

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Bradford on Avon



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Times of Services

*(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      6.30 pm      Church, Tuesdays  
Sunday School      9.30 am      Church Hall  
Mothers' Union      7.30 pm      Church Hall, (usually) 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
Bell Practice      7.30–9 pm      2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays

### Parish Web-site

[www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk](http://www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk)

### Diocese Web-site

[www.salisbury.anglican.org](http://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 was ordained to the priesthood on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1968, and, God willing, look forward to celebrating my fortieth anniversary with you at our Sung Eucharist on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. It is the good fortune of having been ordained very early in my life that gives me the chance of celebrating this personal milestone in my own church, and among my own congregation.

I must emphasise that this is to be a very informal and 'low-key' affair, simply a celebration within our church family, with the addition of some cake and sparkling wine to round off the occasion. I'm delighted that my friend of many years, Canon Peter Hardman, will be preaching at the service. It seems appropriate to make it a 'Solemn' celebration, so I hope that those who find incense a problem will be able to position themselves in a fairly safe place!

I've lost count of the number of times I've presided at the Eucharist, but among them have been memorable celebrations in special places while on parish holidays in Italy and Spain, and everyday celebrations in a whole variety of churches in this diocese and in Bristol. Some of the less formal occasions, in people's homes and in retirement homes, have had their own distinctive quality. I have felt very fortunate over these many years in having three such superb buildings as St Mary Tory, the Saxon Church and our own Holy Trinity in which to lead or share in worship.

The special occasions stand out in one's memory, but far more significant is the business of regularly worshipping with a particular congregation, receiving from them as well as, hopefully, giving to them, and journeying along the road of faith with them in the process.

I still believe that the conduct of worship is the priest's primary task, and that our worship does more than almost anything else to shape us as Christians. It's been a great privilege to share in this with so many of you. I am most grateful to all those, living and departed, who have played their part in all those occasions over the years, and I look forward very much to sharing this particular one with you.

*Bill Malles*

# DIARY FOR MAY



1 Thursday 7 am Holy Communion for Ascension Day St Mary Tory  
 2 Friday 8 am HC for Philip & James, Apostles

**4 SUNDAY** **EASTER 7**  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist  
 6 pm Compline

**11 SUNDAY** **PENTECOST**  
 9.30 am Family Communion  
 6 pm Evensong Christ Church

14 Wednesday 10 am HC for Matthias the Apostle  
 7 pm Holy Communion St Mary Tory  
 7.35 pm Parochial Church Council St Mary Tory

15 Thursday 7.30 pm Mothers' Union  
 Neem Tree Trust—Kathy Miller Hall

**18 SUNDAY** **TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 9.30 am Solemn Eucharist  
 6 pm Service of Prayer for Hope and Health

22 Thursday 7.30 pm Solemn Eucharist for Corpus Christi

**25 SUNDAY** **TRINITY I**  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist  
 6 pm Sung Evensong

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

*Copy Date for June is 18th May*

# FROM THE REGISTERS

## Baptisms

13.4 William John Charles Greenway  
 13.4 Madeleine Rose Greenway

## Funerals

2.4 Marian Lawrie Cherry

## HOLY TRINITY MOTHERS' UNION

### Overseas Day

April 16<sup>th</sup> was a big day for this part of our diocese. Bradford Deanery was hosting an Overseas Day in the Bloomfield Suite of Dorothy House. We'd needed a large venue, and places to park, and we had about 140 people there to greet Barbara Lawes, the Worldwide Special Projects Officer, from Mary Sumner House. Our branch was providing refreshments to start the day, and we were really busy from 9.45am until the meeting started at 10.40, a little late owing to the large number of people who had arrived. Extra chairs had to be found and brought in.

Barbara had called the day "Grasshoppers, Ants & Other Tasty Morsels", indicating what people have to eat in some of the places she visits. She herself has had to eat mice on occasion, and said it was a bit like chicken! She gave us a visual presentation of what the Overseas Fund is being spent on throughout Africa, mainly, but also in South East Asia; not just to buy things, but to provide Facilitators to teach them how to make the community work. It is in this way that they can find pride in what they are doing, which benefits them far more than just providing things for them. She talked until 2.30pm, with a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -hour break for lunch, and we were absolutely enthralled with the work being done. Some of our members had no idea it was so encompassing.

The next day we had our own meeting, when Fran Lewis from the Charity SPLITZ talked to us about her work in setting up the charity and raising the funds to keep it going. They run a house in Trowbridge, which houses 4 teenage mums and babies, until they have been taught how to manage their lives sufficiently to get a tenancy. This includes teaching them to cook, as they never learn to cook at home or in school these days. They always have a waiting list, and there is support for them when they leave there as well, so that they're not left on their own. Her life is ruled by her faith, and she was very open about her bad start in adult life, and then what happened to it when Jesus came into it. There was a great deal of humour, but behind all that, she is doing an incredible job in reaching out to the disadvantaged. We all wanted to give her what we could to take back and help her in that work.

Our next meeting is on May 15<sup>th</sup>, when Kathy Miller will be talking about the work of the Neem Tree Trust. Please join us if you are interested in hearing about it.

Chris Hodge

# Deanery Synod Annual Report 2007

Synod met four times during 2007.

The Deanery Plan with objectives for the next five years was approved at the Synod in February 2007.

A new benefice has been formed of Trowbridge St James and Keevil. Objections were received to the scheme to incorporate the parish of Steeple Ashton into the benefice of North Bradley Southwick and Heywood. The Revd Maureen Allchin ends her ministry at the Canalside Benefice at Easter.

Canon Derek Smith resigned as Rural Dean with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.

## Finance

Following a 2.3% increase in Share for the year, the overall payment of Share for 2007 is likely to be close to that of 2006 (96%) for which all PCC Treasurers, Fund raisers and supporters have contributed their time and effort and deserve our thanks.

Some £34,000 was returned to PCCs in the Deanery by Salisbury during the year following a surplus of funds on the Diocesan 2006 accounts. Synod voted to use this money, at the discretion of individual PCCs, to support Kidugli. Over £7,000 was eventually allocated.

The fairer share system continues to help our Deanery although the effects of the category adjustment system has shown to have a surprisingly negative effect for some parishes for the 2008 Share where our overall Share has reduced by some 2% but resulting in surprising increases for some smaller PCCs.

## Presentations

The Synod received presentations from the Revd Jane Charman on 'Learning for Discipleship', from Helen Harrison on the 'Cut the Carbon' march, and from the Revd G Southgate and Fiona Hulbert on 'Feeling the Heat' – an explanation of the issues surrounding the 'green-house' effect. An action pack was made available to each PCC.

## Special Services

Bishop Stephen visited Shaw for a service to inaugurate the Melksham Group. A Deanery service was held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March to welcome Bishop Stephen.

Anne Willis

This report was originally intended for presentation to the Parish Church Council on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Pentecost, 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Pentecost was the old Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which took place at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus's crucifixion.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit — the day the Church was born. Jesus had told his apostles that something important was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles, but he knew they could not do the work themselves — they would need his help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues — to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning when the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning, proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus fifty

days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth?

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could indwell them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

## **Trinity Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself, way out there in space — unapproachable in its fiery majesty — is the Father. The light that flows from it, and which illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own rôles to play. The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one God...'

Isaiah 45:22 'Turn to me and be saved. for I am God, and there is no other'

Genesis 1:1-2 'In the beginning God created... And the Spirit of God was hovering.'

Judges 14:6 *etc.* 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power.'

John 1:1-3 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one

sentence. Jesus tells his disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we stand in its brilliant light, we find that the warmth soon follows.

Source Parish Pump

## Worship changes lives for the better

The central importance of worship in the life of the Church has been emphasised in a new book published by the Church of England's Liturgical Commission. *Worship Changes Lives* stresses that all worship should honour God and, like a newspaper headline, grab people, engage them and change their lives. It should inspire and excite. It is the heart of a church. Worship is the Church's 'headline business', argues the guide. It goes on to urge churches to review their worship so that it reflects the power that lies beyond the words said and sung each week.

In doing so, the book questions the idea promoted by some elements of popular psychology that words can have a subconscious power of their own. Instead, it suggests that the words and actions of worship – when practiced in fellowship with Christians across the world – are powerful because they reflect God's love and shape worshippers to serve God's mission.

Written on behalf of the Liturgical Commission as part of the *Transforming Worship* initiative, the 48-page guide aims to stimulate discussion within Parochial Church Councils, worship groups and ministry teams on how worship might be a greater force for change within local communities. Rooted in real-life practice with accessible text and attractive photography, the guide aims to inspire the whole worshipping community to reflect on 'connecting with the God who, in Jesus, transforms us and the world'.

*Worship Changes Lives* sets out a series of discussion-starters aimed at the whole Church: "This guide isn't just for clergy or academics or people with a special interest in liturgy and ceremonial. It is for everyone who worships, to help each one look again at what we are doing when we worship God. Worship lies at the heart of what and who we are as Christians: it shows God to us and us to God.", the editors, the Revd Peter Moger and Professor Paul Bradshaw, state in their introduction.

*Worship Changes Lives*, priced £4.99, is available from Christian bookshops.

# Can religion play a positive rôle in removing racial discrimination?

## Report of a meeting of the West Wilts Interfaith Group

Speakers of different faiths recently came together and presented their ideas on this topic to a mixed audience in Melksham on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Martyn Skinner**, representing the Christian point of view, started with a few anecdotes illustrating the confusion about race and religion. One example follows:

“A white worshipper was coming out of her church and met an Indian Christian lady on her way in for the service in Punjabi and decided to make contact: ‘Have you come to worship your prophet Muhammad?’ she tried, thereby dropping a record number of bricks!”.

Race and religion are sometimes easily confused and this anecdote illustrates that, as a result, Christians have sometimes been hugely insensitive to other people and have said the wrong thing. I believe that the way we speak about each other and to each other is incredibly important. This is true whether our conversations concern women, the disabled, or people from national or religious backgrounds different from our own.

For better communication to happen, listening is the first attitude and skill to encourage, I think. A Jewish proverb says: ‘We have one mouth and two ears and we should use them in these proportions.’

I began with some anecdotes about Christians saying the wrong thing. Let me now share a positive story about Christians with you. In the 1980s the people of the Broadwater Farm Estate in North London were beset by terrible

racial problems. The riots of 1985 caused two deaths and left people full of anger, antagonism and resentment. Then a group of Christians moved on to the estate. They listened and learned as they lived and worked with the local people. A special effort was made to honour the cultures of others through celebrating literature, song and dance from all over the world. The atmosphere was transformed and today the people work together with confidence for inter-faith and inter-racial harmony. What a great story! Listening, interaction, and good communication between different people can enable such worthwhile sharing in community service together.

In conclusion, I would like to say that whatever people’s different backgrounds are, whatever countries they come from, whatever they believe, there is only one race of people in this world. It’s called the human race. We all belong to it equally and this is surely a fundamental truth that people of all religions and no religion can celebrate together.

Religion can play a positive rôle in removing racial discrimination if it helps its adherents to communicate well with others who are from backgrounds different from their own.”

**Khalid Haneef** spoke from a Moslem perspective. He felt strongly that religion could play a positive rôle in removing racial discrimination, giving several examples from history. He said, “Of course racism is not just a white man’s vice. The early days of Islam were as racist as the Ku Klux Klan. Arabs, before Islam were a chauvinist and racist people who

regarded all non-Arabs as inferior. They saw the black man as no more than a slave – and yet within twenty years Islam had changed attitudes so much that the most powerful man of his time, Omar, would say, “Bilal is our master.” Bilal was an Abyssinian born into slavery. Contrast this with the experience of America where slavery ended over 100 years ago and yet society remains segregated. Over 50 years ago schools and colleges were desegregated and yet blacks still lag behind whites academically. The most astonishing statistic of all is that one in twenty whites will go to prison in their lives but one in four blacks will see the inside of a prison in their lifetime.

Barack Obama would suggest that progress is being made and I would agree to a point. But consider the response to Obama’s photo where he was dressed in traditional Somali costume. If he were white, it would have been quaint but being black, did he look too authentic? Too different? Too other?”

As for Muslims, Khalid said, using a quotation from the Koran, “Muslims should look to their mosques, some of which were sectarian. They should reflect the whole community, not just a part.” He concluded with a story from the times of the Prophet, when he allowed some visiting Christians to pray in his mosque.

**June Sadd**, a social worker and billed as a speaker of ‘no faith’, introduced herself as one of eclectic beliefs. She said, “I believe that I am spiritual and that my beliefs are drawn from the truths of many religions. I’d describe myself as a Christian but I do not belong to any organised religion.”

June talked of her upbringing in Calcutta, where all religious holidays were celebrated by everyone but sadly

conflict also existed. “Being a descendant of different ethnicities has helped me to recognise the value of the underlying truths of many religions.” she said. “But people are being squeezed and I have found that the dos and don’ts of religions, that is the rules and regulations, get in the way of the truths. Usually conflict happens when religions are used for political gain.”

**Payam Foroudi**, represented the Bahai faith and was raised in Iran. He said “Because of the separation by geography, a difference in skin colour or the diversity of cultural expression, ignorance and prejudice have led to endless conflicts in the name of the sanctity of tribe, race, class and nation.

Our governing bodies throughout history have been the chief instrument for exploitation of the masses based on their race, colour or creed, both blatantly and openly or under the cover of culture or class. From the day it was born the United States embraced a set of contradictory values. The founding fathers proclaimed their devotion to the highest principles of equality and justice yet slavery was enshrined in the Constitution. Slavery poisoned the mind and heart of that nation and would not be abolished without a bloody civil war that nearly destroyed the young republic.

In our modern times, governing bodies and non-governmental organisations have been forced, perhaps for economic reasons, to recognise the need for creating a harmonious society. Declarations are made at highest levels, anti-discrimination legislations are drafted and implemented and yet we know that racial prejudice still exists at the

fabric of our societies and is experienced by many every day."

Payam concluded that "the change and spiritual transformation of the individual has to be within our own homes, at work and school, with our children, friends, family and colleagues. Educating our children on the spiritual principal of the oneness of

mankind is the corner stone of building a society free from prejudice."

There was much discussion following the speakers with intelligent and interesting feedback from many members of the audience.

Reported by Ann Holland

## WILTSHIRE BUTTERFLIES – 2008/5

Thank you to those of you who have given me recent records of your butterfly sightings. We have enjoyed some warm sunny days of late and the first half of April has been reasonably warm and sunny although nothing like last year's superb April weather.

**Brimstone** and **Peacock** butterflies have been the most noticeable and **Comma** have been frequent in the woodlands. Only a handful of the usually common **Small Tortoiseshell** have been reported and **Red Admiral** are now virtually absent after their appearances in January and February.

New species recently reported, having spent the winter months as chrysalises, are a fine male **Speckled Wood** along the canal towpath on 31<sup>st</sup> March. **Holly Blues** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April in gardens at Westbury and Hilperton and **Orange-tips** near Marlborough on 4<sup>th</sup> and Mere on 6<sup>th</sup>. **Small** and **Green-veined Whites** were on the wing on 9<sup>th</sup> and a **Large White** on 13<sup>th</sup> in Bradford-on-Avon – a superbly fresh female in my garden. This was most unexpected as the males of all species are usually seen several days before the females. No doubt there were many other sightings, not reported since most recorders wait until the end of the season in October before submitting their records. All the species mentioned above should become more common

as we move into May, together with additional emerging new species.

If anyone is interested in a detailed account of Wiltshire butterflies for 2007, the Annual Report (56 pages) covering all the 45 species occurring in the county is now available, price £4.

- ©Mike Fuller

Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder

Vice-Chairman BC,  
Wiltshire Branch



Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock - Blakehill  
Photo: Robin Griffiths

## THOSE WERE THE DAYS

How many of you remember the Parish Concerts? These well attended concerts were held annually in St Margaret's Hall during the seventies. It was surprising how much hidden talent there was in the congregation. We had musicians, singers, dancers and comedians.

I remember one of the choirboys giving a good impression of Donald Duck and four men sang "Nobody Loves a Fairy When She's Forty" with tutus, wings and wands. Three ladies sang "Three Little Maids From School" with apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan as we wore school uniforms and had hockey sticks and muddy knees. Another year about six ladies did the "Can-Can" wearing leotards, black tights and coloured garters. This must have been appreciated as the audience called for an encore but one of us had to ask the vicar who was compèring the show to go out and entertain the audience while we got our breath back

The Wives Group always produced an item. They usually mimed to one of the songs of the moment such as Benny Hill's 'Ernie', complete with a hobby horse as Trigger and a crate of ghostly milk bottles' rattling across the stage. Another item was 'Lily the Pink' from Scaffold with her medicinal compound. One year they did a strip (well, half a strip) to 'Hello Dolly', after removing stockings, which they threw into the audience and a couple of other items, they retired behind screens from which appeared false teeth in a glass and pink, boned, lace-up corsets were thrown over, then they appeared in tee shirts and Bermuda shorts. We always had great fun rehearsing the items which we did in one another's homes and always ended up in fits of giggles.

Yes, those were the days.

If anyone has any photographs of these concerts it would be fun to see them and bring back some happy memories.

Jackie Uncles

### Crossword solutions

**Across**  
7 Castle 8 Cattle 9 Asa 10 Pentecost 12 Peter 13 Periods 15 Drought  
17 Again 20 Harassing 21 Odd 23 Reveal 24 Untied  
**Down**  
1 Parsee 2 Sty 3 Jewel 4 Scatter 5 Stockings 6 Closed 11 Jerusalem  
14 Thistle 16 Reaper 18 Indeed 19 Snout 22 Ate

# BRADFORD ON AVON STREET MARKET

## Westbury Gardens, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

Well, it is taking three of us to do all the work, previously done by David Rawstron, of organizing and running the annual Bradford on Avon Street Market. Thankfully, David is continuing in an advisory capacity, so we are sure that this year's Street Market will run as smoothly as ever!

Firstly, Colin, John and I are taking responsibility for different areas of the Street Market, so if you have any questions, items to donate, or to volunteer your time, please do not hesitate to contact one of us, or speak to one of the stall holders.

**John Cox – Community and Non-church Charity Stalls**

**Tel: 864270 – email: jandbcox@hotmail.com**

**Colin Johnston – All Church-related Stalls**

**Tel: 868132 – email: Jo.Johnstonboa@talktalk.net**

**Stephanie Moorfoot – Communications and Marketing  
(ie letters, advertising, entertainment)**

**Tel: 863366 – email: smoorfoot@hotmail.com**

The same Church stalls as last year will be running again this year. Thank you to all our stall organizers for stepping forward once again to run these stalls; they will need lots of help. Donations, of course, are most important, but we also need your time, putting up posters, and receiving goods in the days leading up to the Street Market, and on the day itself, moving donations and equipment to and from the Church Hall and Shed, setting up and dismantling stalls and gazebos, serving customers, and many other things. Even an hour of your time would be most appreciated!

I hope everyone will want to do lots of spring cleaning and will find all those treasures that you meant to use, or give away, but are just taking up too much room! Check out the stalls below, and see where we can 'recycle' your finds! If you do not want to store items until July, let us know, and we will do our best to store them for you.

The new team is planning to promote Holy Trinity Church in a much more visible way on all the church stalls. We are also hoping that the Friends of Holy Trinity will take some space to make full use of this great opportunity for outreach into our community. */cont../*



Photo: David Rawstron

Volunteer sign up sheets will be available in Church at the Crossing. In addition, the Church Hall will be open in the evenings of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July to accept your donations; more information next month.

### **Church Stalls 2008**

#### **Bottle Tombola Ian & Sylvia Stanes**

Bottles, bottles and more bottles, 100s of bottles!

Plenty of bottles of your favourite 'tipple' will help us to sell tickets.

#### **Books Margaret Morris**

Let someone else enjoy a good book, fiction and non-fiction

#### **Grand Draw Anthony and Kathryn Swift**

Better prizes means more tickets sold. How about asking your favourite shop, restaurant *etc.* to help by providing a prize or voucher, NOW?

#### **Pantry (Cakes and Preserves) Chris Hodge and the Mothers Union**

A bit early to start baking, but check through those cookery books

#### **Plants and Garden Colin Johnston**

A good time to take cuttings

#### **Quality Bric a Brac, China & Collectables**

#### **Tony Haffenden, John Cox & Vic Holden**

A most popular stall for our discerning customers.

Please ensure that contributions are in reasonable condition and are saleable items.

Please, no jumble, clothes or heavy items of furniture.

#### **Saxon Club Angela Onions**

Unwanted presents, Christmas, Birthday, new items

#### **Teas and Refreshments Anne Carter and Joan Finch**

Plenty of Cakes and Tray bakes will be needed

#### **Toys Alison Cook and Sunday School**

To suit children of all ages



Photo: David Rawstron

As a relative newcomer to Holy Trinity I think it is awesome that so many people work so hard to make this a most successful day. A big thank-you to David Rawstron for all the work he has done in organizing the Street Market. Last year, a magnificent **£3,212.03** was raised. I wonder if we can do even better this year?

Stephanie Moorfoot

# Bradford Area Churches Together



**The Annual General Meeting** of Bradford Churches together was held in the Quaker Meeting Room on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. It was well attended this year, and 22 delegates from local churches and Christian organisations were present, including a total of four from Holy Trinity. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman, Ambrose Stickney from St. Thomas More, ably assisted by the outgoing Secretary, Helen Page from Christ Church. The meeting was opened by prayers offered by the Vicar of Christ Church, the Revd. Ron Lowrie.

The Chairman's address highlighted the achievements of *Churches Together* and affiliated bodies during the preceding twelve months, notably the Pentecost celebrations in Westbury Gardens (despite the inclement weather). The event was well supported by most of the member churches and feedback from the town indicated that the celebrations provided a worthwhile event for the community. At the annual Women's Day of Prayer, the flowers were provided by BACT, and at the West Wilts Show our member church, Bearfield Congregational, provided an evangelical stand for the whole three days of the event which was supported by BACT. The Faithworks Debt Advice Service (to be known as 'Hope Debt Advice') is about to commence in the newly built centre for mothers and toddlers (children 0-5) in the grounds of Fitzmaurice Primary school. This initiative will be of great benefit to the community. Another event in which BACT had an involvement was the Christian Aid door-to-door

collection which raised a record amount last year. Plans for the 2008 collection are in full swing. The 'Hope 2008' movement mentioned in a previous article has been moving forward rapidly, and has enjoyed wide community interest. I have a very interesting magazine-style book outlining their work if anyone would like to read it. More recently, the BACT Lent Study Groups were a resounding success with much support from members of most affiliated churches, and our thanks go out to Denise Leigh (Christ Church) and her dedicated team for this success. The 'Way of the Cross' procession on Good Friday was also well attended this year.

In summary, the Chairman said that BACT was wide in its appeal and involvement, covering all local towns and villages with members from all denominations working together as a 'clearing house' of ideas, and in moving forward new initiatives for the Christian community. BACT wants to be asked to help where any member church needs support, and Churches Together actively seeks out representation from each church or organisation in the area to attend each meeting. In the year 2008/09 it is hoped to obtain a guest speaker at each meeting with topics designed to stimulate more interest from member churches. Finally, a small presentation and card was made to Helen Page after spending 18 years as BACT Secretary – a noble effort indeed. We are now seeking a

replacement for Helen, so if anyone in our congregation could manage taking notes at 4-5 meetings a year, and electronically disseminating those, please let me know.

The Treasurer (Reg Green, Christ Church) told us that with the increase of member church subscriptions to £50 per annum, our funds were now back where they should be. BACT is not a money-making organisation, but must have modest funds with which to function. Total receipts for the year were £1,134 made up principally from donations and subscriptions. Outgoings totalled £920 which covered a range of commitments including Lent Courses, Pentecost celebrations, Wiltshire Churches together subscription and insurance. Our balance at the end of the year was £505 which included a small surplus from the preceding year.

**Election of Officers:** The Chairman (Ambrose Stickney), Vice-Chairman (Peter Walker, United Church), and the Treasurer (Reg Green) all agreed to remain in their posts for a further year. It was hoped that the Secretary's position would soon be filled by a volunteer. Further discussion explored the possibility of rotating the Chairmanship through member churches for a year at a time, thereby giving people from all denominations a full 'hands on' experience of the organisation and its objectives. It was decided that this question be put to member churches and affiliated organisations, and be raised again at next years AGM. If any of our parishioners have any comments to make on this proposal, please let me know.

**Guest Speaker:** The meeting was very pleased to welcome Debbie

Lewis. Debbie is the Outreach worker at the new Children's and Community Centre which has been built in the grounds of Fitzmaurice Primary School. This facility will open at the end of May and is a part of the government's 'Sure Start' programme which has proved so successful, especially in deprived areas where Social Services are particularly active. The government's initiative is for no less than 2500 of these centres to be open by 2010, with most being active by the end of 2008! Our local facility is guided by the governors of Fitzmaurice School, and both Social and Health Services, to provide advice, health and improved well-being to those who are in need of assistance, specifically for mothers and children aged 0 to 5. No family will be excluded from this new resource centre which will work in partnership with all other agencies in the area, especially the Bradford Health Centre. Like BACT, its area of coverage will extend to all local towns and villages. Debbie pointed out that it was always more difficult to engage the most needy when it came to providing this kind of service, and to this end various drop-in times and phone contact numbers will be promulgated to meet with the needs of the community. Similarly any group or individual will be free to approach Debbie and her team at the new centre which, as mentioned above, will also house the new 'Hope Debt Advice' service. What a wonderful new resource for our community.

**Faithworks:** Jim Clarke spoke about the wide range of organisations involved in a long list of community achievements which had BACT, Faithworks and other agencies as the

driving force. These included the new 'Genesis' charity shop in Bradford, the Blue Open Bus in Chippenham and the Vine Project in Trowbridge. These inter-linked organisations were, Jim said, part of an ecumenical Christian charity organisation. The Hope Debt Advice service required £3000 to get it up and running, for which he had already received some significant funding, and was confident of reaching the target amount. Volunteers have already be trained for the opening of the service but more would be needed, especially in the areas of administration, debt negotiation with creditors and pastoral support – following up clients to ensure that their

finances were on track. Again, please contact me (or Jim Clarke on 865598) if you feel that you can assist. In closing, Jim said that we should be available to pray for or with any individuals using this service, if required.

The next BACT meeting, which will be held, as always, at the Quaker Meeting House in Whiteheads Lane, will be at 7.30pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The date of the 2009 AGM will be advised in due course. Anyone from our parish can attend these meetings, so please contact me if you feel so inclined.

David Rawstron

## MAY

April past, the year dare now rejoice,  
For May has come with all her buxom grace.  
Every roadside fills with Queen Anne's lace  
And all the birds perform in perfect voice,  
Strophe and antistrophe all the day.  
The fields are crowded now with towering wheat,  
Playground and home to hosts of tiny feet,  
While meadows promise sumptuous crops of hay.

Exuberant life wherever one may look,  
Birds all dapper, still in finest feather,  
Singing their hearts out come what may for  
weather,  
They join the throng recalled in the Holy Book,  
The day when all the morning stars sang,  
The sons of God all raised a great shout,  
Every creature joined in glorious rout  
The while with joy the whole welkin rang.

Joan Fletcher

## CHOIR PROFICIENCY TEST

In order to measure your level of proficiency as a choir member, the following test has been carefully developed by experts. Read and reflect on each situation and then select the option that will enhance the quality of the performance.

1. You are entering the choir loft on Sunday morning and suddenly trip and fall down. You should:
  - a. Assume a kneeling position and break into fervent prayer.
  - b. Pretend that you've had a heart attack.
  - c. Crawl into the nearest chair.
  - d. Begin speaking in tongues.
2. You are a soprano and count incorrectly. As a result you boom out a high C one measure too soon. You should:
  - a. Slide into an inspired "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."
  - b. Look triumphant and hold on to the note.
  - c. Stop abruptly in mid squawk but keep your lips moving.
  - d. Sink to the floor in shame.
3. After all those long, hard choir rehearsals, you show up twenty minutes late for the Christmas musical. You should:
  - a. Climb into the back row of the choir from the baptistry.
  - b. Enter pretending to be a soundman checking cables and then suddenly slip yourself into the choir.
  - c. Turn the lights out in the church and slip into the choir during the blackout.
  - d. Read M Stephen's pamphlet *Techniques for Tardy Appearances*.
4. While singing, you discover you have only one page of a two-page hymn. You should:
  - a. Hum for your life.
  - b. Sing "watermelon, watermelon, watermelon."
  - c. Try to get another hymnal out of the choir rack with your feet.
  - d. Sing the first page over again.
5. Inevitably that dreaded big sneeze occurs toward the end of the choir special. You should:
  - a. As you sneeze, come down hard on your neighbour's foot to create a diversion.
  - b. Try to make it harmonize.
  - c. Sneeze into the hair of the choir member in front of you to muffle the noise.

d. Sink to the floor in shame.

Count the number of As, Bs, Cs, and Ds you ticked and find your proficiency rating below:

4 or more As: there is nothing more you need to know to be a first-rate choir member.

4 or more Bs: your church choir reflexes are fully developed and you should do well in choir.

4 or more Cs: your church choral experience is spotty but your team spirit is on target. You will be an asset to most any choir.

4 or more Ds: it is recommended you take up soccer or group therapy counselling.

Source: Parish Pump

## **JOHN WESLEY'S ADVICE TO HYMN SINGERS**

"Sing all. Let not weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find a blessing. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead or half asleep. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan. Sing modestly. Do not bawl so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices as to make one clear, melodious sound.

Sing in time. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stray behind it; but attend close to the leading voices and take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy, and it is high time to drive it out from us.

Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself or any other creature. Attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually, so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven."

What a blessing it is that we have Gareth and our choir who gave us such lovely spiritual music over the Lent and Easter celebrations.

Thank you everyone.

Muriel Freeborn

## Get married in Much Yorning and get more than you bargained for

I arrive in plenty of time for the wedding and narrowly avoid being knocked to the ground by the two ushers, aged about twelve, who are chasing each other around the churchyard.

I begin playing some pre-wedding music but nobody takes any notice. This is nothing new. They never do. I listen to a teenager arguing with his father about his mobile phone. No, he won't turn it off, he announces, because, if it rings, he can easily go outside to answer it, so what's the problem?

The bride enters followed by a bridesmaid of about six and a very small page boy wearing a yellow buttonhole which is nearly as big as he is. He walks in behind the bride screaming at the top of his voice until his grandmother removes him and stuffs a dummy into his mouth. The bridesmaid looks smug. The bride hands her the bouquet which means that she now has two large bunches of flowers to wave around enthusiastically, looking round at intervals to check that we are still watching her.

The church is pretty full and there must be at least twenty children under the age of seven. The noise level is terrific. 'Wrecking The Children's Corner' is abandoned in favour of 'Wrecking The Church' and kneelers are lobbed from one side to the other with gay abandon, accompanied by shrieks of laughter. Small, identical twin girls hit on the

idea of racing each other from the front to the back of the church by clambering over the pews, regardless of who happens to be sitting in the way. I am slightly puzzled that nobody seems particularly bothered by this excessive noise.

Then the vicar announces the first hymn. I play. He sings. No sound comes from the rest of the congregation. I then realise that most members of the congregation, on my side of the church anyway, are hearing impaired. While the happy couple are making their vows, the onlookers are busy turning round and signing to each other and getting in the way of their children who play on regardless.

Soon it is time for the second hymn. "He's got the whole world in his hands", the vicar announces. I try to play the introduction and no sound comes from the organ. I check that the power is still on. It is, but all the stops refuse to work. The vicar announces the hymn again, more meaningfully this time, glaring at me as he does so.

I throw up my hands in resignation. He offers me a hymnbook. I have one last vain attempt to extract a sound from the organ, then grab the book and dash over to the piano on the other side of the church. This side is the hearing side and some people are making an attempt to sing. Only quite a few of them don't realise that you have to sing the chorus between each verse

so they don't. I weigh up the options and notice that the Vicar, who is singing louder than anyone else, is singing the chorus each time so I decide to join his side. The few people in the congregation who are singing soon run out of song and we are back to me playing and the Vicar singing.

I realise that, in my haste to get to the piano, I only brought the music for that hymn, and the book containing the next one, "Praise my Soul", is still on the organ. So when the third hymn is announced there is a brief pause while I scuttle across and retrieve it. During the singing of this, I ponder my next problem. During the signing of the register, I am in the habit of keeping half an eye on the passage to the vestry. When the bride is ready to emerge, the Vicar sticks his head round the vestry door and gives me the wink. This is my signal to strike up the Wedding March. However, from the other side of the church with my back to the organ, how will I know when the bride is ready? By verse four of "Praise My Soul" I have formulated a plan. As the bridal party disappears into the vestry, I walk with as much dignity as I can muster, to the back of the

church and grab hold of Doris-the-Verger. I hiss at her, "I need your help. Come with me." and frogmarch her back up to the front. I station her beside the defunct organ with strict instructions to cough loudly when the bride is ready to appear. Doris accepts the mantle of responsibility with aplomb. Ten minutes later, I hear what appears to be somebody choking to death and rightly guess that this is Doris coughing. The Wedding March played on the piano leaves much to be desired and no doubt Mendelssohn will be dizzy for weeks after the amount of rotating he is having to do in his grave.

A couple sitting near the piano is having a whispered conversation. He says, "Did you see that? She coughed when the bride was coming. It must be a secret sign." "Isn't that clever!" replies his partner. "What will they think of next?"

What indeed?

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## **Telly trouble**

A woman summoned a TV repairman to fix her set. After spreading his tools out, the serviceman inquired: "What seems to be the trouble?"

Replied the woman: "Well, for one thing the programmes are appalling."

## NATURE DIARY 3

More extracts from my diary:

### March 2008

**Monday 3rd:** As if someone had touched a magic switch all the large weeping willows have burst into leaf today – I know this 'cos I drove the same 36 mile route yesterday and the trees were not out.

Saw a bumblebee, first this year.

Rooks do use extraordinary long sticks in their nest building!

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>:** A blackbird, obviously being chased, crashed into the window. It left the most beautiful imprint of itself. More amazing, when I rushed outside, there was no trace of the bird.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Robin singing at 3.05 this am., surely because it was disturbed rather than it was start of the dawn chorus.

On the way down to Dorset saw the hawthorn leaves are out – some just tiny glimpses of green but some full out in green freshness. Saw some blackthorn flowers out too.

As we approached the NT cottage (where we would be for a week), we were greeted by rabbits, a single Little Egret doing a fly past and 4 Sika deer.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>:** The Black-Headed Gulls now have their black heads of Summer and sound as argumentative as ever.

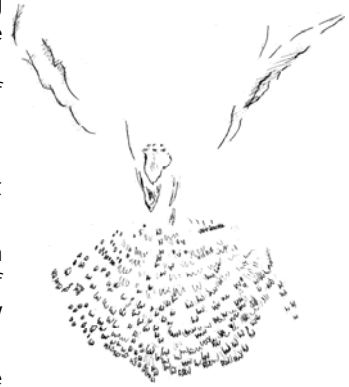
At Studland a Great Crested Grebe in full breeding colours was feeding near the beach.

Noticed daisies are out near the cottage. So early!

The Silver Birch are fantastic with purple branches against the blue sky contrasting with the whiteness of the trunks. The reeds are a glorious golden russet, with heads that flash white in the breeze.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>:** A night of gales and thunderstorms. The small stream that runs through the reeds at the back of the house has swollen into a river over night and now is alarmingly near the cottage, this is due not only to the gales but also unusually high tides. 5 Sika deer leapt over the fence into the water and bounded up the river splashing magnificently. They must have been enjoying themselves as they could easily have got out but they went the whole length of the new river before getting out, at least two hundred yards away,

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>:** A very windy night again and I was disturbed by the mice playing rugby in the kitchen. Brian slept on!



Drawing: Liz Netley

There is a Barn Owl nesting in the barn near the cottage. Brian saw it from the upstairs window, I didn't.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>:** It is very strange to hear water birds call early in the morning rather than the usual songbird dawn chorus.

Went to Studland Bay – South Beach. Saw a beautiful very un-shy Jay being chased off by a thrush. Lots of Green Alkanet and Sticky Willy growing by the stream near the path down to the sea. A Green Woodpecker was yaffling – strange to hear that at the coast!

**(There was a bird hide just 100 yards from the cottage which we went to every day – but I have chosen this day to include in 'Nature Notes'.)**

Went to the hide at 11am. 7 spoonbills and 4 of the worst kind of bird watchers greeted us! The kind who take up all the room with their equipment and talk very loudly, playing status games. We left! Returned at 4.10pm, two charming male bird watchers in residence – so helpful and quick-eyed. We saw redshank, teal, spoonbills(12) little egrets (13) Brent geese (100+), lesser black backed gulls, avocet, male hen harrier (harried by crows!) barnacle geese, sand martins, meadow pipits, shelduck, curlew, black tailed godwits, cormorant, widgeon, lots of sika deer and, almost best of all, a male and female peregrine which, after a quick fly round settled to wait for prey in a nearby tree allowing us to admire them – which we did for a long time!

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>:** Almost positive that we saw a brambling at the top of the lane as we left to come home. The gorse is now in full flower and blackthorn flowers much more in evidence. Larches coming into leaf. Dorset hedges are so beautifully trimmed almost into a Dutch Barn shape.

Home, and the Magnolia is in flower and there, in the branches, a chiffchaff hopping. Later saw a male bullfinch on the feeder.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>:** Clematis Montana Elizabeth in bud and suddenly the cotoneaster in full, fresh, green leaf.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>:** Brian saw his first kingfisher of the year, just by the swimming pool path.

The garden is lovely – hyacinth white, aubrietia purple, tulip red, primrose yellow, grape hyacinth blue and azalea crimson.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>:** Yellow corydalis out and delighted to find wriggly frog-spawn in the pond, even though a lot less than usual.



photo: Liz Netley

Liz Netley

## THE VISIT!

One of the few, if not the only, hospital dramas that I've ever watched on a regular basis is 'Casualty' and following a routine visit to the RUH in Bath that is exactly where I finished up! It was not a bit like the TV programme — all calm and quiet! Two weeks and a variety of tests later I (and they) are none the wiser. No one knows why my heart took off and after 24 hours it (and I) returned to normal and have been so ever since: at least as normal as I ever am! Now I wait to go to Bristol RI to see if they can either make sense of it all or take measures to ensure it doesn't happen again. I may not be in a bus near the hospital sitting next to a doctor next time if or when it ever happens again! How long that will take is like the proverbial piece of string! However, like the governor of California "I'll be back!".

Two things are prominent; the impact of what has happened to those in the Coronary Care Unit, and the whole issue of waiting. Life-threatening events make people think about the life that's left and people make new resolutions about what to do with their lives, making new priorities, taking on new attitudes and tasks and dropping less important things from their lives. Of course, what happens when they return to their lives outside hospital, their families and work, is another matter but, while here, people are very philosophical about God, the universe and all matters spiritual. It must create great opportunities for the Chaplaincy!

Then there is the waiting game! *Waiting for Godot* often comes to mind and the waiting, at times, does seem

endless, especially if you're fit and well but confined to the ward as many of us are. In Coronary Care there was a spread of ages and both men and women. Now on Cardiac, I'm in a ward where I am the youngest by at least 10 years. It's also peopled by locals, born and bred, who seem to have a shared history and overlapping trades resulting in a shared memory of events and acquaintances. However the humour runs at a high level to keep spirits up and despite the age of those present the banter continues day (and night!).

The staff on both the wards I've been on have been great, despite Lord Mancroft's recent criticism. No sign of drunkenness, promiscuity, dirtiness or laziness! More like caring, conscientious, hard working and long suffering — 'paragons of excellence' as someone described them in a letter to the hospital. They certainly make the waiting more bearable. I can't say I've made any momentous decisions about the future except to live with whatever comes and to make the best of what time God has given me, but I've tried to live by that rule anyway. Perhaps I will put finger to keyboard a little more purposefully in the future. Meanwhile I wait with perhaps a little more time for quiet reflection than usual on the momentous events of Holy Week and Easter. I also have more time to think of my family and friends, who I miss greatly, and I wait patiently in the Lord.

Ian Stanes

This was written in March, but too late for the April issue of Parish News. Ian is now out of hospital. Ed.



## Chamber Choir

Conductor - Mike Daniels  
Organ - Steven Hollas

### DURUFLÉ REQUIEM

#### French Music from Five Centuries

Fauré - Cantique de Jean Racine  
Choir and organ music by  
Janequin, Lassus, Franck, Poulenc

**Saturday 10 May 7.30pm**  
**St Nicholas' Church, Winsley**

Tickets - £7 from Choir Members or call 07779 347962.  
Also from TIC in Bradford on Avon or on the door if still available.



*...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching  
a Gospel of Simplicity'...*

## Do you remember 'Dropsies' & 'Flicks'.

I wonder how many of our readers are old enough to remember when cigarette cards 'ruled' in the British school playgrounds. As well as I can remember, the craze of 'Dropsies' and 'Flicks' must have started in the mid to late 1950s. It probably started with boys bringing their cigarette cards to school to swap.

These cards would have been saved up by their fathers before WW2, as cards in cigarette packets were not commonly found after the war.

Cards still came with bubble gum and sweet cigarettes as well as some comics but in the playground these were treated as second rate. From the card swapping came the games, starting with 'Dropsies'. One boy would place a card on the ground and in turn the boys would stand over the card and let fall one of his cards, aiming to partly cover the target. The first person to do so, won the cards on the ground (with the exception of the target card). This was a game that seemed to be played only in pairs, although there was no reason why three or four should not share a game.



After a while, the progress in winning cards seemed rather slow and so the odds had to be changed so that more cards would be on the ground when the winning card landed. This led to the invention of 'Flicks' which seemed to totally replace 'Dropsies' at our school.

For 'Flicks', the card would be placed some distance from the players and cards would be flicked at it by the players in turn. Sometimes cards were flying so fast it was difficult to keep track of whose turn it was, such was the rush to hit the target. The further away the target, the more exciting the game became.

There were two methods of flicking cards. The most

common was to place the card between the first two fingers of the throwing hand and release it so that it spun in a horizontal plane. The other was to hold it on the top of your pack with your thumb and do a finger flick with the other hand. Well practised, this would give a more controlled flight. A third method was used if the target was sufficiently near. This involved holding the card between finger and thumb and throwing it flat without spinning it. It worked well with heavy cards. It soon became obvious that success depended on the thickness of the

card and so in came the heavy 'fighting' cards and the 'swapsies' rule. It was discovered that certain pre-WW1 cards were particularly thick and could be thrown more accurately. These became your knights which led your assault. However, they were not easy to obtain and I have known them to change hands in the playground for 100 or more ordinary cards. With these in your arsenal you would quickly rebuild your stock of 'spares'. The two most popular cards at our school were known as 'Maps' and 'Earls' and you could hear them land, they were so heavy. I still have six of mine and they look well used! You could not afford to lose your fighting cards and so, by calling 'swaps' before the game started, you had the right to swap any of your used cards, if the opponent won. 'Spares' were thin cards from the 1930s, or from sweet cigarettes and bubble gum and you always had plenty with you with which to swap.

After a while the Maps (the favourites) and Earls became more readily available as Players started reprinting some of their early sets to meet a growing need from collectors – and schoolboys like us. The correct name of 'Maps' was 'Counties & Their Industries', first introduced in 1914, and that of 'Earls' was 'Country Seats

and Arms' and these dated from 1909. When sets of both these series came up on e-bay recently, I had to have them!

When and how the craze died out I cannot remember, but suddenly it was over. Perhaps the headmaster eventually banned it, but it left me a significant memory from my childhood. Can anybody else remember this?

### *Tips for New Players*

1. Don't forget to call 'swaps' before the start of the game or else you will lose your best throwing cards.
2. Check that the cards you are given as swaps are not damaged.
3. Refuse trade cards (non-cigarette) as swaps unless on the basis of two for one.
4. Make sure there are plenty of witnesses around to see fair play.

Patrick Elliot, from *The Collectors' Gazette*, February 2008

Provided by David Rawstron

Are you a collector? Why not tell us about your special interest? Ed.

## for prayer in may

We pray:

- for the forthcoming Lambeth Conference in July
- for our local business community
- for 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Salisbury Cathedral
- for our church stewards
- for all those visiting our church this summer

### Interfaith Group Meeting

#### Hinduism

On 20<sup>th</sup> May, in Bradford on Avon Library,  
from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Refreshments will be served after the talk.

### Saxon Club Programme May 2008

*We meet in the Church Hall at 2 pm on Tuesdays.  
You are very welcome to join us.*

- May 6th: Kashmir - Ann Holland  
13th: Farm Visit - tbc  
20th: Bogus Callers - Laura Dickenson - CPSO.  
27th: Tai Chi - Sue Platt

Flower Festival - Salisbury Cathedral - June 17th:

There are only 10 places left for this opportunity to see some marvellous floral displays in the Cathedral. Do get your name down quickly on the list at the crossing to avoid disappointment.

# Quick Crossword: Bible version is the NIV

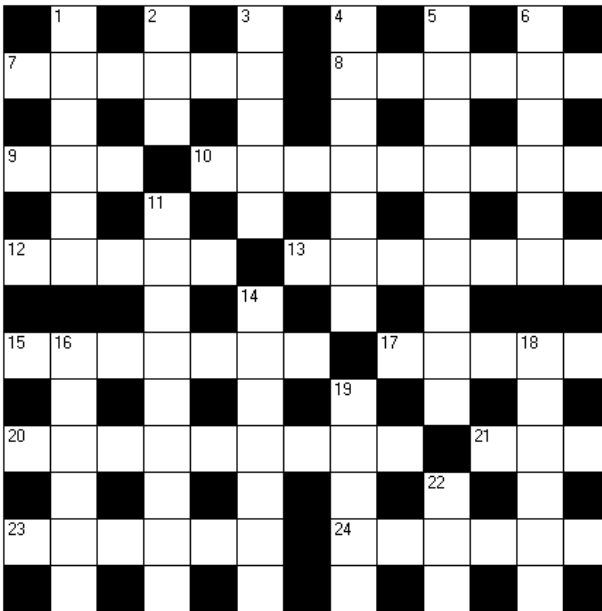
## Clues across

Across

- 7 Fortifies building (6)
- 8 Moaning livestock in Joel ch. 1 (6)
- 9 Abijah's successor as king of Judah in 1 Kings ch. 15 (3)
- 10 Seventh Sunday after Easter (9)
- 12 Writer of 2 NT epistles (5)
- 13 .. their duties for seven-day \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Chr 9.25) (7)
- 15 Water shortage mentioned in Jeremiah ch. 2 (7)
- 17 Once more (5)
- 20 Badgering (9)
- 21 Strange (3)
- 23 Show (6)
- 24 Who \_\_\_\_\_ his ropes? (Job 39.5) (6)

## Clues down

- 1 Member of an Indian Zoroastrian sect (6)
- 2 Pig's home (3)
- 3 Precious stone on a necklace in Song ch. 4 (5)
- 4 ..strip off its leaves and \_\_\_\_\_ its fruit (Dan 4.14) (7)
- 5 Hosiery (9)
- 6 Shut, like certain ears in Jeremiah ch. 6 (6)
- 11 City beseiged by Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel ch. 1 (9)
- 14 Thorny Lebanese plant in 2 Kings ch. 14 (7)
- 16 Person with a sickle in Jeremiah ch. 50 (6)
- 18 Certainly (6)
- 19 Proverbs ch. 11 compares a beautiful woman who shows no discretion to a gold ring in this part of a pig (5)
- 22 ..and he \_\_\_\_ locusts (Mark 1.6) (3)



Solutions on page 10.

Source: Parish Pump

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### BRADFORD GROUP MINISTRY

This comprises the three benefices of Holy Trinity, Christ Church with Westwood and Wingfield, and Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall and Winsley. The clergy meet regularly for prayer and shared planning, and there is an informal Group Council consisting of the licensed clergy and churchwardens, with Readers. The Group was established in 1975.

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