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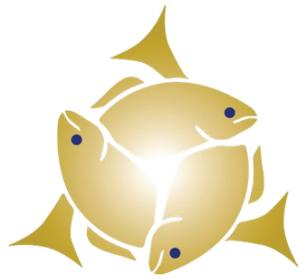


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The cover of this magazine is dedicated to those who have died in various wars. As with all art people see different things. One comment was that the large poppies on the left, fading, represented an ever decreasing number of people with first or second-hand knowledge of the two world wars. The row of smaller, in focus, poppies represent the current generation, with limited direct knowledge, but who will keep memories and lessons alive for future generations. Perhaps you could go back and look at the cover again and see what it says to you. We would love to have your thoughts, maybe for a future magazine, and we invite you to send your comments to the e-mail address below.

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## EDITORIAL - GREENBELT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Knowing how much I enjoyed Greenbelt last year, many of you will not be surprised that I have been inspired again this year. There was a new venue called the “Hothouse” where most of the talks about climate change and the environment took place. I was particularly impressed by Mike Berners-Lee a professor and fellow of the Institute for Social Futures at Lancaster University and brother of the famous Tim Berners-Lee inventor of the World Wide Web.

Mike introduced his new book “There is no planet B: A handbook for the make or break years”. It looks at feeding the world, climate change, biodiversity, antibiotics, plastics, fish stock levels, etc. in easy to read sections, so that you can dip into the parts you are most concerned about.



Later there was a presentation given by the Anti-fracking Nanas, a group of grandmothers who are concerned about the future of the environment for their grandchildren. Their heartfelt pleas about the environment came across really well and it turned out their concerns seemed to be justified, when a day later serious earthquakes were reported in the area of the Cuadrilla fracking site near Blackpool. The ladies told us how frightened some of the pensioners who lived there were, when ornaments fell off their

mantlepieces, and also of their genuine concern about how safe their homes were from possible subsidence.

This year the Greenbelt organisers had managed to find wristbands for the event that did not contain any plastic but were made from bamboo which was strong enough to withstand washing during the event but were also fully biodegradable. We can all play our part in avoiding using plastic and I was delighted to learn that our grandson who is now three, has a cup, bowl and plate made from bamboo. I believe that some species of bamboo can grow at the rate of 91cm (36 in) within a 24-hour period, so there should always be a plentiful supply of bamboo for the future.

At the September Stratford Churches Together meeting it was suggested that as local church communities we look at becoming Eco-churches and this applies as much to those with no church building of their own, as well as those that have historic church buildings that might be harder to make eco-friendly.

To begin with, churches complete the unique online Eco Survey about how they are caring for God’s earth in different areas of their life and work.



The answers a church provides will collect points towards an Eco Church Award – the more a church does, the more points they get! The survey takes you through five key areas of church life: Worship and teaching, Management of church buildings, Management of church land, Community and global engagement, and Lifestyle. We are proud to have the first Gold Award church in the country in our area, the Methodist Church, which has a ground-source heating system and re-cycles the rainwater collected from their roof to flush the toilets. I am looking forward to the challenge that we as a church and as individuals can rise to, as we discover the part we can play in helping to protect and sustain our planet for the benefit of future generations!



*Kay*



## Andrea Blood



I cannot overestimate the remarkable effect Andrea had on the lives of so many people, especially at Holy Trinity. I think it's fair to say that two very valuable aspects of who we now are as a church community - the warmth of our welcome and our active lay ministry - are due in no small part to her faith, vision, determination and ability to organise people!

Andrea's funeral was like no other I have ever experienced. A full church, but with everyone in bright colours and with a spirit and energy which was as much about celebrating the resurrection and the power of Jesus, as it was sharing our sorrow and supporting one another in the pain of losing such a dear friend.

Reading out Andrea's letter (see next page) to everyone (and she meant *everyone!*) was a profound moment. Her brother Clive and daughter Kate both spoke movingly about her in their tributes in the service, and the following is based on what they said. Andrea and her husband Rick bought 3 Rowan Close, off-plan in 1971. They had come along to Holy Trinity since their teenage years but when they moved back to Stratford they threw themselves into church life. Andrea worked at the offices of Henry Griffiths and Son, jewellery manufacturers, until December 1975 when she left to have Kate. Four years later, along came Abi. It was touch and go whether Abi would survive for a bit as she caught viral encephalitis. But she, like her mother, was made of tough stuff, and made it through. Chris was born in 1982. Andrea always said there was something missing from the family until Chris came along and completed it.

Andrea absolutely threw herself into community and church work, with her and Rick often taking it in turns to be out at a church or community meeting. She was a volunteer at school, a parent governor, she helped the CVS Talking Newspaper Team, she was a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, she was on the Clopton Community Forum. At Holy Trinity she helped run the crèche, was on the PCC, ran bible study groups, started the welcome team, started the lay chaplaincy, ran the monthly prayer meetings, ran the prayer diary, organised the knitting group, Click and Chatter, and helped at the food bank to name just a few things. Many of these she did with her great friend Jan Craven, who sadly died in 2009. Together they were a force for God, praying together multiple times a day, going on walks around Stratford praying for the community, running bible studies, going into schools to share their faith and raising funds for charity.

Following Rick's unexpected death in 1991, Andrea was left to bring up three children alone. She grew in confidence and became the most organised person on the planet. As Kate said, "it must have been awful for her but I don't remember her being anything but the same patient, caring mother throughout."

Andrea warned against any eulogies that might make her look better than she was: 'As it is my funeral things will be said about me; please do not let me be portrayed as a goody – God knows I am not good but a sinner saved by his grace.' Of course, Andrea wasn't perfect – she could be stubborn, took her time to think things through and didn't like surprises. Andrea also battled depression several times in her life. But perhaps this just made her care more for others. She used her experiences to come along side other people in their tough times, especially supporting her family and grandchildren.

Throughout her Christian life, Andrea devoted herself to reading her Bible and to prayer. Prayer was a constant in everything she did, waking up at 5am each day, right up until July this year (when Kate turned the alarm off!), to read her Bible and pray for the long list of people she cared about. She was a prayer warrior. Prayer was never a last resort – it was always what she did first.

Andrea was frank, fearless, forthright, disciplined, full of love, of duty, of care and of sympathy, utterly truthful, faithful and full of faith. God was at the centre of all she did. Her faith was immense. She obeyed the bible verse in Matthew 28 - to go and make disciples, teaching many how to be a Christian. At the very moment she died, the bells of the church were ringing out for bellringing practice. A joyful noise to see her out and on her way to heaven. Following her funeral, they rang out again as we said farewell.

We loved her, are immensely proud of her life, and of her work for God and the church. We will miss her terribly, yet rejoice that she rests in peace and will rise in glory.

Patrick Taylor



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Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for coming here today. It might seem a little odd to write a letter to you, but I want you to know how much each one of you has meant to me. Now you might be sitting there thinking I don't mean you, but I do. Each one of you has enriched my life. You may think it was only a few words in Tesco's or the occasional letter but our relationship of whatever depth or length has been important.

Did you know that God loves you so much that your name is written on the palm of his hand? He tells us so in Isaiah 49 vv 15 and 16. When we experience this wonderful love we are able to pass it on to others. I hope and pray that in some small way I have been able to do that.

That sounds fine, but I am sure some of you can remember when I have said or done the wrong thing. I may have hurt you or not helped you. Well, I am sorry if I have. I am not, or rather was not, perfect. However, God loves us unconditionally as we are. He reaches out to us through Jesus, so that, sinners as we are, we can be forgiven, and be in a right relationship with him. Those of you who know Jesus as your Saviour rejoice. Those of you who do not, he is reaching out to you in love. Choose eternal life. I hope and pray to see you at the party in heaven. God bless you.  
With love Andrea.



# WORSHIP NOTES

## Sunday 3 November

We celebrate All Saints' Day at Luddington, their Patronal Festival (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 the opportunity to light a candle.

The choir will also be singing at a similar service for the departed at St. Helen's on 24 November at 6pm (note there is no 9.30am service that day).

## Remembrance Sunday, 10 November

Following discussions with the Town Council, there is a slight change to the way we shall mark Remembrance Sunday. The Council originally said they wanted to make the Act of Remembrance in the Garden of Remembrance a "secular" occasion, I presume in the hope this would make it more inclusive. The religious aspect of the day would therefore be limited to the civic service in Holy Trinity church at 10am. However, I believe very strongly that what happens in the Garden is an important witness to the fact that the Gospel of Jesus is relevant to the people of our town and the world today, and is a force for good and for peace. Ironically, removing the religious element would run the risk of making those of *any* faith feel excluded, quite the opposite of the original intention! I also think it would dishonour those whom we are remembering, most of whom believed in God, many of whom would have considered themselves to be Christian. There are other issues about a secular occasion if this means not allowing the mention of God: what about the National Anthem ("God save the Queen") or the war memorial itself, which is in the shape of the cross of Jesus Christ? I could go on. So I put it to the council that if there needed to be change, we would be serving the people of this town and honouring the dead better by retaining the faith element in the Garden of Remembrance and instead lose the civic presence at the 10am service, rather than going down the "secular" route. This has now been agreed by the council and the result is that the following will take place on 10 November:



**8am** Holy Communion (Traditional Language).

**10am** All Age Remembrance Sunday Service (without Holy Communion, lasts about forty minutes. The civic party will not attend).

**10.55am** Act of Remembrance in the Garden of Remembrance begins, led by the Vicar and Choir of Holy Trinity Church.

**6pm** Parish Eucharist, Holy Trinity.

I would like to encourage parishioners of all ages to come and participate in the service in the church as well as the Garden. We also have the opportunity to offer hospitality to those in the Garden as we shall be serving coffee in the Parish Centre after the Act of Remembrance.

At All Saints' there is a 9.30am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist and at St. Helen's a special service starting at the war memorial at 10.45am.

**24 November is the feast of Christ the King**, the last Sunday of the church year. The teaching at the 10am Food4thought service at Holy Trinity will be by The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard Cooke, Principal of the Diocesan Training Partnership and Director of Ordinands.

**A date for your diary for December** - 6pm on 1 December is the **Advent Carol Service** followed by mulled wine. Not to be missed!



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

### Holy Trinity Church

**Sunday 3 November - 4th Sunday before Advent - All Saints**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm All Souls'-tide service for the Departed

Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10

**Sunday 10 November - 3rd Sunday before Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Remembrance Sunday All Age service

6.00pm Parish Eucharist

**Sunday - 17 November - 2nd Sunday before Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10

Rosebird Centre 10.00am HolyTrinity@Rosebird

Methodist Church 6.00pm Open to God

**Sunday 24 November - Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Food4thought

6.00pm Holy Communion BCP

Parish Centre 10.00am TrinityCentre@10



### St Helen's, Clifford Chambers

**Sunday 3 November 9.30 Morning Worship**

**Sunday 10 November 10.45am Remembrance Service starting at the War Memorial**

**Sunday 17 November 9.30am Morning Worship**

**Sunday 24 November 6.00pm All Souls'-tide service for the Departed**

### All Saints', Luddington

**Sunday 3 November 9.30 Holy Communion BCP**

**Sunday 10 November 9.30am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist**

**Sunday 17 November 9.30am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 24 November 9.30am Holy Communion**



## SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019



For our 2019 Shoebox appeal we have chosen to support the UK based charity **Link to Hope** with their shoe box appeal, which benefits families and the elderly of eastern Europe, directly through their regional partners.

This year we will be supporting them again!

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.

If you haven't already, you can still provide a Christmas shoebox for either a family or an elderly person. We have forms and shoeboxes available from our churches, with details of what to put in your box and a form to attach to the box. However, please be quick as filled shoeboxes need to be brought to Holy Trinity Parish Centre by Sunday 3 November.

Thank you.

*Steve*

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Come and have a cup of tea, meet us and bring a friend for moral support on your first visit if you like - you'd both be very welcome.

Our meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 2pm – 4pm all the year round excluding August.

For further information please contact:

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Biddy Peachey: 01789 773382  
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## FROM THE REGISTERS - SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER



### Christenings

22 September	Hope Kolar Kye Stanley Lohen Stanley Meadow White Myla White Taya White
13 October	Maisie Davis George Regan Davis Beatrice Turner
27 October	Amelia Jackson Autumn Bennett-Hall Lucas Polden Frederick Peirce

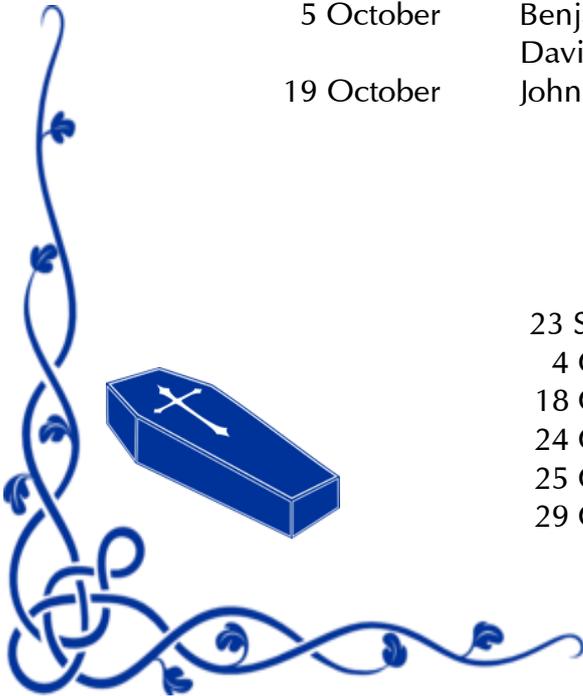
### Weddings

28 September	David Evans and Emily Key
5 October	Benjamin Goodwin and Emma Vaughan David Hackett and Laura Brock - Guild Chapel
19 October	John Rhodes and Montserrat Rodriguez



### Funerals

23 September	Royston Griffin
4 October	Priscilla Rawbone
18 October	Maurice Harvey
24 October	Gerald Hancox
25 October	Maurice Woodfield
29 October	Margaret Walker



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## APPLE DAY AT CLIFFORD CHAMBERS

Most of the village organisations have a stall on Apple Day and some fine gazebos have been bought to give coverage if it turns wet. We love our wildlife and our talented carpenters have made every kind of bird-box, hedgehog chateau and insect bower. An owl box is going up in one of the churchyard chestnut trees. Friends of St. Helen's sell bespoke Christmas cards and damson jam, the Book Club has a line-up of the impressive list of novels they've read this year and you can't miss Rubbish Friends with their high-viz jackets and bright bins.



"Shades of Black" is the name of the excellent band that practises in the village hall on Monday nights and they're here on Apple Day to keep us in the mood. We've had bee-keepers, spinners and weavers, fun games and competitions and stalls selling tempting vintage goods. Of course there are the ponies: pony rides have been an essential part of the day over the years and Party Ponies with



Tracey from Bromsgrove is a much-awaited treat for the children.

So, next year, when you see that Clifford will be having Apple Day, around the first weekend of October, do come along. We love our village occasions and are always very pleased to welcome visitors.

Angela Wylam

## POP-UP PUB IN LUDDINGTON



On Saturday evening, 5 October, the traditional harvest lunch was combined with the village pub night. 'The All Saints' Arms' was held in the village hall and consisted of a traditional ploughman's lunch, followed by apple pies. A good time was enjoyed, and, with Steve Jarvis in charge of the bar, the rather wet evening didn't dampen the spirits! Jean Cornick-Loquens



*Anthony Woollard's*

## WINDOW ON THE WORLD



It is very hard to reflect from a Christian point of view on our current many-sided national crisis. Events are fast-moving and their outcomes are uncertain. But, worse, anything you say is liable to be misinterpreted. Those who support one side or the other in the great Brexit debate are only too ready to accuse the other side of bad faith – even if they agree on some point, it must be a plot to put one across on the hearers or readers, and, all too often, it seems that people hear or read simply what they expect from those wicked Remainers or Brexiteers.

A few months ago, most of our Bishops put their names to an open letter which expressed some of their concerns as Christians. The Bishops saw serious threats to democracy, and above all to truth, in what was going on. They felt that some crucial issues – notably that of the Irish border and its implications for peace in that island, and also some possible effects on the least privileged – had been treated in a cavalier way. They did not assign specific blame to either side – but the statement was still misunderstood as a “Remainer manifesto”, and a subsequent more official statement by the House of Bishops, with a slightly different slant, has been equally criticised as too pro-Brexit!

But nobody comes out of this particularly well. We may agree or disagree with Brexit, either generally or in a particular form; but we can surely recognise that there have been lies, half-truths, dodgy political dealings raising questions about commitment to democracy, and a lack of vision and leadership across party boundaries, on a scale that we have rarely seen in our national life.

And this should concern us as Christians. These are serious matters affecting the health of our nation. Whatever impact they may have on our economy, our standing in the world, and so on, they have exposed a spiritual sickness. Many people are angry that recent events, from economic austerity to the impact of the climate emergency, have exposed the myth of progress. They see their aspirations going up in smoke – whether those are primarily for a more united Europe (and world), or for a stronger Britain, or simply for the well-being of their own families. They look for scapegoats – and find them in “the Other”, whether their political opponents (of all parties and all viewpoints), or those of other nations, races and cultures.

There is no space here to write about the image of the Scapegoat, which is important in the Bible and in understanding the meaning of what Jesus did for us. There has been much theological thinking on that subject recently; it has figured in some sermons and we may well be hearing more. This sickness needs to be absorbed if it is to be healed – absorbed in the flesh of those who claim to follow Jesus, whether they are Remainers or Brexiteers, whether they are Tories, Liberals, Labour or anything else. That means listening to others’ views, which can in this climate be really painful – but also being clear and well-informed in one’s own views and putting them across in wisdom and charity, and the reaction to that could be even more painful. It may mean being ready to vote against our own perceived interests – and, in the case of politicians themselves, those of their party – for the sake of our nation’s health.

I write this in ignorance of what the situation will be at the time of publication. But I do not think it will be a happy one. A renewed commitment to Truth is our only hope.



## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

It's coming up to my favourite time of the year, but before I get onto our Christmas preparations, a chance to reflect on some things that have been happening.

At our HolyTrinity@Rosebird service this term we've been exploring the lives of some saints. We began with brave St Columba, last month was the wise St Catherine and this month is St Francis and seeing how he can inspire us in caring for our planet. The service is on 17 November at the Rosebird Centre 9:30am breakfast, 10am service. All are welcome to both the Rosebird Service and the TrinityCentre@10 services. They're not just for children and families but for all those who enjoy a relaxed, informal style of worship.



Our Trinity Tots group (Thurs 1:30-3pm) and Stay & Play at the Ken Kennett centre (Tues 9-10:30am) are both going strong. Each week we've been making farm animals with clothes peg legs. At the Ken Kennett group one of the children, with a bit of help from mum, made a brilliant theatre for puppets and to show off our animals.

As we approach Advent, we will once again be sending the travelling nativity on their journey. If you would like to host the holy family you'll be able to sign up at the TrinityCentre@10 service or speak to me or email [phil@stratford-upon-avon.org](mailto:phil@stratford-upon-avon.org). Again, this isn't just for families, but anyone who wants to share in the adventure.

Make sure you put the date for our Christingle in your diary, Sunday 8 December 4pm. It's the third year that we've held the service in Holy Trinity Church and it is a truly amazing experience and one of my favourite services of the year. If you've not been before, you're missing out. We'll be making the Christingles on the morning of Saturday 7 December in the Parish Centre, all help appreciated. All Saints' Luddington have their Christingle service on 15 December 3:30pm. Both



these services support the work of the Children's Society.



Finally, on a personal note, at the end of November I reach the grand age of 40. I wanted to mark this milestone in some way and thought of no better way than with the church family. Although my birthday isn't till later in the week, everyone is invited to come on Sunday 24 November 2-4pm in the Parish Centre to share in one of my favourite things, cake. I hope you'll be able to join me for tea and cake that afternoon.



Rather than sending cards to members of the congregation, people are invited to make a donation towards our three Christmas charities: St. Basils in Birmingham which helps young people; Christians Against Poverty (CAP), and Cord, which works for the defence of people's human rights around the world. One of the patrons of Cord is our own Bishop Christopher Cocksworth. Names will be printed in the December/January edition of Trinity Times.

Collect an envelope from the back of church and then give the money either to a warden or leave it in the Parish Office. Please write on the back of the envelope your name/s as you wish them to appear in the magazine and do not forget to complete (or delete as applicable) the Gift Aid section.

***You are requested not to put envelopes into the collection plate as the money needs to be kept separate for the Christmas Charities and we need to have the names to print in the December magazine.***

If you are using your own envelope please mark clearly on it that the money is for the Christmas Card Amnesty and do not forget to add your name.

Many thanks.

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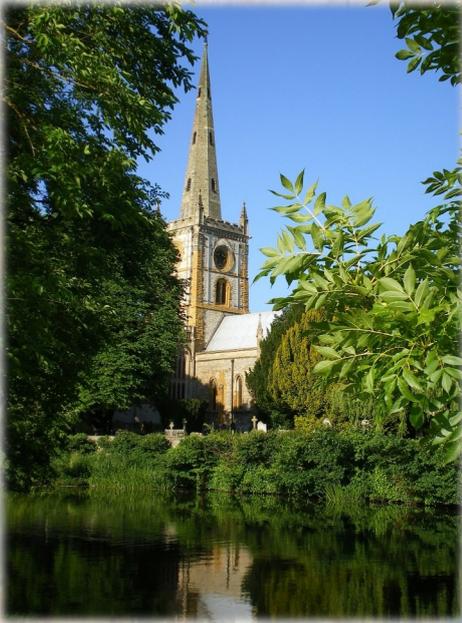


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## Holy Trinity Church Stratford-upon-Avon

The three churches of All Saints', St. Helen's and Holy Trinity looked beautiful with the flower arrangements of Autumn colours for their Harvest services.



*Worship the Lord  
in the beauty  
of holiness.*

Psalm 96:9  
King James Bible

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to decorate our churches.

# COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

## THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

November is traditionally the month when we remember the departed, and on 14 November it will be 79 years since Coventry Cathedral was burnt down with great loss of life in the city.

This April, many of us had a déjà-vu moment as we watched with horror the televised images of the burning of the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris just before Easter. How much more terrifying would it have been to watch Coventry Cathedral burn down nearly eighty years ago?

St. Michael's Cathedral, built in the 14th century, was bombed by the Luftwaffe on the nights of 14-15 November 1940. The raid was on a clear night with 500 Luftwaffe bombers dropping over 35,000 incendiary bombs, and Coventry's sirens, which started at 8.00pm, did not stop for eleven hours. Many local people spent the night sheltering in the crypt of the Cathedral, while the clergy were on the roof striving to throw off the incendiary devices before the lead melted and the oak panelling caught fire.

This year in Paris, the fire-fighters tackled a similar problem, trying to rescue the wooden roof before the timbers fell into the cathedral causing more damage, but, unlike in Coventry, the French were able to save their renowned stained glass windows and most of their irreplaceable works of art.

On the morning of 15 November 1940, the Provost, Richard Howard, instead of advocating revenge, proclaimed that not only the cathedral would be rebuilt but that the city would also rebuild relationships with those who took part in the bombings. He said that this would be a sign of faith, hope and trust in a better world to come. Thus, through his vision, Coventry Cathedral became a symbol of **Peace and Reconciliation**, with the symbolic words "We believe in the power of the past to build peace for the future".

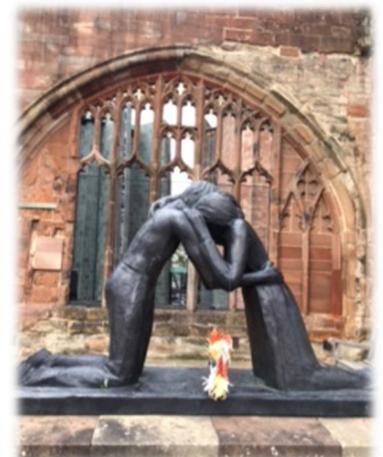


In the ruins of the cathedral, a local stonemason noticed that two charred medieval timbers had fallen into the nave in the shape of a crucifix. These were preserved and set up on an altar of rubble in the ruins, with the words **Father Forgive** inscribed on the sanctuary wall behind the crucifix.

A second workman found a cross of three medieval iron nails and this iconic image has become the symbol of Coventry Cathedral's mission of Peace and Reconciliation. In the 1950's and 1960's a symbolic **Cross of Nails** was presented to cathedrals in Kiel, Dresden and Berlin, all cities that were affected by the Allied bombings. Our popular "Town-Twinning" programme is a result of these early beginnings of reconciliation.

Provost Howard's promise became reality: the building work started in 1956, and the cathedral was consecrated in 1962. The Provost was forward-thinking, employing the modernist architect Sir Basil Spence, and commissioning work by Graham Sutherland, Jacob Epstein and Elizabeth Frink - contemporary artists whose work was relatively unknown in the 1950's.

Against the north wall of the old cathedral stands the **Statue of Reconciliation** and the movement and lines of the two bodies hugging each other are a further reminder of our need for peace and unity. The statue was a gift from Richard Branson in 1995 and an identical sculpture sits in the Peace Garden in Hiroshima.



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## Coventry Cathedral *cont....*

The new cathedral is actually built over the old cemetery and may be the only one in the United Kingdom with its altar facing north. Of course the original cathedral faced east but there was limited building space available within the cathedral precinct. The old cathedral remains on hallowed ground and the closeness of the two buildings creates one single living cathedral, with the ruins acting as a constant reminder of the waste of war.

Within Provost Howard's vision for the future was the inclusion of a separate **Chapel of Unity**. He had noticed that Christians of all denominations prayed together, and the cathedral offers this special ecumenical space on the west side of the building.



I was lucky enough to be invited to a tour of the two cathedrals, including a visit to the top of the original St. Michael's Tower, which stands 90 metres (295 feet) high and which, miraculously, survived the air raids. The old tower has been repaired and was re-opened to the public in June 2017, but beware - the climb is up a narrow stone spiral staircase and there are 180 steps before you reach the top! Once you are there and have caught your breath, the views are spectacular and the whole of Coventry, including the Ricoh Stadium, the Council Offices and the old town, is spread below you. There is a charge for going up St. Michael's Tower, which is open every day (excepting special circumstances) but the two cathedrals are free to visit.

Coventry Cathedral, like all church buildings, needs financial help as supporting the cathedral and its work costs over £1 million a year. The

Dean of Coventry Cathedral, the Very Revd John Witcombe explains that they have two cathedrals to maintain - one a ruin built in the late 14th century and the other "new" cathedral, which, at over fifty years of age, is beginning to show signs of wear.

Coventry will become **City of Culture in 2021** and the cathedral, which is already a major tourist and pilgrim attraction, aims to build even closer relationships in the diocese through its outreach programme in the near future. In these politically turbulent times, perhaps we can take comfort from the words in the cathedral's literature, **"Our messages of reconciliation and forgiveness go out to the world, bringing hope and understanding where there is division and bitterness."**

*For more information regarding tours or support of Coventry Cathedral, please contact Matt Feeley  
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Judith Dorricott



Christingle Services were introduced into the UK (from Germany) by The Children's Society 50 years ago.

**Holy Trinity is holding a Christingle in church at 4pm on Sunday 8 December.**

**All Saints' Luddington are also holding a Christingle at 3.30pm on Sunday 15 December.**

**Proceeds to Children's Society**



## The Lady Chapel at Holy Trinity Church – Part 5: Place of Mary in the Anglican faith

*This series by Lindsay and Sandra MacDonald examines the changing fortunes of the Lady Chapel over the past 600 years.*

In the Catholic church, Mary is elevated above the saints to a unique position in heaven, as the primary intercessor to Christ on behalf of frail human souls, for example through the prayer *Ave Maria, gratia plena* (Hail Mary, full of grace) in conjunction with the rosary. But as a consequence of the English Reformation there was a widespread protestant reaction against Mary as a mediatrix alongside Christ. Anglicans now take a more measured stance, respecting and honouring Mary because of the special religious significance accorded to her as the mother of Jesus but not bestowing upon her any kind of divine status.

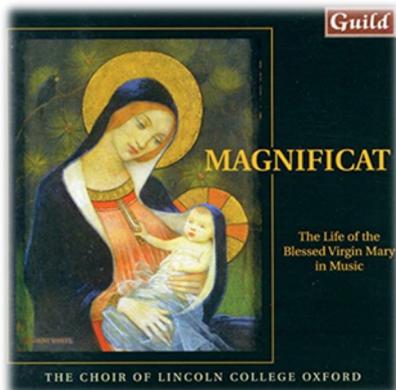
Through the liturgical renewals of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, notably the Oxford Movement and the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Mary has gained a new prominence in Anglicanism. In most Anglican prayer books, Mary is again mentioned by name in the liturgy. On 25 March we celebrate the Annunciation, and this year set up a small altar in the Lady Chapel for the purpose. Furthermore, August 15 has come to be widely celebrated as a principal feast in honour of Saint Mary with Scripture readings, collect, and proper preface. Other ancient feasts associated with Mary have also been renewed, and liturgical resources offered for these festivals.

Anglican theologian Hugh Montefiore, former Bishop of Birmingham, while denying the immaculate conception and the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven, has said: "Christians rightly honour and venerate her as one of the great saints of God. God had signally honoured Mary by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus."



*Patrick Taylor celebrating the Annunciation in the Lady Chapel on 25 March*

Mary appears in the New Testament not only as a mother but also as a faithful disciple, a woman obedient to the will of God. Mary is the first in the new covenant era to receive God's Word with joy and to act upon it. She ponders the events of her son's life in her heart and encourages others to carry out his instructions. Mary is a good biblical model for how we should approach God's Word in scripture, and how we should act with humility and faith.



Mary is the inspiration of much choral music in the church. There are many settings of *The Magnificat*, taken from Luke's Gospel (1:46–55), which is Mary's hymn of praise to the Lord following the annunciation and her visitation to Elisabeth. The choir at Holy Trinity at various times sings the motets *Salve Regina*, *Ave Maris Stella* and *Regina Coeli*. For Christmas 2017 *Bogoróditse Deyévo* from the Rachmaninov Vespers was included in the programme of Nine Lessons and Carols. Mary's presence is never far from Christmas carols, for example in *The Angel Gabriel* and *There is no Rose* and the ancient *Adam lay ybounden*, which contains the marvellous line: "Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our ladie abeen heav'ne queene." Without

Mary as inspiration, our worship would be much the poorer.

The iconoclasm following the Reformation, and again with the Puritan dogma associated with the Civil War and Cromwell's Commonwealth, is now seen as an over-reaction that both literally and figuratively destroyed much that was valuable in traditional Christian faith.

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## The Lady Chapel *cont.....*

Mary has a legitimate, indeed unique, place as the bearer of God's son (*theotokos*) and she retains this status independent of all the money-making practices that brought the church into disrepute in the middle ages (doctrine of Purgatory, selling of indulgences, chantry chapels, subjugation of the poor, etc).

Images are not bad intrinsically, only if the images themselves become objects of worship. An image as a representation offers a means of meditating on the person or event depicted, thereby enabling and enhancing learning and worship.

In Holy Trinity Church today there is a small memento of former times in the little statue of the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus, placed in the empty niche above the head of Hugh Clopton's empty tomb. This was presented to the church in the 1950s by St Gregory's Catholic church in Stratford. But in her isolation, she has an air of lonely melancholy, as if she has lost her context and is mourning the memory of so much former beauty and devotional activity in the Lady Chapel. Below, on the cold marble of the empty Clopton sarcophagus, is a blue glass vase, in which burns a solitary candle.



*Statuette of Mary in church*

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## Holy Trinity Bereavement Support Group.

The Bereavement team have decided to start a group for those who have been bereaved and would like to talk to others in a similar position. You are invited to join us in the Parish Centre on Monday 11 November from 2.30pm until about 4pm. Members of the Bereavement team will be present and will have tea/coffee and biscuits on hand to help the conversations along. You will all have your stories to tell which will help others who are present and hopefully their stories and experiences will help you. It is hoped that this group will meet once a month on the second Monday and will be a support to those who are finding it difficult to come to terms with their loss. Just come to the lounge in the Parish Centre and join us and we will be pleased to see you.

Gina Lodge

Bereavement Co-ordinator

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### REMEMBRANCE IN HOLY TRINITY SHOP

The shop has some lovely pieces for Remembrance.

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Initiatives, such as those at the Ken Kennett centre, are supported by these funds which ensure that there is a church presence in that part of the town.



## SOCIAL TEAM



Since the Social Team first met two years ago, the response to the events organised has been very positive. We are delighted that within our church family, increasing numbers, young and old and in between, are socialising, sharing meals and having fun together.

Two new members, Richard Hartley and Cathy Atkinson, joined Hazel Tattersall, Chris Cottrell and Phil Harper on the team earlier in the year and we are grateful for their input. Martin and Kate Corfield offer their expertise in providing catering and Julie Renfrew liaises

between the Team and the volunteer helpers on whom we depend for the social events to run smoothly.

Our new team members explain why they decided to join the Social Team: "I want to support the social team as I feel church social events promote Christian fellowship and offer opportunities for including our non-church friends. In a large church like Holy Trinity it is lovely to meet up with others who normally attend different services." Cathy



"Christianity is not reserved for Sundays. It is 24/7 and by organising a series of social events throughout the year it helps to strengthen the bonds of fellowship and friendship in the lives of those who attend or are thinking of joining Holy Trinity. If I can help in any way, I am delighted to do so." Richard

### Recent Social Events

Benedict's final Sunday on 14 July saw several families joining in the shared lunch and this trend was repeated at the **Treasure Hunt and Afternoon Tea**. Richard writes:

On a glorious late September Saturday, some sixty intrepid explorers arrived at the church hall to await instructions from Phil. Armed with pencils and a set of twenty questions, their mission was to battle their way through the



Starting the Treasure Hunt

mass of tourists to find the answers. I am pleased to report that all did from the youngest to the oldest. As the "marshal" for the day I counted them all out and safely back to the church hall where a wonderful array of treasures awaited them in the form of scones, jam and cream and even more delicious cakes washed down with tea and coffee. As the answers were revealed by Phil, it transpired that either the

questions were too easy or that the participants were highly intelligent. (The latter, surely!) An enjoyable day was had by all and thanks are due to all who baked wonderful cakes, made the home made jam, provided the scones and even decorated the tables with flowers. A perfect afternoon marred only by the fact that the marshal did not get all the answers right!



Afternoon Tea

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Photographs by Harry Lomax



**Comments from the 3 boys in the McDougall family:** Saul said: I enjoyed the day because it was fun working the questions out with my family. I learnt a few things; I didn't know about the donation of lamp posts. I enjoyed the afternoon tea: it felt nice having real china cups and my favourite from all the cakes was the apricot Victoria sponge and the scones.

Logan said: I'd been looking forward to this ALL week! It was great working as a team and we laughed a lot! The hunt wasn't too long and in order which made it easier to walk round. I just liked finding

the answers to the clues and I enjoyed the chocolate brownies!! I even had a couple for my packed lunch on Monday 😊

Kade said: I enjoyed this day because it felt like team McDougall: I enjoy doing things together. Running about finding out the facts felt exciting and it was good seeing everyone else having fun too. I enjoyed the cupcakes and squash at the Afternoon Tea. Thank you for putting all the effort in: I had a great day.

**Comments from Vanessa and daughter, Gabrielle.** Gabrielle said: "I thought the treasure hunt was fun and the cakes were magnificent!"

Vanessa said: "We discovered so much more about the history of our beautiful town. I loved being with Gabrielle and my church family and spending some quality time together in the sunshine. During the week I am always so busy but events like these are relaxing and I inevitably speak to someone I haven't seen for ages."



Vanessa, Ruth and families

**Comments from the Poulten family.** Percy aged eight said: "I loved the treasure hunt and searching with my friends which made it so much fun. We went into the chapel for the first time. I had no idea what that building was - but I do now."

Georgie aged ten said: "There were so many delicious cakes I didn't know which one to choose. I plumped for a chocolate brownie which was gooey on the inside and tasted scrumptious!"

Ruth said: "What a brilliant way to bring our church community together. All ages enjoying each other's company, exploring our beautiful town and finishing up with beautiful cakes and tea. A perfect afternoon."

**Comments from Sarah Paine.** As the last group to leave Holy Trinity Church Centre, Mum and I were playing catch-up from the start. This was not aided by me being in a manual wheelchair and feeling a little stumped by the first of twenty questions, daunted by the prospect of not being able to answer anything at all or find our way back for cream tea. No problem; a quick nudge from Phil over the road saw us on our way.

The clues took us through glorious warm September sunshine across Avonbank Gardens, to the foot ferry (where you may find 'clanking chains without a ghost in sight'), the Dirty Duck, to Bottoms' lamppost where Southern Lane meets Waterside and up Chapel Lane to the Guild Chapel, Shakespeare's home and school, the Old Watering Trough and the Indigo Hotel / Falcon Inn.

We caught up with other 'Treasure Hunters' here who had stopped to listen to some glorious music put on as part of the Guild Hall's 750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and a number of tourists enquired about what we were doing and were most intrigued by some of the questions.

Mum and I continued along Church Street finding out more about the people who have lived and worked here over the centuries via the Shakespeare Institute and the Almshouses. We were further directed towards some beautiful architecture in Old Town and the First World War Monument which gave us pause for reflection on those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

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### Treasure Hunt cont.....

Of course, the clues led us into Holy Trinity Church itself (to find out how many steps there were to the pulpit. There were “eight”) and finally through the Avenue of Lime trees (donated by “thirty one people”) and back to Church Centre in time for our cream teas.



Chris Cottrell serving tea to the Fletcher Family

Chris Cottrell and her band of merry volunteers, waited diligently upon a packed hall of old and new church friends and families. We all feasted on the most delicious scones, cakes (including one made of ‘courgette, lemon and thyme’) and seemingly endless tea top ups. It was clear everyone, young and old alike had thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

In case you were wondering, astonishingly Mum and I managed to get all twenty questions right, we weren’t too far off the estimated forty five minutes to complete the route and the courgette, lemon and thyme cake was delicious!

The Social Team look forward to sharing events with you and would be delighted to have more new people join the team!

We have planned the following programme for 2020

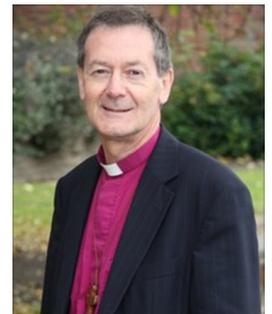
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| Sat Jan 4   | Epiphany Party                        |
| Feb 8       | Curry Night                           |
| May 16      | Fish and Chip supper and Beetle Drive |
| Sept 19     | Ceilidh                               |
| November 14 | 10 Pin Bowling                        |



Photograph by Harry Lomax

## MODERN SLAVERY - TURNING A SCRIPT FROM HELL INTO A STORY OF SALVATION. AN EVENING WITH THE RT REVD DR ALASTAIR REDFERN WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 7:30PM IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

We are very fortunate to have The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, recently retired Bishop of Derby, to share with us an evening discussing the issue of Modern Slavery. This is a problem that affects both towns and rural communities through nail bars, car washes, farm workers and other services. Stratford itself isn’t immune; in July this year a man was arrested in Stratford driving a van which contained twenty people suspected of being held as slaves. A local farmer inadvertently had two workers, through a licensed recruitment agency, who were discovered to be part of a Modern Slavery network.



Following Trinity Players production of *Trojan Women* this is an opportunity to reflect upon what has, and what hasn’t, changed thousands of years later.

As a member of the House of Lords, Bishop Alastair was on the Select Committee that scrutinised the draft Modern Slavery Bill and worked to take it through Parliament for enactment in 2015. This was only the second piece of anti-slavery legislation in British history since 1807 and the first in Europe. He represents the Church of England alongside colleagues from the Vatican, on the Global Sustainability Network. This is a network of key philanthropists and global leaders who work towards fulfilling Global Sustainability Goal 8 - the eradication of slavery. He is also the Chair of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner’s Advisory Panel.



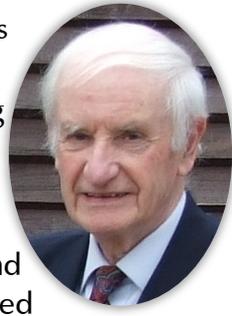
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Bishop Alastair founded the Clewer Initiative, a national project linked to the Church of England, working to tackle modern slavery. There is no cost for the evening, but a retiring collection will be taken to support the vitally important work that the Clewer Initiative are doing.

As well as having a wealth of experience, Bishop Alastair is a charismatic, engaging speaker and this is an evening you will not want to miss out on.

## SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS IN GUJRANWALA by Revd David Ellis

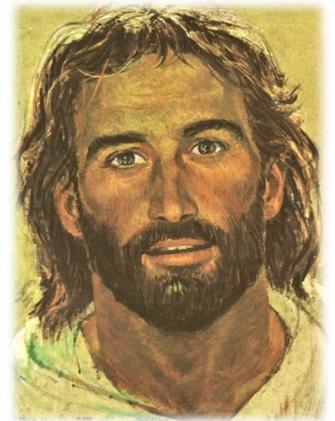
Returning to Pakistan after our brief stay in Amritsar we headed north again, our goal being to visit Mirpur from which the majority of the first immigrants from Pakistani came to Britain in the late 1950s. What was their motivation? All four of us on this adventurous expedition, Bernard, John, Harry and I were in community relations work with Mirpurians back home. Travelling by train we reached Gujranwala and from the station we soon found



Ken and Marie Old

ourselves in a tonga jam with hundreds of horses and traps locked together amidst a bedlam of incomprehensible shouting. It was only by divine providence that we eventually emerged and spotted the Church Mission Society's campus where Ken and Marie Old were doing sterling work at a technical college, linking Christian and Muslim young men in apprenticeship training. On occasions the students shared in weekend retreats together. Ken and Marie graciously offered us beds for the night following a homely Sunday evening of familiar songs

and Bible readings with a dozen staff members from the neighbouring theological college. In the lounge was a compelling painting of Jesus which we found in several homes throughout our journeys. We named him 'The Pakistani Christ', mindful of how every Christian culture in the world claims Jesus as one of their own. The following morning at 7am I was invited to preach in the technical college workshop with one of the tutors translating as the young men sat at their benches. Afterwards we all sat outside on the grass in groups for bible study, Christians and Muslims together, the warm sun matching the warmth in our hearts.



The Pakistani Christ



Tube well

Then Saleem Khan, a relative of Halifax Pakistanis, arrived. He was a radio pop singer who owned a large farm, irrigated by a tube well provided by Christian Aid.

Though a Muslim he treasured a bible and loved the songs of Jim Reeves and Paul Anka. He drove us around his estate at speed, alarmingly conducting his taped music with both hands. We were fascinated to see the workings of the tube well where water gushing from deep in the earth was fed along narrow channels which could be breached in turn to flood the fields.

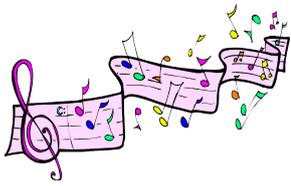
Orange, mango and banana trees and golden wheat were growing in abundance on former arid desert land, and water buffalos were wallowing in the flooded fields. 'The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose' (Isaiah 35.1) – a parable-promise of spiritual renewal in unlikely places.

Over lunch we were joined by a doctor and two businessmen who added much to our knowledge of life in Pakistan. Then, with an enormous thunder-clap, the heavens opened and down came a prolonged torrent of hailstones. All thought of moving on to Mirpur was abandoned and Saleem kindly put us up for the night in his amazingly elastic home, considering it already accommodated his wife and eight children. Muslim hospitality was everywhere unstinting and remarkable. All that evening Saleem sang Persian love songs to us and we responded with Christian choruses which he taped.



Saleem's Family

The following morning we were wakened by our singer's mellifluous voice beneath our bedroom window, 'Oh God, my God, you have made the sun to shine on all the world. Shine on your people, turning hatred into flowers.' By 7am we were aboard an express bus, speeding, after another bismillah for divine protection, towards Mirpur in distant Azad Kashmir.



## SOUNDBITES

We come to Holy Trinity Church regularly on Sundays, and also, as regularly as we can, on Wednesdays, although not specifically to worship. We buy our sandwich lunch and listen to this week's offering in the remarkable series of free concerts that have become a staple of the musical life of our church. The tourists, for the duration, have to wait to go and see Shakespeare, although they are welcome to join us in the quiet of the nave, to sit for half-an-hour to appreciate the achievement of some remarkable performers. These are the *Soundbites* concerts that take place, with a decent break for Christmas, on every Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Some of the performers are local, some local schoolchildren, some professionals on the edge of their musical careers; all are *amateurs* in the true sense of that word, in that they perform because they *love to do so*. None are paid (expenses only). They offer their love of playing to those of us who love to listen to music, to live music. A leaving collection is taken to defray the evident expenses. The **Friends of the Music** Committee organise and promote these concerts (to whom many thanks are due).

The music is, for us mere audience, often unfamiliar. One performer, for example, was Edward Byrne, a young organist, sixteen but already making a name for himself nationally, who gave us Bach (yes), Buxtehude (by reputation), but also works by two twentieth century composers – Jehan Alain from France, and Egil Hovland from Norway, (both new, to my ears at least); music that was at times meditative, at times exuberant, always exciting. Thirty minutes of complex and satisfying listening.

I recall from a few months ago a young 'cellist from Birmingham who came and played in a string quartet. She seemed throughout her performance to be on the verge of laughing, such delight she seemed to be taking in the music (Schubert, particularly). I thought watching her that if I could play a musical instrument as fluently and expressively as she could play her 'cello, I would want to laugh, to be so full of the joy of it, as I was by the infectious joy of watching and listening to her play.

These are precious half-hours. Over the next month we have two pianists from the Royal Colleges, a lute group, another player who will take on our mighty organ: treats in store. On a dull day we are about thirty, on a good day twice that; but we could be many more. You don't even have to love music (although that obviously helps) just to come and sit and bask in the infectious joy of music-making at its most vividly engaged.

For those of us who believe music to be, at its best, celebration and worship, **Soundbites** is a vital part of the fuller life of our church.

*James Sorel-Cameron*



## TRINITY LADIES



On Tuesday 6 November we will be celebrating our 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by attending the 10 am Holy Communion in Church. In 1945 the ladies of Holy Trinity formed the Churchwomen's Group with the aim of supporting the church and raising funds for the purchase of land across the road from Holy Trinity on which the Parish Centre now stands. They raised approximately £800 to purchase the land which was a considerable sum just after the war. So please come and give thanks for those ladies who founded our group all those years ago.

Our meeting on Wednesday 20 November is our AGM. We are hoping that someone from Avon Cats' Rescue will come and tell us about their work. This was one of the charities we supported with our Charity Tea Party back in March. At our AGM we will be discussing who we will donate our funds to this year and decide where to go to for our outings in May and July. Please come and join us in the Parish Centre at 2pm.

Gina Lodge  
Chairperson

# HOWLERS!

Compiled by Pat Pilton

## ONE LINERS:

When I said I didn't like alphabet soup, I had to eat my words

**Velcro — it's a rip off**

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

**JESUS LIVES:** Not fake news. Good news

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday, but never remembers her age.

A Review in *Dogs Monthly* of the book *Hey Dog! Let's Talk: My children of various ages enjoyed this book and found it to be informative and fun. It tackles the important issues of keeping children safe around dogs and covers the basic rules in easy to remember, bite size sections.*  
*Radio 4's News Quiz*

**Advertisement seen on theatrical casting website: Male actor required. Must be under 5' 2". It's for a short part.**

From Azerbaijan's *AzerNews* paper: Last season 450 licences were granted for hunting rabbits, 860 for water birds and others for hunting wild boars. In addition, 240 licences were granted for foreign tourists.

**Advert in the Brighton Argus newspaper: Flat Earth Society to host event at the Globe public house**



"It's a devil to start on these damp November Sunday mornings — luckily we have a sidesman who works for the AA"

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## OUT OF THE MOUTHS...

The Sunday School teacher asked her class, "What does the story of David and Goliath teach us?" Tommy replied, "Please Miss, TO DUCK!"

"Dad, did you go to Sunday school when you were a boy?" "Yes my son, I always went to Sunday school." "Well, I think I'm going to quit; it's not doing me any good either."

*From Christian Crackers by Phil Mason, enjoyed by Kate Corfield*

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 \* Remember that Trinity Players are presenting *The Trojan Women* on 19, 20, 22 and 23 \*  
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**Contemplative Prayer Group**

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**Everyone is welcome**

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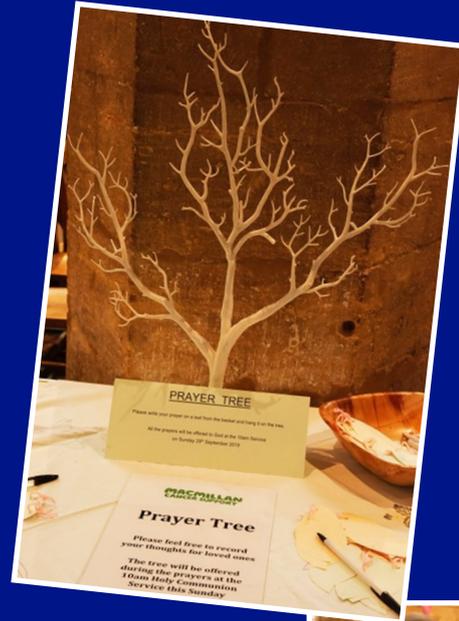
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# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

## 27 SEPTEMBER 2019



There was a real buzz in the air! The Macmillan Coffee Morning, held in Holy Trinity Church on Friday 27 September, not only attracted regular visitors but also people from the wider Stratford community. A group of friends from the Ken Kennett Coffee Stop shared a taxi to get there and people who just 'lived round the corner' came into the church for the first time. They were met with quantities of cake, crafts and prizes all generously donated by the congregation. The event, initiated by Revd Steve Jarvis, was an opportunity to acknowledge the impact that cancer has had on the lives of many in our church family and to help ensure the continuation of Macmillan's vital work, which has benefitted so many. A prayer tree was available for people to record thoughts and prayers for loved ones and the Lay Chaplains were on hand to listen. The Coffee Event itself raised over £1022.77 and, together with the donations made by visitors that day which the PCC had kindly agreed to contribute, we were able to send a cheque for £1719.19 to Macmillan Cancer Support.

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