

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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(Check Bulletins and notices)

Sundays

8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Sung Eucharist (coffee after)
6 pm Evensong
Service of Prayer for Hope & Health
and Compline monthly)

Holy Communion

10 am Wednesdays

(weekdays)

8 am Fridays

Times of Meetings

Choir Practice 6.45 pm Church, Tuesdays
Sunday School 9.30 am Church Hall
Mothers' Union 7.30 pm Church Hall, (usually) 3rd Thursday
Bell Practice 7.30–9 pm 2nd and 4th Mondays

Parish Web-site

www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk

Diocese Web-site

www.salisbury.anglican.org

Weekly Bulletin

Notices to the Vicar not later than Wednesday for
the next Sunday.

Please let the Vicar know if someone needs visiting at home or in hospital

FROM THE VICAR

I would like to commend two new moves in Bradford to help people who do not share in the general affluence of our society. One is an initiative, under the auspices of Churches Together and Faithworks, to provide a Debt Counselling Service. The other is by the West Wilts Credit Union, which plans to provide a once-a-week contact point in our Church Hall to allow people to save small amounts easily, and to be able to take out loans at reasonable rates of interest.

I've been thinking and talking to others about this at a time when national reports have spoken of a widening gap between rich and poor, a diminution of the number of 'middling' earners, the increasing establishment of 'ghettos' of poverty and wealth. The upshot of this appears to be that there are many wealthy people who have no way of seeing their situation in the context of others' needs, and therefore have no sense of their own good fortune, or of a responsibility towards others very much poorer than themselves. Equally there are areas of our towns and cities where there are hardly any wage-earners, and where living off such benefits as are available seems to be the only viable option. All this is set in the context of a housing shortage brought about by marriage breakdown, increasing single occupancy, the burgeoning of 'second' and even 'third' homes, and the pricing of many people out of the property market altogether.

So much of our Christian indignation and energy seems to be consumed by issues of doctrinal in-fighting, sexual morality, the rights and freedoms of the individual and issues of war and peace. We also find it easy to get concerned for, and sentimental about, areas of Christian work in other lands.

I sometimes wonder what will be said on Judgement Day about our failures really to tackle some of the other problems on our own doorstep, which have such a blighting effect on people like ourselves, living quite close at hand. Jesus spoke authentically from the prophetic position, which laid great emphasis on 'righteousness' — speaking the truth, doing what was right, being aware of people's real needs and striving to do something about them. He, and the prophets who went before him, were quite as concerned with sins masquerading as economic forces as those practices we more usually describe as sins. Instead of talking about not mixing religion and politics, we need to examine the proposals of our politicians, not just in the light of our own political tribalisms, but in the light of the gospel.

Bill Mordaunt

DIARY FOR MONTH



5 SUNDAY

6 pm

TRINITY 9

Compline

Saxon Church

12 SUNDAY

9.30 am

TRINITY 10

Family Communion

6 pm

Evensong

Christ Church

19 SUNDAY

6 pm

TRINITY 11

Compline

Saxon Church

26 SUNDAY

9.30 am

TRINITY 12

Sung Eucharist with Prayer for Hope and Health

6 pm

Sung Evensong

Saxon Church

Unless otherwise stated, Holy Communion at 8 am and Sung Eucharist at 9.30 am each Sunday

Copy Date for September is 12th August

WEST WILTS CREDIT UNION

is a community savings and loan co-operative which allows people to save small or large amounts of money or borrow from the fund at a reasonable rate.

It is hoped to provide a local contact point in our own Church Hall on one morning a week, starting in September.

If you think you could help as a volunteer (training will be given) please let the Vicar or Anne Carter know.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

8.7 Clariss Christian Kay

15.7 Naomi Rachel Sheppard-Raines

Marriage

23.6 Jacob Luke Massey
& Charlotte Gemma Gill

Anniversary Thanksgiving

23.6 Kevin & Linda Argyle

Funerals

18.6 Henry Barlow (Harry) Mackay

28.6 Geoffrey Tristram Risdon

9.7 Diana Mary Trevisick

19.7 Mavis Irene Hollis

GROWING



Holy Trinity

Sunday School

LEARNING

The Street Market Toy Stall

Armed with my bowl of icing, pre-made cakes from Tesco's, coloured icing and a cloth for sticky fingers, not forgetting a huge box full of toys, I was dropped off by my husband Paul for the day at the annual Street Market.

It seemed that most people had already arrived as I rushed to my allotted place in the park, from then on I hardly had time to stop. 9:00am to 5:00pm is a long day, but I enjoyed it!

Thanks to Rose and Hugh for helping me set up and selling the toys books puzzles and games that had already arrived. I must say Hugh was the biggest customer of the day, as he ploughed his way through the boxes. A good thing that Dad was nearby on the next stall, 'A walking Bank'.

'Decorate your own cake and eat it' was still as popular as ever and again Hugh was the best customer! Thanks to Mrs Moore for her hand-made gifts, including the basket of finger mice that always attracts people of all ages.

The day was very successful, the wind was calm and the sun SHONE and the people came. All enjoyed this special day, a day that brings people together.

Alison, Rose and Hugh

PARISH PROFILE

Joan Godwin



photo David Milne

Joan's family lived in Forest Hill, London, where she was born, but when she was 5½ they moved to South Norwood opposite Grange Woods. She attended All Saints Church of England School at Upper Norwood and with her younger brother, Alan, played freely in the woods near their home and enjoyed a very happy home life. She joined a newly formed Guide company at St John's, Upper Norwood, where she went to church and where she was later confirmed. At Coloma Convent grammar school her best subjects were Mathematics and Art. In 1936 her family moved to Coulsdon, beginning a long association with St Andrew's church there.

At 16 Joan took the last Civil Service exam held before the war and joined the Admiralty at Cornwall House in January 1939. On the outbreak of war in September the Admiralty was evacuated to Bath and with two other girls she was billeted for 21 shillings per person, half board, with a couple in Camden Road. The billetees at this time were known as "guinea pigs"! Joan attended St John's Church, Bathwick, and joined the Youth Club, later becoming their leader and their representative on the PCC. During this time she sang with the Bath Choral and Orchestral Society when full evening dress was worn for concerts in the Pavilion. On 12th June 1944, very sadly, her brother was killed in Normandy just 9 days after his 19th birthday.

Whilst at the Youth Club Joan met Dennis who had been a Prisoner of War in Germany and they married in July 1946. Dennis was a teacher and they went back to Coulsdon to live. He became Sacristan at St Andrew's

Church which took up quite a lot of his time. Joan joined the Chandos Choir, singing alto, and was with them for 35 years. They had three sons; Paul born in 1948, Andrew in 1951 and John 5½ years later. In 1950 Joan joined the Mother's Union, later becoming Secretary and then Open Group leader.

After her mother's death they moved to a larger house in Purley so that Joan's father could live with them and for 14 years she had what Dennis's uncle called her "harem" of five males in the household. At Croydon College she took a cookery course and after taking a City and Guilds Teaching certificate course she taught adults there and also in other Further Education Colleges.

The boys all married and left home and she and Dennis enjoyed many happy holidays abroad until he suffered a stroke in 1981 which caused his retirement. They had planned to return to the Bath area for their retirement and, needing a bungalow, they found a suitable one in Bradford on Avon and moved here in August 1982.

Joan says they made several friends at Holy Trinity and she became treasurer of the Mothers Union Branch; she also organised the church stewards rota, joined the Women's Institute, joined the Holy Trinity Ladies choir and the Trowbridge Philharmonic. Dennis had difficulty walking so Joan joined the Tuesday afternoon walking group, still thriving as the Bramblers, which she has now left. A rota of "sitters" for Dennis was organised at Holy Trinity to enable her to attend these various activities. Dennis died in 1996 and Joan decided to learn Bridge which she says has been a great help and enjoyment.

On holiday in 1997 she met Peter whose wife had died following a stroke and disablement similar to that of Dennis and they found a lot in common, visiting one another and going on holiday, but he died in March 2006. Since her fall in 2005 Joan has not been able to walk far or stand much but still enjoys her Bridge, her Mothers Union, Women's Institute and Saxon Club. She is especially looking forward to going to Venice with the church party next year.

Pat Kitchen

Crossword solutions

Across
 1 Camel 4 Calf 8 Orderly 9 Vicar 10 House 11 Theater 13 Limes 15 Priest
 17 Murders 20 Abbot 22 Chaos 23 Abigail 24 Lyre 25 Gongs
Down
 1 Cloth 2 Midsummer Day 3 Larceny 4 Crypt 5 Levee 6 Scatterbrain 7 Ararat
 12 Hip 13 Lamech 14 Sir 16 Reading 18 Essay 19 Snake 21 Tales



HOLY TRINITY MOTHERS UNION: NOTES FOR JUNE AND JULY

Having invited the choir to join us for tea with the Llandaff Mothers' Union, I realised we could be up to 70 sitting down. No problem with our members providing food, though: they all said they'd do their bit. Enough for 170 appeared on the tables! What a wonderful lot they are! The Welsh ladies needed a sit down and a cuppa by then, as Ian, Evelyn and I had escorted them down to the Tithe Barn from the Station Car Park. Some had elected to go shopping in Bradford, but how they filled an hour and a half I don't know! I had a lady with bad legs on the way back: I know the feeling, but walking at that pace nearly kills me! Evelyn found herself outside Rowlands for ½ hour, while some trying-on went on inside. Elizabeth, their E.M., was determined to buy something there! Most of them came into church to look at the embroidery, but I was very disappointed that they hadn't wanted a guided tour; Peter Wills had been standing by to do it, but no-one was interested; of course, some had been before.

The refreshment team of Mary F., Mary D., Janet, Jonquil, Joy & Isabel had everything ready, with some lovely floral arrangements on each table, done by Evelyn. Everyone tucked in, coming back to the table when plates were empty, but it didn't seem to make much impression, and quite a lot had to be thrown away, unfortunately. The team managed to get nearly all of the clearing up done before Evensong.

Choral Evensong, although not up to Llandaff Cathedral standard, was very good, even though I say it! Rousing hymns, finishing of course, with Cwm Rhondda, I thought the roof would come off! We sang the anthem 'Lord, I Trust Thee', Marlene and Sylvia read the lessons, and Jonquil did the Prayers. It was a real team effort, and the Llandaff ladies thoroughly enjoyed it all.

On the afternoon of the 21st June, the Deanery had been invited to a tour of the new buildings at Dorothy House, and nine of our members went. Sarah gave us a most interesting presentation, going back to Pru Clench's starting it up in Bloomfield Road. We then had a walking tour, and saw how well the old and the new buildings have melded together. The chapel is really beautiful, with a slab of stone for the altar, smooth on top, with rough sides, depicting both sides of life. The water surrounding it is still brown, but when the plants get to work, the water will be clear. But the views from there, and most of the rooms are a joy, looking out across the Limpley Stoke valley, and we were told that all the patients' rooms have the same view.

On the same evening we welcomed Rosemary Rees, from Winsley, who has helped set up a trust for Children's Homes in Zimbabwe. She had felt God's call to go to Zimbabwe a few years ago, and found that with the current situation there, the Homes were not getting enough food. She

contacted all her relatives, friends, and everyone else she could think of, and begged for money.

She now has several people giving standing orders, and has taken out about £1000 on each visit. She goes out, with Maud Gardener, a Zimbabwean living in London, about twice a year. Maud is well known there, and has smoothed the path considerably for their work, managing to get the food and other things needed, through her contacts. They got to one Home last November, to find they had no food at all, so they were indeed sent by God. The inflation rate goes up at least twice a day, and a loaf of bread in May, was costing the equivalent of £60. People can't afford petrol or transport, and so cannot work, so they are all starving. How much longer can it go on, we wondered. It was interesting to find, that the son of the Enrolling Member of St. Mary's, Harare, is in the Cabinet of the government, and although the cabinet keeps threatening to rebel, when they come into the presence of Robert Mugabe, they all back down. What a 'presence' he must have!

When Rosemary went out in May, she took a letter from me and a Salisbury MU tea towel from our branch to St. Mary's. She came back with a letter

from Eleanor, telling us how delighted she was to get them, as it had been 'Mothers Day' (!!) the day they arrived. Her husband, who had been ill with heart trouble for some months, is much better, and getting back into parish work. It was so good to hear from her: I only have contact with her granddaughter by email, as post just does not get through.

Having had gales on July 6th, I was really worried about getting the gazebos up for the Street Market on the 7th, but my prayers were answered, and it was a lovely day. With the help of Malcolm, Beryl, Marlene and I were able to get everything set up, and had finished labelling the cakes by 9.30am. Not a good sign, as usually we have produce under the tables for the first hour. Business was brisk, and we sold at a steady rate, the bread from Sue Platt being snapped up. Grateful thanks to Daphne Squire, a non-MU member, who'd made 17 cakes and a number of tarts for us. What a contribution! We could have done with a lot more, as we'd sold out by 2.30pm when people were still looking to buy. The total of £392.65 was £26 down on last year, a disappointment when some of us had worked so hard.

Chris Hodge

Saxon Club Programme

August 2007

The Saxon Club is taking a break during August, so there will be no meetings. Thank you club members for all your hard work towards the Summer Fete which resulted in the excellent amount raised. Bless you all! We shall meet again on Tuesday, 4th September. Any new members will be warmly welcomed.

It was disappointing to have to cancel the outing to Gloucester, but this will be re-arranged for a date in October. So watch this space.

Angela.

BRADFORD ON AVON STREET MARKET

Westbury Gardens, July 7th 2007

During the planning stage it looked as if the odds would be heavily against us at this year's event. First of all, the whole of June had seen abysmal weather which promised to continue into July. And then there were so many helpers unavailable, owing sadly to ill health, or to holidays falling at the 'wrong' time. Sales of pitches were slower too but, as I've learned over the past ten years, things always seem to come together on the day – our biggest fund-raising day of the year – and so it was, and we made a record amount of £3,212.03 (full details below).

So this was another truly superb effort by all concerned – the sun shone for us, and helpers simply came out of the woodwork to make sure that the day was a huge success.

EVERYONE who was present on the day, from the stalwart Marshals to those who simply turned up and bought a cake or a Bottle Stall ticket, is to be congratulated and your presence was so very much appreciated.

It occurred to me that, for the past 1000 years, Holy Trinity parishioners have been holding fund-raising events of one sort or another in order to keep our church going. This has ensured that today we have the wonderful building which means so much to us all in our worship. In recent years, these events have severally been held in

the old vicarage grounds, the church grounds, in Church Street, and currently in Westbury Gardens, a perfect town centre venue which is enjoyed by all of Bradford. And our mission to the town was underlined by the presence of no less than ten church stalls this year – another record.

The business of transporting the goods, tables and chairs etc. from one side of the river to the other can be both difficult and time consuming. Vitally, we were able to start this process on Friday evening with the generous help of Stephen and Trevor Ford, and the cavernous removal van generously loaned by John Gibbs Removals. The van was loaded on the Friday evening, then brought to the car park at 8.00am on Saturday

	2007	2006
Guides	£12.50	–
Toys	£74.75	£120.85
Plants	£199.11	£199.00
Bottles	£262.80	£275.30
Saxon Club	£332.74	£103.00
MU Pantry	£392.65	£418.00
Raffle	£423.98	£392.00
Books	£427.90	£453.00
Bric-à-brac	£485.05	£423.48
Teas	£516.37	£423.57
Administration surplus	£84.18	-£2.27
Donations	£20.00	£40.00
GRAND TOTAL	£3,212.03	£2,845.93



The Bric-à-brac stall

Photo David Rawstron

morning for unloading and distribution in the Gardens, thus saving a great deal of time. We also had the use of a lorry belonging to C&J Holmes (Joan Finch's daughter and son-in-law), for which we were immensely grateful. With the lorry we were able to 'mop up' any last minute items and ensure that everything was despatched to the gardens with a minimum of delay. The very hard working Marshals, John Woods, Tony Carter, Malcolm Walsh, Bryan Harris and Rick Bartley, together with the stall-holders themselves, very quickly set up our 10 church stalls, with gazebos erected on several of them.

For the record, in addition to our ten stalls, there were 44 other stalls in the Gardens (one less than last year). The receipts from these covered the cost of the entertainers and all the administration and still left a small surplus which was quite pleasing. The invitations for each year's event start going out at Easter time, followed quickly by liaison with

the various infrastructure people. These include the WWDC 'Special Events' Manager, TIC who supply our electricity and water, the Westbury House resident upon whose wall we tie our advertising banner, and the company in Melksham (Citaglen Signs) that repaints the date on the advertising banner each year free of charge. Max's roadside signs on the approach roads to Bradford were out again this year, but sadly for the second year running, one set had been vandalised when we

came to collect them in. Max says he's looking forward to getting them all ready again for next year's event, and we all wish him well for an early recovery to good health. Once again, Bill did a marvellous job with his advertising 'flyers' and, our PRO Ann Holland looked after spreading the word to radio, TV and newspaper people. Our BIG banner on Westbury House went up about 10 days before the event (you can't *buy* advertising like that) and it was this combined effort which was responsible for the record amount taken on the day.

As in previous years, the entertainment started at 9.45am and ran continuously until about 3.15pm, and no doubt the music and the good weather contributed to the steady flow of townsfolk who filled the gardens until 4.30pm. Peter Stedman's Punch & Judy/Magic show once again held both children and adults spellbound with three separate performances during the morning, and almost as soon as the last Punch

& Judy show finished, Trevor Lenton's Jazz Band struck up with its usual foot-tapping tunes for a crowd who watched with interest from the steps of the War Memorial. Both Peter Stedman and the Jazz Band have been booked again for next year.

As you will have noticed, the Teas stall made a whopping £516 this year, a tribute both to Ann Carter and the hard working ladies, and to the quality of their food and drink. I still don't have any statistics on how many sandwiches, cakes and drinks were sold, but I'm certain that the number would be quite staggering. We were very grateful to the Tourist Information Office for the use of their electricity and kitchen facilities to assist our tea stall — in exchange for a free pitch to set out their advertising wares.

The individual stall record was broken by Teas this year, and notably Margaret Morris also had another excellent result with her book sales, even though we all missed Stanley's presence. It was refreshing to see our Girl Guides with their first stall this year — their main objective was promoting the Guiding organisation and they certainly achieved that, but the modest profit made from sales was a real tribute to their earnest efforts. The Saxon Club led by Angela had made their first appearance only last year, but this year made a very worthy total from their sales of bric-à-brac and other useful items.

We are indebted to Anthony and Kathryn Swift who between them took on the running of the Raffle stall this year, with outstanding results. Their position, right on the path where the public walk into the gardens is no accident, and it afforded them ample opportunity to ask each passer buy if they'd "like to buy a raffle ticket?" and few opportunities were missed. The prizes were worthwhile, and I see an annual church raffle as an even bigger fund-raiser in coming years.

Tony Haffenden, together with John Cox took on the Bric-à-brac stall this year, ably assisted by Hazel Rawstron, Sue Bartley and Vic Holden. Tony's 'sales plan' worked a treat and quite large amounts were realised on several individual items. Ian & Sylvia Stanes had another good day with the Bottle Tombola this year and once more finished early, having disposed of all their bottles, nevertheless an excellent amount was raised on the day.



The Bottle Tombola

Photo David Rawstron

Alison Cook's Sunday School Toy Stall, at which Rosie Johnston ably assisted all day, made another lasting impression on the children that attended. On sale were toys and games at prices which the children could afford, as well as Alison's enterprising 'ice a cake' opportunity. Next to Alison, Colin Johnston's plants once more sold steadily through the day and the excellent contributions of plants and cuttings made a worthy total for this popular stall. The MU Pantry stall continued selling into the afternoon and Chris Hodge and her ladies, and all the contributors of those wonderful cakes, are to be congratulated on their very good total.

The WWDC Special Events manager excelled himself this year by providing four lockable commercial wheelie bins in the car park. This meant that we had ample space for all our refuse, and the vandals could not gain access to it over night, resulting in a clean and tidy car park and gardens the next morning. It was a long time coming, but hopefully we now have them trained!

I am very happy to hand over the administration of the Street Market to a newly-formed Team. After a period of 10 years involvement I believe that some fresh ideas in 2008 can only enhance this event and that, as a result, there will be even greater opportunities for increasing our impressive 2007 total for the Parish. Organising the Street Market is not an onerous task and it has clearly become a community event of considerable importance as well as a practical and valuable piece of outreach. So if you would like to continue this work and join the team for next year's event please speak to Bill.

I endorse the Vicar's thanks and appreciation for all those who worked so hard. both on the day and during the weeks and months leading up to the event. Next year's event will be on 5th July 2008, so please mark your diaries now. Hopefully by that time, and with the new Team, we shall all be ready to roll up our sleeves once again.

David Rawstron

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, William, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?"

"No miss," little William replies, I don't have to.

My mom is a good cook."

Source Margaret Purves

LEARNING FOR DISCIPLESHIP FOR ...

The following article is based on a presentation given by the Revd. Jane Sharman to the recent Bradford Deanery Synod, which programme we were asked to draw to the attention of the members of our church.

Learning for Discipleship for... (LFD) is an opportunity for all to learn about their faith, meet other Christians, and deepen their discipleship. It was thought there was a need for such a programme because all God's people are called to ministry and service. It is intended to enable us to engage more effectively as Christians with a rapidly changing and complex world by providing us with a space for reflecting on what a Christian response is. Four leaflets and a programme were distributed, copies of which may be obtained from the diocesan office. Their titles are:

- ◆ Introducing Learning for Discipleship
- ◆ The Bishop's Award in Christian Discipleship
- ◆ Studying for a Foundation degree
- ◆ List of all the courses
- ◆ Draft programme for Autumn 2007.

LFD consists of a number of courses, each consisting of ten 2hr sessions or equivalent. There are neither entry requirements nor any required previous experience. The courses will be run on a rolling basis at a number of local learning centres around the diocese; our nearest being Warminster and Trowbridge. You can start a course whenever there is one running at a centre which you wish to attend. Courses may be taken simultaneously and continuously, or you may take just one, or take further courses at a later time, just as you wish.

Each course cost £35 per person, or £30 pp if four or more come together

from the same parish. Those who enrol for a certificate or degree will have significant reductions. The five core courses are:

- ◆ Living the Christian Life
- ◆ Interpreting the Bible
- ◆ The story of the church
- ◆ Engaging with God's world
- ◆ Learning Journey.

A further 47 courses are available.

Courses may be knowledge based, skills based, or community interaction based; others are directly related to aspects of ministry. Examples of knowledge-based courses are:

- ◆ Developing and applying knowledge of the OT; or NT
- ◆ Interpreting faith and experience
- ◆ Understanding other people's beliefs and experience
- ◆ Understanding global issues
- ◆ Understanding world views and faiths.

Skills-based courses include a variety on planning and worship, each focussing on a different aspect, eg. preaching, the Eucharist, baptism & confirmation, leading intercessions, children. Community-based courses include:

- ◆ Engaging with personal and community ethical issues
- ◆ Engaging with issues of bias and discrimination
- ◆ Work based learning
- ◆ Working with young people.

Ministry-based courses include those relating to Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) deacons, priests, OLMs, youth workers, working with children, *etc.*

The first course, *Living the Christian Life*, is a 15-credit module composed of two half-modules, there being three of these on offer:

- ◆ The inward journey
- ◆ The outward journey
- ◆ Discovering God's call.

The inward journey requires you to show that you know about the Christian tradition of prayer and spirituality, and that you are growing in understanding of your spiritual life and growing in prayer. At the end of the module you will be able to demonstrate that you have a basic knowledge of prayer in the Christian tradition with particular reference to one tradition. You will also be able to describe your own experience of prayer, including your exploration of a way of prayer new to you.

Discovering God's call will enable you to reflect on your life and faith journey, learn about your gifts, how you have used them and learnt from their mistakes. You will also be able to describe ways in which God calls people and how that calling can be tested with reference to The Bible, Christian tradition, and your own experience in responding to that call.

Attendance may be just for enjoyment, to study for the Bishop's Award, or, if you submit work for assessment, you can earn points which lead to a recognised qualification. The Bishop's Award consists of the five core courses taken in any order over time. If you already have the Bishop's Certificate that can be used to gain retrospective credits, so only

complementary courses will be required. To obtain a University Certificate in Higher Education, awarded by Oxford Brookes University, you will need to take a further three courses. A Foundation Degree would require a further three courses. For specific ministries, like LPA, LLM or ordained ministries, there are suitable pathways through the offered courses.

The whole emphasis of the programme is to build up the church by developing Christian learning communities, not communities resourced by learned individuals. These communities will help individuals to reflect on their faith, life and work, enable its members to discover their gifts and develop them, encourage Christian engagement with the wider world, and nurture a collaborative approach to ministry at every level. So, if you think you could be a tutor, mentor or learner, then please contact the Learning for Discipleship and Ministry Team office in Salisbury.

I cannot just leave it here as this approach may appeal to you. Other learning and development initiatives to help people develop their faith and their discipleship which have recently come to my attention are the Trinity Foundation for Christianity and Culture (TFCC) Awareness Course

(see www.tfccinternational.com) or the course developed under the auspices of the Bible reading Fellowship (BRF), Foundations21 (see www.foundations21.org.uk). Both of these courses are also interested in people becoming tutors and mentors.

Malcolm Walsh

LAMMAS

Long before Christian festivals were held to commemorate the completion of the harvest, it was usual to celebrate the start of the corn harvest. On 1st August, it became the custom to bring to church a loaf made from the first corn to be harvested and for that loaf to be consecrated in thanksgiving for the new harvest.

Pagans in Britain, as in many European countries, celebrated the feast of one of their favourite gods, the sun god Lugh, at the beginning of August. His actual feast day was the first day of the month, although the celebrations encompassed both the preceding and the following fortnights — but the feast was partly a wake in that it marked the fading of the sun god's power in the approach of winter. Known as Lughnasadh, the festival survived the coming of Christianity as a Gaelic holiday celebrated on 1st August. Some Irish people continue to celebrate it with bonfires and dancing. The word *Lughnasadh* remains the modern Gaelic term for the month of August.

Elsewhere, as Christianity spread northwards through the continent, Christians began to take over this and similar pagan festivals and simultaneously to develop a Christian version of the Jewish festival of First Fruits, often called *Shavuot*. Indeed, in

the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (the chronological record of events compiled by monks in the Middle Ages) there are frequent references to 'the feast of first fruits' and the duty of tenants to present newly harvested wheat to their landlords on 1st August.

The feast of first fruits eventually evolved into Lammas, the word being derived from the Old English word *hlaf*, meaning 'loaf' and 'mass' meaning festival — and absorbed some of the customs associated with Lughnasadh. At Lammas time, the first sheaf of wheat was ceremoniously reaped, threshed, milled and baked into a loaf and then used in the sacrament of Holy Communion — the grain dying so that the people might have the 'bread of life'. Even so, Lammas (like its pagan precursor) was a day for both rejoicing and anxiety: pleasure that the crops were ripening, anxiety that a storm might yet spoil the harvest. It is only in comparatively recent times that Lammas has declined in importance but it is still observed in a number of West Country churches with the 'first loaf' being used as the bread at Holy Communion services.

Lammastide became a popular time for country fairs where farmers could sell their produce and people could buy what they needed for the winter months. It was also a time for sporting

competitions and music-making. Lammas fairs survive in some places, such as Ballycastle in County Antrim in Northern Ireland, while the city of Exeter maintains a tradition dating back to pre-Norman times.

In Scotland, Lammas is (like Lady Day) one of the legal 'quarter days' of the year. Coincidentally, the date was formerly observed by the Roman Catholic Church as the feast day of 'St Peter in Chains', a day

which commemorated his release from prison as described in the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Supplied by Angela
taken from *The Roots of
Christian Festivals*
by David Self



Downland Tree Surgery reduce the height of one of the yew trees in the churchyard, to take the weight off the top, and remove the lower branches on others to 'crown lift' the canopy which will give better clearance and let more light in.

Photo Tony Haffenden

**KENTWOOD SHOW CHOIR
AT HOLY TRINITY BRADFORD ON AVON**

The Kentwood Show Choir will be performing at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon on Sunday 18th November at 6pm.

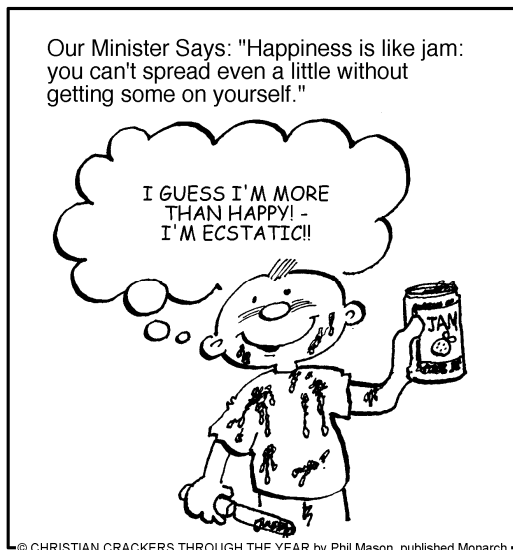
The Kentwood Show Choir is like no other choir you will have seen before! Led by the inimitable Sheila Harrod, and accompanied by a trio of excellent musicians the choir delivers songs from its vast repertoire with energy, passion and style.

From blues to ballads, showstoppers to swing and classics to chart toppers, the choir will create a sound that will take your breath away. A few of the songs featured will include Macavity – The Mystery Cat, Alexander's Ragtime Band and Nella Fantasia. There will also be some Salvation Army songs and a selection from Cole Porter.

If you are looking for a professionally presented musical experience with broad appeal then make certain you get the date in your diary.

The concert has been organised by the three Benefices of Holy Trinity; Christchurch with Westwood and Wingfield; Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall and Winsley. Tickets will be just £6 each and on sale soon. (More details to follow).

Churchwardens



Bradford Area Churches Together

BACT meetings are held in the Quaker Meeting House at the top of Whiteheads Lane, and recently we have shared the venue (albeit in a separate room) with other organisations - notably a Meditation group! However, sharing this most useful facility has never presented us with a problem. Ambrose Stickney (St Thomas More) chaired the most recent meeting on June 25th, the main points of which were: -



Pentecost Weekend: This was deemed to have been a great success, despite the weather. Several member churches contributed to the proceedings of which the highlight was the ecumenical service held in St Margaret's Hall, where over 100 people gathered in worship. A clear 'movement of the Spirit' was present at the service and the Chairman would like to hold similar services on a quarterly basis in St Margaret's Hall. BACT has arranged a 'portable' insurance policy for such events and it is hoped that other churches might use it for their own events which are held away from a church complex.

Churches Brochure: A brochure is to be created which covers all BACT member churches, listing their history and foundation and detailing service times and other information. Costings for printing this interesting venture are now being sought.

West Wilts Show – Jul 26th-28th: The Rev Steve Hughes of Bearfield church is setting up a stand for this Trowbridge Park summer event and BACT will include some of its own material. All member churches are invited to contribute, and if any of our readers are willing to spend an hour on the stall, please let me know.

Faithworks: The Debt Counselling project initiated by Faithworks is in an advanced stage, and seven people are presently in training as Counsellors with two others showing interest. Links with the Citizens' Advice Bureau will also be established, and Jim Clarke from the Bradford Christian Fellowship (865598) is now seeking 'behind-the-scenes' people who will write letters to creditors to negotiate terms of repayment for the clients. Jim plans to visit each member church soon to outline plans and progress.

Christian Aid: The total raised in the door-to-door collection in Bradford for Christian Aid was an incredible £7,308! This is a new record and a credit to all collectors who worked so hard. Next year's collection is already being organised, and new faces will be most welcome to assist with the collection.

Education: Following a school initiative, local schools are to be made more available for use in the evenings and during school holidays for child care, visits by community nurses for baby care and for parent counselling. Also, a large new pre-school centre is to be opened at Fitzmaurice School.

An interesting and varied Agenda you'll have to agree. The next BACT meeting will be on 17th September, and I'll keep you informed of the latest developments.

David Rawstron

WILTSHIRE BUTTERFLIES - 3

In my last two articles I discussed some common spring butterflies and we are now into August when many other species will have emerged from their chrysalis states and completed their lifecycle. There are a few still to emerge and many species with a second brood will also be '*on the wing*' (a traditional phrase used by the early lepidopterists and still in common use). However, I would like to share with you a unique experience of mine of just one species back in June.

You may have heard or read of the **Large Blue** butterfly. It was much sought after by the Victorian collectors because of its great beauty, scarcity and unique and fascinating lifecycle. It became extinct in Great Britain in 1979 just as its ecological requirements were being determined but too late for conservationists to save it. After much time, effort and cost, it was re-established in 1983 at one of its old localities in Devon with stock obtained from Sweden. This re-establishment programme has been very successful and there are now at least ten populations in Devon, North Cornwall, Somerset and Gloucestershire, all on the sites of former localities and there are plans to establish more populations in the future.

Its lifecycle is the most fascinating and amazing of all our butterflies. Briefly, the female lays her eggs on the flowers of wild thyme in June and the young caterpillar initially feeds on the flower buds. It then appears to

lose interest in the thyme and begins to wander rather aimlessly about on the ground. In time, a foraging ant may come across it and immediately shows great interest – caressing it and obtaining a sweet secretion from a gland on the caterpillar's back. Eventually the ant grasps the caterpillar and carries it back to its nest and the caterpillar spends the rest of its life there, feeding now on young ant grubs. It remains in the



The Large Blue butterfly
(Image: Martin Warren/Butterfly Conservation).

nest throughout the winter and when fully grown in the spring, it changes into a chrysalis. In early June the butterfly emerges, crawls through the passages in the ants nest to the surface and climbs nearby vegetation until its wings have expanded and dried. It is then ready for flight to find a mate and the whole process starts again. With such a specific and dependent lifestyle, is it any wonder it has always been scarce and vulnerable to local extinction? Only

one species of ant is involved – one that requires a very warm habitat in very short turf with patches of bare ground. If habitats become too overgrown and cool, the ant disappears and the Large Blue with it. Many former sites became neglected and overgrown with thick gorse and rank grasses as a result of lack of grazing, and the huge decline in rabbits caused by myxomatosis in the 1950s and 60s hastened the end.

On 20th June I had the very good fortune to accompany ten other enthusiasts to one of the Somerset sites near Somerton to help monitor numbers of butterflies. It was a very windy day, far too windy to expect any butterflies to be flying, but it was also warm and sunny and I had my first ever sighting of this fascinating creature. We counted 11 in total and were told 61 had been seen on the previous Sunday.

And what has all this to do with Wiltshire butterflies? I hear you ask. Well, the Large Blue was first mentioned in print by William Lewin in his book *The Papilios of Great Britain*, published in 1795. He said of its haunts – *Marlborough Downs* and *the hills near Bath*. Exact locations were not given but the first is obviously in Wiltshire and the second could well be. There appears to be no further reference to the Large Blue in Wiltshire although Lewin's locations were repeated by many later writers.

Who knows, we may yet have Large Blues flying again on the Marlborough Downs if this continuing re-establishment programme completes its course.

Mike Fuller ©

Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder.

BRITISH AND CANADIAN SCHOOLS: A COMPARISON OF EXPERIENCES

A year ago I was invited by my grandfather, Norman Hanney, to come and stay with him and go to school in Britain. This year I have completed my year 11 GCSE studies at St Laurence School in Bradford-on-Avon. Previously I had been attending DW Poppy Secondary School in Langley, British Columbia, Canada. Even as early as my first day of school in Britain, I began to notice several differences between the schools.

One of the first things I noticed was that, like the majority of schools in the UK, St Laurence has a uniform. In Canada, the only schools that would require its students to wear uniforms are private schools, which of course the British call public schools! I do feel that there are some benefits of having a uniform. For example, I feel that it provides a much stronger sense of a 'team or community spirit' when everyone is 'flying the same colours'. It eliminates the ability for students to poke fun at what other

students are wearing, because everyone wears the same thing. My personal preference, however, is not having a uniform as I enjoy being able to choose what I want to wear when I am at school. Being comfortable in the clothes you are wearing means that you can relax more and focus on the work that you are studying.



Rick in London

Photo Jonathan Wilkins

Another difference between the two schools is noticed during 'collective worship assemblies'. At a Church of England school a name such as 'collective worship' is OK. However, in Canada a name such as this would never be allowed on account of political correctness and multiculturalism. There is bound to be someone of a non-Christian religion who would be offended by the 'worship' part of the name. For this reason all assemblies are just simply called 'assemblies'.

One of the big similarities between British and Canadian schools that I have noticed is that the actual lessons and classes are very similar. The topics covered in Science, Maths, English, *etc.* are all very similar. The only lesson that was marginally different was Citizenship. However even though they were different they both covered reasonably similar topics relating to the UK and Canada, respectively. One other lesson that was different was Religious Education. In Canadian public schools we have no classes like this. However, since the school is a Church of England school it seems very reasonable to have a lesson like this.

On the whole I think that the differences between the schools are not great enough to make either one better than the other. I feel that my year here has been a great experience and I have enjoyed learning in a new and different environment than that to which I am accustomed. I would definitely recommend to anyone who is lucky enough to have the chance to go to school in another country, to take the opportunity and make the most of it!

Rick Bowman

Musical Memories

Other than being put to the piano when I was just five years old, my earliest enduring musical memory is being taken to the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall by my fanatically musical mother, when I was about seven. That was in the days before all the mushrooms were installed in the roof to dampen the sound somewhat, and so the echoing effect of a large orchestra playing “The Rite of Spring” was electric, and completely overwhelming! But not as much so as hearing Geraint Jones, then an internationally famous recitalist, play Bach’s Great G minor Fantasia & Fugue on the Albert Hall organ, the largest instrument in the country, after the interval! This more than anything else fixed me on the organ as the instrument I *really* wanted to play. Throughout my childhood I used to dream about becoming a renowned cathedral organist when I grew up – a strange ambition for someone brought up in the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church, you might think. I never did become a cathedral organist though. You really need an Oxford or Cambridge education for that and I have neither!

When Mum saw my delighted reaction to the Proms, she took me soon after to see a staged performance of Verdi’s *Tosca*, at the Coliseum I think – we could not have afforded the Royal Opera House, I’m sure. All I can really remember about that was pestering Mum “is it nearly over yet?” and “when can we go home?” She never took me to see another opera after that, and to this day I am not at all fond of the heavier end of opera, Verdi, Wagner and so on, though I have been known to enjoy a light-hearted production of *Magic Flute* or *Rigoletto*.

Sacred music has long been my real love, though, even enticing me to leave my Welsh Methodist roots and be confirmed in the Church of England when I first started to pursue this as a (part-time) career in 1989. I suppose my most high-profile appointment was as Music Director of Amesbury Abbey near Salisbury, which boasts a wonderful organ that dates back to the eighteenth century, and a large adult choir drawn from the local military population. I found there that many military people are extremely musical – it’s not just confined to bands and Kneller Hall – and we made much beautiful music, including performances of the *Messiah* and Brahms’s *Requiem*. It was a sad day for me when I had to leave Amesbury owing to increasing problems with my arthritic hands being unable to cope with the heavy demands of the organ’s eighteenth-century mechanical action. But so it was that I came to Holy Trinity at the invitation of Canon Bill Matthews and can now enjoy playing again, on Trinity’s lovely little Willis organ with its more user-friendly electric action. It’s good also to direct what is a large and enthusiastic choir for a small-town parish church. My one wish would be for more gentlemen of song to come and join us, so that we could always sing SATB anthems for whatever the occasion requires. Any interested gentlemen – please do come and see me!

Gareth Bennett

Thank you for remembering 80 years

Not much of a secret in one sense; in another, a very great surprise. “Just glide over the days.” I told myself. “Being eighty is no great event. Keep it low key.” I hinted. But no chance from my dear friends at Holy Trinity: the watchword was “Celebration”.

So I write to thank the ladies of the choir and Gareth for a lovely celebratory tea laid on for me in town, and to thank our Vicar, Bill, for a rousing “Happy Birthday” on Sunday as Holy Trinity friends partook of a special Chris Hodge birthday cake and a good glass of wine.

Thank you, Chris, for making such a masterpiece of a cake for us all to enjoy.

Muriel



Photo(s) Chris Hodge

Statistic of the month: A third of churches are growing

One of the more interesting findings in the 2005 English Church Census was that a third, 34%, of churches in England grew in the period 1998 to 2005. That’s about 13,000 growing churches.

It is considerably more than the 21% of churches which grew between 1989 and 1998 – some 8,000 in total. 5,000 more growing churches must be good news!

The 34% percentage varied by denomination. Some, like the Church of England at 36% were very similar, and some, like the Roman Catholics and Methodists much less (at 23% and 25% respectively). One denomination, the Pentecostals, saw over half, 51%, of its churches growing in the period, the next nearest being the New Churches (or House Churches) with 44%. However, when it is asked, “Why are these churches growing?” the answers are less favourable. Most are growing because people are leaving the declining churches and joining the growing congregations (what is sometimes called transfer growth or “Shifting the chairs on the Titanic”). While of course some people are coming to faith, and perhaps more so in growing churches, the plain fact is that overall there are more deaths than conversions.

By Dr Peter Brierley, former Executive Director, Christian Research

RECIPE FOR AUGUST: Cherry Polenta Tart

By the time you read this, the fleeting season of English cherries will be well over. The precious, unkeepable cherry was thought to be the fruit of paradise, glimpse and a symbol of perfection. "See, Joseph", cried Mary, in the carol, as the cherry tree leaned down one of its branches into her hand, "there are cherries for me."

The Nabella cherry in our garden has just borne its first good crop of sharp and juicy fruit which is perfect for this recipe. You can also use tinned cherries, but remember to drain them first.

Heat the jam until it melts. Remove from the heat and add the cherries.

Ingredients:

250g fresh (or tinned) pitted cherries,
or any seasonal soft fruit

75g cherry jam

100g unsalted butter, softened

200g caster sugar

1 egg plus yolk

100g polenta or cornmeal

100g flour

100g ground almonds

½ teaspoon baking powder

100ml or so of milk

Pine nuts or flaked almonds

Butter and flour the inside of a 24cm round, spring-form cake tin.

Cream the butter and sugar, add the egg yolk with a tablespoon of combined polenta, flour, baking powder and almonds.

Gradually beat in the rest with as much milk as you need for a dropping consistency.

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/mark 4.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin. Use a teaspoon to make swirling indentations, then fill the rivulets with drained cherry mixture.

Check for sweetness – you may need to add a little sugar.

Scatter a handful of nuts on top and bake for 30 minutes or until just firm.

Margaret Harris

CHRIS AND ALUN GLYN-JONES IN SICILY

Each year we spend a month looking after an Anglican Church in Europe. The Diocese in Europe has 275 congregations from Istanbul to Oslo, from Moscow to the Algarve. In May this year, we were at St. George's Taormina in Sicily. While most European churches have a full-time priest, there are others like St. George's who rely on locum priests giving their time to maintain the Anglican presence and support worship.

Taormina has long been a favourite choice for tourists nestling, as it does above the coast in the north east of the island. Even in days when travelling was difficult, visitors arrived there to admire its beauty – for some it was the last point of call on the European Tour. Many well known writers came to Taormina and stayed – Edward Lear (he came to paint), Oscar Wilde, D.H. Lawrence, W.E. Gladstone and one in particular, John Henry Newman, a young Anglican priest (later Cardinal Newman) came in 1833. On the view of Mount Etna from the Greer Theatre, he said it was “the nearest approach to seeing Eden” and he also wrote, “I felt that for the first time in my life I should be a better and more religious man if I lived here.”

A growing number of people from England settled in Taormina in the nineteenth century and church services were held in the large rooms of their villas. But as the congregation grew it was decided to build a church. A building fund was begun to raise the £25,000 needed. D.H. Lawrence refused to go to a Building Fund meeting in case he was asked for the entire sum! St. George's was completed and the first service was held in December 1922. The



Graeco-Roman theatre, Taormina.

Photo Edizioni Slot, Rome.

church furniture and windows were donated by the various English families in the town. One of the churchwardens in 1922 was the 5th Duke of Bronte, Alexander Nelson Hood – in 1801, King Ferdinand IV had given the Duchy at Bronte (on the foothills of Mount Etna) to Admiral Nelson in gratitude for his help given to the Royal Family.

During the Second World War the church was damaged as the allies moved through

Sicily towards the Italian mainland. Although there was a confirmation service for members of the Armed Forces on March 30th 1944, there is no other record of the church being used until 1953 when it was re-opened.

In 1982 to mark St. George's 60th anniversary, a small apartment was built adjoining the church to accommodate the locum priest. Although the church finances do not allow for a Stipendiary Priest the church is served by a series of Anglican chaplains from England, the U.S.A. and Australia.

The congregation today is mainly made up of women married to Sicilians and they are a hard working and welcoming group. There is a Parish Communion on Sundays at 11.00 am with many visitors who are on holiday in Sicily. After the service we gather in the church garden for wine, fruit juice or water – it can get very hot in Sicily. The Bishop made a pastoral visit in May - a Saturday service followed by lunch on our terrace – some of the congregation had travelled for three hours to get to the service. We keep the church open in the week to welcome visitors – it is the only church in the town with a beautifully shaded garden.

The people of Sicily are a delight – a lot of laughing and smiling.

What about the Mafia? Well, families are supremely important and we are conscious of politeness and do not approach a Sicilian woman without being introduced first. The family ties continue the traditions and values of the Sicilians who over the years have been invaded by numerous armies – six years after the Battle of Hastings, the Normans landed in Sicily and some of the greatest church buildings on the island spring from that time.

So please keep the needs of the Diocese in Europe in your prayers and especially the 25 people who make up the resident congregation of St. George's, Taormina.

Alun Glyn-Jones

Practise makes perfect

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bed-time story. From time to time, she reached up to touch his wrinkled cheek. Then she would stroke her own cheek. Finally she interrupted, "Granddad, did God make you?"

"Yes, dear," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Granddad, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, dear," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Source Parish Pump

To be a Pilgrim: a spiritual notebook — a review

Basil Hume, St Paul Publications, Slough, UK, 1984.

One of the marks of a really good book is the number of times you dip into it over the years. For me such a book is this one by the late Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster. This book has been my companion over the twenty years or so I have had it and it has never failed both to challenge and to refresh me when needed. I have used it both in my own personal spiritual pilgrimage and also in my more public ministry.

Cardinal Hume describes the book as 'the spiritual notebook of a pilgrim' and as such 'it is concerned with the spiritual life, its principles and practice, and with the Church's doctrine in general as well.' The whole book is taken up with the theme of pilgrimage and is made up 'mainly from formal speeches, addresses, parish homilies and notes' from Basil Hume himself.

The concept of pilgrimage is central to the whole book as Basil Hume guides readers in the ways of God to enable them to reach the goal of any spiritual journey, union with Himself, and yet he also portrays God as a pilgrim seeking the lost and paying the ultimate price for that search. The book goes on to explore some of the aids to a pilgrim's life in terms of baptism, holiness, faith, prayer and the sacraments, before going on to explore both the challenges and tasks that a modern-day pilgrim faces. Finally he deals with the end of the pilgrim's journey and the rewards that await him or her.

There is just so much in this book it is difficult to pick out any particular pieces but I have found the hints on holiness and the ten golden rules on prayer especially useful in my own spiritual life and the meditations on *The Seven Last Words* for public use on Good Friday.

We are all pilgrims on this earth, seeking union with our heavenly Father and to reach our eternal home. This spiritual notebook, from such a devout and humble man of God, speaks to all of us as we journey heavenward. Through this one man's experiences we find the many things common to us all in our pilgrimages. This is a book to read, put down, read again, and keep forever by one's side as we encounter the joys, troubles and challenges of being a pilgrim for God today.

Graham Dove

Friends of Holy Trinity: Notice of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Holy Trinity will take place in the church at 11.00am on August 19th.

for prayer in august

We pray:

- for those determining social and housing policies
- for the social and economic divisions of our society
- for the work of housing associations
- for those on holiday at this time
- for the tourist industry in our town
- for those still suffering from the effects of flooding

Children's Society - Bradford-on-Avon Appeals Committee 1st April 2006 – 31st March 2007.

The total raised this year was £3,674.07, slightly down on previous years, but nevertheless a marvellous result, and greatly appreciated by the Children's Society.

Very many thanks for your most generous support.

On 19th October, we look forward to another interesting lecture given by Dr Aiden Dodson. Please make a note of this date in your diary – more details later.

Anne Carter.

The Seventh Circuit of Bath Walk

Get your walking shoes on and sign up for 7th 'Circuit of Bath Walk' in aid of **Julian House**.

Taking place on **Sunday 23rd September** this marvellous walk takes in some of Bath's most picturesque countryside, including Midford Valley and Solsbury Hill. Participants can enjoy the stunning scenery, get valuable exercise *and* raise money for Bath's homeless charity.

There are 5 different points to start from and a choice of distance from 2-20 miles, thanks to the unique shuttle bus service that runs between the checkpoints.

For more information please call Cathy Adcock on 01225 354656, email cathya@julianhouse.org.uk, or visit www.julianhouse.org.uk

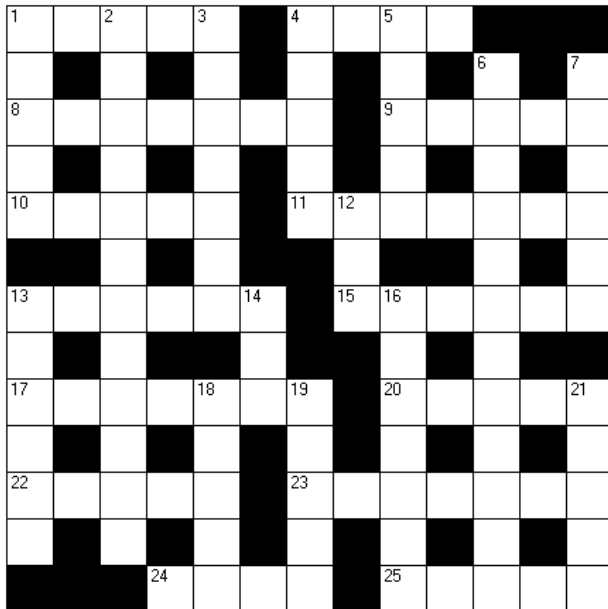
Quick Crossword

Clues across

- 1 Animal ridden by Rebekah in Genesis ch. 24 (5)
- 4 The idol in Exodus ch. 32 was shaped like this animal (4)
- 8 Like the account written for Theophilus in Luke ch. 1 (7)
- 9 Parish priest (5)
- 10 I will send fire upon the _____ of Hazael (Am 1.4) (5)
- 11 Playhouse (American spelling) (7)
- 13 British persons (N Am slang) (6)
- 15 Parson (6)
- 17 Contravenes the sixth commandment (7)
- 20 Person in charge of an abbey (5)
- 22 ..the measuring line of _____ (Isa 34.11) (5)
- 23 Person in 1 Sam ch. 25 who sounds like a large beer (7)
- 24 Ten-stringed instrument in Psalm 33 (4)
- 25 Slang word for medals (5)

Clues down

- 1 Hazael took a thick one in 2 Kings ch. 8 (5)
- 2 June 24th (9,3)
- 3 Crime contrary to the eighth commandment (7)
- 4 Underground chapel (5)
- 5 Morning reception of visitors (5)
- 6 Person incapable of sustained attention (12)
- 7 Resting place of Noah's ark (6)
- 12 Jacob's was wrenched in Genesis ch. 32 (3)
- 13 Father of Noah in Luke ch. 3 (6)
- 14 Word of respect prefixed to the name of a knight (3)
- 16 ..devote yourself to the public _____ of Scripture (1 Ti 4.13) (7)
- 18 Written composition (5)
- 19 Moses made a bronze one in Numbers ch. 21 (5)
- 21 Stories told by old wives in 1 Timothy ch. 4 (5)



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Source: Parish Pump

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