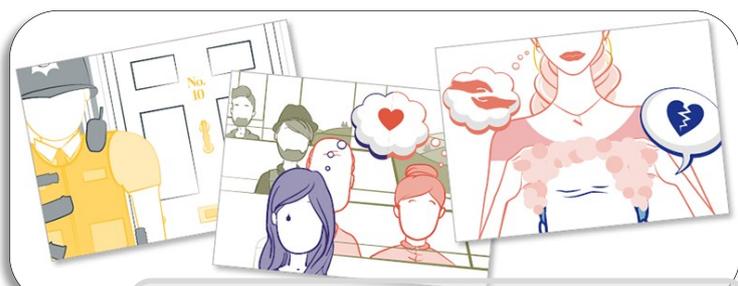
To have decent image and sound we need a phone with a good camera and microphone. Ideally we need something like an iPhone 7 or Samsung Galaxy S7, or more recent model. If you think that you have such a phone and would be willing to donate it please contact Phil Harper ([phil@stratford-upon-avon.org](mailto:phil@stratford-upon-avon.org), 07791005696).

iPhone 7

## FINDING GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE

The Church of England have recently released some resources to help people connect with God in their everyday life. Our daily lives are often very full. Full of things to do. Full of meetings and deadlines. Full of places to be. Full of people to meet. For some they may be full of time on our hands. Full of hopes we would like to fulfil. Full of things we don't want to face. Where is God during the daily life we are dealt? How do we find God in fullness, in the full-ness of life?

You may have come across the resources published for Advent ([#GodWithUs](#)) or Lent ([#LiveLent](#)). The new resources are called [#EveryDayFaith](#) and there are a selection of stories, presented in videos, about different people's everyday lives and the impact their faith has. They also provide prayers to start and end each day. For more information visit [www.churchofengland.org/everydayfaith](http://www.churchofengland.org/everydayfaith) where you can subscribe to receive email updates.



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## SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS AMONG MUSLIM CHILDREN



Last month I wrote about taking on a parish without a church building in Halifax and the way we began to grow a living Church from unpromising beginnings. With hundreds of millworkers now gone the Victorian terraces were occupied by Pakistani Muslims who represented half the population of the parish. Being the Established Church by law the Church of England is obliged to count even the RC priest and the local Imam among its parishioners! So how should we approach our Muslim friends?

Our church school was a great asset. In Pakistan the Christian mission schools were highly regarded. There was in fact a waiting list for our St Augustine's School among Muslim families. Confident in Islam as the truth and its superiority to Christianity they had no fear of conversion. They particularly valued the moral teaching.

From the start the Pakistani children were very affectionate. As we crossed the playground it would be little brown hands that took hold of ours to lead us into the school. Twice a week Barbara with her guitar and I with an abundance of stories would conduct morning assembly. The children loved Christian choruses, and would go home singing them! No reaction came from parents but we began to notice among the older boys that whenever a hymn mentioned Jesus a signal would be passed along the back row and they remained silent. When the head casually mentioned this to a supportive parent he found that the mosque Imam was responsible for the imposition. His advice was promptly overruled and 'Jesus' was confidently sung again!

'Isa (Jesus) is of course an important figure in the Qur'an where there are several stories about him, notably the birth stories. At Christmas the Pakistani children would readily participate in the nativity play, vying to be Mary and Joseph. The presence of truly eastern kings lent a reality and their proud parents came to watch. In 1977, the Queen's coronation jubilee year, we instituted the Jubilee Bible Prize to be presented to the child in the top class with the most knowledge of the four gospels. The test was via a searching quiz which I devised. Every year bar one during our time there the prize was won by a Pakistani child, the one exception being our own younger daughter! The Injil, comprising the four Christian gospels, is among the holiest books of Islam though where the gospel accounts differ from the Qur'an the latter is held to be the absolute truth.



Nothing was done in our school without parents' knowledge or approval and there was a marked atmosphere of love and appreciation. Muslim festivals were also celebrated and Islamic art was encouraged. Pakistani girls were among our own daughters' best friends and regularly came into the vicarage for parties and fun and to 'improvise' on the piano. Parents were enthusiastic supporters of fund-raising events like the summer fete and when it came to the annual Christian Aid collection the Muslim families were among the most generous as one of the five pillars of Islam is giving to charity.

What probably influenced the children most was the marked contrast between the atmosphere of St Augustine's School and that of the mosque school which they regularly attended after 4pm. Sometimes I took off my shoes and sat behind them where they knelt in rows simply to chant the Qur'an until they got it by heart. Woe betide any child who got it wrong! Our belief was that successive generations attending St Augustine's School could not help but imbibe something of Christian love, freedom and grace. We let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

In recent years the incursion of Islamic extremism has in some places marred the harmony and goodwill which was our experience. At St Augustine's School however the children of Pakistani origin have happily been augmented by the children of asylum seekers of several different nations. Alongside the school the enormous Victorian vicarage which was our home for ten years is now restyled 'St Augustine's Centre' and has recently won the Queen's Award for its outstanding contribution to community relations.

**David Ellis**

## PCC REPORT - TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2018



There will be no name change to the Holy Trinity Parish Centre.

The decision follows a consultation about a proposed name change, which elicited some very helpful responses and guided the end result. The Reverend Patrick Taylor said, "We've listened to the feedback and feel it would be appropriate to keep things as they are." The PCC were, however, happy for the services in the Parish Centre to be called "TrinityCentre@10".

PCC approved a process of consultation to replace the old chairs and pews with new chairs, in line with the five year plan.

Patrick explained, "We want to create a space that is flexible. We want an adaptable worship area, worship that is engaging, comfortable, different in style when needed and is not dictated to by one style of seating."

The next step will be a consultation with the congregation to choose a suitable chair with selection criteria. It's proposed to replace the central nave first.

Patrick announced he will be taking a three month sabbatical in May, June and July next year, returning in September. It will be his first official break from clergy duties in 17 years.

Mike Warrillow has been co-opted as a member of the PCC and as Holy Trinity's new Treasurer. Anthony Woollard will stand down after seeing through the current financial year, following a long period in office.

### News in brief

The TV screen, located inside the rear of the main Church building, has been met with a positive response. There will however, be a review of its positioning and content.

A 'pizza consultation' will be held for young people (those in school Year 5 upwards) in the Parish Centre on Sunday 7th October at 4pm, to discuss youth provision at Holy Trinity.

PCC heard how Holy Trinity is switching shoebox appeal recipients to 'Link to Hope', a British, Christian charity based in Worthing. The process will be similar to previous shoebox giving.

International charity, United Society of Partners in Gospel (USPG) has been selected as a recipient of one of Holy Trinity's Christmas charities.

Permission was granted to All Saints', Luddington to hold a 5th Sunday Service.

Benedict Wilson, Director of Music, thanked the PCC for its financial support of the successful Choir Trip to Holland.

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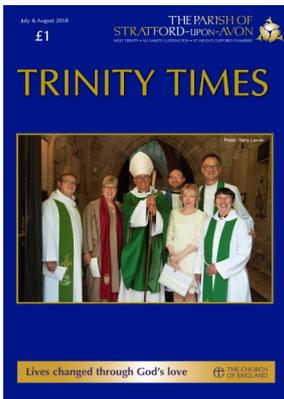
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The next PCC meeting will be held on 13 Nov 2018, 7.45 pm, in Holy Trinity Parish Centre.

**Ruth Poulten**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TRINITY TIMES

The editorial team of Trinity Times was delighted to receive a letter from Mrs Patsy Spiller, the widow of Revd Dennis Spiller, an earlier Vicar of Holy Trinity Church. Mrs Spiller says "I am writing to congratulate the team on such a splendid production, which is a delight to look at and to read".



She goes on to say that her husband had the idea of producing a parish magazine, and the very first issue was in January 1982. Their son Peregrine thought of the title "Trinity Times" and their daughter Virginia drew one of the first covers, which was a picture of Christ riding into Jerusalem. It was genuinely a family affair as Mrs Spiller was the circulation manager, and their son's school friends were drafted in to collate and staple those first editions, sitting round the kitchen table!

Our production is more high-tech nowadays and we have increased our circulation over the last 35 years, but the aims of Trinity Times are still the same: to keep parishioners and friends from further afield well-informed about what is happening in our three churches and in our parish.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT - A BIRTH IN THE FAMILY

Jack and Shirley Crimp would like to announce the birth of their first great grandchild, Valentina Crimp on 9th September, to their middle grandson Stuart Crimp and his Brazilian partner Anna and little sister to Anna's daughter Marcella. First grandchild to Steven and Catrina Crimp and welcome great niece, niece and cousin for the rest of the family.

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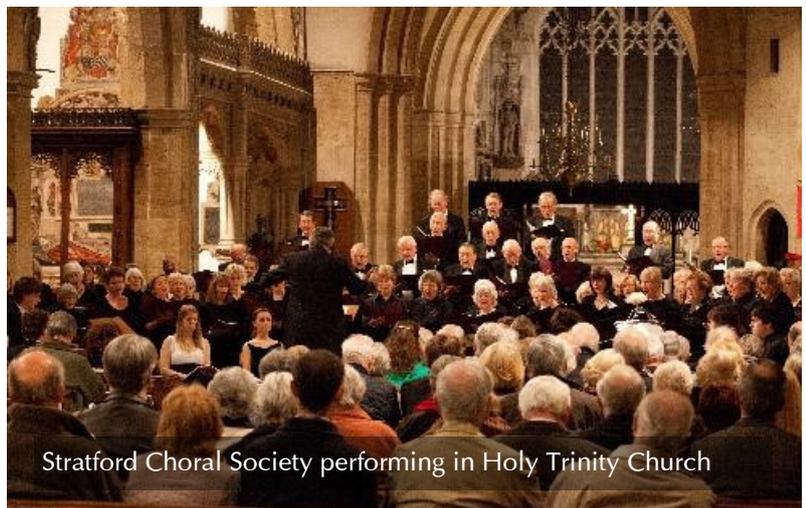
### STRATFORD CHORAL SOCIETY - MEN WE NEED YOUR VOICES!

Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society is planning another bumper collection of choral works for their new season. The programme they will be singing includes: Fauré: & Rutter: Requiems in the November concert which will commemorate the end of WWI with readings and a soloist. Handel's Messiah follows in December with full orchestra, trumpets and soloists and Beethoven: Mass in C major & Haydn: Mass in Time of War in March 2019.

Have you had sneaking ambitions in the past to learn and perform such works? Well, now is your chance to do so! The Fauré Requiem is a good piece to start with and the Rutter is lovely too. Every singer needs to have the Messiah in their repertoire, so this is your opportunity. Beethoven and Haydn to follow rounds off a great season's singing

So are you a Tenor or a Bass, Soprano or Alto? Or even don't know? Be assured that under the professional baton of Stephen Dodsworth and in the friendly, hardworking atmosphere of this longstanding choral society you will have a thoroughly rewarding experience. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at Stratford Girls Grammar School, Shottery Manor, Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 9HA, from 7.30pm – 9.15pm.

Further information about the choir and how to apply to join can be found on the Website: [www.stratfordchoral.org.uk](http://www.stratfordchoral.org.uk) or by emailing Membership Secretary: Carol Jackson at [stratford.choral@gmail.com](mailto:stratford.choral@gmail.com)



# HOWLERS!

Compiled by Pat Pilton



"I hope you don't mind me checking, but we've received an anonymous tip-off about your Harvest Festival offering."

**D**r David Davies sees more than his fair share of sixty somethings. His practice is situated in the West Somerset village of Dunston, which has one of the densest populations of older people in Britain.  
*The Guardian*

Quote in window of opticians Dr C.P. Grey in Chapel Street during the heatwave:  
**"I read it was 80 degrees in the shade today. I was smart and stood in the sun."**

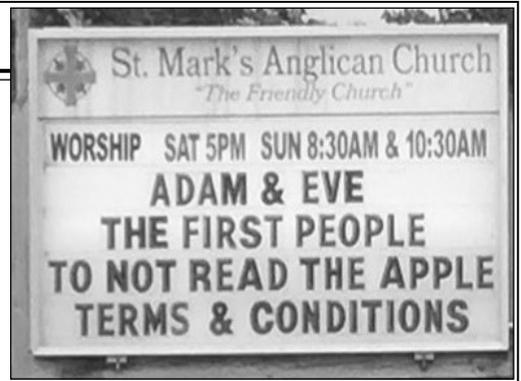
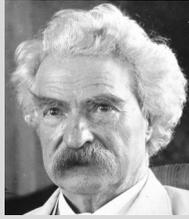
"Lewis, we can see the damp patch on the starting grid. How nervous were you?"  
*Five Live interview with Lewis Hamilton after the Japanese Grand Prix*

Amazing environment news comes from the Stratford-upon-Avon Herald with a story that has the surprising headline: "Trees help create more woodland." Next week, the Vatican Echo on how the Pope likes mass.

*Times Diary*

## THEY SAID IT... MARK TWAIN

"Sing like no one's listening, love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody's watching, and live like it's Heaven on earth" .... "Be careful of reading health books. You may die of a misprint."



## ONE LINERS:

I've taken up speed reading. I can read War and Peace in 20 seconds. It's only three words, but it's a start.  
*Tim Vine*

**I used to be in a band called Missing Cat. You probably saw our posters**

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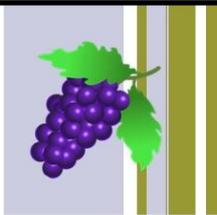
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John Burgess



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jill & Colin McDowall who celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary. Pictured here celebrating with friends from Holy Trinity at a tea party. Congratulations also to John and Cilla Burgess, who had a service of rededication in St. Peter's Chapel as part of their anniversary celebrations.

## Willow's Scholars

We were delighted to welcome four new Willow's Scholars to the choir. They were admitted to the choir during a Parish Eucharist by Revd Kay Dyer, who is the new chaplain to the choir.



Harry Lomax



Andrew Dow

## OPEN TO GOD IONA STYLE

During August the monthly Open to God service was held in Holy Trinity using an Iona style of worship. It proved very popular and it is hoped to have occasional services in the style of Taize or the Celtic style of Iona.