

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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(Check Bulletins and notices or Church web site)

Sundays 8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Sung Eucharist (coffee after)
6 pm Evensong, Compline etc

Holy Communion 10 am Wednesdays
(weekdays) 8 am Fridays

Times of Meetings

Choir Practice 6.30 pm Church, Tuesdays
Junior Church 9.30 am Church Hall (1st Sunday of the
month)
Mothers' Union 7.30 pm Church Hall, (usually) 3rd Thursday
Bell Practice 7.30–9 pm 2nd and 4th Mondays

Holy Trinity Web-site www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk
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Weekly Bulletin

Notices to the Parish Administrator not later than
Sunday for the following Sunday.

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

FROM THE VICAR

We're used to scientists casually throwing numbers at us with huge numbers of noughts after them, though they sensibly tend to talk of 'ten to the power of...'. Although we can't get our heads round the numbers, it makes no immediate difference. The infinitely large and the infinitely small tend to function predictably in a familiar world, and we're simply impressed by the minds that can encompass these things.

But when it's a question of pounds, euros, dollars or yen, and the security of our jobs, pensions and investments are threatened, it's a different story. We still can't get our heads round the billions and trillions so frequently mentioned. We can't do anything about it ourselves. But we feel tremendously threatened by the constant drip-feed of dismal news, angry with those whose job it was to deal with these enormous sums, and frustrated and helpless.

And, if we're realistic about it, it's no use just blaming the bankers. We've all of us participated in a credit-fuelled, house-price inflation-fuelled boom which has now led to a spectacular bust. And the financial operators, whose lack of caution, understanding or both have helped to bring about the crisis, have, to some extent, been responding to the dictates of the system in which they have had to operate, and which has rewarded them extravagantly for so doing.

There is a constant tendency today, in a world of global communications and markets, for companies and institutions to seek to grow beyond their effective span of control. It's one of the things our stock market seems almost to demand. It's impossible for human institutions to achieve the personal oversight of the small and local with the economies of scale of the large and centralised. It is, however, one of the paradoxical truths affirmed by the Christian picture of God.

We believe in him as the source of everything that is, as the sufficient cause of this immense and complex universe. But we also believe in him as the One who is always fully present, at every point of space and time.

So it is possible fully to believe in a Creator (though not denying the insights of Darwin, Mendel and their followers). And it is possible, at the same time, to believe in a God who enters into a personal relationship with us. We have no need to be swamped by numbers or complexity. God isn't. He loves each of us, personally *and* infinitely.

Bill Matthews

DIARY FOR MAY



1 Friday	8 am	Philip & James, Apostles	
3 SUNDAY		EASTER 4	
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	6 pm	Compline	
8 Friday	8 am	Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer	
10 SUNDAY		EASTER 5 (<i>Christian Aid Week begins</i>)	
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	6 pm	Evensong at Christ Church	
13 Wednesday	7 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary Tory
	7.35 pm	Parochial Church Council	St Mary Tory
17 SUNDAY		EASTER 6	
	9.30 am	Family Communion	
	6 pm	Compline	
20 Wednesday	10 am	Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours	
21 Thursday		Ascension Day	
	7 am	Holy Communion	St Mary Tory
	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	Church
		'What's important to you'	Church Hall
24 SUNDAY		EASTER 7	
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	6 pm	Sung Evensong	
31 SUNDAY		PENTECOST	
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	6 pm	Songs of Praise	

*Holy Communion is usually at 8 am each Sunday
Copy Date for June is 17th May*

HOLY TRINITY MOTHERS' UNION

At the end of our Deanery meeting in March, Ann Morland, our Deanery chairman, announced that Marlene Haffenden had agreed to become chairman at the end of this year. After a Quiet Afternoon at the beginning of April, Ann gave out some notices, and I thought she was going to announce this fact, when, instead, she said that I had completed 50 years as a member and presented me with my 50-year Membership certificates, one signed by Rosemary Kempson, our Worldwide President, and one signed by Bridget Trump, our Diocesan President.

We welcomed four members from Christ Church to our April meeting. We had a good many notices at the start – so many things going on in the diocese and deanery! There'll be a Knit & Natter afternoon on 11th May for which we need DK wool and no. 8 needles. If anyone has any of these to spare, please contact me. We are trying to make blanket squares for Gambia which will be taken out there by a diocesan member's daughter. My apologies for May 21st, when, having asked Bill to celebrate Ascension Day for us in the evening, I then booked a few days away for Gerald & me to celebrate our 54th anniversary!! I have apologised to Bill, and Marlene is quite happy to take the DIY evening afterwards.

Our outing has had to be changed from July to June for various reasons. We are going to have a tour of Sherborne Abbey then go on to Weymouth for tea with Chickereil MU and a service in their church led by the Rev Richard Press, a former curate of Holy Trinity.

In July, the Worldwide President is spending four days in our diocese, one of them at St John's, Studley, where we shall have Worship, workshops, and talks with her before a shared lunch. It will be great to meet and talk with her and we are very lucky to have this opportunity. We are also going to a Diocesan service in the magnificent church in Wilton two days later, where she will be speaking again, and where our gifts for the Salisbury Women's Refuge and the Family Holiday in Exmouth will be presented. If anyone has any single sheets and duvet covers, beach towels, or toiletries that are superfluous, please let me have them, so that they can be used in this way.

We then welcomed June Fleming from the Hope Nature Centre at Southwick, who told us how she had been inspired to start the centre to provide jobs for disabled youngsters for whom no provision is made in the 'system'. We learnt how she'd fought for a 15-acre piece of land at Southwick, had it revoked, and then fought again for the fund-raising which has put it all together and which still goes on. She was so amusing, but we could tell she'd had a hard battle. People are now thoroughly enjoying the fruits of her labours, in the park, in the animal centre and in the café, which is very successful. Isabel Douglas had suggested we ask her and said what a good job she was doing; she also suggested that we ask Christ Church to join us. Thank you for that Isabel, I'm sure you enjoyed it too!

Our next meeting, as I said, is on Ascension Day, when those not wanting to get up to St Mary Tory for the 7am celebration might like to join the branch in our church at 7.30 pm. You will be very welcome.

Chris Hodge

Junior Church News

On Palm Sunday Junior Church joined the rest of the congregation at the Saxon Church for the start of the service. We went down to church carrying the banner, after which we went to the Church Hall to have a story and learn about Jesus's last days on earth. We made a lovely collage of Jesus entering Jerusalem

GROWING



LEARNING



Palm Sunday procession

on a colt with crowds waving palms. Perhaps you have noticed our art work on the Junior Church notice board in church? If not take a look; the children worked really hard! What a lovely event the Good Friday Workshop was this year (with a difference!). We changed the Workshop to the morning at 10.30am and invited all who wanted to come and help. This is usually just for the children but we thought that others might like to see and take part in making the Easter Garden. We had a good crowd with Sue on the Art table, Celia giving her advice of past

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Making the Easter garden



The Easter garden in church

experiences of making the garden and making tea and drinks, David buttering the hot cross buns and me (Alison) telling the story of the last supper and the betrayal of Jesus. We all had a very busy time before we took the garden over to Church ready for the blessing on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all those who helped

Alison Cook



The Easter Sunday egg hunt

Photos: David Milne and Alison Cook

● FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

22.3 Jessica Frances Gunning

Funerals

18.3 David Pinder (*correction*)

25.3 Laurence Tucker

for prayer in may

We pray for:

- ◆ **Our new Parochial Church Council**
- ◆ **The life and worship of our Church**
- ◆ **Those visiting our Churches over the coming months**
- ◆ **Jean and Bill**

a funny thing happened...

Beryl Cox and I were stewarding this week, and had put up one kneeler on each of the pews at the front of the church, when quite a large family arrived. Parents still live in Canada, younger daughter in Bath, elder daughter, with her husband and daughter from Berne, Switzerland.

The little girl was delightful, she had on such a pretty dress, and she was displaying it well! She went down to the chancel, followed by mum, and mum came back holding the hassock of the Keys of the Kingdom, which I had made for Peter Potter, a curate in our church in the 1980s. She said she had noticed that the wording on the back said that it was a Rev Peter M Potter, and he'd been ordained priest in Holy Trinity. (How she had managed to pick that out by chance, I shall never know!) She wanted to know if it could possibly be the same Peter Potter that was chaplain to her church in Berne, St. Ursula's, and for whom she worked as a part-time secretary. Beryl asked her what was his wife's name, and it was Shareen, and she was soon updating us on their family.

Martin now lives in Scotland, and is awaiting the arrival of a fourth child; Aidan is now married and settled in Ireland, and in touch with the family once more; Dominic is also married and living abroad (my memory!) and they've just had a second child. It was lovely to hear about them all, and she was absolutely thrilled to be going back and telling Peter about her talk with us, having taken a photo of us, and of the hassock to take with her.

This world of ours gets smaller and smaller!

Chris Hodge

Crossword solutions

Leinster, 14 Atheism, 16 Waters, 19 Milne, 20 Taxi
1 Cured, 2 Nave, 3 Calver, 4 Egyptian, 5 Courage, 6 Earthquake, 9 Sinfulness, 12

Down

Athenian, 18 Amen, 21 Elliot, 22 Enables, 23 Impressive
1 Conscience, 7 Arrival, 8 Yours, 10 Tidy, 11 Restrain, 13 Quaker, 15 Gateau, 17

Across

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th – 16th MAY 2009

THIRTEEN MILLION red envelopes, 300,000 volunteers, thousands of sponsorship events, and 1,500 Quizaid quizzes can only mean one thing – Christian Aid Week, which this year takes place from 10th – 16th May. Launched in 1957, Christian Aid Week is famous for the distinctive red envelope dropping through millions of letterboxes. Last year an amazing £14.7 million was raised to fund work with some of the world's poorest communities. Here briefly are a few of the countries and situations that Christian Aid has been involved with.

Zimbabwe: partners help fight against cholera.

The cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe shows no sign of abating. At the time of going to press, the World Health Organisation said more than 65,000 people have been infected, with more than 3,300 deaths recorded since the epidemic broke out in August 2008. All Christian Aid partners are responding either through their own programmes or through the UN system. They are distributing water purification tablets and conducting hygiene campaigns.

Malawi: clinic responds to hunger crisis

Support from Christian Aid has helped a clinic in Malawi to open a new ward to cope with a two per cent rise in the number of malnourished children coming through its doors.

In a country where, on average, one in five children under five is malnourished, Christian Aid partner, The Baptist Clinic, saw the number of cases diagnosed through their nutrition clinic for the under-fives hit a peak of 69 in January following disastrous harvests caused by heavy rains and fierce heat which destroyed the crops.

Front Line: Gaza

In the midst of the crisis, Christian Aid partner organisations were running ambulances and clinics. As soon as the ceasefire provided safe access, they stepped up the response, delivering food, blankets, medicines and other essential supplies.

But the message from the ground is clear: this emergency is not over. More than 14,000 homes have been totally or partially destroyed, tens of thousands are homeless, and the Gazan civilian population is coping with trauma and fear. Christian Aid partners continue to be a voice of hope in the darkness. While they have suffered immensely themselves, they are offering physical and psychological support to the most vulnerable and affected.

Burma: looking to the future

Nearly one year on from Cyclone Nargis, which hit Burma in May last year, Christian Aid partners are continuing to support hundreds of thousands of people in the Irrawaddy delta. Partners are focusing on recovery and rehabilitation work, and helping people to look to the future.

The next few months of the dry season will be difficult as people struggle to find clean drinking water. The water level in many of the affected areas is very low, in spite of efforts to harvest rainwater, and

some ponds are still contaminated. One grandmother, 49, who lives in a remote village in the delta explained. "We only have one pot of drinking rainwater left and the two small ponds in the village may be contaminated by salt water." Christian Aid's partners are providing water filters and the material to harvest rainwater, and are also assisting with cleaning out ponds and building wells.

Bihar: and the waters receded

Six months ago, as reported in the Christian Aid News, the Kosi river broke through its embankments and flooded a huge area of north India, forcing millions to leave their homes. Only in January was the Bihar government finally able to divert the river back to its old course. But the devastation caused by the river shifting 120km eastwards has meant that thousands of people are still vulnerable.

Our three partners in Bihar – Churches Auxiliary for Social Action, Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) and JUDAV – have finished relief work and are now planning for much-needed rehabilitation work.

Congo: appeal brings relief to displaced families.

Christian aid partners responded quickly last autumn when renewed fighting broke out in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) between government forces and rebel militias.

Christian Aid is working with four local partners to reach more than 9,000 families. CBCA is distributing food, clothing soap, cooking utensils and medicine to displaced people staying in churches, schools and public buildings, and to host families who have taken in some of the displaced. CBCA will also fund a centre for unaccompanied children, after the church found 128 children who had been separated from their parents in the chaos of the fighting. This will provide a refuge for the children until relatives can be traced.

Sri Lanka:

Emergency aid as thousands flee fighting. Christian aid partner organisations in Sri Lanka report that tens of thousands of civilians fleeing the fighting in the north of the island are in desperate need of humanitarian aid.

Fighting has intensified between government troops and the ethnic separatist group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). An estimated 230,000 civilians are trapped by the fighting and forced into an ever-shrinking corner in the northeast without adequate access to food and shelter.

The UN says that hundreds of civilians have been killed in the past weeks, reports that are denied by the government of Sri Lanka. The lack of access by media and independent monitors has prevented verification of these claims.

Christian Aid partners are working in the areas worst affected by the fighting. Robin Greenwood, Christian Aid's head of Asia division, said "It is

vital to protect civilians from immediate harm. But it is as important to ensure rights to a dignified life and a decent livelihood in the long run.”

Bolivia:

The poorest country in Latin America, provides clear evidence of the difference that fairer taxation of multinational companies can make to vulnerable people's lives.

Most people in Bolivia are poor, in spite of the country having incredibly valuable oil and gas resources. In 2003, massive popular protests began calling on the government to use these resources to address Bolivia's poverty, with Christian Aid partners among those campaigning for change.

Paul Brannen, Christian Aid's head of campaigns, says, "It's remarkable but not surprising that revenue from fairer taxation can cut anaemia in poor school-children to a fraction of what it was in the space of just three years. This will increase their capacity for learning, which should enhance Bolivia's long-term capacity for developing. By joining us in our new campaign for the Big Tax Return, you can make a difference to poor individuals' and poor countries' ability to change their own path.

Christian Aid currently supports 11 partners in Bolivia, working across a range of issues, including tax, secure livelihoods, climate change, and human rights, spending £646,000 in the year 2008-09.

Christian Aid has campaigned vociferously on climate change for the past two years. Our concern is that vulnerable communities in poorer countries, which have little or no responsibility for carbon pollution, already bear the brunt of its impact. This includes drought, flooding, rising sea levels, a greater incidence of extreme weather such as hurricanes and a higher prevalence of disease affecting humans, livestock and crops.

Ann Holland: information supplied by Jonquil Burgess

Religion

The farmer told the minister that he had 'got religion'.

"Good, and about time, too" said the minister. "Are you going to stop sinning now?"

"Yes indeed," said the farmer. "I am through with sin."

"And are you going to pay up all your debts?" pressed the minister.

"Now wait a minute," said the farmer. "You aren't talking religion, you are talking business now."

Street Market

**WESTBURY GARDENS
BRADFORD ON AVON**

Saturday 4th July,

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

**Crafts
Collectables
Books
Plants
Toys
Home Baking
Bric a Brac**



*Punch & Judy & Magic Show
Morning only*



*Jazz Band
Afternoon only*

***Morning Coffee
Light Lunches
Raffles
Local Interest
Entertainment
Much More.....***

Organised by Holy Trinity Church

BRADFORD ON AVON STREET MARKET, Westbury Gardens, Saturday 4th July 2009.

Here we go again — Colin, John and Stephanie, bringing you the 2009 Holy Trinity Street Market! It seems early to be thinking about activities in July, but the weeks seem to rush along and the 4th July will be here before we know it.

Colin, John and I are once again taking responsibility for different areas of the Street Market, so if you have any questions, items to donate, or want 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)**

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*The Vicar and Treasurer
discuss finances*

The popular Church stalls will be the same as last 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, 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 shall do our best to store them for you.



The bric-à-brac stall

We shall be promoting Holy Trinity Church with banners on each of our Church stalls. The Friends of Holy Trinity will also be taking a space to make full use of this great opportunity for outreach into our community

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 2nd and Friday 3rd July, to accept your donations; more information next month.

This year we shall be setting aside an area of tables for “Young Entrepreneurs” — that is young people under 18 who have things that they would like to sell — the charge will be £5.00 per (6ft x 3ft) table. Budding Sir Alan Sugars must provide their own tables and there would be no objection to, two or more sharing one table. Bookings enquiries to John Cox (jandbcox@hotmail.com).



The refreshments stall

Several years ago the Street Market had a Face Painter, which proved quite popular with the children. Does anyone know of a local Face Painter, or could give us some contact information?

Church Stalls 2009

Bottle Tombola

Bottles, bottles and bottles, 100s of bottles!

Michael O’Connell

Books

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

Margaret Morris

Grand Draw

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

Anthony and Kathryn Swift

Pantry (Cakes and Preserves)

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

Chris Hodge and the Mothers Union

Plants and Garden

A good time to take cuttings

Colin Johnston

Quality Bric-à-brac, China & Collectables

A most popular stall for our discerning customers.
Please ensure that contributions are in reasonable condition and are saleable items.

Tony Haffenden, John Cox & Vic Holden

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

Saxon Club

Unwanted Christmas or birthday gifts, or new items

Angela Onions

Teas and Refreshments

Plenty of cakes and tray bakes will be needed

Anne Carter and Joan Finch

Toys

To suit children of all ages

Alison Cook and Sunday School

Last year, a magnificent **£3,619.52** was raised, I wonder if we can do even better this year?

Stephanie Moorfoot

Interfaith Group meeting on Racial Discrimination, March 15th

West Wiltshire Interfaith Group organised this event to observe the UN date to eliminate racial discrimination from the world. As always our event was for all the family and there were activities for children in the main hall and a talk on Institutional Racism in the lounge at the Melksham Assembly Hall.

Inspector Ron Peach gave a talk on Institutional Racism and our guests Mohammad Ali, a Muslim; Tom Hill, a Christian; and Rex Webb from Wiltshire Fire & Rescue services led the discussion and joined in answering questions from a very lively audience.

It was clear there are correct policies & procedures in place across organisations and appropriate training is given to staff. This is certainly true of the Wiltshire Constabulary and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue services as our guests were able to confirm. A concern was expressed there are not enough staff in these services from minority groups. One way of removing prejudices would be to work in an organisation and bring about change from within through interaction and education, and by challenging all that may seem racist to minorities but perhaps not to the institutions themselves.

Mohammad Ali of the Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations suggested we should make friends with our neighbours and organise barbecues *etc.* to interact to build good friendships. There was consensus that racism has not been removed. The best course of action is to make efforts to interact and build good friendships with all diverse communities and seek employment with organisations to which, perhaps, minorities are not attracted.

The West Wiltshire Interfaith Group would like to thank all other groups (CAB, Wiltshire Wildlife, Wiltshire Racial Equality Council) who supported the event. Those who attended the event came from diverse backgrounds including Bangladeshi, Turkish, Iranian, Indian, Pakistani, Afro Caribbean as well as the mainstream population.

Refreshments were served at the end of the talk and many people stayed behind to talk and discuss the issues raised.

The Group would like to thank Tesco's of Trowbridge for donating food.

Farzana Saker

An Event in aid of the Salisbury Medical Link

The Bishop's Garden, 71, the Close, Salisbury
on Sunday 14th June, 2-5pm.

Teas by the river, Amesbury Town Band, Strawberries and cream,
Games and competitions, Books, Plants, Pony rides.
Admission Adults £1, children 50p.

ARE YOU LOSING YOUR MARBLES?

As with all pastimes, often the simplest is the best and standing the test of time is the skilful game of marbles. Played by children and adults alike, these small balls have given hours of fun and been seen in many guises.

Dating back to cave-dwelling early man, marbles in the form of small pebbles or clay balls have been found in the tombs and pyramids of Ancient Egyptians and also on Native American burial grounds. Taking their name from the materials from which they were once made, marbles have also been crafted from metal, glass, ceramics and agates.

A German glassblower produced a mould for making marbles in 1848 which he

named the Marble Scissors. This principle was adapted into the first machine production of its type in 1890, spreading rapidly from Germany to the US later in the same year.

Giving your best shot...

Depending on where you live different names are given to the various sized marbles. Those in use by the player were called Shooters or Taws and needed to be between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter. Alleys – short for alabaster – was the term given to the best examples whereas a Kimmie or Mib describes one of the

13 marbles placed in a ring at the start of the game.

Aggies were made out of agate or glass with Bombsies used for dropping on the target marble and Keepsies – everyone's favourite – were those allowed to be kept by the winner at the end of a game.

Although versions of play varied considerably, the main aim was to flick or roll your marble and to hit your opponent's. To decide who went first, a process called 'lagging'

took place where each player tried to get his marble closest to a target line – the winner gets the first shot.

During the Victorian era, to increase the desire to win glass-blown marbles took on a more



elaborate appearance. From self-coloured speckled balls to those incorporating a colourful twist which, if collected today, can fetch between £2 and several hundred pounds depending on condition, size and rarity. The variety of examples was endless.

Supply needed to meet demand so Martin F Christensen invented the next marble-making machine in 1902 which included an automatic process where glass imitations were manufactured faster than his rivals. Sadly, his company closed in 1917

owing to a harsh winter and shortage of natural gas to power the machines. His contemporaries opened their own ventures selling marbles at department stores with the Akro Agate Company going on to become the largest marble producer in the world.

Going it alone...

The game of Solitaire took these little works of art one step further. Traditionally played on a round board with a crossed grid of sunken holes in which to place the marbles, patience and skill were required when passing one marble over another, removing the previous one. The goal was to repeat the process whilst aiming for a 'solitary' marble to be left in the centre.

Over the years, these games have been produced in many materials, including glass, Bakelite, and other plastics, but it is the Victorian marbles with wooden boards which are the most collectable. Excellent condition of the board together with a

full set of marbles greatly increases their value.

Interesting information

The first book on marbles was published in 1815 which included the rules for the game.

Every year in Crawley, West Sussex, the World Marbles Championship is held — a tradition started in the reign of Elizabeth I. Played with 49 marbles in a ring, there is an opportunity of winning with every shot made.

Kath Jones

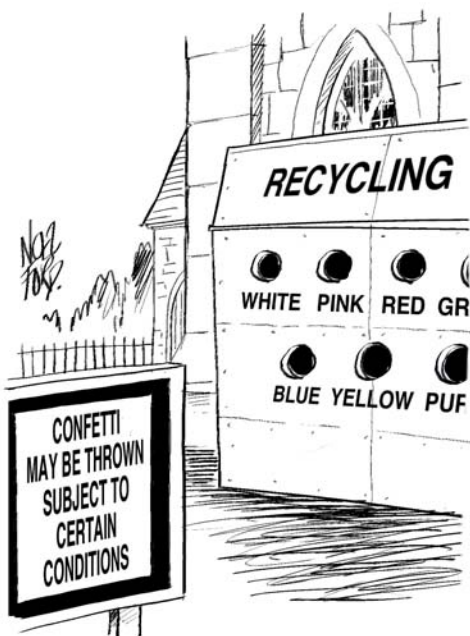
This article originally appeared in The Collectors' Gazette, February 2008

Provided by David Rawstron

First friend: "My sister had a new baby this morning."

Second friend: "That's great! A boy or a girl?"

First friend: "Well, of course. What else could it be?"



Bradford on Avon Business Service, 29th March 2009

The BoA Business Celebration service went well, even though poorly attended. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Tourist Information Centre and the Town Council all spoke and the general mood was one of optimism that the town could weather the current financial storm. We learnt of a number of new initiatives that had started in the town this year and also of events to come. Gerald Milward-Oliver, Economic Development Consultant to the Town Council, was the last to speak and his contribution is printed below. After the service we mingled over wine and soft drinks and everyone present thought that the service was a good idea and should be an annual event.

Graham Dove, Lay Minister

Address by Gerald Milward-Oliver

I'd like to share some thoughts with you on the wider economic perspective and on the future.

We in the West have been privileged to enjoy unprecedented riches over the past 60 years. But now we know that the model is broken. Our pursuit of material gain is denuding the earth of its resources. The financial system is in tatters. We can no longer subsist on debt. And the shadow of climate change is moving ever closer. In the words of the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, at yesterday's demonstration in London, can we find a way of rebuilding a society that is committed to tackling poverty, injustice and climate change, with the aim of creating a brighter future for the many and not just the few?

I am by nature an optimist. I believe in humankind's capacity to learn and change. And it has become clear that our world is at an inflection point — a moment in time caused by an event that changes the way we think and act.

Think of it as a cross-roads. Do we try and go back to where we were? Or

do we choose a new path, a fairer, more sustainable form of capitalism?

Just last week, a key big-business organisation and a human rights NGO issued the Ubuntu Declaration for a Just and Sustainable World Economy. Ubuntu is a way of thinking that permeates all of Africa south of the Sahara. It addresses the fact that we're all interconnected, that the identity of each person is bound with others in a community of all. "I am what I am because of who we all are." When some of the world's largest companies are taking their lessons from Africa, you can be sure that change is in the air.

So what has all this do to with Bradford on Avon?

Well, Bradford on Avon has a pedigree as an industrial working town going back more than 750 years. During that time, the town has repeatedly had to reinvent itself in response to externally driven adversity. We even had our own home-grown bank failure in the 1840s.

Today we're at our own inflection point, our own moment of reinvention.

I'm not suggesting, of course, any degree of immunity from global problems. But there is the outline of a local antidote to the challenges we all face.

A new economic strategy for the town is evolving, based around the three pillars of sustainability — economic, environmental and social — and building on some of the inherent strengths we already have as a community: a long history of pioneering in the field of engineering, a strong connection to the environmental sector, a broad variety of businesses involved in design and other creative professional services, and a commitment to fair trade, with people, not profit, at the heart of our concerns. With a stronger balance between local employment and residential communities, our retail sector will have greater and broader opportunities.

Three general pointers to what's happening...

First, there's acceptance by the planning authority that Bradford on Avon is a working town, not a dormitory town, and that we need a critical mass of employment space to encourage more people to live – and work locally. I hope soon to see that principle embedded in planning policy that will take us through to the 2020s.

Second, after 15 years' delay, work has finally started on the Kingston Mills site, and I remain confident that construction will begin this year.

Third, the Priority for People action groups are getting under way to create a safer community; a connected community; a town centre that puts people before traffic and provides a more coherent public realm; and to plan for the longer term.

We're celebrating today the success of the town's retailers and other businesses in weathering a long, cold winter.

However, we're also emerging from a longer, darker winter that has seen the potential for this town constrained and blighted. The rebirth of the Chamber of Commerce is one crucial part of a new dynamic that is set to make our town look and feel very different over the next three to four years.

It's not a question of going back to business as usual. But it does offer a future full of a vitality created by new opportunities. There is a new determination in our town to build a thriving, working community built on firm, principled and sustainable foundations.

The next few months will undoubtedly test everyone's resilience further. But it's our future. And, in the words of Ghandi, it's up to us to be the change that we want to see in the world. Thank you.

Gerald Milward-Oliver
Economic Development Consultant,
BoA Town Council

Smart

Ben, aged five, was getting ready to move up a class at school. He was happy, but puzzled. "Mum," he said, "I don't understand why my teacher doesn't move up, too. She knows almost as much as I do."

PROBLEMS

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE ONE WHILST IN CHURCH

- ① SUMMON A SIDESPERSON. THEY HAVE FULL ACCESS TO A WIDE RANGE OF HYMN BOOKS AND OTHER SERVICE MATERIAL- THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN 95% OF CASES



IF MORE SPECIALIST HELP IS REQUIRED A CHURCHWARDEN OR MEMBER OF THE CLERGY SHOULD BE SOUGHT. BOTH CARRY LARGE BUNCHES OF KEYS THAT UNLOCK ALL SORTS OF THINGS



- ③ IN THE HIGHLY UNLIKELY EVENT THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO FIND HELP LOCALLY YOU CAN CONSULT A BISHOP. THEY HAVE GREAT EXPERIENCE AND QUITE A LOT OF BOOKS



IF ALL ELSE FAILS I SUGGEST GIVING THE ARCHBISHOP A CALL. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT HE IS TERRIBLY BUSY, SO CAN ONLY ANSWER THE TELEPHONE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS



The Dave Walker Guide to the Church
Supplied by Jonquil Burgess

Singing with Confidence

13th -14th June 2009, Sarum College, Salisbury, with Ruth Lamdin

Whether you only sing on your own in order to avoid criticism, or in a choir, or in the pub but hope you won't stand out, this weekend is for you. Singing, like writing or playing tennis, is as much a matter of skill as anything else. The more we understand how our voices work and practise good vocal technique, the more confident we will become.

During the weekend we shall exercise all the parts of us that contribute to good singing. Above all, we shall have fun singing together. The weekend begins at 10am on Saturday morning and ends with lunch on Sunday. There will be four sessions on Saturday and two on Sunday morning. The course will be held at Sarum College in the idyllic setting of Salisbury Cathedral Close, and there will be some free time on Saturday afternoon to explore the locality.

Fee: £80 non-residential; from £125 residential (standard room)

For details, visit our website www.sarum.ac.uk

Wiltshire Butterflies – April 2009

We have recently experienced some warm, sunny days after the coldest winter for a decade and the butterfly season is now, as I write, well and truly underway. So far, the following nine species have all been reported from various parts of the county – **Brimstone, Small White, Green-veined White, Orange-tip, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Comma** and **Speckled Wood**. I hope some of you have seen at least one or two of these. By the time of my next article, probably another six species will have emerged from their chrysalides and be seen on the wing.



Male Orange Tip butterfly. source: Flickr

I was away for the whole of March and on my return I visited the wood I monitor at Heywood, near Westbury, on 2nd April – a gloriously warm, sunny, calm day. I counted 2 male Brimstones, 1 male Green-veined White, 19 Commas and 15 Peacocks – all enjoying the ideal weather conditions and displaying their courtship behaviour along the warm, sheltered woodland rides – a beautiful welcome-home experience. Most Commas and Peacocks probably hibernate in woodlands and are certainly seen there most commonly in the early spring, feeding on the willow (pussy-willow) catkins and early woodland flowers such as primrose, wood anemone, bluebell and bugle. It is usually later in the year before they come to feed from our garden flowers.

Thank you to those of you who have sent me your sightings – much appreciated.

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Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder

The Alabaré Drop In Centre

12a – 13 Duke Street, Trowbridge
Open Mon, Tues, Thurs 10am to 1.30pm

The Trowbridge Drop-in Centre is in need of tinned fish, meat, beans, other vegetables and soup. If you would like to contribute some of these items, please ring the Centre on 01225 776606.

BRADFORD CHORAL

'Judas Maccabaeus'

Bradford Choral's main concert this year is a performance of Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus* on **May 16th at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church**. One of Handel's most enduring and popular oratorios, the work was composed in a mere 32 days in 1746 and first performed at Covent Garden the following year. Handel presented the oratorio six times during its first season and about 40 times before his death 12 years later, conducting it 30 times himself.

It is, in fact, a highly political composition, celebrating the Duke of Cumberland's victory over the Scottish rebels at Culloden *via* the story of the Maccabean revolt in Judaea in the second century BC.

The audience, however, can forget the nuances of politics and the vagaries of ancient history. The familiar melodies, high drama and powerful choruses speak for themselves and provide a rich and varied musical feast. With professional soloists, and a narrator to help unravel the plot-line, Bradford Choral's performance is an occasion not to be missed...

This ambitious presentation has been generously sponsored by Bradford on Avon Arts Association. Tickets at £8.00 can be obtained from members, from *Ex Libris*, or on the door.

Megan Jones



Songs for Spring

Cantamus Choir: Conductor - Mike Daniels; Organ - Steven Hollas

Winsley's parish church provides the perfect setting for an evening of *Songs for Spring* by local chamber choir Cantamus. The choir will sing a varied programme, including Moeran's *Songs of Springtime*, Tippett's *Negro Spirituals*, Parry's *I Was Glad* and Mendelssohn's *O for the wings of a dove*.

Also Steven Hollas plays organ pieces by Mendelssohn.

Saturday 9 May 7.30pm, St Nicholas's Church, Winsley

Tickets - £7 on the door, or call 07779 347962

SAINTS CORNER

May 2nd: Athanasius (296-373)

This is the name behind the Athanasian Creed. Athanasius was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, studied in the Christian school there and entered the ministry. He was twenty-nine years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325.

Although Athanasius could not take part in the Council's debates because he was a deacon and not a bishop, Alexander consulted him on the meaning of biblical texts and theological distinctions. With Emperor Constantine sitting as President, three hundred bishops argued about the Person of Christ. How is he the Son of God? Is he God or man or both together? Did he exist before he was born? If we worship him does that mean we are worshipping two Gods?

The young Athanasius saw that some bishops wanted to impose the teaching of Arius on the Church. Arius was a popular preacher in Alexandria who taught that Christ was not eternal but was a 'Saviour' created by the Father. Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

When Bishop Alexander died in 328, Athanasius succeeded him as Bishop by popular demand. For the next forty-five years Athanasius's devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of seventeen years in flight and hiding. It was his uncompromising stand for Nicene theology that gave rise to the familiar saying, *Athanasius contra mundum*, 'Athanasius against the world.'

Athanasius's name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism. Of his many writings the most significant was his great study on the person and work of Christ; 'On the Incarnation of the Word of God', written before he was thirty years old. The whole Church of Christ is always in need of bishops, leaders and theologians in the mould of Athanasius.

Source: Parish Pump

A man looked at his house, his car and his furniture and said it was wonderful that so many people made a living on what he had not paid for.

Saxon Club Programme May 2009

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

Programme to be announced in Bulletins

Interfaith Group Meeting

Tolerance — Is it the Way?

Warminster Assembly Rooms Tuesday 19th May 2009.
6.45pm for 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

Bradford on Avon Collection Point West Wiltshire Credit Union

Credit unions are not just a 'poor person's bank' – they need savers and people on higher incomes too. Your savings are entirely safe. The interest rate on loans is only 1% per month on the decreasing monthly amount outstanding. There are no early repayment penalties. All savings and loans are protected by insurance regulated by the Financial Services Authority and covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Invest in your community; join the local credit union and let those who most need to know into one of our best-kept secrets by spreading the word. Membership is open to all who live or work in the West Wiltshire area. Call in to see us on a Thursday morning between 10.30 am and noon in the Lower Room, Church Hall, Church Street, Bradford on Avon or give Marlene a call on 01225 864412.

Another reminder...

**Bill's last services in the Parish
will be on Sunday 7th June 2009.**

**The Bishop of Ramsbury will be
presiding at the 9.30am service.**

**Following the service everyone is
invited to join Bill and Jean and
their family for a celebration
buffet in St Margaret's Hall.**

SPONSORS

Many thanks to everyone who regularly contributes through our stewardship scheme and helps in so many other ways.

We also appreciate it when members of the congregation ask if they can offer additional help to pay for much needed work in the church.

For those that would like to know how they can provide this additional help, we are seeking funds to update the Sacristy and improve the lighting and the sound system. Or you could sponsor a floral display in Church to commemorate a special occasion.

If you would like to help please have a word with the Churchwardens, with an indication of what you would like your money used for.

Churchwardens

Lost in translation

The following are extracts from answers on school religious exam papers!

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire at night.

When Mary heard she was to be the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta
Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

The First Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Quick Crossword

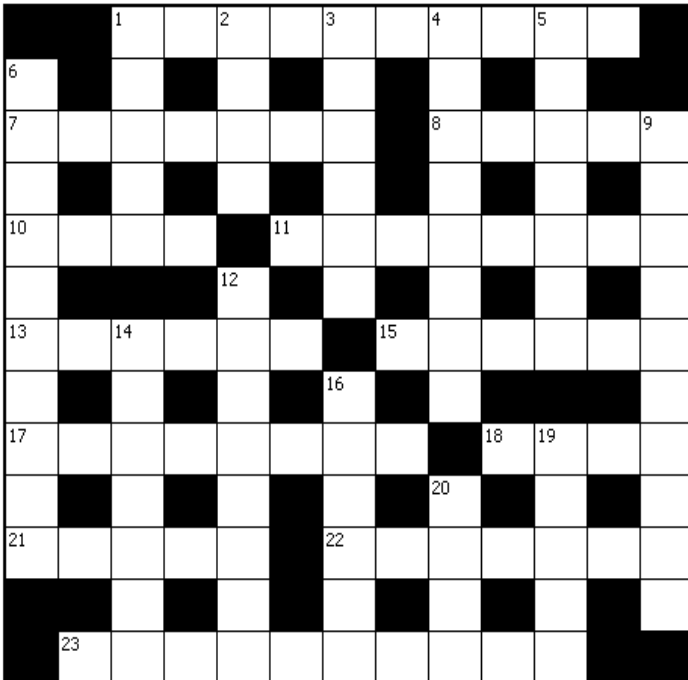
The Bible version is the NIV

Clues across

- 1 Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)
- 7 Coming (John 11:17) (7)
- 8 .All I have is . , and all you have is mine. (John 17:10) (5)
- 10 Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4)
- 11 Hold back (Job 9:13) (8)
- 13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
- 15 At ague (anag.) (6)
- 17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
- 18 So be it (Galatians 6:18) (4)
- 21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote Murder in the Cathedral, T.S. . (5)
- 22 Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7)
- 23 Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

Clues down

- 1 Healed (Luke 7:21) (5)
- 2 Central space in a church (4)
- 3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983.97, Clive . (6)
- 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (Exodus 2:12) (8)
- 5 Bravery (Acts 4:13) (7)
- 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10)
- 9 Transgression (Psalm 36:1) (10)
- 12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
- 14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
- 16 .The Spirit of God was hovering over the . . (Genesis 1:2) (6)
- 19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. . (5)
- 20 Cab (4)



Solutions on page 6.

Source: Parish Pump

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