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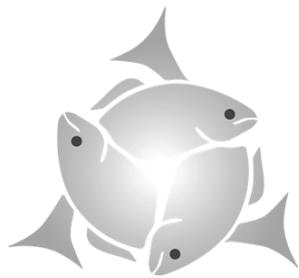
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## Editorial

This year Easter falls in April and, although this magazine reflects the very sad death of our beloved Ronnie Mulryne, it also celebrates the wonderful message of Easter.

*"Death has been swallowed up in victory"*

1 Corinthians 15:54

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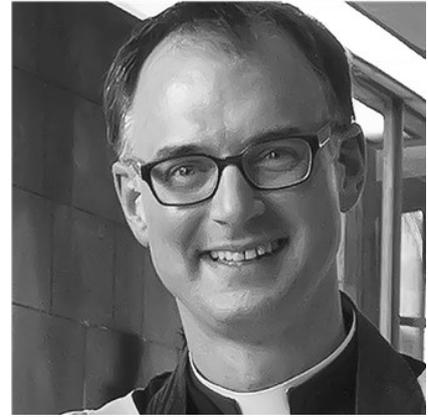
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## Daring to be still

I'm trying not to be apologetic about taking a sabbatical from May to July this year. But it is hard to explain how it is I get to be off duty for three months, especially when talking to people unfamiliar with the church and who still think vicars only work on Sundays! But whilst I'm resisting the urge to feel I have to justify it, I am very aware of the privilege it is to be able to have this time, and am grateful to those who will be carrying extra responsibilities during my absence from the parish.

I have been granted a wonderful gift. It's not holiday or simply "time off" but has the very particular quality of "sabbath" time, a concept not very well understood in our culture today. The word comes from the Hebrew *Shabbat*, meaning to pause, to stop and to be still. For Christians "on the Sabbath" still exists in our cultural memory. The important thing is that Sunday is the first day of the week, not the last. So we begin the week with sabbath time. It's not a reward for working hard, or time to simply collapse because we're so tired. Rather, sabbath time offers an opportunity to focus on God, renew our sense of who we are, and then turn to our work from that place of stillness and rest. Our society sees times for rest and reflection as a sort of optional extra we might tag on after we have done all the other jobs we're supposed to do. But as Christians we're called to witness to the God who creates us primarily to be, in relationship with God and others, not just to do.



I'm frequently asked "so, what are you going to be doing on your Sabbatical?" and again I have to resist the temptation to reel off a list of worthy activities and projects in an attempt to make it all seem worthwhile. With advice from others, I've tried to avoid planning to do too much, so that there is real space for time with God, with Laura and my family and friends, and time simply with myself.

I'm going to be spending a week on retreat with a Benedictine community at Mucknell Abbey, near Worcester. I've been visiting them regularly since before I was ordained. I shall be walking the St. Cuthbert's way with Paul Edmondson, which will take us on a 60 mile pilgrimage between two monastic sites associated with Cuthbert: Melrose in Scotland and the "Holy Island" of Lindisfarne.

My sabbatical begins with a conference organised by the On Fire Mission, which aims to blend Charismatic renewal with Catholic spirituality. That promises to be exciting!



I will be doing some reading and reflection on what it means to be the church in our society today, and my role as a priest and church leader within that. One of the burdens of parish ministry is not being able to go away for the weekend, so we have planned to visit family

and friends, and I shall be taking Edmund and Beatrice away for a weekend each for some quality "Dad time"!



"Patrick, it's in the space between what you've planned that your sabbatical will really happen" These were the wise words spoken to me by a priest friend who took a sabbatical recently. It reminded me of what Monica Furlong once said when she addressed an assembly of clergy:

*"I am clear what I want of the clergy...I want them to be people who can dare...to refuse to work flat out... to be people who are secure enough in the value of what they are doing to have time to read, to sit and think, and who can face the emptiness and possible depression which often attack people when they do not keep the surface of their mind occupied...I want them to be people who can sit still without feeling guilty, and from whom I can learn some kind of tranquillity in a society which has almost lost the art."*

Are there moments when you might be able to follow that wise advice? Everyone needs it! Please pray for me, that I might discover the gift of real sabbath time during my sabbatical.

*Patrick*

Services & Prayer Activities  
for Lent 2019  
Holy Trinity Church



Wednesday 3 April 7:30pm  
*Praying with Icons and Images followed by Stations of the Cross*

Wednesday 10 April 7:30pm  
*Contemplative Prayer & Meditation followed by a Service of the Eucharist*



Canon Jessica Martin to preach  
At the Shakespeare Service

Parishioners will be delighted to learn that Canon Jessica Martin, a Residentiary Canon of Ely Cathedral, will give the sermon at our Shakespeare Service on 28 April.

Jessica has a background both in English Literature and in Theology, as she was a Fellow in English at Trinity College, Cambridge, before taking Holy Orders. She is the Bishop of Ely's Advisor on Women's Ministry, and has written or contributed to many books including works on John Milton and William Shakespeare. Jessica recently contributed to a book on the challenges of our changing parish ministry and at the moment, she is writing a book on human and divine passion.



Jessica, who is also an accomplished amateur musician, is married to Francis Spufford, whose historical novel "Golden Hill" was highly acclaimed. They have two daughters and they live in Ely.

We are thrilled that Jessica has found the time to join us this month, and we all look forward to hearing her speak.



Judith Dorricott

Next Social Event: Fun Wine Tasting  
Saturday 11 May at 7.30pm  
Tickets will be available in April



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From 11.30am  
Holy Trinity Churchyard





## SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL

### Holy Trinity Church



#### **Sunday 7 April - 5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist - APCM address

APCM follows in Parish Centre after morning Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

**Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10**

#### **Sunday 14 April - Palm Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Procession of Palms and Parish Eucharist - please gather in the Parish Centre not the church - Dramatised Gospel Reading

6.00pm Evensong

**Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10**

#### **Sunday 21 April - Easter Day**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

#### **Sunday 28 April - 2nd Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

11.15 Shakespeare Service - Revd Canon Jessica Martin

6.00pm Holy Communion BCP

### St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

**Sunday 7 April** no service

**Sunday 14 April** 9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 21 April** 9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 28 April** 9.30am Holy Communion - Traditional



### All Saints', Luddington

**Sunday 7 April** 9.30am Holy Communion BCP

**Sunday 14 April** 9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 21 April** 9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 28 April** 9.30am Holy Communion



# HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

## Holy Trinity Church

**Monday 15 April**

7.30pm said Eucharist

**Tuesday 16 April**

7.30pm said Eucharist

**Wednesday 17 April**

7.30pm said Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday 18 April**

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

Watch until midnight

11.45pm Compline

**Good Friday 19 April**

8.00am Morning Prayer on Good Friday - in the nave before the cross

9.30am Journey to the Cross - All Age Service

10.30am Walk of Witness - gather at Methodist Church

12pm-2pm - church open for personal prayer

2pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday 20 April**

8.30pm Easter Vigil

Followed by refreshments

## St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

**Good Friday 19 April**

9.15am Good Friday Reflection

## All Saints', Luddington

**Good Friday 19 April**

9.30am Good Friday Reflection



## PATRICK'S ADDRESS AT RONNIE'S FUNERAL

We're not here today because death got the better of Ronnie, because death has somehow won. Yes, we're here to surround his family with our love, prayer and support because they have lost someone so dear to them, dear to us all.

But, still, we're not here to concede an inevitable victory to death, to admit that death has got the last word.

What we've heard today has been almost *mocking* death, rather than cowering before it.

When Ronnie told me he would like the poem we've just heard read at his funeral, he talked about John Donne's bravado. "He's facing up to something he's obsessed with" Ronnie said.

And we can see in "Death be not proud" that Donne's way of dealing with his anxiety about death is to square up to it:

"...though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, ...**thou are not so**".

For those who love God, death is not a finality, not a traumatic termination of our existence.

No, as St. Paul has explained to us, in Christ, death will be changed in a moment, in the merest twinkling of an eye.

Donne is keen to express this sense in which death is only a pause:

"One short sleep past, we awake eternally  
and death shall be no more"

the merest comma separates those two phrases - a short sleep, an eternal awaking - there's simply a pause, no great barrier between death and life.

Not many people knew about Ronnie's illness in the early months. He was keen to put a brave face on things and carry on. But Ronnie's brave face wasn't just empty bravado.

Ronnie faced death, as John Donne did, with confidence that it would not have the last word.

Ronnie knew that it is because of Jesus Christ that we can stand up to death.

This faith was expressed in many ways through his participation in the life of the church. He first worshipped here at Holy Trinity in the early 1960's when he was teaching at the Shakespeare Institute. He went on to be a bell ringer here, a Church Warden and a founder member, and latterly chair, of the Friends of Shakespeare's Church.

But perhaps his confidence in Christ was most profoundly expressed in his ministry here as a lay deacon, leading worship and prayers of intercession, where he expressed an eloquent, yet robust faith able to engage with issues in the world today.

At the foot of Ronnie's coffin is the Easter Candle, an important symbol of Christ's victory over death. It's in a stand that was commissioned and given to the church by Ronnie and Eithne, and is a fitting reminder of the many ways Ronnie contributed to both the fabric and spiritual life of this church over the years.

Ronnie was of course a great lover of George Herbert and I'm sure knew his poem, "Death". Here, as with John Donne, the poet addresses death directly, and Herbert tells it that

"since our Saviour's death  
did put some blood into thy face,  
Thou art grown fair and full of grace".

We celebrate today Ronnie's life, his love for his family, his many achievements and successes.

Significant as these things are, what we also celebrate today is that Ronnie has shown us how death has become "fair and full of grace" in the light of the love of God.

And perhaps this is his greatest achievement - that he lived, loved and worked in the knowledge and love of Christ.

And so we give thanks for Ronnie today.

And perhaps we will all, as we face the inevitability of our own death one day, be inspired by him to say with St. Paul:

“death, where is your victory,  
where, o death is your sting?”

for “all will be made alive in Christ”

Amen



## Retreat in Daily Life 19 May - 30 June 2019.



**What is a Retreat in Daily Life?** I hear you asking?

Most of us can't go to stay in a retreat centre to spend focussed time in prayer, deepening our relationship with God.

The Retreat in Daily Life (RIDL) is an opportunity to set aside time to pay attention to our own spiritual journeys over a six week period, accompanied at a weekly one-to-one meeting by a prayer guide. The participants are called Pilgrims.

All the Pilgrims gather together on Sunday 19 May, in the Methodist Church at 4 - 5.30pm, to form a community of prayer for the retreat. There they meet their prayer guides, arrange the time and place of their individual weekly meetings and pray together.

The whole group gathers again on Sunday 30 June to wind up the RIDL.

The commitment each Pilgrim makes is to spend half an hour privately each day in prayer, using material suggested by their prayer guide. Each week they meet with their prayer guide for 30 - 40 minutes to reflect on what has emerged in their prayer, what God might be “saying” to them and how it affects them in living their lives.

The prayer guides are ordinary local Christians who are on their own spiritual journeys, with the normal ups and downs. They are trained to listen confidentially and to help people discern how God is involved in their lives. They do not make judgements or have answers, but may invite you to try a new approach to prayer, and offer scriptural or other material to pray with. They are supervised in their work.

### **Why do it?**

Many of us can feel in a bit of a rut in our relationship with God and our prayer lives. Sometimes we feel a longing or need for meaning which we don't know how to address. We may have a decision to make and want to be guided by God in making it. Most benefit from a new stimulus, or a chance to explore a new way of praying. All can be encouraged and helped to grow by sharing their experience with another.

Everyday busyness - even with church activities - or the challenge of a particular situation in our lives can take the focus of our attention away from our relationship with God. Taking time to adjust that can help us re-discover God's welcoming arms.

Sometimes we just want to spend more time just being with God, waiting on God's word for us and basking in God's presence and Love.

Places must be booked. Apply online or in writing by 30 April to the Parish Office.

For more information, contact John or Tricia Hall-Matthews. 01789 414182.

# FROM THE REGISTERS - FEBRUARY AND MARCH

## Christenings

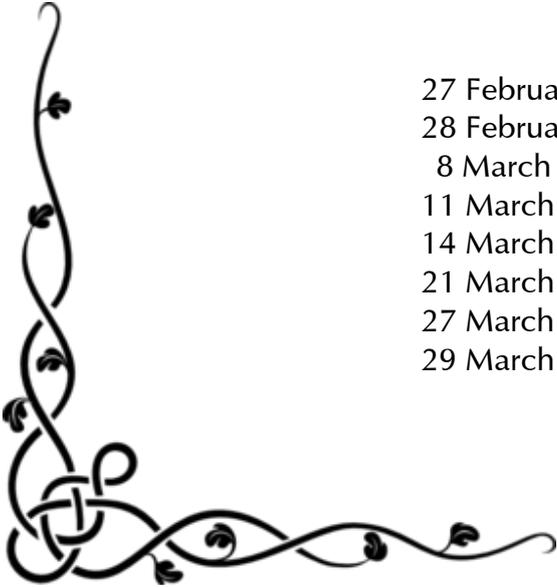
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## Weddings

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## Funerals

27 February	Tom Evans
28 February	John Hansen
8 March	Allan Ross
11 March	Ella Offord
14 March	Ray Saunders
21 March	Helen Howorth
27 March	Leonardo-Valentine Beale (Baby Leo)
29 March	Terence Hales





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Wines at Home



## SAFEGUARDING

Justin Welby wonders *what kind of Church should we be?*

“We cannot place a high enough importance on safeguarding issues. It is vital that lessons are learned throughout the whole of the Church of England. Every day the vulnerable come to us for shelter, for support and for comfort. Their trust

cannot be taken for granted.”

With this in mind each Diocese within the Church of England has developed Safeguarding strategies and awareness and has delegated all Parishes to do the same. Holy Trinity has now taken this on and has developed a Safeguarding Policy, with agreement from the PCC.

Due to the size and complexity of Holy Trinity’s activities it has been agreed that a Safeguarding Administrator, the Parish Administrator, will handle the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) paperwork and maintain the records. This will make it easier to deliver the necessary documents for copying during the standard Parish Office opening hours and make this aspect smoother to run. This will be done in liaison with the Parish Safeguarding Officer; anyone handling this type of work will receive the necessary training, both from the Parish and the Diocese. This is not a duplication of roles as personnel will work in conjunction with each other and be fully informed.

Under this policy everyone in a role with Holy Trinity, whether employed or voluntary, will be required to undergo a level of training. This takes the form of a brief Powerpoint presentation, entitled C0. This will cover the basic understanding of situations that may arise and the correct way to handle them, enabling everyone to be effective, but safe, and then to hand any information over to the Parish Safeguarding Officer or clergy, who will be able to ensure the appropriate action. This session takes between 60/90 minutes and people will be provided a handout with relevant names and telephone numbers. At this stage individuals will be able to identify if they are required to do further training C1 & C2, to assist in their roles with children and vulnerable adults, or other sensitive situations. These sessions are led by the Diocese and take up to 3 hours per session. These will take a little longer to arrange and we will not be able to be quite as flexible, but will try to accommodate all areas.

There is nothing frightening or complicated in these training sessions, they are designed to make everyone comfortable handling any situations that may arise and hopefully give people the tools they may need to accommodate the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury and provide useful support to our Parish Clergy team.

The Safeguarding Team

## TRINITY LADIES



Our Charity Tea Party in March was a great success, thank you to all who supported us. Thank you to all our members who made cakes and decorated the tables.

Jackie Horton came with a 6 month old puppy and a breeding bitch and told us how they breed puppies who if suitable will be trained as guide dogs. We are hoping that someone from Avon Cats’ Rescue will come and tell us about their work at our AGM in November. The funds raised will be divided equally between the two charities.

At our April meeting we will be welcoming Julie and Philip Spinks who are going to tell us about the research they have done into those who ‘Resisted the Call to Arms’ in the First World War. If you have stories to tell about family members who were affected in this way please come and join us and tell us your stories. We meet in the Parish Centre on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. Do come and join us.

Gina Lodge.

## Remembering Ronnie

Anyone who has felt like a regular parishioner of Holy Trinity Church will have been saddened to learn about the death of Professor Ronnie Mulryne (24 May 1937 to 28 January 2019). He was devoted to our church life, to Shakespeare and Renaissance scholarship, and to our town.

He was born in Belfast, educated at the Methodist College, and was the first of its students to go to the University of Cambridge. After his B.A. and Ph.D. there, he took up a fellowship at The Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham, before moving on to the University of Edinburgh, and then to the University of Warwick, where he settled for the rest of his distinguished academic career as a Professor of English, Director of its Renaissance Centre, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

He married Eithne in 1964 and they moved to Stratford in 1977 with their two children, Grania and Kevin. There are seven grandchildren: Lucy, Sam, Sophie, Susannah, William, Edward, and Charlotte. 'He believed in them all', says Eithne, 'and gave them the confidence to attempt their goals. He was always there and ready with wit, patience, and care for all the family.'

In his professional life, Ronnie inspired generations of students, and distinguished himself in academic circles as a scholar of the Renaissance, Shakespeare and his contemporaries, and theatre and performance history. He worked on the advisory committee for the reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe and contributed and organised many international conferences, including, for example, at the Sorbonne in Paris, and in Venice. In 1992, the French government made him a Chevalier of l'Ordres des Palmes Académiques. He founded the Centre for the Study of Renaissance Elites at Warwick which led ground-breaking projects, created new knowledge, and brought together scholars and students from different disciplines.

His love of Stratford-upon-Avon was expressed in his deep commitment to its public life. He was a Governor at King Edward VI's School for twenty-six years, Chairman for eleven, and played a crucial role in the opening of the Guildhall and schoolroom to the public. Ronnie was President of the Stratford Choral Society (tribute was paid to him at the beginning of their performance in church of *Messiah* in December), and a Trustee of The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust for nineteen years.

He served in Holy Trinity Church with exemplary loyalty and devotion. He was a churchwarden, Chairman of the Friends of Shakespeare Church, a worship leader for over twenty years, and a bell ringer. He played an important part in the restoration of the Beckett Chapel, and in the renovation and renewed use of the St Peter's Chapel.

Tim Raistrick knew him from 1977, when Ronnie came to settle in Stratford with his family. Like many others, he enjoyed Ronnie and Eithne's hospitality. He served with Ronnie on committees and recalls, 'he was always keen to avoid disagreements between different members and would seek to bridge a compromise. This innate gentleness was equally evident in his numerous reviews of concerts and plays for the *Herald* and *Trinity Times*. Meticulously written and with true insight, Ronnie's reviews always gave fair reference to everyone taking part, never unduly singling out any for particular praise.'

Ruthie Copeman recalls how, when her late husband Raymond was churchwarden, he often sought Ronnie's expert and friendly advice. Ruthie herself was deeply grateful for Ronnie's support, kindness and encouragement of her ambitious staging of Jean Anouilh's *Becket* in the church as a major part of the millennium celebrations. *Becket* encouraged the founding of the Trinity Players, and has since been followed by many special productions in the church.

Ronnie's legacy of devotion to the town continues. His grandson, William, is a highly talented photographer and is compiling a pictorial documentary of Stratford. His work is supported by the Prince's Trust, and there will be an exhibition of his work at Hall's Croft later this year. Ronnie was very proud of his grandson's work.

Many of us will cherish our memories of Ronnie. He enjoyed his annual involvement with the Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations, and especially liked to see academics acknowledging their love of Shakespeare by wearing their robes.

I can see him now, in his cassock-alb, standing at the front, alongside the choir, leading our worship (how we all liked to hear his soft Belfast brogue).

And I liked the way he used to smile when he saw you walking towards him.

Paul Edmondson, The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.



## Journeying through Lent and beyond

As we continue our journey through Lent, on our Social Media pages we are still encouraging people to share photos of unintentional crosses they see in the world around us. Helping to remind us of God's constant presence in our lives. If you see a cross take a picture and share it on either our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram page. I look forward to seeing your pictures.



We're continuing to strengthen the bond between our families and held another of our Families' Socials. A chance for fun and fellowship as we shared food and spent time together. The new pool table and table football, bought for the Youth Group, provided an extra piece of entertainment. Our next Families Social is a BBQ on Saturday 8 June. If you'd like more details please contact me (phil@stratford-upon-avon.org)



As we come closer to Easter, we will once again have the Journey to the Cross service on Good Friday (19 April) at 9:30am in church (Hot cross buns being served from 9:00am). This proves to be a very special service and anyone of any age is welcome to come. We remind ourselves of the events of Holy Week through a variety of Prayer Stations around the church and come together in the crossing to gather around the cross at the end.



At All Saints' Luddington we are holding an Easter activity session on Holy Saturday (20 April) from 2:30-3:30pm in Luddington Village Hall. There will be a selection of Easter crafts and we'll finish with an Easter Egg hunt in All Saints' churchyard.



Of course the climax to all our Easter celebrations will be the All Age Service at 10am on Easter Day. This is always an eggcellent service, and children will again be invited to help Patrick with sprinkling the holy water, reminding us of our Baptismal promises. I hope you'll be able to join us for this lively service.

*Phil Harper*



### DEATH BE NOT PROUD

by John Donne

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;  
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow  
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,  
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,  
And soonest our best men with thee do go,  
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.  
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well  
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally  
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

Read at Ronnie's  
Funeral  
by Edward Mulryne

### Contemplative Prayer Group

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

**Everyone is welcome**

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# RONNIE MULRYNE IN HIS STUDY

Photograph by William Mulryne



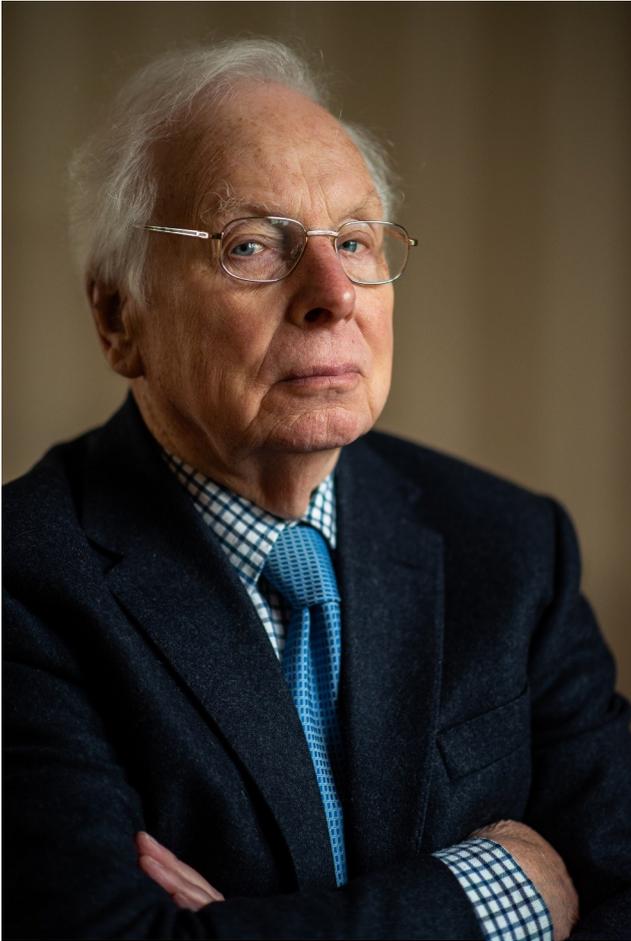
William was determined to create a portrait of his grandfather. He says the photograph captures his view of him. It shows a deliberately cluttered study because, as William says, he didn't have any particularly well-ordered meetings with him. When he talked to him about his photography and all the elements of Stratford which should be included in his documentary work, it always felt 'cluttered'. Papers are folded under his chair, as normal, but this is actually the scene after some serious recent tidying. However, William believes he still looks 'regal in his clutter'.

It was important to capture this image of Ronnie in his study because it was 'his place' and William has included the aspects of his career which he knew about. So we have the University of Cambridge crest from an old blazer at the bottom left of the picture and he is wearing his lapel badge from K.E.S. recalling his work as Chair of Governors and the opening of the Guildhall to the public which he was instrumental in organising.

The book of Venetian paintings at the bottom right was always open in his study when William visited and the stack of books at Ronnie's feet are also carefully chosen to represent the writing he filled his life with. There is a deliberate order to the volumes - they move from the foundations of his research upwards through books he wrote himself to those he created with long-term colleague, Margaret Shewring. The stack does not include the many books he edited or collated.

Rather than looking into the camera, William told his grandfather to think about all the work he had done over more than half a century and to look at all the other books on the shelves which he used for research over the years. Finally, after the portrait was done, Ronnie asked William to switch the light off as he left the room and he remained there.

# RONNIE MULRYNE



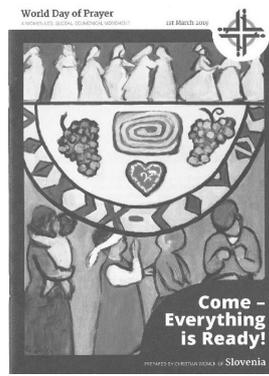
Portrait photographs  
by William Mulryne

Procession photographs by Felicity Howlett

# LIVE AT LUNCH - 3 MARCH 2019



Photographs by Harry Lomax



## COME - EVERYTHING IS READY

The World Day of Prayer, a women-led, global, ecumenical movement, was celebrated this year on Friday 1 March. The service this year, prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia, was presented, in the Stratford area, at Holy Trinity Church by representatives of five Stratford churches: Holy Trinity, St Gregory's, St Andrew's, Shottery, the United Reformed and the Methodist Church.

The service, with an accompanying informative booklet, was a wonderful mix of music, songs, readings, reflection, prayers, praise and thanksgiving, on the theme **Come - Everything is Ready**. The leader, Eithne Mulryne, after the opening hymn and Call to Prayer, introduced five Slovenian women, Marjeta, Mojca, Marija, Ema and Natasha, represented by members of the committee, who spoke positively about their family lives in Slovenia. Two other readers interspersed these accounts with their reflections on the struggles that many Slovenes had experienced.

After a reading of Jesus' parable, from St Luke's Gospel, chapter 14, of rejected invitations to a prepared dinner, 60 Year 4 pupils, from The Willows Primary School, sang, most expressively, *Come Along the Feast is Ready*, in two groups, one being the inviter, the other refusing with four different excuses, giving added impetus to the parable. On the same theme, Chris Cottrell led a time of reflection on whom to invite to the meal, centred on the displayed Artwork by Rezka Arnuš, with thought-provoking questions.



The Slovenian national flower is the carnation and the children had made red carnations, symbolising celebration, from soft red tissue paper at school, which they handed to everyone present, including Benedict on the organ, Kay on the computer and Terry operating the CD player .....with, amazingly, not one carnation left!

With many now wearing our carnations, we crossed to the Parish Centre, with its welcoming hall set out for lunch, to enjoy delicious soups and crispy French bread, prepared and served by members of Holy Trinity congregation, followed by cakes, made by the Trinity Ladies.

Over £400 was received in offerings. Approximately 60 people of the large congregation stayed for the lunch, enjoying a time of fellowship and food with a glorious celebration of God's love. Our thanks go to the Stratford World Day of Prayer Committee, the participating children and staff from The Willows, and all those who gave their time, efforts and expertise to support the committee and deliver the moving service prepared by Christian women of Slovenia.

Carole Askew



Service photographs by Harry Lomax



## PCC report: Tuesday 12 March 2019



The PCC has agreed to apply for a faculty to replace the central nave seating with new chairs at Holy Trinity Church, following the second stage of the Replacement Seating consultation.

Members of the congregation were asked to try out 3 styles of chair and note any feedback.

The Chair Team considered all the comments which included comfort, ability to clean, shape of the back support and aesthetics.

PCC also confirmed the sale of the current central nave furniture to support the purchase of the new chairs. A final decision will be made once the Chair Team has visited other churches who've installed chairs, as well as consulting with the architect for his professional opinion.

### Finance

PCC accepted the annual report and accounts as an accurate record of Holy Trinity's finances in 2018. The outgoing Treasurer Anthony Woollard said, "In the past year we have spent more than we have got, some of which has to do with increases in running costs and decreases in other areas of income. There are no real surprises though."

The Reverend Patrick Taylor thanked Anthony for all his hard work over the years. "On behalf of the PCC and our church community, we are extremely indebted for all you have done and all the time and energy you have given to looking after the accounts."

### News in brief

PCC approved updates to the Safeguarding policy concerning the use of photographs.

PCC also approved the bell ringers request to add a "Dumb bell" to improve teaching in the tower. Dumb bells operate without making a sound and mimic the behaviour of a full ringing bell.

The Friends of Shakespeare's Church have agreed to support the work planned for the North Transept, both inside and out.

Funds have been secured towards a permanent amplification and projection system in the Parish Centre, although there is some way to go to meet the full cost.

The new Youth Group met for the first time in February and will continue to meet on a monthly basis. More volunteers to enable this important activity to take place, would be very welcome.

A contactless donation point is to be installed in Holy Trinity church.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019, 7.45 pm, in Holy Trinity Parish Centre.



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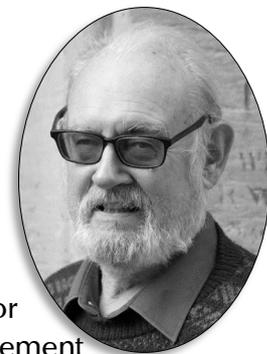
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## WINDOW ON THE WORLD



“Once to every man and nation/Comes the moment to decide/In the strife of truth and falsehood/For the good or evil side”. Thus begins a hymn written by the American poet James Russell Lowell at the time of the American Civil War, which for him was an anti-slavery crusade. This became an anthem of the US civil rights movement in the 1960s. But it has been used for other purposes, including evangelistic preaching; in fact, the first time I heard it was after a sermon by Coventry’s then Bishop, Cuthbert Bardsley, in an Oxford church in 1961.

Not all of us are faced with just **one** such moment in our lives! As Steve reminded us in these pages last month, the journey of faith can be gradual and involve many decision points for the individual. But there clearly are, from time to time, truly massive turning points, for both individuals and nations, where the light of Christ and the forces of darkness may be in contention, and we have to decide.



It is not always clear what is “light” and what is “dark”. As In Jesus’ parable, wheat and weeds are often mixed together in the choices we face, and campaigners like Lowell can fail to recognize the shades of grey. Perhaps Brexit is a current example. Quite where the “Christ whose bleeding feet we track/Toiling up new Calvaries ever/With the Cross which turns not back” might be leading us, at this significant turning point for our nation, is far from clear. This really is what Lowell called “the dim unknown” behind which “Standeth God within the shadows/Keeping watch above his own”. But we still have to decide where **we** stand, and why; and there may be many tough decisions which individuals and our nation (and EU leaders) have to take over the coming months and years.

Climate change is rather different. Here too there are disagreements (and many people have a vested interest in ignoring, denying or belittling the problem), but the evidence is mounting that this is an imminent and apocalyptic crisis for the whole human race and for our planet. We have witnessed the remarkable scene of thousands of young people, in Stratford and elsewhere, “on strike” from school. They, at least, have responded to the “moment to decide” – maybe with mixed motives, yes, but quite possibly at some cost to themselves. For some of them, it will have been a significant moment of learning and personal growth. I often worry about the culture of the younger generation, but here at least I see the spirit of Lowell’s hymn alive and well.

And I saw it too in the courage and quick thinking of one of Holy Trinity’s own young people, Lei-Lani Paine, recently celebrated in the *Herald* for saving her mother Sarah, whom we all know, in a life-threatening situation. There was no ambiguity there, and she just did the right thing when faced with the “moment to decide”.

Holy Week and Easter are not just about “religion”. The call to conversion and repentance is as real as ever, but it does not apply just to our personal faith or our worshipping habits. It is about turning towards the Kingdom of God: new life in a new world, in which our vision is infinitely broadened to see in a different light the challenges of our society. Perhaps we have rarely, in human history, been faced with those challenges as dramatically as we are today. Those new Calvaries are real. Dare we believe in what has been called the “impossible possibility” of Resurrection?



# POT THROWING OR NORDIC NOIR

## How much do you know about Easter traditions?



After the forty days of Lent, Easter Sunday means a festival of rich food for all the family. Roast lamb, simnel cake and hot cross buns fill British homes at Easter - not to mention all those chocolate eggs!



But let's take an imaginary flight around the world to see what happens in other countries. In many places, Easter festivals combine religious rituals with traditional customs said to promote birth, fertility and good harvests.

If you are in the town of Haux in southern **France** at Easter, you may be surprised to see a giant omelette of over 4000 eggs being cooked in the main square. This omelette feeds a thousand people and the story goes that when Napoleon and his army were travelling through the town one Easter Sunday, the townspeople gave him an omelette. Napoleon was so delighted that he insisted on a giant omelette to feed all his army and the custom continues today.

Beware of walking through the streets in Athens, as pot-throwing is popular in **Greece**. Rather like the New Year tradition in Italy, Greek people enjoy throwing crockery out of their windows on Easter Sunday. For Greek people, this ritual is said to encourage new growth of their crops in spring.

Northern Europeans have different customs. In **Sweden**, children, with their cheeks painted scarlet, dress up as Easter witches and go round the streets asking for sweets in exchange for birch branches. In **Norway** an unusual 20th century tradition takes place. Norwegians mark Easter by reading brand-new "Easter Thrillers" or watching new crime or mystery series on television. No-one knows why or how this started!



Traditions in other countries are centuries old too. In **Hungary, Poland and Serbia**, boys celebrate "Watering Monday" by sprinkling water or perfume over the girls, and asking for a kiss. In return the unlucky boys only receive an egg! Legend says that a girl soaked in water will marry in the year.

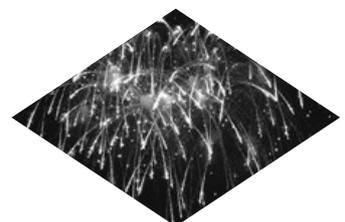
In **Holland and Belgium** the church bells fall silent on Good Friday and Easter Saturday, and children are told that the bells have left their towers and steeples to go to Rome. On Easter Sunday, the same bells return to their churches, complete with gifts of chocolate eggs, chickens and rabbits.



In the Roman Catholic countries of **Southern Europe**, you can watch parades going through the streets of the towns on Good Friday. These include a priest with a crucifix, followed by more purple-robed priests, and townspeople, as well as marching bands and candlelit floats.

In Gerona, there is a Dance of Death on Maundy Thursday, where five people, dressed as frightening skeletons, tour the town. The parades in South America are just as exciting, as straw dolls representing Judas Iscariot are carried and beaten along the way.

Fireworks are the order of the day in **Florence**! Here, Il Scoppio del Carro, a decorated wagon drawn by oxen, is brought through the streets to the cathedral. In the Duomo itself, the Archbishop lights the fuse of a rocket, which flies through the air to the wagon, igniting an enormous firework display. This tradition, which has lasted over three hundred of years, is reputed to bring about a good harvest.



*Cont.....*

Many of us watch events unfold in **Rome** on television. On Good Friday the Pope commemorates The Way of The Cross at the Coliseum, and on Easter Sunday itself, thousands of Christians crowd into St Peter's Square to hear the Pope's blessing "Urbi et Orbi" (which means "to the people of the city and to the world"). Here is the true meaning of Easter.



Judith Dorricott

*Happy Easter*

### If music be the food....

3 March saw many of the Holy Trinity congregation gather together in the Parish Centre for lunch. The event was a great success with one hundred and ten members of all ages sitting down together to enjoy a fabulous buffet, provided by Marco's Delicatessen. As the Rev. Patrick Taylor said, whilst giving thanks for the food before us, this was more than many people in the world could possibly dream of.

Whilst enjoying the good food and company we were entertained by different music groups from across the church, reflecting a wide range of musical taste and styles. There was something for everyone and it was good to be among such harmony!

Our thanks must go to the Social Committee, together with their team of volunteer helpers, for such a well organised and enjoyable event and to all the musicians who gave of their time and considerable musical talent.

We concluded with a scratch choir, formed by some of the Welsh members of our congregation, who marked St David's Day by singing Calon Lan, meaning 'Pure Heart', a fitting conclusion to a happy and memorable occasion.

Jane Southeard

Live at Lunch pictures on page 16

### Live at Lunch – Holy Trinity Social Lunch 3 March 2019

The social lunch on 3 March gave the opportunity for members of the wider church family to hear music from some of the younger members of Holy Trinity's music scene.

Music is a central part of Holy Trinity life, and we are blessed to have such energetic, talented and deeply passionate musicians across all ages. On show at the Live Lunch were music groups from Food4thought, Rosebird and TrinityCentre@10 services, along with representatives from the choir and Trinity Voices.

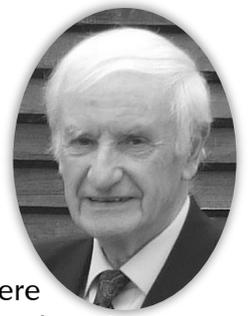
Proceedings kicked off with the band playing a number of songs, followed by some keyboard pieces and vocal solos from the younger members. Next to perform were a number of representatives from Trinity Voices – this is a choir for our youngest members with close links to the Willows school. Taking children up to the age of ten, it provides a wonderful introduction to the joy of singing in a choir and provides a steady stream of recruits for the choir.

After an excellent lunch, three of the choristers from the choir performed a number of piano and vocal pieces demonstrating quite what musical talent there is within the church. Our Choristers can spend upwards of six hours a week in church, and often with individual lessons alongside this it is quite a remarkable level of effort and dedication.

Home-made desserts were next on the menu and well worth the wait – choosing which to go for was quite problematic. All in all, it was a highly enjoyable event – busy, sociable, a full-cross section of ages and a great opportunity to hear some of our musicians in an informal setting.

David Parkin

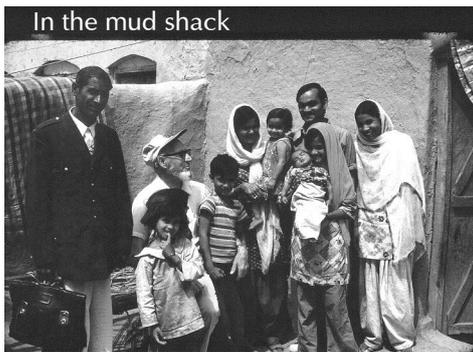
## SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS IN MULTAN



The group exploring Christianity in Muslim Pakistan spent a week in Karachi then flew 600 miles north to Multan, the oldest city in the sub-continent. In the first century BC it had a thriving textile industry with 5,000 hand looms. A sufi (Muslim holy man) once said that Multan was renowned for dust, heat, graves and beggars. It still is. At the last minute Fr Bernard our leader arranged for us to stay at the Christian Women's Hospital where the nurses were more than enthusiastic about allotting us a small ward, their first ever male admissions!

The moment we arrived a Brethren missionary named Robbie was setting off to visit a destitute Christian village in his old banger. A native evangelist was going with him and as he had room for one more I grabbed the opportunity. Robbie had a big bushy white beard topped by dark sun-glasses and a yachting cap, a dour Scotsman. The evangelist was dapper, in a dark blazer and carrying his testimony bag. Multan is like a huge sprawling village built of grey hard-baked mud for a million people. We parked the car by the edge of the desert to call in at a very noisy marble-slicing factory to meet the manager who had worked for nine years in Rochdale and who gushed with enthusiasm about everything! Then we walked across the railway tracks to the humble shacks where the Christian low-caste 'sweepers' lived.

There too we received an excitable welcome and I was seated like royalty on a broken charpoy (string bed), a bit like being the king in an old crofter's bothy. The children brought me little chicks to hold and then, as a special privilege, a rather smelly baby was put onto my lap. The evangelist read from the bible in Punjabi, adding his own message, and when we prayed together the indescribable oneness of peace and poverty in that place moved me to tears. They offered me the inevitable cup of Pakistani tea, boiled with milk and sugar in a pan, with Robbie insisting that my cup should first be scalded because 'this brother from England has no time for his stomach to grow strong'.



In the second cottage Robbie invited me to give a message off the cuff while he translated. I chose to enlarge upon the last words of Jesus to his disciples, 'Remember I am with you always' (Matt 16.28), noting some of the remarkable ways I was experiencing the close presence of the Lord on my journey, not least among these people where I was. Just as I finished there was a shuffling outside and the rough wooden door swung open to reveal twenty children who, as a special surprise for me, sang in Punjabi the world's best loved children's chorus, 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.' All the teaching in that settlement was done by the women. One pastor had the care of twenty such suburban villages.

Back in Multan the Christian Women's Hospital had a staff of a hundred nurses from around the world. The first night in our little ward was disturbed. First a great howling arose like people screaming torture, but it was only the jackals from the desert invading the waste bins along with the rats for scraps. Then a sand storm blew up and there was a great deal of scurrying about and the banging shut of windows. These sounds had only just died down when from what seemed like a thousand minarets all over the city came the dawn call to prayer.

After breakfast we attended a Brethren service in the hospital chapel where men and women sat on opposite sides. An Irishman preached in a humorous vein with Robbie's interpretation adding even greater hilarity. This was truly joyous worship and in such an unpromising situation. One function of the maternity unit of the hospital was to accommodate the needs of young women (including teenagers) who had become pregnant out of wedlock which in Pakistani culture was a disgrace. The pretence would be that they had gone to visit a relative. Most of their babies were adopted overseas chiefly to Denmark at the time we were there.



Babies for adoption

Multan had more enlightening surprises for us yet to come.

Revd. David Ellis

## Update on Stratford's Syrian Refugees

Time marches on, and there are now six Syrian families who are making their homes in Stratford. They are being supported in many ways by members of Holy Trinity Church, and this is another call for help for them through the group "Welcome Here".

The growth in the number of families, particularly as three more families are expected to arrive early this Spring, means that the human resources of the small group Welcome Here are now pretty stretched. In particular, more volunteer drivers are needed to offer occasional lifts to medical, dental, financial and other routine or emergency appointments in Stratford, Warwick, or sometimes Coventry.



People with Arabic language, or with ESOL (English teaching) skills are, of course, like gold-dust, but offers, for example, to go with a new arrival to a supermarket to help them with their choice of goods and to learn the money is also invaluable. With goodwill and a sense of humour, this can be a worthwhile engagement with no common language at all!



Basic furniture and utensils are supplied by the government through Warwickshire County Council, but families with small children often need other items of equipment and toys. A child's bed, donated by an HT family, was recently delivered to one of the first families who arrived here in 2016 with a new-born baby, now two and a half. They were absolutely thrilled. There were generous responses to an appeal in the pew-sheet for garden chairs last summer, and one of our church members now has Syrian tenants.

In the past, Welcome Here has filled gaps through word-of-mouth donations, charity shops or cheap suppliers such as Argos. However, with three new families arriving almost at once Welcome Here's limited (all donated) resources are likely be depleted.

Here is a heart-warming story. One of the early families to arrive here recently had to move as their landlord wanted to sell the house they were living in. They have five young children, three of whom attend Bridgetown School. A new, housing association home was found for them in Bishopton. It had been empty for some time and was not in a good state. The family were reluctant but had little choice. A group of volunteers from Welcome Here, including young men from other Syrian families, set to work and completely re-decorated the house. Others sorted out plumbing and structural problems. Help was given with the legalities. Barbers' carpet shop provided free floor coverings and fitted them. Some blinds were bought from Ikea for the windows and fitted by a volunteer. Holy Trinity in the Community agreed to foot the bill for the blinds. Help was given with the move. The family happily moved into their new home, assisted by Welcome Here friends in mid-February, and private lifts transported the schoolchildren for the week remaining before half-term.



The family are very concerned that the oldest child, now in year six, should not have to face another change of school (this is already his second school in two years) before he moves to Stratford School in September. Welcome Here have undertaken to make sure this wish is honoured, and are working out the best way to arrange ongoing transport for him and his younger siblings for the rest of the school year. This may be costly.

If you feel moved to help in any way, or would like to be on the mailing list for newsletters, please contact Welcome Here through me, or contact [roger.matthews@phoncoop.coop](mailto:roger.matthews@phoncoop.coop) Tricia Hall-Matthews. [jotricia@btinternet.com](mailto:jotricia@btinternet.com) 07972 815843.



## An East African Safari

*The Rev Canon Andrew Dow reports back on his recent visit to Kenya as part of the Diocese of Coventry's link with the Diocese of Kapsabet.*

Imagine, sun-drenched, the lower slopes of the Northern Cotswolds covered in tea plantations, fringed by eucalyptus as far as the eye can see. You are viewing the rolling hills of Western Kenya, more specifically the Anglican Diocese of Kapsabet: historically, the so-called "White Highlands" where the British colonialists settled in large numbers after World War 1.

British rule witnessed injustices: the forced removal of the indigenous people from the best land, for instance; but it also brought the benefits of education, medical care, and infrastructure. Above all, those settlers who were committed Christians, together with missionaries, sowed the seeds of the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. For this, the Kenyan Christians of today are profoundly grateful, freely acknowledging that Africa, the "dark continent", had received much needed light. Today, seventy years on, those gospel seeds planted with sweat and tears have produced an abundant harvest: the Christian Church in Kenya, including the Anglican Church, is exploding into numerical growth under enthusiastic, Bible loving, Holy Spirit-filled godly leadership, ordained and lay, male and female.

So come with me to St Paul's, Cheplelachbei on a fine Sunday morning. I am part of a team of eight from our Diocese of Coventry led by Bishop John of Warwick. See the 3,000 strong congregation – yes, 3,000! – seated in the open air under trees or in huge specially erected gazebos. Watch as Bishop John, shielded from the burning sun by a sunshade-carrying chaplain, moves along the lines of kneeling confirmation candidates – 234 in all: men, women, teenagers, younger children, whole families in fact. So many! And they are from just two of the six archdeaconries in the diocese. Incidentally, Bishop John had a mere 30 minutes notice of this episcopal duty! Follow me the following Sunday as in a rural setting I preside at communion and preach by interpretation to a congregation of 500, at a service that, typically, lasts more than three hours. This is Africa!

During the intervening week, the team visits many different parishes, receiving a rapturous welcome by crowds dancing and singing, and presenting gifts. Eventually as the sun sets, we're escorted into church leaders' homes, to crash out and enjoy typical Kenyan hospitality. So welcoming and generous they are, often from slim resources, reflecting their gratitude to the Lord who has poured out his generous love and grace to them.

So has the Kingdom of God invaded Kenya in all its fullness? Not yet! Numbers may be huge, but the Christian commitment too often skin deep. Corruption, nepotism, and blatant immorality amongst regular church goers are sadly not uncommon. There is a great need for in-depth biblical instruction in true discipleship, and a faith that "walks the talk". This is where the inter-diocesan partnership can perhaps be the most fruitful in the long run.

But of course it's a two way traffic – so we return home, tired but inspired, "refreshed in spirit" by our Kenyan brothers and sisters, and longing to see the Lord revive his church in Britain. Our grateful thanks to those who prayed for us – God has been faithful, as he always is.

Andrew Dow



# HOWLERS!

Compiled by Pat Pitton

## ONE LINERS:

I rang up BT and said: 'I want to report a nuisance caller.' He said: 'Not you again'. *Tim Vine*

I heard a rumour that Cadbury is bringing out an oriental chocolate bar. Could be a Chinese Wispa.

I've just had a once in a lifetime holiday. I'm telling you what. Never again!

A TWEET from the Bolton branch of Momentum, the Corbynite outriders in the Labour Party, 'Tonight we are holding a meeting to plan our campaign against voter ID, a shocking attempt by the Tories to subvert democracy in the UK. 6pm in the Socialist Club. Members only. Please bring your membership card'. *News Quiz*

Headline spotted on the *Eastern Daily Press* website: Pie shop to open on site of former pet store.

A prosthetic leg, surfboard and stuffed toy kangaroo are among items left on East Midlands Trains. The rail company has launched a "Found It" service to reunite travellers with lost property. *Metro*

Typo that crept its way into the Eye Parish Newsletter. The meeting will be gin with prayer. *Daily Telegraph*

Notice to passengers in Liverpool: Mersey ferries are cancelled today because of bad weather. A replacement bus service is operating.



The vicar had assured the vergier that the clock repairers had promised to come as soon as possible



God loves each of us as if there were only one of us  
*St. Augustine*

OUT OF THE MOUTHS...  
A Sunday School teacher asked her children on the way to the service: 'Why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One little girl replied: 'Because, miss, people are sleeping'

*The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.*

*Psalms 121:8*

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- We don't wear uniforms – our Caregivers look like a family member or friend.

Unique Senior Care provides outstanding home care services to older people in their own homes, where they are most happy and comfortable.

We believe that by supporting older people to remain in their own home instead of in residential care, we can enable them to live more fulfilling lives.

Families can relax, safe in the knowledge that their loved ones are in excellent hands, being cared for by a care company that specialises in one thing: people. It doesn't matter how simple or complex our clients' needs are, our Caregivers ensure that each individual is cared for with respect, dignity and compassion.

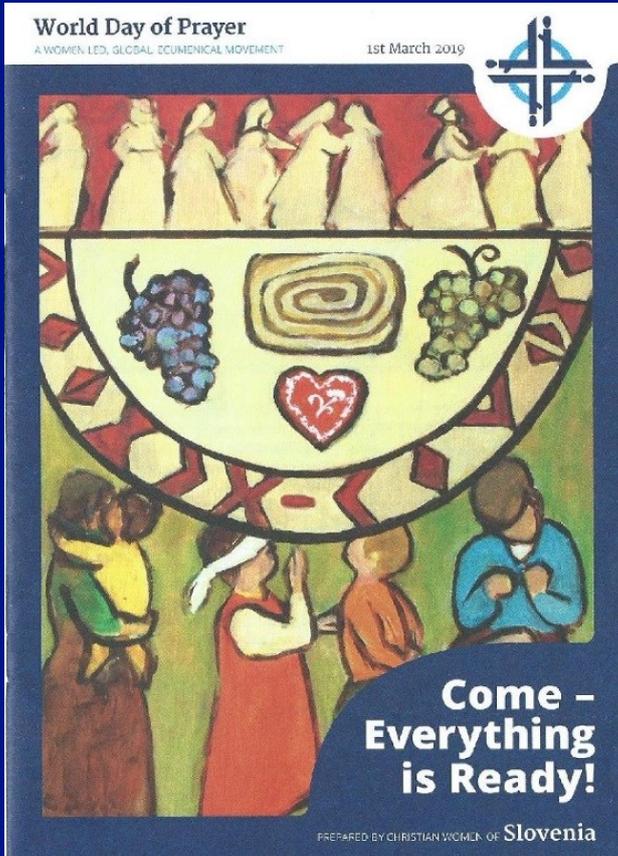
From an hour a week to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, our care is highly personalised, individually tailored to meet the needs of the individual and is always in accordance with your wishes.

To speak to a team member, please visit [www.uniquecare.co.uk](http://www.uniquecare.co.uk) or contact us at:  
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Jo Joyner and Mark Benton, Shakespeare and Hathaway, photographed here with Patrick. The BBC filmed for three days in Holy Trinity churchyard and Parish Centre at the end of September 2018. The second series of "Shakespeare and Hathaway" has now been shown on BBC1. The photograph was taken by Harry Lomax during a break in filming.



## World Day of Prayer - 1 March 2019



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