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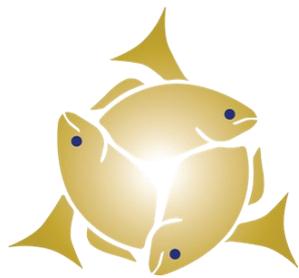


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WHAT DO YOU VALUE?

The German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer once said, "Mostly it is loss which teaches us about the worth of things." Or in a slightly less highbrow way Joni Mitchell sang "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone" in her song *Big Yellow Taxi*. Whichever is more at your level they have a similar sentiment. We don't always value something till we no longer have it.



Christingle service ~ Light in the Darkness

In the Christian year November is a season for remembering. We begin on 1 November remembering and celebrating all the Saints, the following day (2 November) is the commemoration of the faithful departed or All Souls and of course on 11 November we have Remembrance Day, remembering all those who have served in the armed forces. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic it feels that there is more to commemorate and remember this year. There are the excessive levels of death reported, but perhaps we also need the opportunity to mourn our other losses; groups we can no longer be part of, hobbies we can't do, family or friends we

currently can't see.

It is important to keep a positive outlook on things, but sometimes to keep that positive view alive, we need opportunities to grieve, to be sad or, in simpler terms, to "just let it all out and have a good cry". And from that point move on, trying to return to the positive outlook, to appreciate what we do have, to remember that although there are things we can't currently do, time will pass and things will change. As I've written before the words from Ecclesiastes chapter three can be of comfort at the moment and worth remembering "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:"

Once we pass through the Coronavirus crisis, it would be foolhardy to think that things will be exactly the same as before. We already know of businesses no longer trading, groups that have folded. As we continue through this time, we need to learn from both Arthur Schopenhauer and Joni Mitchell, to decide what is important to us before we lose it. Those local to Stratford will be aware of the difficulties faced by the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, but here at Holy Trinity we haven't been immune. Over the summer eight of our staff were sadly made redundant, something a Church never wants to do, or thinks it will have to do, but such was the impact of the reduction in our finances, and we are by no means out of the woods yet. Our treasurer, Mike Warrillow, writes with more detail about this later in this edition, but it is worth highlighting that despite what many think, as a Church we don't receive funding from the government or the wider Church of England. Actually the reverse is true in that we pay money to Coventry Diocese, for being part of the wider Church.

In this month of remembering, let us remember what we have lost. But also take this opportunity to act before we lose more. To open our eyes and not wait till something is gone to value and appreciate it. Instead let us decide what we value and what we are at risk of losing and take steps to make a change. Taking steps to save something isn't just about money. Currently the only way Holy Trinity can open as both a visitor attraction and a place of prayer is thanks to an amazing team of volunteers, freely giving their time. With reduced staff, volunteers are vital to help us continue to fulfil our Parish vision of "Lives changed through God's love".



Trinity Tots Party

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What do you value cont....



A Church isn't about serving itself but serving the community it is part of. An act of worship is a communal experience, the focus isn't on what we get out of it, but supporting others to engage with God as a united communion of people and now more than ever we need that unity.

If you value Holy Trinity for the work it does in the community through toddler groups, cafes for the lonely, helping the homeless. If you value Holy Trinity for a place to mark important life events, christenings, weddings and funerals. If you value Holy Trinity as a place of peace and sanctuary in a busy world. If you value Holy Trinity as an historical part of our literary heritage. If you value Holy Trinity to celebrate Christmas and Easter. Whatever reason you value Holy Trinity, now is the time when we need you. The current building is over 800 years old, but there are records of this being a place of worship since at least 845AD. After 1,175 years, please don't let us be the generation that ends it. But make a difference to help us continue to serve the community around us. If you value Holy Trinity, we need you.



Phil Harper



Phil Harper and Andy Winter getting to know the new equipment ready for the live screening service on Sunday 18 October.

Photographs by Andrew Dow.



WORSHIP NOTES



The current uncertainty about local lockdown levels means our plans for worship may have to change, but at the time of going to print the following are in place. **Please note all services require booking in advance, except the 4pm service at Holy Trinity.**

Those attending the new 10am service at Holy Trinity will notice some things that are different, including:

Entry by the South Porch The automatic doors reduce the amount of touching of surfaces required.

Cameras and equipment We are broadcasting the service live via the internet so that those unable to attend can still participate in our worship. We are grateful to those who have made donations towards the cost of the equipment, and have applied for a grant to cover the rest.

TV screens In order to show the content going out in the live stream to those in the church congregation (such as recordings of Bible readings or images), we have hired some screens as a trial to see how this works.

No orders of service To keep Covid secure, reduce the amount of paper we use and allow for some creativity, all the words for the service will be on the screens.

Familiar but different The service is a mixture of the informal, all age style of TrinityCentre@10 and the more formal Parish Eucharist. So expect choir and organ as well as keyboard and drums in a service for everyone. Our aim is to be both reverent and relaxed, holy and with humour, but always seeking to give glory to God and recognising Jesus present with us in the sharing of bread and changing lives.

Sunday 1 November All Saints' Day

We celebrate the Patronal Festival at Luddington (9.30am).

At Holy Trinity at 6pm our focus turns to *All Souls-tide*, with a **Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving in Loving Memory of the Departed**. The names of those we wish to remember are read out at this moving service with beautiful choral music and candles lit (note there is no 4pm service at Holy Trinity). This service will be live streamed.

Remembrance Sunday, 8 November

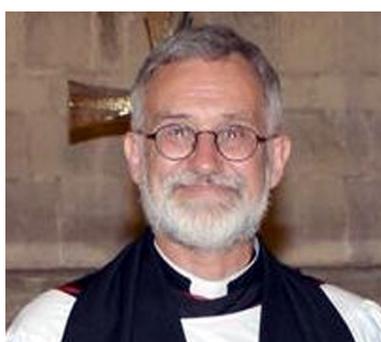
At Holy Trinity

10am All Age Remembrance Sunday Service (without Holy Communion, lasts only 40 mins). Live streamed, booking required.

11am Act of Remembrance led by the Vicar. **Members of the public are asked not to attend at the Garden of Remembrance or gather in the road. Please watch at home via the live stream if you are able.**

4pm Holy Communion, Holy Trinity.

22 November 10am Becket Anniversary Service Preacher: The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Tim Naish, Canon Librarian of Canterbury Cathedral. The sermon will be recorded in advance from Canterbury Cathedral and shown on the screens in church (as well as on the live stream) during the service.



The Revd Tim Naish has been Canon Librarian at Canterbury Cathedral since 2018. He is also the Cathedral's Director of Education, leading on the organisation of training courses at Canterbury, including those for newly ordained clergy from around the Anglican Communion. Involved for many years with the Church Mission Society (CMS) in India, Zaire, Uganda and England, Tim was ordained in 1987 into the Anglican Church of the Congo. Following his return to the UK, Tim became rector of a parish in Oxfordshire prior to joining the staff at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, near Oxford in 2006, training men and women for ministry in the Church of England, leading the non-residential programme and teaching the theology

and practice of mission

29 November 1st Sunday of Advent Advent Carol Service (time TBC)

Patrick

Evening Services from 15 November The time and format of these services is still under review so please look out for more information nearer the time in our email bulletins or on the website. Those without internet access should ring the parish office for details.



SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Holy Trinity Church

1 November - All Saints' Day

10am All Saints' - Eucharist
6pm Service to Remember the Deceased

8 November

10am All Age Remembrance {non Eucharist}
11am Act of Remembrance {live stream only}
4pm Eucharist

15 November

10am Confirmation service with Bishop John
Second service to be confirmed

22 November

10am Becket Anniversary Service
Second service to be confirmed

29 November

10am Advent Sunday Eucharist
Advent Carol Service - Time to be announced

St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

8 November

9.30am Holy Communion {booking required}

22 November

9.30am Holy Communion {booking required}



All Saints', Luddington

1 November

9.30am Patronal Festival {booking required}

15 November

9.30am Holy Communion {booking required}

29 November

9.30am Holy Communion {booking required}



FROM THE REGISTERS October

Christenings

Weddings

17 October

Michael Phillips and Lucy Foster

17 October

Robert Cartwright and Sarah Illingworth

Funerals

1 October

Irene Downes

2 October

Margaret Alison Rigg

3 October

William James Adam

7 October

Peter Francis Wyatt

8 October

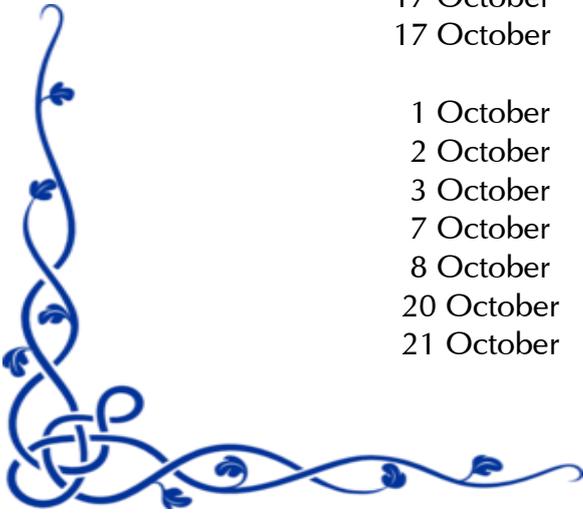
Gerald Brookes

20 October

Liberty Smith (Nelson)

21 October

Alan John Froud



I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart.

*When I called, you answered me;
You made me bold and stout-hearted.*

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.*

Your love, O Lord, endures for ever.

Verses from Psalm 138

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SHOEBOX APPEAL 2020

For 2020 we are continuing our encouragement to support the UK based charity **Link to Hope**, 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. The charity 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.

As we are still in a time of COVID-19, and with limited office support, as a Parish, we will be unable to be a collection point for shoeboxes. However, we can guide you to supporting the charity directly. This can be done best in the following ways:

Link to Hope can fill a shoebox on your behalf. Volunteers at Worthing HQ will choose items, pack a shoebox, wrap it and even put a greetings card in it on your behalf (family name or first names only). To complete, fill in the form in the link below, make your donation (circa £20) and write any comments in the box beneath, including what you want written on the greetings card. As they are making a shoebox especially for you **Link to Hope** will even take a photo of it and send it to you if you would like. [WE FILL A SHOEBOX LINK](#)

Donate directly to the 2020 Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal. To send a cheque instead then please send it to Link to Hope, Link House, Park Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 2AN. Please mark clearly who has sent it and the donation you would like to make. To make a donation via BACS payment **Link to Hope** details are: Natwest, 60-24-31, Account No:12677949. **PLEASE PUT A REFERENCE ON YOUR PAYMENT** (e.g *Shoebox Appeal 2020*).

Thank you.

Steve



FAITH IN A DIFFERENT WORLD?

Away Weekend at Home: Sandra Millar on Humility and Welcome

A certain bank advertises on TV with the image of a black horse galloping alongside people on their journey through life. “We’re with you all the way”, the bank claims. Canon Sandra Millar finds that advert irritating – because “being with people all the way” from birth to death is the job of the Church, and her own job is to help the Church fulfil its calling. As the church’s national officer on “Welcome and Life Events”, she has done a lot of research into how it might be done – not just through the big “life events” like weddings and funerals, but every day.



Canon Sandra Millar

When Sandra spoke to our “away weekend at home” on 11 October, she picked up on our three parish values – holiness, humility and hospitality – and showed how they are related.

Humility is central. If we in the Church believe we have all the answers, or claim some exclusive position in society, then we will put people off. The Church needs, she suggested, to be visibly doing much more in partnership with other organisations both religious and secular – and then we may find that more people will acknowledge its humble usefulness in society.

But that doesn’t mean that the Church should be simply another organisation without anything special to offer. Far from it. This is where holiness comes in. It’s not about being ultra-pious. She reminded us that the idea of holiness has two linguistic roots – “wholeness” and “consecration to a person or cause”. Maybe sometimes these look as though they are in conflict; how can you be consecrated in a religious sense without becoming some kind of nutter who is not “whole” or healthy at all? Sandra reminded us of the great traditions of spirituality, such as the Benedictine, Franciscan and Ignatian, which have helped Christians down the centuries to get the balance right. A lot of it has to do with confidence in our faith, and in the gifts which God has given us, and in authenticity – showing who we really are, because being inauthentic is the worst turn-off of all. And she emphasised that it is the whole Christian community, not just individuals, which is called to be holy.

And so to hospitality – which, she said, is not just about “being friendly” (most churches claim that!) but about actually “making friends”. She quoted the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen about hospitality as “**making space** for people to be what God intends them to be”.

The emphasis on real conversation and friendship led to a fascinating discussion amongst the Zoom participants about the different ways in which introverts and extraverts might respond to this particular call. Not all of us are outgoing personalities – but we may all have a place in “making space” for others, having first found our own space. It also led to some practical ideas about new partnerships and forms of outreach, especially to those in care homes who are so hard to reach at the moment and therefore have greater social and spiritual needs than ever.

All in all, a rich discussion. Some readers will have noticed that I have added a question mark at the end of Sandra’s title – a bit naughty of me, but it reflects the fact that the post-Covid age might have new features, with the increased emphasis on online contact, but the Gospel is still the Gospel, and people are still people. And Sandra knows and loves people, and she wants the Church to do more of the same. And people do respond. In the gloom of concern about church decline, as she reminded me on another occasion, we should remember that only something like 2% of the population may join us in regular worship, but over 20% enter churches each year for baptisms, weddings and funerals and other special services, and far more are touched by us in other ways. Perhaps we regular worshippers are just the tip of an iceberg. But our discipleship calls us to reach ever deeper into the rest of the iceberg, and beyond, in holiness, humility and hospitality. And that is the way of joy and hope which the world so badly needs.

Anthony Woollard

PCC report: Tuesday 29 September

by Ruth Poulten



“Our current income is not enough to fund the ongoing operation of the parish”. That was the stark warning from Treasurer Mike Warrillow at the latest PCC meeting.

Finance was the focus of the agenda once again as members heard how the pandemic continues to affect revenue at Holy Trinity, with visitor numbers and associated giving low.

Stewardship was also under the spotlight with Mike presenting a detailed analysis of the church’s main income streams. “There’s no easy way to say this, but we’re looking at a deficit of £70K for next year. Under COVID restrictions, visitor donations have fallen by 90%, with an average of just 89p per person compared to that of £2.30 last year.

“Planned giving remains largely unchanged and is now our major income. However, it’s simply not enough for our needs - despite all that we have done to balance the books in response to the pandemic so far.

“In our parish, the average weekly donation is £8.49. In the Diocese, it is £12.30. if everyone was to give an extra £3.81 a week, it would make a £50K impact on next year’s deficit. But what would help people to be more generous with their stewardship and support of the church?”

Governance Review

PCC unanimously agreed to adopt Brian Russell’s Eight Governance Review recommendations. Reverend Patrick Taylor said, “we’re very grateful to Brian for all the time he has spent on this work, which has significant positive implications for us as a PCC and how we lead the Parish.”

Worship

Live-streaming equipment has been ordered, with the aim of using it on Sunday 18 October for Holy Trinity’s ‘hybrid’ worship – in person for those in the main church building and simultaneously live streamed for those at home or elsewhere. There are currently no plans to live stream from the villages.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 November 2020, 7.30 pm



Opening Prayers



Reading the Charter



A very mini Mop

On the roundabout



BEYOND THE RIVER JORDAN - 3



Visitors to the Holy Land are usually taken to the west bank of the Jordan to be shown the place of Jesus' baptism, yet the gospels clearly state that it was on the far side. John 1.28 says that 'These things took place in Bethany beyond Jordan where John was baptising'. That particular Bethany has not been located but John 3.23 names the place as Aenon which in recent years has been discovered. John 10.40 also records that when Jesus was being threatened by Jewish opponents 'he went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptising in the early days. Here he stayed.'

In journeying through modern Jordan we came to the 6th century Byzantine church at Madaba where an amazing mosaic map covers the whole floor, still vibrant in colour after 1,500 years. It is the earliest surviving map of the Holy Land and is therefore a treasure of information. It clearly shows Aenon on the eastern bank of the river. It is only with the opening up of modern Jordan to tourism and archaeology that some of the earliest Christian sites are being discovered.



Our previous series on 'Finding Faith' have been about encountering modern day Christians in the course of our retirement travels. 'Beyond the River Jordan' is more historical. It is about finding the origins of faith in events beyond the Jordan which inspired the Bible. It was only in 1998 when landmines were removed that the more probable site of Jesus' baptism was found. Archaeology revealed that in the early years of Christianity this particular spot was developed into an elaborate system of baptismal pools. But following the 7th century invasion of Islam the baptism site, as a place of pilgrimage, was moved across the river to the west bank. Significantly it was the eastern site which Pope John Paul II chose to visit in March 2000.

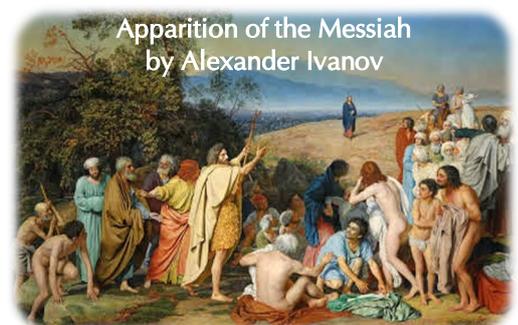
Why does the location matter? When you visit Aenon John the Baptist's reasons for choosing that spot become clear. It is directly opposite Jericho where the Israelites first crossed into the Promised Land. Symbolically John was inviting the Jews to remember their beginning. Secondly this was also the place where Elijah ascended into heaven. John, like Elijah, was calling the people back to a Spirit-filled faith in God as opposed to the vain ritualistic affair into which religion can easily degenerate. John's choice of Aenon was therefore very deliberate.

Jordan wilderness



Stretching away from Aenon lies a wilderness where wild animals still prowl and shepherds scratch a living with their black goats and white sheep, the visual aids of Jesus' parable (Matthew 25.32). The gospels make no mention anywhere of the Judean desert. Mark simply says that after Jesus' baptism 'at once the Spirit sent him into the desert... ..and the wild animals were with him.' (Mark 1.12) It seems very apparent when you are there that this Jordanian wilderness was most probably the scene of Jesus' temptation and that he would likely choose the location where John

the Baptist had lived, rather than somewhere many miles away. It is still renowned for the locusts and wild honey on which John survived (Matthew 3.4) and apparently you still can! It certainly is a boost to one's faith to have the biblical account verified and to know you are standing where the start of Jesus' public ministry happened.



Supporting Vulnerable Children & Young People

Do you want to support a charity, allied to The Church of England, whose vision is 'A country where children are free from disadvantage, where we fight for change, supporting disadvantaged children to have better lives'? If so, please read on, and do not skip this article, to learn about how you can help and support the work of The Children's Society.



A major source of income for The Children's Society comes from House Boxes. House Boxes are a simple and easy way to contribute to the work of The Society. The Society can provide a box, into which you can put in any loose change, which you hardly notice at the time (although we're more than happy to accept notes), and this small change accumulates over the year, until the annual box opening when with all the other boxes in the parish are opened and counted. This adds up to a significant contribution to the work of The Society (nearly £1800 in 2019). If you don't have a box, and would like one, then please contact me (paullageu@hotmail.co.uk; tel. 01789 298302).

As we are all too well aware, this has not been a normal year and it still isn't. It is looking like it will be many months before we are back to any sort of normality. With significant numbers of people having shielded at home and with a much-reduced number of purchases having been transacted using cash, as opposed to card, it is likely that the amount of money currently held in Children's Society House Boxes will be far lower than in previous years. Many of our faithful 'counters', who help count the box contents at the annual box opening, are over seventy and have also been shielding. Add into the mix the likely problems with banking cash (a lengthy process at the best of times, even without social distancing), then it is with much regret that I have decided that the Children's Society Box Opening for Holy Trinity, scheduled for 7 November, will not go ahead this year.

However, COVID does not reduce or stop the work of The Children's Society. If anything, the need for help and support for children and young people is even more acute. In addition to the call on its services during lockdown, the Society is anticipating a significant increase in the demand as lockdown eases and children return to school. Therefore, I would encourage everyone who has a house box to continue to keep putting money into the box and help make 2021 a bumper record-breaking year.

The Society has been very active during the pandemic. As an example, 'Pause', a mental health drop-in centre for young people in Birmingham has adapted to work through email, and telephone now that their systems have been tested as safe and confidential. There have been conversations around death, domestic violence, alcohol misuse, loneliness and many other issues which have been exacerbated by lockdown. They have also produced Self soothe boxes which include mindful colouring, pencils, stress balls and chocolate which go out in the post. More children and young people who would not have walked into Pause have accessed the service remotely, enabling staff to help a greater number of people. They are now trying to have a booking system within government guidelines to meet face to face too.



Unfortunately, it is likely that many churches around the country will be forced to take the same decision that I have, with regard to this year's box opening, resulting in a considerable drop in income at the very time when the Society needs it most. In addition, a very significant contribution to The Society's work, the income from Christingle Services, is also likely to be significantly reduced this year.

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You don't need to be a box holder to provide to the essential work of The Children's Society. If you would like to contribute at this critical time, whether or not you are a box holder, the Society are more than happy to accept donations by cheque (made payable to The Children's Society). If you would like to give in this way then please send your cheques to the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, addressed for my attention. Alternatively, the St Andrew's, Shoterly, based Committee, have set up a Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jackie-wightman).

If you would like more information on the work of The Children's Society then please go to their website (www.childrensociety.org.uk) or speak to me (01789 298302).

Paul Lageu
Children's Society
House Box Co-ordinator



A WARM WELCOME

Our church has been open to visitors for part of each day in recent months thanks to a rota of teams of willing volunteers. Below are some of the positive and grateful comments found on Trip Advisor, so well done to all the volunteers.

"I would highly recommend visiting this church as it's really interesting and the staff are very helpful"

"A welcome visit. We were thankful the church was open and it was nice to be welcomed by a pleasant volunteer"

"Truly magnificent and beautiful church. Covid safe and some really helpful and knowledgeable staff on site"

"Helpful volunteers everywhere. They are up to date with QR points to be scanned which provide all the knowledge you need. Do, please, donate!"

"Staff helpful and friendly. Covid restrictions well managed in this beautiful church. No rushing, encouraged to stay and sit in the pews to take in the beautiful surroundings"

AUTUMN FLOWERS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



*Worship the Lord
in the beauty
of holiness.*

*Psalm 96:9
King James Bible*



FLOWER ARRANGERS

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APCM Address 12 October 2020

They say, “the past is a foreign country” and looking back on life in 2019, it certainly feels that way. The consequences of the current pandemic for our lives and parish are of course dominating our thinking and planning right now, but before we come on to those things, it’s important at a meeting which is meant to be a review of the previous year, that we spend a little time looking back to celebrate, remember and give thanks for another full and fruitful year in this parish.

There are, as always, too many things and people to mention here and I would encourage you to read all the activities described in the annual report.

I just want to highlight a few things which have a common theme, which is *being a church for others*.

That phrase, being a church that exists for others, is one I used frequently when I returned from my three month Sabbatical, which I took from May to July in 2019. Now that really does feel like another country! One of the things that I was most challenged and inspired by was something written by the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He was a German Lutheran pastor, killed by the Nazis in 1945. He famously described Jesus as “the man for others” and so it follows, he argued, that the Church must exist for others, not for herself.

Looking back over 2019 it’s good to see so much that was, indeed, focused on those beyond the church immediate family.

We established new mission partners, Tom and Verity Clare, who along with their four boys are now in Uganda where Tom is working as a doctor.

Closer to home, the Soul Space workshop began with its first group, meeting at the Wellbeing centre at Stratford Hospital. The workshop is a basic introduction to the Christian faith and has now run for a second time, leading to several adults going forward for confirmation.

The All Saints’ Arms in Luddington, a pop up pub which was the inspired idea of Steve Jarvis has proved very popular with the locals and provided an opportunity to make connections with people who otherwise wouldn’t necessarily come to a church service.

The re-opening of the Ken Kennett community centre on Justins Avenue was made possible through our support. Two new groups, Stay and Play for parents and toddlers and Coffee Stop were soon established, meaning that we were reaching parishioners who may not otherwise relate to Holy Trinity church, especially being on the other side of town.

One of the best connections we have with people beyond the church is our church school, which officially changed its name from “The Willows” to “Holy Trinity” C of E Primary School in September 2019. This has had a real positive impact on the school, with some year groups being oversubscribed for the first time for many years. I would like to record my gratitude to the Head Teacher, Mrs Jo Herrero, for her enthusiastic and personal commitment to the Christian ethos of the school and to further strengthening the relationship with Holy Trinity church.

On a sadder note, in 2019 we said goodbye to three very faithful and greatly loved members of the church: Ronnie Mulryne, Andrea Blood and Sarah Gretton.

Each of them lived out the principle of being and doing for others:

Ronnie in his work to restore and enhance the heritage of our church and town

Andrea in her passion to share her faith with others and ensure all are warmly welcomed

Sarah in her passion for those in need, especially through Christian Aid

We give thanks for their lives, faith and all they did to help us to be a church for others.

Looking now to the present time, what does it mean to be a church for others now that we are in the grips of a pandemic that has changed so much in our lives and the church?

Our Away Weekend at home encouraged us to return to our values of Humility, Holiness and Hospitality and to realise again how much these, especially Humility and Hospitality, are about a focus on others rather than turning in on ourselves and our own needs.

APCM address cont.....

If we are to be true to these values, and to our calling as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ then we need to be seeking new ways of serving the people of our parish. Humility requires us to be willing to work with others, especially those outside the church, acknowledging that we can't fulfil our vision ourselves.

As we shall hear in a short while from our Treasurer, we are in a very different country now when it comes to our finances, with the money given by our congregations through Stewardship now being our main source of income, with income from visitors having all but collapsed this past few months.

Giving to the church might seem to some people like the opposite to "being for others." On the face of it, it can sometimes look like what we give will only benefit those on the inside of the church.

But the reality is quite different. All the outreach activities I described earlier will only be able to continue if each of us give enough to fund them, and at the moment there just isn't enough coming in.

Finally, some important words of appreciation and thanks.

In 2019 our Director of Music, Benedict Wilson moved on and our Organist Stephen Dodsworth retired. They both made remarkable contributions to the music of the parish. A big thank you is due to Rebecca Mills who stepped up as interim Director of Music at a time of such change in the department. We were delighted to appoint Douglas Keilitz as our new Director of Music towards the end of the year, although it wasn't until 2020 that he took up the post, and so more about him at our next APCM!

Thanks go to my colleagues in the clergy team: Steve, Phil and Kay, especially for holding the fort whilst I was on Sabbatical; and to the retired clergy for all their ministry, especially maintaining the pattern of worship in the Parish during the year.

Also to Andy Winter, our Parish Operations Manager, who works longer hours than I dare admit and worked tirelessly to steer us through the initial crisis of lockdown this year, and beyond. Also many thanks for all their hard work and dedication to the staff sadly no longer on our payroll due to the redundancies that had to be made this year.

I've already thanked the Wardens, but would like to add two other key members of the Standing Committee - Miriam as PCC secretary and Mike as Treasurer. What they do goes beyond just volunteering a few hours to help out, and they are a credit to us as a church and fine examples of doing for others, with no expectation of personal reward beyond the satisfaction of a good job done.

And I want to thank all of you, especially those who have stepped forward and offered your time as volunteers in recent months, as part of our contact groups, or enabling the church to be open to visitors. These are all fine examples of being a church for others and you make me immensely proud to be your vicar.

Patrick Taylor
12 October 2020



“That Wealthy Church at the End of Town”?

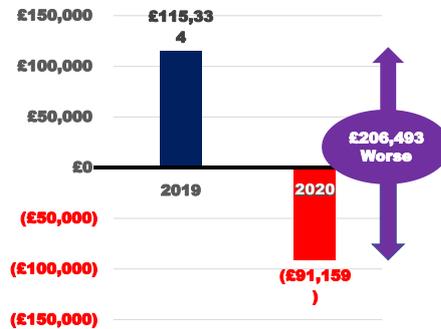
by Mike Warrillow -- Treasurer



How has the Coronavirus pandemic affected the financial position of Holy Trinity church? That was the question that I tried to address at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Monday 12 October. And the answer is...? Well, not surprisingly, the effect has been quite dramatic and serious.

How are we doing so far in 2020 against last year?

January to September 2020 vs 2019



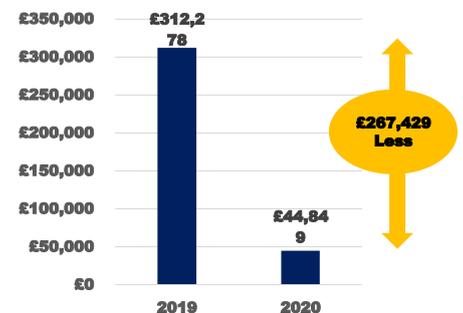
Many people will consider Holy Trinity to be “that wealthy church at the end of town” – not short of money. Between January and September 2019, Holy Trinity had generated a surplus of over £115,000, and yet in 2020 our costs have exceeded income by £91,000. This is a turnaround of over £206,000, despite all our efforts to reduce costs wherever we can.

Most areas of our income streams have been affected. No bookings for the hall or the church has meant less letting income, while

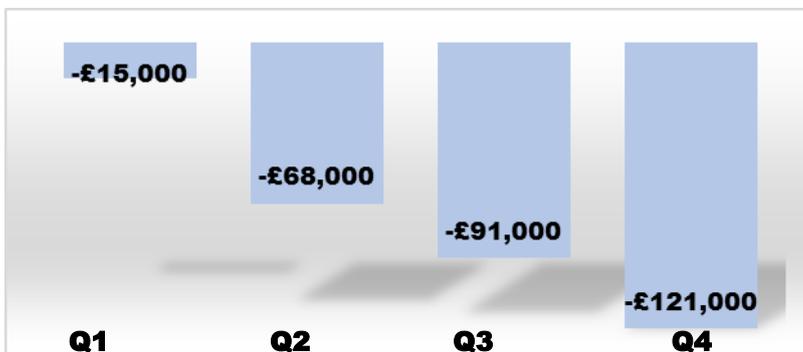
limitations on weddings have also reduced our fees. But the biggest impact has been in terms of visitor donations. These are down £267,000 between January and September 2020 versus 2019. Since July, the church has been open to visitors again but with new COVID-19 safe regulations in place. The number of visitors are dramatically down, and people are also tending to donate less. In August, usually our peak visitor month, visitor donations were down by about 90% compared with last year.

What has made the big difference?

January to September 2020 Visitor Income



2020 Cumulative Deficit



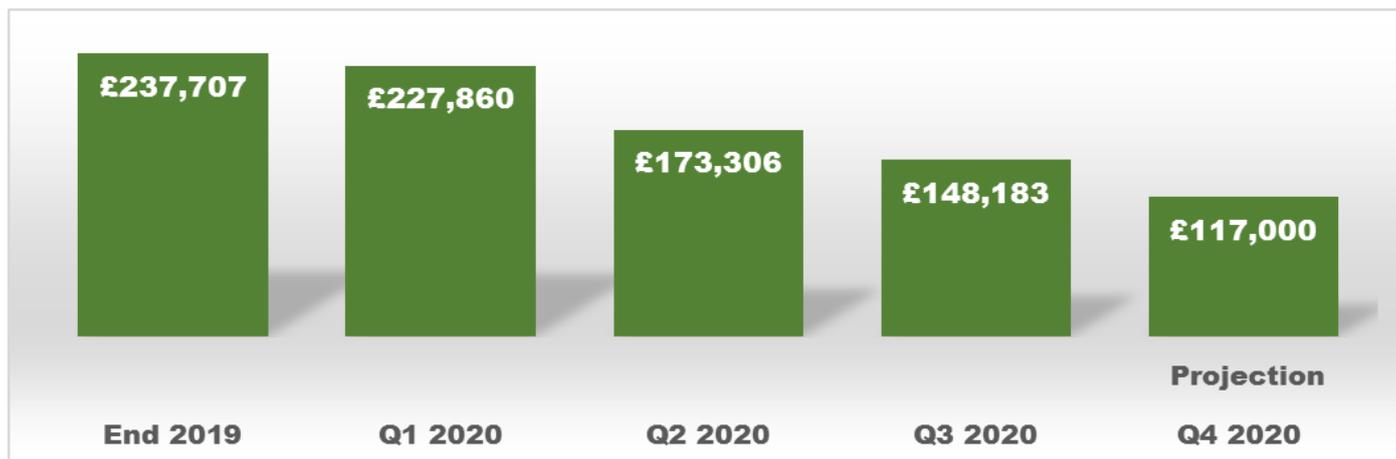
Where do we think we will be by the end of the year? The small loss we made in quarter one before the effects of Coronavirus really took hold increased to £68,000 by mid-year and £91,000 by end September. Our expenditure still exceeds income by about £10,000 per month meaning a total loss for the year of about £121,000. And this could deteriorate further over the winter months as the number of visitors reduce even further and heating bills increase.

Nor does this picture tell the whole story. Stratford upon Avon Parish has always paid its Parish Share in full. For 2020, this was assessed as £137,440, made up of our cost for ministers and a contribution of £36,793 towards the Diocesan Central Support Fund. In view of the dramatic reduction in visitor income and the losses we are now sustaining, we have asked to reduce this contribution by £24,000. However, if we were to pay in full, our losses would increase closer to £145,000 this year.

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Does this mean that we are running out of money? Obviously, we cannot continue to make such

HOLY TRINITY – Unrestricted Reserves



losses on a month by month basis without eventually totally running out of reserves. At the end of 2019, Holy Trinity was in the fortunate position of having unrestricted reserves of £238,000. By the end of September this had reduced to £148,00 and we anticipate that these will be no more than £117,000 by year end. Most of our reserves have come from visitor donations, which historically have been used for restoration work on the church, rather than reserves generated through stewardship or other fundraising activities. Yet you may feel that £117,000 feels a lot. However, when you consider that the organ requires a ten-year service during 2021 costing in the order of £60,000, and we are exceeding income by a further £10,000 per month, it obviously does not take long to use this. We still have other assets though, but I am sure we do not want to start selling the family silver.

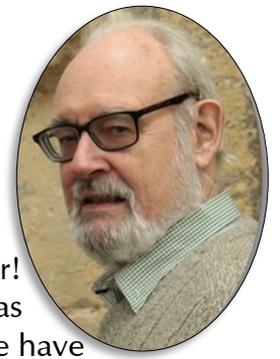


And is it any better next year? Thankfully yes but so much depends on the rate at which visitors return. We have assumed a realistic recovery rate yet despite this the initial budget shows that we could make a loss of around £69,000 in 2021. Yet within this budget, we have assumed that our Parish Share will only cover the cost of our own Ministers, with no contribution towards the Diocesan Central Support Fund. Actions to improve this position are currently under review with the Standing Committee and PCC.

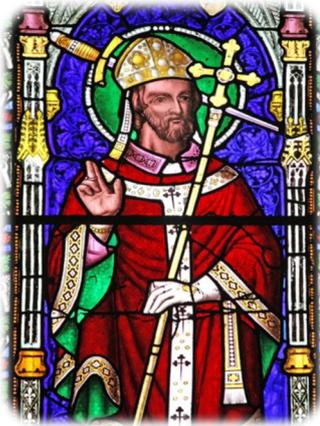
What does the financial situation of other churches in the parish look like? Luckily, the position in the villages is not so serious. It looks as if St Helen's will break even this year and as they were in deficit in 2019, this is great news. The situation at All Saints' is dependent upon the final valuation of their investment but at present they are forecasting to make a surplus of just over £1800.

What, if anything, can you do to help? Well I mentioned earlier that income from visitors was down 90% in August. However, income from giving from the congregation is basically unchanged. We are really grateful to the people who have continued to give during lockdown, either by moving to Standing Order or continuing to give envelopes through the Parish Office. Stewardship and Giving is now our largest income stream, but unfortunately not enough to cover our costs. Those at the APCM will have heard that our average weekly donation is £3.81 per week below the Diocesan average. I recognise that increasing donations will not be possible for everyone, but if all donors were able to add £3.81 per week, this would make tremendous inroads into our budget gap. If you would like details on how to join the stewardship scheme, please contact our Stewardship Officer Chris Kennedy through the Parish Office or directly on 01789 299785 or cjk1000@hotmail.com.

Or you could also let your parish neighbour know "that wealthy church at the end of town" is there for them as well - and we would really love to have their involvement and support.



What is a saint? It is a question that often arises at this time of year – All Saints'-tide. And I write in ignorance of what our clergy may write or preach on the subject this year!



But I want to concentrate on one particular case study – Thomas Becket. This year is the 850th anniversary of his martyrdom; we have had a fine memorial exhibition up in church, because Holy Trinity has indirect associations with him; and, God willing, later this month we can watch Trinity Players' production of *Murder in the Cathedral*.

That play by T S Eliot presents Becket as a rather ambiguous figure. One view of him is that, after a youth of high living and of high position in the State, his appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury led to a conversion – to the things of the Spirit, but even more obviously to the defence of the Church's rights against the State. And it was for that defence that his old friend King Henry II attacked him as a "turbulent priest", leading to his death at the hands of Henry's most loyal knights.

But, if we unpack this, as the play does, we find that maybe not all is as it seems.

First of all, this business of "defending the rights of the Church" – how legitimate was it? Certainly, Henry II, like his later successor the Eighth of that name, did meddle in the Church's "rights", which he saw as representing a competing authority, the Pope. But was this just a case of naked competition between two earthly power structures? Not entirely, because Thomas is pictured also as someone who in Christ's name defended the rights of the *poor*, which Henry disregarded. But the question is still there. Jesus turned his face against the temptation of earthly power and wealth, even if they could be used in good causes. The Church has not always done the same.

Second, Thomas is also portrayed as one who at times actively sought the *spiritual* power and lasting influence which might come from his martyrdom. Jesus accepted the Cross, but did not seek it; in fact in the garden of Gethsemane he faced the opposite temptation, to flee from it.

But clearly Thomas was a complex figure. He did face many temptations, and at the end he saw that: "The last temptation is the greatest treason/To do the right thing for the wrong reason" – a deep spiritual insight.

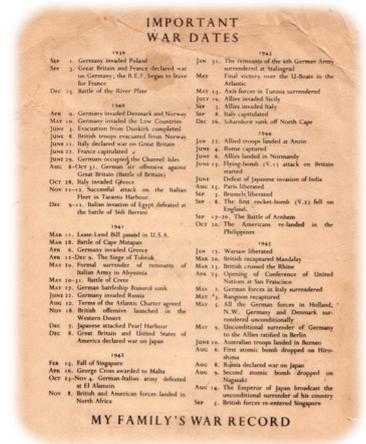
Well, was he a saint, or not? Did his life and death in some way offer a window into God? That is probably the best definition of a saint, and it does not necessarily imply some kind of perfect holiness, let alone high-flown piety. The fact that people soon began to make pilgrimages to his tomb suggests that he did offer that window for some. His reputation for caring for the ordinary people of his Diocese, which is portrayed well in the play, may be one clue to that. Perhaps above all he was seen as standing up *against* power, the power of an over-mighty king, rather than exercising it for its own sake.

God's people are all called to be saints. Not over-pious; not even necessarily "good" in every sense; but people who offer that window into God's love. In the past year we have seen quite a few of our own number following Thomas to death, even if not to martyrdom. In different ways, and imperfectly, they have offered that window. That is the ultimate calling of us all.



Born in 1935 ~ WW2 Memories

Those members of the congregation born in 1935 have lived through four reigns; George V, Edward VII, George VI and Elizabeth II. We remember both the end of World War 2 and the beginning. Shirley Crimp can remember hearing on the wireless the Prime Minister saying “that we were now at War with Germany”. And, like Gillian Nunn, can recall the wailing of the first siren air raid warning – fortunately just a trial run. Judy Standing was evacuated with her parents and two brothers from Teesside to Goathland, though her father went back to Teesside each week. Win Smith’s father worked on a farm on the Isle of Wight and they stayed there, in a thatched cottage. During air raids her father stayed outside to see that the roof did not catch fire. Gillian and Shirley’s families did not move either; Shirley was in Kenton, a suburb of London and Gillian in a village near St Albans, north of London. Her father went into London each day, where he worked in public transport which ‘reserved’ work and did ARP (Air Raid Precautions) and Home Guard at night. Shirley’s father did ARP duties before he was called up, but only after a corrugated iron shelter, with five bunks, was built in their front room as her mother could not get four children, the eldest just five, to the street shelter single-handed. Gillian’s family had the ceiling of the hall in their house reinforced with wooden posts and beams. We all seem to have spent a lot of time in air raids under the stairs!



We all had identity discs with our number on them, numbers we can still remember! Masks today are nothing compared with the gas masks we had then. Horrid, smelly things with nasty tight rubber bands holding them close to your face. We had to wear them for gas mask drill at school. But we were too young to know the implications of

this, or of the war, though Shirley must have been more aware of it when

her father was called up.

We all started school about this time. This meant a long walk for Win and a bus ride for Gillian. She remembers being caught in an air raid at school, sitting, on the shelves for storing apples, in the cellar there and being frightened – not knowing how she would get home. Mostly we were too young to be frightened by the war but the dark was scary; no street lights, car headlights covered, but very few cars, and torches and batteries very scarce. Blackout curtains and shutters dominated evenings at home! The wardens were very stern with anyone who showed a chink of light. It could be very stuffy indoors.

Food was rationed very quickly and no child could be fussy. We wonder how our mothers fed us. Those in the country foraged for blackberries, crab apples etc and often kept hens for eggs and meat. Gillian’s family bred rabbits and Judy’s got a farmer to keep a pig for them on the moor. Any food scraps, peelings etc were saved, even in towns they were collected for pig food. Most people grew vegetables, we salted runner beans, and made jam or bottled fruit. Rationing was actually worse after the war and in the very harsh winter of 1947 even bread and potatoes were rationed, and rice and pasta were unobtainable. Sugar and sweets did not come off ration until 1953 and meat was last in 1954. School meals were available in term time, of varying quality but we had to eat everything whether we liked it or not! And we had to drink our milk at morning break, and it was often sour! Ration books were necessary even for clothes. Sheets were turned ‘sides to middle’, old jumpers unravelling and made into socks, mittens.... We all wore passed-on clothes. Coal was rationed, as was soap, and there were power cuts. Hot water in the tap was usually a weekly event, with baths limited to a depth of four inches, and shared by all the children.

There was a small army camp near Win’s home on the Isle of Wight, where many soldiers were based. Her mother used to cook for them in her home – they had to leave their boots and guns in the porch. In exchange they brought sugar, tea, flour and golden syrup. Chocolate for her, and nylons for her sister. They must have been Americans! And they gave them bananas at school.

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Born in 1935 cont.....

The war meant more to us by 1944 with the flying bombs making a rattle overhead. When the noise stopped you knew the bomb would drop somewhere near! Shirley with her mother and three little brothers were evacuated from London to North Wales and ended up in a very isolated hotel where they could all be together. Her father, now a captain in the RAOC was posted to India and then Burma. He managed to send her a lovely authentic Indian doll which gave her many happy hours of play but eventually became worse for wear as she had three little brothers! Judy's brother too caused trouble. They regularly attended the village church and every week the vicar would say, from the pulpit, 'Sit still you flibberty-gibbet'!

But there were many normal things going on. Those of us in the country knew the joys of walks, with very little traffic on the roads and moors and woods to explore, unless the army were occupying them! We gathered rose hips as rose hip syrup was a substitute for orange juice, and firewood was always needed. Win could not go on the beach; all beaches in southern England were barricaded by barbed wire and concrete blocks and the piers were cut off in case of invasion. She remembers watching Southampton burn, twenty-five miles away. Shirley knew all about the Blitz from being taken from her bed by her parents and put in the cupboard under the stairs with her brothers, and Judy and Gillian knew an occasional bomb near their homes. Win's father was very upset when a German plane crashed in one of the fields and he and other workmen could not save the pilot.

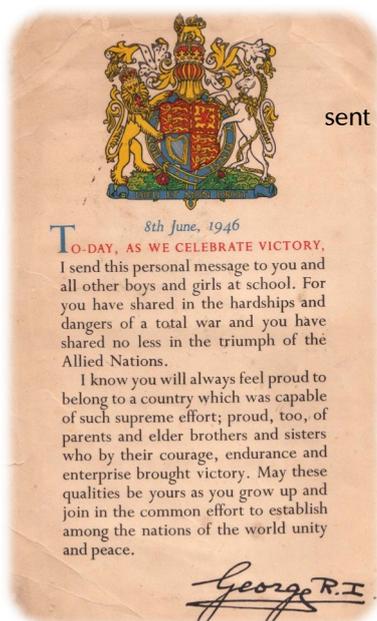
Something that would amaze children today was the lack of means of communication. Some people had radios and a few had telephones or used public ones but it was often difficult to get a line to the person you wanted to talk to. Telegrams were used for really urgent news and newspapers were the most usual source of war news. Even with no television, mobiles phones etc we did not get bored; we made our own toys and amusements.

Win and Gillian recall the endless stream of planes flying overhead on D Day. Then at last it was V E Day, Victory in Europe! Shirley remembers a street party with JELLY! In Win's village a farmer organized a ride through the village in a hay wagon for the children, followed by a tea party in the village hall. People must have brought out goodies they had been saving specially.

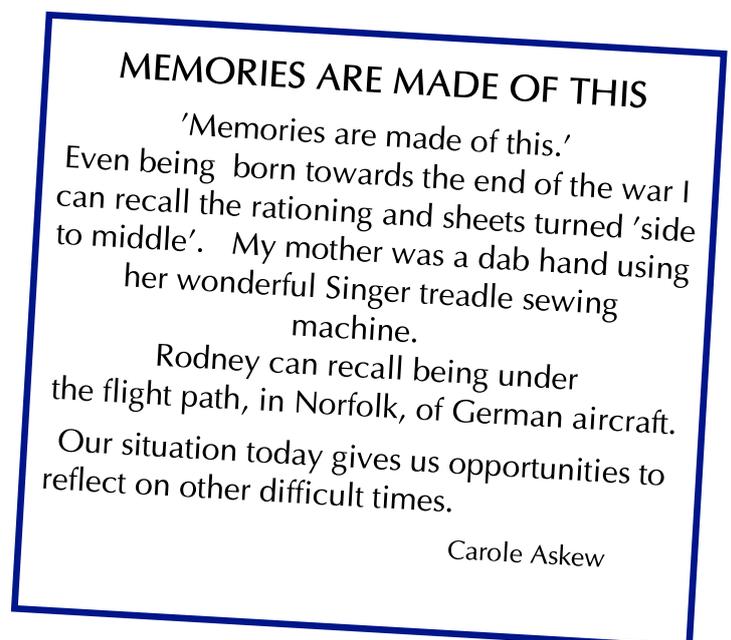
For Shirley, the war did not really end until her father came home from the East early in 1946. He brought with him a collection of Japanese war helmets and equipment. Her brothers were thrilled but not Shirley and her mother.

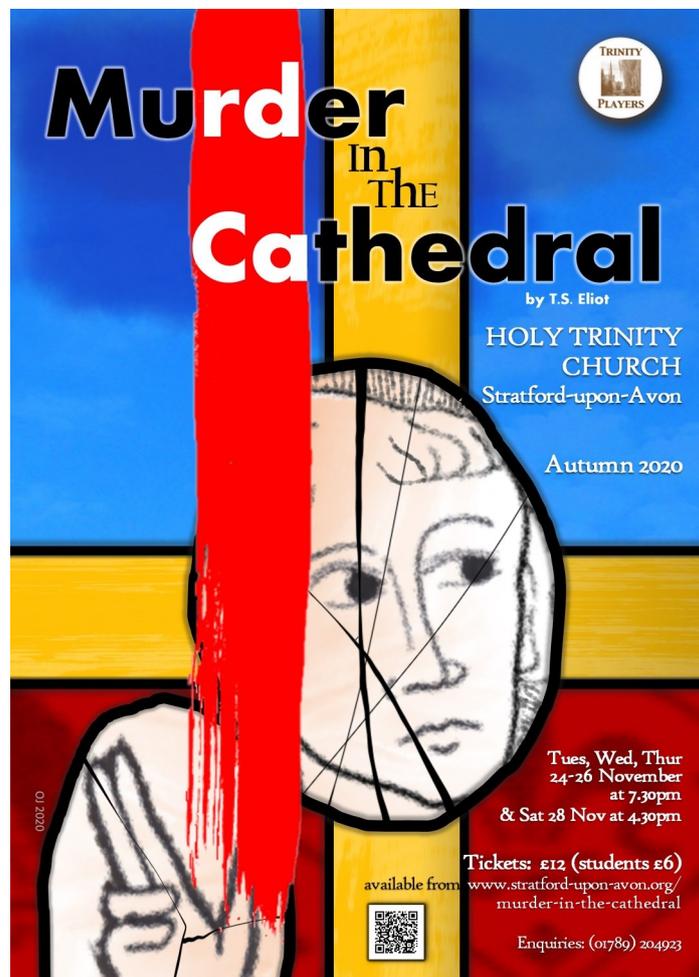
As one of Shirley's brothers is fond of saying 'as we lived through the War, we can cope with anything! Worth remembering at the moment.

Shirley Crimp, Gillian Nunn, Win Smith, Judy Standing.



Win Smith's letter
sent to school children from
George VI.





Murder in the Cathedral *by T.S. Eliot*

In 1970 I saw the production of *Murder in the Cathedral* in Canterbury Cathedral which marked the 800th anniversary of Thomas Becket's murder. There was a vast audience and our seats had a decidedly restricted view: but I could hear, and have never forgotten the spine tingling moment when the four knights hammered on the cathedral door.

In recent years Trinity Players have considered staging the Play so when Sandra and Lindsay MacDonald mooted plans to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the death of the most famous of English Saints whose veneration is entwined with the history of Holy Trinity, we knew this was the time. But would a 21st century audience relish verse drama, popular in 1935 when the Play was first written for performance in Canterbury Cathedral but which dropped out of fashion in the early 60s?

Just before the rule of six came into force, we read the play, mathematically spaced in Mike and Helen Warrillow's garden, and realised that, as well as being moving and beautiful, it is strikingly relevant to today and, in part, very funny.

At least eleven eye witness accounts of the murder exist which Eliot used as sources.

Fortunately, religious drama lends itself to a more formal staging with actors two metres apart and the church is large enough for the cast to stay in Zones without 'mingling'. Music will enhance this exploration of martyrdom which, we very much hope, you will share with us

However, to keep our audience safely distanced, we will need to restrict numbers. All seats must be booked in advance.

Performances: 24, 25, 26 November at 7.30pm & Saturday 28 November at 4.30pm

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ONE LINERS

I got my wife a fridge for her birthday. I can't wait to see her face light up when she opens it.

I've joined an elite gymnastics class. I had to bend over backward to get in.

I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, then it hit me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

THE Seniors group will have a picnic on Saturday. Each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable and a sweet, all in a covered dish.
Parish of Harnham magazine

Take notice: When this sign is under water, this road is impassable

Seen on main route, Nairobi to Mombasa

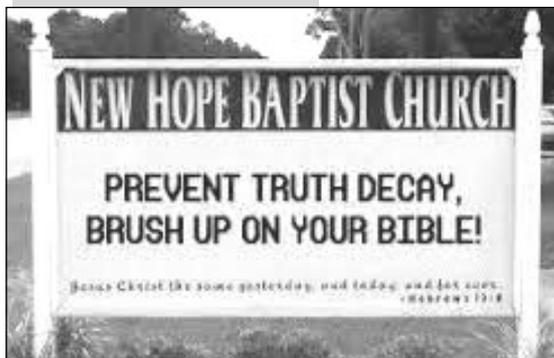
The *Plymouth Herald* reports the reaction of an employee who was sacked for taking too many sick days: "I needed 13 dental appointments after root canal surgery," the employee said. "I've always worked hard and I feel like I've been kicked in the teeth."
Radio 4's News Quiz

"The world's oldest barber's shop. Opening December 2017."
Temporary shop front seen in Singapore



Compiled by Pat Pilton

"Given the state of our heating system, you'd think the vicar would be all for it."



Customer review of a car wash in Torquay: I was not impressed. Terrible service. It took two hours and thirty minutes to wash my car with a screaming toddler.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS... A little girl was watching her mother do the dishes and noticed that she had strands of white hair sticking out from her otherwise brown hair. "Why are some hairs white mummy?" "Well, every time you do something wrong or make me unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this for a moment, then said, "Mummy, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"



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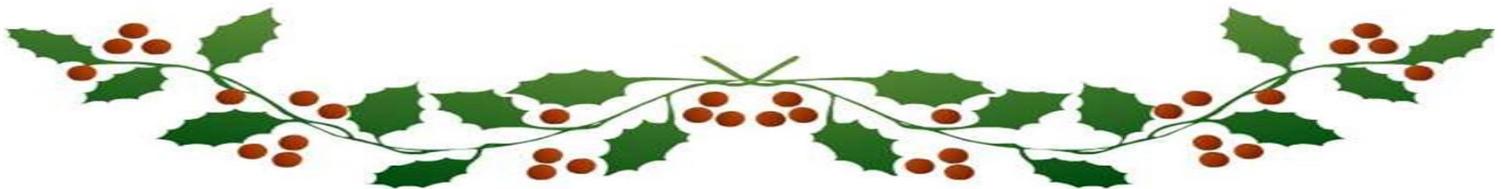
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for inclusion in the December/January edition of the Trinity Times. Any names reaching me after 23 November will not be included in the magazine.

Many thanks.

Felicity Howlett



APCM - MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020

Churchwardens elected for 2020/2021 were Rhod Mitchell, Paul Lageu, Helen Warrillow and Gill Price.

(Thanks were expressed to Hilda Craig, standing down after eight years as warden; and Hilary Newman, after eighteen months).

Deanery Synod representatives elected for the next three years were Jane Armitage, Richard Hartley, Lindsay MacDonald, Peter Rowland and Anthony Woollard.

PCC members elected were: Richard Fletcher, Ruth Poulten and Mark Sayers with Teresa Kristunas to fill the six months gap created by Lindsay MacDonald becoming a Deanery Synod representative. (Thanks were expressed to Tony Bentall and Mark Lorenz, who are standing down).

WELCOME TO SU McCLELLAN

Members of our parish extend a warm welcome to Su McClellan, a final year ordinand on placement with us until the end of December.

Su tells me that she contemplated taking Holy Orders as long ago as 1996 but eventually decided not to pursue the calling at that time. However five years ago, she was seriously ill, and during her chemotherapy treatment, she kept hearing a voice in her head saying "*now is the time*". This voice stayed with her until she decided in 2018 that she should train for the ministry. Su is now in her second year at Queens College in Birmingham, and currently has her evening lectures on zoom three evenings a week, and also attends two residential courses each term.

As well as studying for the priesthood, Su currently works for a development agency called "Embrace the Middle East", a Christian charity based in Amersham. Her work as an educator within such countries as Lebanon, Iraq and Israel aims to support Christianity within these complex and sometimes unstable countries, and in normal times, Su would travel to the Middle East for much of her work.

Su lives with her husband Revd Craig Grocock at the Vicarage in Shottery, with her son working away, and her daughter currently working from home.

I asked Su what particularly draws her to our parish, and she explained that she was looking forward to working in a busy parish church in the centre of the town, especially one with civic responsibilities like Holy Trinity. Su is especially interested in how the church contributes to social cohesion within the town, how we connect with the many visitors to our church and what role the Christian church has to play in an increasingly secular world. Despite the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus pandemic, we are sure that the forthcoming months, with important celebrations like Remembrance Sunday and Christmas will give Su a great experience of working in a busy and happy parish church. We wish her all the best on her journey within the Christian ministry.

Judith Dorricott



Photograph by Harry Lomax



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Gill Price and Helen Warrillow were elected churchwardens for 2020/2021.

The elections took place at the APCM on 12 October 2020 when Hilda Craig and Hilary Newman stood down.

We wish Gill and Helen every success in their new roles.



Photograph courtesy of Helen Warrillow

Yarn Bombing the trees in Stratford to raise money for GAGA is soon to start.

The Remembering Tree is to be launched to remember loved ones and also to Celebrate the amazing achievements, and community spirit, seen both here in the UK and in South Africa during the Coronavirus Crisis.



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If you have any questions about the projects we support or anything GAGA related then please drop me an email at info@gaga-uk.org

Claire Whatley, Director.

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Take this quiz to test your knowledge:

(answers on next page)

1. Saint Ambrose
2. Saint Christopher
3. Saint Teresa of Avila
4. Saint Luke
5. Saint Gregory the Great
6. Saint Ursula
7. Saint Jude
8. Saint Margaret
9. Saint Jerome
10. Saint Mark
11. Saint Anthony
12. Saint Francis
13. Saint Gabriel
14. Saint Augustine
15. Saint Nicolas



Answers to quiz on patron saints:

St. Ambrose - beekeepers; St. Christopher - travellers; St. Teresa of Avila - those in need of grace;
St. Luke - doctors; St. Gregory the Great - musicians; St. Ursula - teachers; St. Jude - the desperate;
St. Margaret - nurses; St. Jerome - students; St. Mark - Venice, lawyers; St. Anthony - lost things;
St. Francis - animals; St. Gabriel - postmen; St. Augustine - theologians; St. Nicolas - children.

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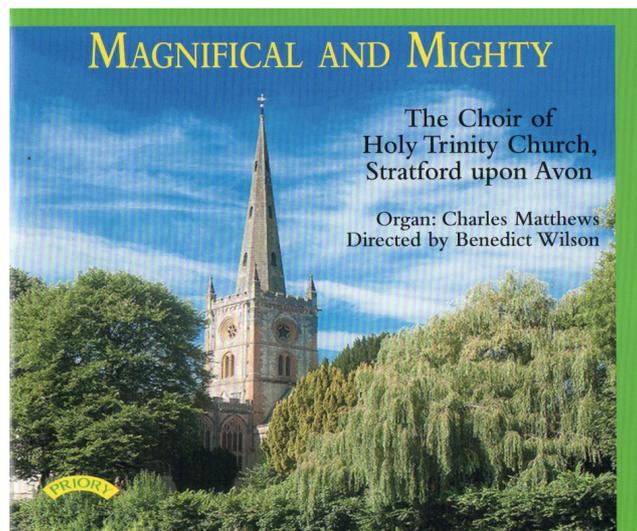
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