

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Bradford on Avon



## PARISH NEWS

### JULY 2009

web edition

# DIRECTORY

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|                  |           |
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## Times of Services

*(Check Bulletins and notices or Church web site)*

|                |         |                               |
|----------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sundays</b> | 8 am    | Holy Communion                |
|                | 9.30 am | Sung Eucharist (coffee after) |
|                | 6 pm    | Evensong, Compline etc        |

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| <b>Holy Communion<br/>(weekdays)</b> | 10 am | Wednesdays |
|                                      | 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) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday |
| Bell Practice  | 7.30–9 pm | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays     |

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| Holy Trinity Web-site | <a href="http://www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk">www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk</a>       |
| Diocese Web-site      | <a href="http://www.salisbury.anglican.org">www.salisbury.anglican.org</a> |

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

**Please let the Parish Administrator know if someone needs visiting at home or in hospital.**

## FROM GRAHAM DOVE

It was with grateful thanksgiving, and not a little sadness, that we said “goodbye” to Bill & Jean on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. I am sure you will all agree that it was a truly memorable service and the reception afterwards was just as unforgettable. I am also sure that our thoughts and prayers are with them both as they begin their new life together in Newark.

For most of us this period during which we have no Vicar is just as much a new life or at least a new experience and, as with all new experiences, will take time to get used to. Fortunately time is something we do seem to have a lot of as the appointment process will take at least nine months (further details are in the PCC Report). One of the advantages of this long process is the chance for us all to reflect on what is good about our church and what we would like to see different in the years ahead. It also gives us time to reflect on what we currently offer the church and whether God is calling us to do something different.

One of the lessons that has been coming through loud and clear from our recent readings, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, is that the early church was in a constant state of change as it sought to carry out its mission to the wider community. The process began on the Day of Pentecost and continued with the acceptance of non-Jewish believers and the various missionary journeys. They had to learn quickly that the Spirit of God cannot be tied down and remains free to flow wherever God guides.

We now have to see where that self-same Spirit is guiding us and what God wants from us as part of his worshipping community here in Bradford on Avon.

Therefore I hope that in the months ahead we shall all spend time in prayer and reflection, seeking God’s will both for ourselves and for Holy Trinity and that together we may “hear what the Spirit says to the church” (to paraphrase Revelation 2.11).

Graham Dove

### *for prayer in July*

#### **We pray for:**

- ◆ **Our Street Market**
- ◆ **All those who lead our services**
- ◆ **Our local schools as another term ends**
- ◆ **The preparations to appoint a new Vicar**

Please note that the Diary for July is now inside the back cover.

## And finally.....

Dear Friends,

I suppose it all started a week before with finally being allowed to see the remarkable and humbling June edition of this magazine – so much work by our editors and by a whole host of contributors. We shall treasure the full-colour edition given to us at our farewell.

Trinity Sunday morning was a quite overpowering experience for Jean and me, and for our family. As we went to church, we saw people to-ing and fro-ing with their contributions to the buffet in St Margaret's Hall. Church and churchyard were looking at their best, and we were very conscious of all the work that had gone in, not only in the few days before, but also in the special 'spring-clean' carried out to reach the parts usually unable to be reached. It was also tremendously heart-warming to see so very many people in church, including our High Sheriff, MP, Town Mayor and St Laurence School Head Teacher. It was a joy to welcome former church members who had come long distances to be there, two past curates, friends from the parish where I trained in Bristol, our literally 'oldest' friend (aged 106!), members of other churches in Bradford, and so many people from our present congregation. It made us realise just how many lives had been part of ours over all these years. The service went splendidly, with Bishop Stephen presiding, servers and choir giving of their best, and Gareth playing us out so memorably to one of my very favourite voluntaries.

Then to the splendid buffet in St Margaret's Hall, where so many kind words were said. Jean and I were thrilled with our gifts – a lovely bracelet for her, a Vulgate Bible (beautifully inscribed) for me, and George Hurst's picture of the church's interior, which I fell in love with when I first saw it, and

we are delighted to own. The occasion was marked with two Chris Hodge cakes. And the generosity of the cheque that was presented to us quite took our breath away. It was really overwhelming. We shall spend some of it on furniture for our new conservatory as a tangible gift, and some of it will almost certainly allow us to enjoy some more holidays abroad. The whole morning represented a huge amount of loving care, planning and sheer hard work by so many people, in the best traditions of Holy Trinity, and one which my family and I will never forget.

So, thank you so very much: for all that you have been and meant to us over all these years, for your support, love and prayers to me and to my family, for your pride in, and commitment to, our church life at Trinity. An enormous thank-you to all who worked so hard to make the day a success. And another one for all the kind things that were said, and also written in so many letters and cards. We shall treasure the memory of them.

So we are now heading off for our new life in Newark. If anyone wants our contact details, please just ask Graham Dove. We do hope that people will be able to come and see us there, and we also hope to see friends here from time to time (though observing the wise convention of leaving a clear field for the next Vicar). It would not be right to quote the kind personal messages from so many people, but I feel that I must end with the printed part of a card from a friend still in active ministry. On the front, it said 'It's kind of a shame about your retirement....' and on the inside, 'You were so close to getting the hang of the job!' There was so much truth in that. Thank you for all that we have learned together in the school of Christ over the last 28 years.

Bill Matthews

# THE RUNNING OF THE CHURCH DURING THE INTERREGNUM

In order to clarify who is responsible for what during the interregnum the following has been agreed with the Churchwardens and the parties concerned. The Churchwardens, with the advice of the Rural Dean, and under the guidance and oversight of the Archdeacon, are in charge of the parish, and decisions that would formerly have been referred to the Vicar must now be referred to them. The following are responsible to the Churchwardens, with their responsibilities listed below.

- ◆ Graham Dove is the Licensed Minister in the parish. Combining this rôle with that of Parish Administrator, he is responsible for organising service rotas and, in consultation with the retired clergy, the Director of Music, the Head Server and Verger, plans the services and service texts. He is the first point of contact for baptisms, weddings and funerals, and also for all pastoral matters and requests for home visits and communion.
- ◆ The Director of Music is responsible for choosing the music for services, in consultation, where appropriate, with the officiating minister. He produces the Music List, which he passes on to the Administrator for printing and distribution. His responsibilities are set out in his contract with the PCC.
- ◆ The Head Server is responsible for allocating the duties of the serving team and of the ministrants of the Sacrament. In her absence, she delegates her responsibilities to a deputy. She is responsible for changing frontals, *etc.*, as appropriate to the season of the Christian Year.
- ◆ The Verger is responsible for the day-to-day care of the church, for the preparation of the vessels for Communion, and for the preparation of the church for regular services and occasional offices. He is the person normally responsible for ensuring access for visiting parties, concerts, *etc.* He is currently responsible for the cleaning of the church.
- ◆ The Junior Church leaders are responsible for the contents of their meetings and for ensuring the safety and well-being of those attending.
- ◆ The Captain of Ringers is in charge of the bells, is responsible for ensuring their maintenance, supervises the work of the ringers, and deals with questions of health and safety. He or the Secretary of the Tower contacts the Administrator with requests for extra ringing either by our own ringers or by visiting groups.
- ◆ The Chief Steward is responsible for the Stewards' Rota, and liaises with the Administrator or Churchwardens as may be necessary.

In addition, with the help of all the retired clerics, the LLM and myself will continue to provide as much pastoral assistance as possible. Please let me know of any requests.

I realise that this is not an exhaustive list but those organisations not mentioned *eg.* the Mothers' Union already have their own defined responsibilities.

Graham Dove  
Parish Administrator

## Holy Trinity MU

### May Report

As our May meeting fell on Ascension Day, we celebrated this festival in church with the Eucharist led by Father Bill. After the service, we stayed in church for refreshments and a short reflection on some biblical pictures that had been prepared by Jonquil. Groups of 3 or 4 were each given a picture on which to reflect and then say what the picture meant to each one of them and whether they would hang any of them on their walls. Thank you, Jonquil, for introducing these pictures to our eyes and minds.

Also during May, a 'Knit & Natter' afternoon was held at 6, Folly Field. Our aim is to knit enough squares to put together to make a blanket to send to the women of Gambia. Apparently the children have blankets for the cold nights but not many of the women do. So the size-8 knitting needles came out, together with the double knitting wool. 72 squares are needed to make a blanket (we did not make that target on the afternoon) and we already have 36 squares for half a blanket. We have until September to make as many squares as possible. Sylvia Stanes has knitted several – she says "It has been a wonderful distraction after my hip operation as my arms are the only part of my body working." We were allowed a cup of tea during our 'knit-in' but only small cakes to pop straight into our mouths so that we did not stop knitting! Yes, we kept on nattering of course!

Marlene Haffenden

### June Report

Evelyn Humphrey, Gerald and I had a lovely weekend in Manchester in May, visiting the people who visited us in 2007. Half the people on the coach were from Devizes deanery, the rest from Bradford Deanery. Our Archdeaconry chairman was part of the group, together with both Deanery chairmen.

We were royally entertained by our host families, had a tour of Manchester centre, with guided tours of the cathedral and St Anne's church. On the Saturday, we went up to Saddlemoor and saw some of the countryside as well as an interesting visit to a museum there. On Sunday we attended church with the family, had a lunch with part of the church family, and then came home. We look forward to seeing them in 2011, if not before!

Our meeting in June was to hear from Ann Morland, our Deanery chairman, about 'A Parish without a Vicar'. Our churchwardens, together with several other members of the congregation joined us, as we heard how St Johns, Studley, had gone through 3 interregnums in the last 28 years! Ann was Churchwarden for the first two, and Parish Administrator for the last, so she certainly knew all about it.

We all found it most interesting, but after a time of discussion as to what the MU do, and would like to do in the parish, we had a second half pooling our ideas and realised that there is a lot more we could do. As Tony said last Sunday, the interregnum is a time when we could move on and 'grow', so the branch intends to do its bit to see it happen.

Congratulations to Marlene, who has had two 'Knit and Natter' afternoons, with all the knitters in the branch producing squares for a blanket for Gambia,

where the nights are very cold. We hope it will be sewn up and presented to our World Wide President on July 18<sup>th</sup> on her visit to the diocese. Over half the branch are going to Upper Studley on 16<sup>th</sup> to meet her and attend presentations and workshops. It will be an exciting time. We are also planning to pledge our support to the Food Bank scheme starting in July (details on page 18 in this issue).

Chris Hodge

## Junior Church News

Thanks to Tony Haffenden for saying how much everyone, including the Bishop, enjoyed the part we played in Bill's Farewell Eucharist. It was quite a long service for the children to keep themselves occupied and quiet at the back of the church but I think they all did very well. We had lots of children join us including Katie, Bill's grand-daughter. All the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the service. Like all children they love making a noise when appropriate and I think it was appropriate to see them enjoying themselves. A big thank-you to the congregation for singing along with us. Junior Church will be back in the Church Hall at 9.30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July with plans, I hope, for our summer outing.



June, Alison and Sue

### **A Bishop's joke**

Our grandson, Adam, was recently confirmed in St Mary's Church, Ruislip, by Bishop Peter of Willesden. In his address to the thirty confirmation candidates he told them about the man who went to the doctor because he was hard of hearing. On visiting the doctor, he asked the man, "What are the symptoms?" The man replied, "Homer, Bart, Marge, Lisa, Maggie".

The Bishop then emphasised how important it is to listen and receive the right message.

supplied by Marlene Haffenden

# PCC REPORT

The PCC have had three special meetings over the last few months to begin the planning for the vacancy once Canon Bill Matthews had left. These meetings have been led by the Revd Rachel Bussey, a Diocesan Advisor, and have concentrated on the initial work needed to draw up a Parish Profile. In addition the PCC met also with Archdeacon John Wraw and Archdeacon Alan Jeans on 11<sup>th</sup> June to begin the formal process of appointment.

So far the PCC have drawn up a list of the strengths and weaknesses of Holy Trinity and considered what makes the church, and indeed the town, so special. At the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June the Archdeacons went in detail through the actual process that applies to Holy Trinity and gave us a suggested timetable.

The PCC now need to draw up a Parish Profile, a Job Description, and a Person Specification. The Profile will include descriptions of the parish, congregation, resources, schools, vicarage, finances and our hopes and plans for the future, whilst the Job description and Person Specification will concentrate on the details of the kind of person that we want to appoint. In addition two Parish Representatives need to be appointed for the interview process and an advert drawn up.

If all goes according to plan the advert will go in the Church Times for mid-October with a closing date of mid-November. Short-listing for the interview will take place immediately afterwards and the interviews have been provisionally set for 2<sup>nd</sup> December. However, even if an appointment is made after those interviews, it is likely that the appointee will need to give three months notice and so could be with us just in time for Easter 2010!

During this time the PCC have agreed to consult widely on both the Profile and Person Specification and provide regular updates.

Graham Dove, PCC Secretary



## **STREET MARKET, WESTBURY GARDENS SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2009**

A final reminder for your diaries that our most important annual fundraiser will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 4 pm in Westbury Gardens, next to the town bridge. Fun for all ages, bring your friends. Please come and give us your support on the day.

Any questions call Stephanie, 863366

Stephanie Moorfoot.

# 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



**The Severn Jazzmen**  
Afternoon only

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

***Organised by Holy Trinity Church***

# Bradford Area Churches Together



## Annual General Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009

The Bradford Churches Together AGM was held in the Quaker Meeting Room on May 11<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 14 delegates from local churches and Christian organisations, as well as Kate Sax, who is the new Ecumenical Development Officer for Wiltshire. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman, Ambrose Stickney from St Thomas More church.

**The Chairman's** summary of the year included the following topics:

1. The organisation of the BACT Lent Groups had once more been excellent, although numbers were down on last year. The re-allocation of Holt and Broughton Gifford to Melksham Churches Together, was cited as a possible cause.
2. Our Good Friday procession in Bradford was very well attended, "an example of visible evangelical work".
3. The 'Hope' debt advice centre's official launch would now be on May 13<sup>th</sup> — this had been a long and difficult task to arrange, and much credit should go to Jim Clark
4. The 'Sure Start' children's centre, with which BACT is connected had been opened at Fitzmaurice Primary school.
5. The Bradford on Avon Business Celebration service at Holy Trinity on March 29<sup>th</sup> had not been well attended but it was felt that it was a move in the right direction.
6. Last year's Pentecost weekend celebrations planned to be held in Westbury Gardens had to be cancelled owing to lack of support. However, this year there will be a 24-hour prayer vigil in the Saxon Church — one hour prayer 'slots' would be available for participants and there would be a Pentecost service in Holy Trinity afterwards.
7. A visit to Rome and Assisi had been discussed during the year. Ultimately only Ambrose and his wife, from Bradford, made the journey.
8. It was hoped that through some diligent work this year, membership and church representation at BACT would increase.

**The Treasurer** reported that after payment of fees to Wiltshire Churches Together, and to the Wiltshire Times for our half-page Christmas advert, we were still solvent, and that church subscriptions continued to come in to fund our 09/10 plans.

**Election of Officers:** Since the existing Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were all willing to remain in their positions, there was no need to elect new officers at this meeting.

**Other items** on the agenda: -

**BACT is organising a 'Big Lunch'** in Westbury Gardens on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be a 'bring and share' occasion offering local food, wine and music. This will be an 'eco-congregational' and ecumenical occasion, supported by the Eden Project, DEFRA and Sir Donald and Lady Maitland, who also keenly support 'Climate Friendly Bradford'.

At this point, Kate Sax, the Wiltshire Ecumenical Development Officer took the floor. Kate is keen to develop local 'ecumenical relationships' in Wiltshire to encourage a wider group participation through outreach and 'community area partnerships'. There should be at least 20 such groups in Bradford alone who could improve their outreach through a greater inter-participation. The government backs this initiative in order to give the community a louder voice, and it would create an opportunity to share information about the needs of individual groups with Wiltshire Churches Together *via* local area boards called Wiltshire Forum for Community Area Partnerships (WEFCAP). It was said that church people tended to have a better understanding of the needs in the community.

The date of the next BACT meeting was set as 27<sup>th</sup> May, where more detailed topics could be discussed.

David Rawstron

## **THE BIG LUNCH**

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009, 11.30am to 2.30pm**

The Big Lunch, as mentioned in the March Parish News, is the invitation from the Eden Project, and supported by the Prime Minister, to people all over Britain to sit down with their neighbours and enjoy a lunch of local food, preferably home grown. This can be a large organised affair such as a street party or a bring-and-share meal to enjoy with your neighbours. The Eco-congregation sees it as a chance for churches to become involved by making facilities available to the community.

Holy Trinity members could arrange their own as they wish, and we would hope that local Church Street neighbours would join in and perhaps visit the church in the afternoon. We could sit around the pavement area and, provided we have two overseeing volunteers for each of the three hours to ensure respect for the garden, we could sit there, also in the Saxon Church garden. The church hall could be open, not for furniture, but for drinking water, lavatory, and shelter if wet, but again only if we have overseeing volunteers. I am willing to be in or near the hall for part of the time and would welcome offers from others.

Needless to say, this would be a bring-and-share Big Lunch, so decide with your friends who will bring what, of any dish containing as much local food as you can, especially home grown.

Around Bradford on Avon we are blessed with wonderful local food products. See the list in the Library of where to get what you want, and have a good time! Sadly, we seem to have no local food for birds, but while you are asked to clear up afterwards and LEAVE NO LITTER, a few harmless crumbs will ensure that the birds get their local food too!

Jean Maitland

For offers of volunteers, please, telephone 863063

email: [jeanmaitland@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanmaitland@btinternet.com)

## Report of the Deanery Synod Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

A Deanery Synod was held in Melksham on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, chaired by Andrew Evans, our Rural Dean.

The Treasurer reported that 95.4% of share for 2008 had been paid by the end of February, including receipt of Holy Trinity's final payment. This year 32% of share had been paid to date. Attendance returns are to be sent to Andrew by 16<sup>th</sup> June.

The SOMA teaching mission to Kadugli did not take place in January owing to lack of funds and an incomplete team. This is now planned for the second week in November 2009. Another person and finance are needed to complete the team of three at a cost of £2,500 per person. Prayer and funds are needed for synod. A copy of *Cry for Sudan* was made available for each benefice. Ours is now placed on the exit shelf of our church for people to borrow and return as required.

There were two Dean's notices. 1) There will be a Celebration of Wholeness and Healing in Salisbury cathedral on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2009, details being in the leaflet with Graham. 2) The Salisbury cathedral Deanery Intercessor for the Bradford Deanery is John Warren. A notice for our information boards was provided and particular matters for prayer should go to the next chapter meeting.

The main item was in two parts. First was a presentation by Bryan Ellis on strategic planning for our churches. This was followed by a practical exercise in benefice groups, reporting their results in a plenary at the end of the session. Because of its importance I have prepared a separate, fuller description of this activity (see below).

Deanery confirmations will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. Monkton Farleigh Flower Festival will be on 3-5<sup>th</sup> July. The next synod on 29<sup>th</sup> September will be at St Michael's, Hilperton and will focus on imaginative ways of relating to our church schools. All appropriate PCC/church members are also invited to attend.

Malcolm Walsh

### Strategic Planning

At the Bradford Deanery Synod on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, attended by John Woods and myself, a presentation and exercise on strategic planning for each of our churches was given by Bryan Ellis, former General Manager of Mobil Oil and ministerial trainer for Guildford Diocese.

### 1. Presentation

We were asked to address the question "What do we understand to be God's vision for our church over the next 3-4 years".

Our church needs a vision which should be based on the commission to the disciples as stated in the closing verses of St Matthew's Gospel: *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing*

*them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey all the commands I have laid on you, ...and I will be with you ... .”*

There is much untapped talent in each of our churches which is available but not used, and Ellis emphasized that the vision should not be that of the vicar, individuals or factions, or even of the PCC, but should involve all members of the church, for revelation of God's will may come to any member, who may then be able to inspire the rest. There were three steps:

- 1) We should try to understand where God wants our church to be in 3 to 4 years time.
- 2) We should consider this under the headings worship, teaching, mission, service, fellowship, and giving. The vision should challenge us to be: grateful, faithful and obedient. Obedience will imply discipline and sacrifice. Sacrifice will be needed in tradition, forms of worship, organisations, personal agendas, *status quo*, and comfort. We need to be lively, growing in faith, knowledge, trust and love, both personally and as a church. Remember, revelation may come to anyone or all, so we need to encourage people and to review where we are, as Paul did for the churches in his letters. Our own church review should cover where we are, where we are not, and where we are being led. It should look at things on a spiritual level as well as a

practical level.

- 3) This stage covers not only the 3-4 year goals, but a stage-by-stage progress in getting there.

The PCC must have ownership of the final plan and communicate it to the rest of the church. The church needs to have a team for each of the six headings and must involve everybody working in and as a team, and not just a bunch of individuals.

## **2. Exercise**

We were asked to imagine that we were in 2013, and that we were writing the church report for 2012. John Woods and I did this as a single church benefice group, assuming that we would have a new vicar during 2010. We addressed the exercise under the six headings, based on imagining our hopes for where we wanted to be in 2013, and where we would need to be at the end of 2011 in order to write the report for 2012 such that we would achieve the aims for 2013.

We had only enough time to consider four of the six areas described above. With the proviso that we had avoided alienating our existing, generally elderly congregation, we reported the following.

*Worship:* We had been successful in expanding the worshipping congregation to include children and teenage groups by holding worship sessions on different days, and at different times and places in which

the sessions actively involved the participants in their planning, management and execution.

*Teaching:* The bible study sessions had taken off by relating the teaching of Jesus to the actual situations in which people were involved, covering the various aspects of their lives.

*Mission and Service.* We were still trying to codify the difference between these two headings in practical terms when we ran out of time. However, the two areas we were trying to put into the appropriate slots were:

- The Credit Union had developed into a useful facility and was aiding people in bringing discipline and help in planning their financial affairs.
- Membership of the BoA Chamber of Commerce had developed into a fruitful partnership whereby, through working together, both had managed to become more effective in building up the local community.

Malcolm Walsh

## A HITTITE PRAYER TO GOD

My GOD, give rest to my heart to quieten my mind. Balance my haste to show me that time is forever. Give me the calm of the eternal mountains during the rush of the day. Wash my strained muscles and nerves with the melody of the running waters in my mind. Help me to feel the magic of sleep. Teach me the art of living moments of joy; to walk, to eat, to watch a flower, to love a gentle dog, to read some lines from a good book, to catch a fish, to daydream. Tell me every day the story of the tortoise and the rabbit, and remind me that the race is not always won by the faster runner, that there are more important matters than improving speed. Help me to see the sky through the awesome branches of the oak tree. Let me see that your strength and grandeur are growing inexorably and are in good shape. And most of all my GOD, give me the COURAGE to change whatever I can change, PATIENCE to accept those things I can't change, WISDOM to understand the difference between them and the blindness of love and lies, with good friends protecting me.

### **COURAGE, WISDOM, PATIENCE**

This prayer was found on a Hittite wall scripture dating back to 2000BC It is an edited version from the Magazine and Newsletter of St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, Cyprus

## A bit of history

Before he left Bill showed me an interesting old document that readers may like to see. It is a piece of notepaper, somewhat stained, with a record of the history of Holy Trinity's portable communion set, the set which Bill had used to give the sacrament to communicants away from the church buildings. It has a military history, having been first issued to a chaplain in Chester in 1940. After 'service' all over the world, it was sold for use in civilian parishes, finally ending up in Bradford on Avon.

Bryan Harris

### Issued.....

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|-------|-------|--|
| 1940  | ..... | <u>Chester.</u>  |
| 1941  | ..... | Perham Down, Tidworth.   |
| 1942. | ..... | Bournemouth Garrison - and area.   |
| 1942  | ..... | North Africa - services for Allied forces,<br>Navy, R.A.F. and French Foreign<br>Legion. |
| 1944  | ..... | Italy.   |
| 1945  | ..... | Cheltenham.<br>York and District.  |
| 1947  | ..... | On board Troopship - Bombay - Rangoon -<br>Malaya - Kuala Lumpur.                        |
| 1949  | ..... | Hong Kong.   |
| 1949  | ..... | Rangoon, Murgui and south Burma ports - also<br>on board Straits steamer.                |
| 1950  | ..... | Troopship to U.K.  |
| 1950  | ..... | Tidworth.  |
| 1953  | ..... | Colchester.  |
| 1954  | ..... | Lubecke - Westphalia..R.N.Benkhausen-Bad Oenhausen.                                      |
| 1955  | ..... | Gibraltar - southern Spain... Ceuta -  |
| 1958  | ..... | Aldershot  |
| 1962  | ..... | Malta - troopship - Cyprus - Lybia - Gozo  |
| 1964  | ..... | Hampton - Hounslow - Canvey Island - Paris.  |
| 1965  | ..... | Rheindahlen - B.A.O.R. - Berlin - Copenhagen -   |

1968 ... purchased for personal use -

Civilian parishes...

Ryhall, Essendine, Belmesthorpe ..

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# RICHARD CARR-GOMM OBE (1922 – 2008)

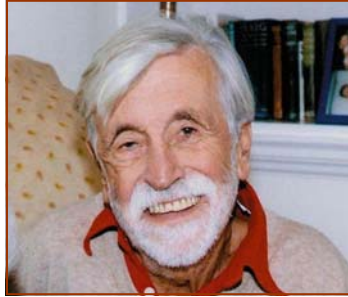
## Founder of the Abbeyfield Society

**W**e were privileged to represent the Bradford on Avon Abbeyfield Home, on behalf of the chairman, David Veitch, at the Memorial Service for Richard Carr-Gomm, which filled Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

The wide-ranging interests of this remarkable man's long life were well-represented, ranging from the attendance of the personal representative of the Prince of Wales, the Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards, and a song by Sting sung by a modern singing group. We had met him several times here in Bradford, as he lived in retirement near Bath, and loved to attend our Abbeyfield House Friends annual get-together.

At the outbreak of war in 1939, and in his last year at school, he declined a place at Oxford to enlist, at the age of 18, in the family regiment, the Coldstream Guards. He served with distinction, winning the Croix de Guerre and being twice mentioned in despatches. He was deeply affected by his experiences in Normandy after D-Day, and at Belsen, and later, as a regular soldier after the war, by a journey he made through Italy, travelling as a tramp, when he stayed with a community caring for the old and handicapped. In the army, he rose to the rank of Major, and attended the first Crusade held in London in

1954 by Billy Graham, whom he later invited, as Captain of the Guard, to lunch at St James's Palace. As a practising Christian, he was now feeling a growing conviction that he was called to help lonely people in a more direct



*Photo from a tribute to Richard Carr-Gomme on the Abbeyfield website*

way, and to the astonishment of his family and friends, he resigned his commission, took a bed-sit in Bermondsey, and enrolled with the council as a home-help in the local area. The newspapers quickly got hold of the story, and

dubbed him 'The Scrubbing Major'. It soon became apparent to him that the problems of loneliness in old age went much deeper, and in 1955, with his small army gratuity, he purchased an old house in the borough, and invited four lonely people, two men and two women, to share it with him, while he acted as their house-keeper, companion and cook. Within two years, he opened five more sheltered homes in Bermondsey, with the help of a group of volunteers, one of whom, Susan Gibbs, was to become his wife. National interest soon followed, and he decided to form a charitable trust, named 'Abbeyfield' after the street in which the founding committee first met.

Today there are some 700 Abbeyfield sheltered homes all

around the British Isles, caring for some 8,000 elderly people no longer able to manage alone. It was always his vision that each home would be small, independently and locally run, and that it would have a basically Christian, if non-denominational, character. In the 1960s there was an unfortunate falling-out between him and the then national management, whom he felt were departing from his original ethos, which led to his exclusion from the society he had founded. Never downhearted for long, he went on, in 1965, to found the Carr-Gomm Society, which now offers accommodation to some 1,500 people of any age who feel isolated or alone, and supports many more with part-time care in their own homes. And in 1972, he founded the Morpeth Society, which provides luxury apartments for the lonely who want companionship and can afford the appropriate rental. Happily, his differences with Abbeyfield were later resolved, and a full reconciliation took place.

The printed Order of Service at Southwark included a personal tribute from the Archbishop of York, whose original home was in Uganda. It recalled that in the 1940s, Richard had befriended a fellow officer, who was to become King Freddie, the Kabaka of

Buganda, and to whose son he became god-father and guardian. When the king died in exile in England in 1971, Richard accompanied the coffin and attended the funeral in Kampala. In 1993, the rule of the Kabaka was restored, and Richard Carr-Gomm was a delighted guest-of-honour at his god-son's coronation.

Prince Charles wrote in his tribute, circulated at the service:

‘As Patron of Abbeyfield, I very much hope to ensure that his real memorial, the work that he began, carries on into the future.’

Abbeyfield in Bradford, housed in part of the old Grammar School, continues as part of that enduring memorial, and has maintained strong links with Holy Trinity Church. Rosemary Carr was for many years Chairman of the Management Committee, and was succeeded by Allan Sturmeay. Holy Communion continues to be celebrated in the house every month. Friends and visitors are always welcome, and anyone thinking of a possible move there is encouraged to consider a short stay in the guest room, at a modest cost.

Peter and Frances Hardman

## Crossword solutions

**Across**  
 8 Assyrologist 9 Sue 10 Innocence 11 Motif 13 Defrock 16 Attalia 19 Lord's 22 Prophetic 24 Mac 25 Contraception

**Down**  
 1 Ransom 2 Ascent 3 Fruitful 4 Joined 5 BOAC 6 Sign to 7 Streak 12 Out 14 Full cups 15 Cud 16 Alpaca 17 Thorns 18 Attack 20 Remain 21 Second 23 Hurt

## Farewell to Bill and Jean

Bill's last service at Holy Trinity was on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2009: the Bishop of Ramsbury, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway officiated. Bill's leaving sermon, preached to a full church, can be read in full on the Holy Trinity website at [the web address](#) given below.

Following the service, a farewell party for Bill and Jean took place in St Margaret's Hall, where a buffet lunch had been provided by ladies (and some gentlemen) of the parish.

Fortified by a glass of wine, the audience of some 250 members of the church community watched as speeches and presentations were made to Bill and Jean.

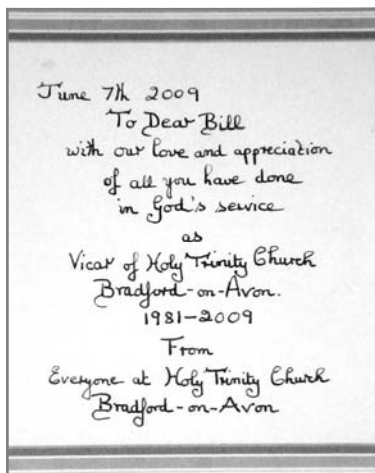


*Bill with the Bishop of Ramsbury and the chancel team after the service.*

*photo David Milne*

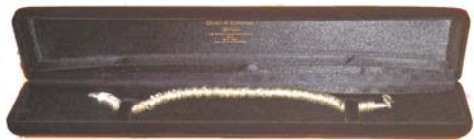
Following prayers by the Ven John Burgess, speeches of farewell from the local community were made by Mr James Colquhoun, Head of St Laurence School, and by the Town Mayor, Mrs Isabelle Martindale. Jeremy Lavis, Treasurer and Churchwarden Emeritus, expressed the thanks and appreciation of everyone at Holy Trinity.

Presentations followed: Canon Peter Hardman presented theatre tokens on behalf of the 'college' of retired clergy; Ann Holland and Bryan Harris presented a full-colour copy of the special celebratory June issue of Parish News; and on behalf of the parishioners, Alice Moody presented a picture of the chancel, including both altars and the pulpit, painted by George Hurst.



*The inscription in the presentation Bible*

Joan Finch then presented a new copy of the vulgate bible to Bill to replace his old and dilapidated copy, a silver-linked bracelet designed and made in the West Country to Jean, and flowers to Jean and Vicki. Over



*Jean's bracelet*

200 people had contributed to the general collection for Bill, which meant that Tony Haffenden was able to present Bill and Jean with a substantial cheque to spend in their retirement.

There was then an address by Bishop Stephen who had warm words to describe what Bill had achieved in his time at Holy Trinity, and an emotional 'thank you' in reply from Bill concluded the formal proceedings. After grace, said by Graham Dove, we were then able to enjoy the delicious food on offer, with a further glass of wine, before toasting Bill and Jean and their family and wishing them all happiness in the next phase of their lives.

Bryan Harris

Read Bill's farewell address on the Holy Trinity website at:  
<http://www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk/Address.pdf>.



*Bill and Jean cut the Chris Hodge cakes*

*photo David Milne*

## **What laughter does to you**

When the writer of Proverbs observed that “a cheerful heart is good medicine” (20:22), he was really on to something. Doctors have now discovered that ‘mirthful laughter’ can quite literally reduce people’s risk of having a heart attack.

In a recent study at Loma Linda University in California doctors formed a group of people with problems ranging from diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. They asked half of the group to watch comedy programmes or films that they found funny for at least half an hour a day for one year.

Now the results are in. The half of the group which watched comedy TV have had a 26% rise in their good cholesterol. The level for the group that took medication without the laughter rose by just 3%. Good cholesterol in the blood is known to protect against heart disease.

So it seems that laughter is literally good for the heart. As one doctor put it: “There is an intrinsic physiological intervention brought about by positive emotions such as mirthful laughter, optimism and hope.” In other words, a cheerful heart is good medicine!

Source: Parish Pump

## Food parcels

At the Women's World Day of Prayer in March, our speaker challenged the women of the Bradford churches to keep on meeting together and find a way of being useful in the community. With that very much on my mind, I reconvened the committee after a while, and augmented it with representatives from Westwood and Wingfield. This was because an idea had come forward from Sue Glanville of Bearfield Church to start a Food Parcel scheme in Bradford on the lines of the one being run in Melksham, where they are supplying about 20 parcels a month to those who do not have money to buy food for their families in the short term.

The families are being identified by the health services, the Debt Advice service, and other organisations, so we know there is a need, which we think will continue to grow during the recession.

We decided that we needed a simpler system here, just putting a box in all the consenting churches, with a list of the 20 items of basic food required, hoping that 20 people would sign up to contribute one item a month. Seven churches have agreed to start this venture, which will commence as soon as we can get some boxes together, and I can get the list of foods laminated and circulated.

I do hope, even if you don't come to church regularly, you will find you can support this. I can be contacted on 01225 863543.

Chris Hodge



*Some of the ringers on a recent outing.*

*Photo supplied by Anne Willis*

## THINK LINK!

Link is your friendly good-neighbour scheme. If you need help and do not have a neighbour, friend or family member available then try asking Link.

**Just ring 0795703670124**

Link can help with transport and practical needs – give us a try.

Link also needs **volunteers**, please consider donating an hour or two of your time to help your neighbours.

### Telephone coordinators

Our telephone coordinators are the front line of the operation, working from home they take requests from our clients and then find someone from our list of volunteers to carry out that request, be it a visit to a surgery, a trip to the local shops, or to a meeting of a social group. Working on a rota ensures the job is not too onerous and, as an answering machine is provided, they are not tied to the house during their duty period. There are regular meetings with other coordinators and training is given.

### Drivers

We need drivers for both local and longer journeys. You choose when and where you are willing to drive. Taking people to local appointments is as helpful as going to more distant destinations. We do not ask for a regular time commitment. Drivers agree to each journey on an individual basis.

### Other Helpers

We would also welcome people willing to do small jobs around the Bradford area such as shopping, gardening, collecting prescriptions *etc.*

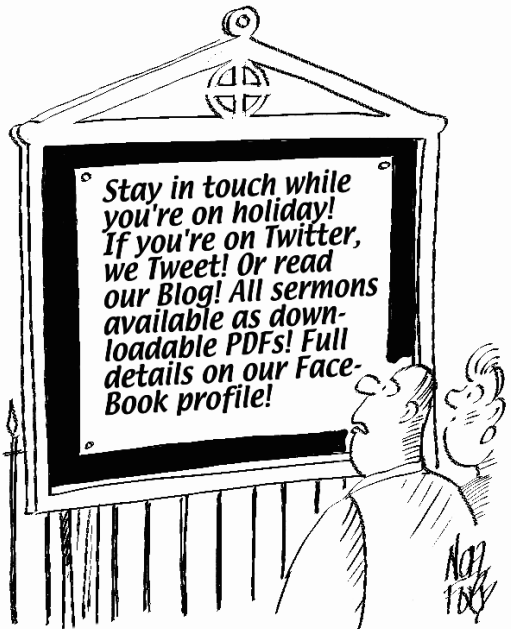
### Oral hygiene

Grandfather noticed his five-year-old granddaughter out in the garden brushing the family dog's teeth. When he asked her what in the world she was doing, she replied quickly: "I'm brushing Sooty's teeth. But don't worry, grand-pa – I'll put your toothbrush back, like I always have."

### Voice

Singer: "Now that you've heard my voice, what would you suggest to accompany me?"

Impresario: "A body guard?"



"...and we used to grumble about not understanding archaic church language!"

## Wiltshire Butterflies – May 2009

May was the sunniest for a decade and the second half was very warm and dry – ideal for many butterfly species that emerge at this time. On the grassland sites many of the localised species did well and those such as the **Dingy** and **Grizzled Skippers**, **Green Hairstreak**, **Small** and **Adonis Blue**, **Marsh Fritillary** and **Small Heath** were to be seen in good numbers. These are all mainly small butterflies and would need to be deliberately searched for. Others, like the **Large**, **Small** and **Green-veined White** and **Orange-tip** were all frequently seen in many situations.

The big event however, was the **Painted Lady** invasion towards the end of May, reported in the press and on television and commented upon by many butterfly recorders. The butterfly is a notorious migrant and occurs throughout the world. 'Ours' originated in North Africa and I had reports of many thousands of them moving north across France in April with 'warnings' of what to expect. First reports were of singletons with numbers increasing through the month to a peak on the 28th. At a small site near Box I counted 285 per hour passing through, flying swiftly non-stop NNW.

With butterfly observers poised, numbers were counted over a fixed time and place in many areas of southern England. It was subsequently estimated that 40 million had arrived and within a few days were being reported in northern Scotland and some probably even reached Iceland. Many would have settled down instead of travelling further north and egg-laying on thistles was observed in Wiltshire on 29th May.

The last time this event occurred on such a scale was in 1996. We can expect to see their offspring in July and possibly another generation in September. There is no indication that they attempt a return journey south in the autumn and with the first winter frosts, any eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies all perish since they are unable to hibernate from the cold (so why, we wonder, do they come in the first place?). We then have to wait until the following year for fresh immigrants to arrive on our shores, usually in far more modest numbers. In 2008, a very poor year for immigrants, only 56

Painted Ladies were reported in Wiltshire for the whole year.

I do not have the space here to comment on the many amazing observations received from observers but hope to produce a full report in due course for any of you who may be interested. If you missed this event, you should see subsequent generations later in the year visiting garden flowers for nectar, especially of course, the buddleia bushes.



*The Painted Lady: Vanessa cardui*  
photo: Leif Bersweden

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Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder

# SAINTS CORNER

## July 25<sup>th</sup> — St Christopher



The legend goes that Christopher was a Canaanite who lived in the 3rd century. He was a giant of a man, of fearsome appearance. At first he decided to serve the devil, but when he discovered that the devil was afraid of Christ and his Cross, Christopher decided to serve Christ instead. A nearby hermit instructed Christopher in the Christian faith, and assigned to him a place near a river: Christopher's job was to help travellers cross it safely.

All went well, and Christopher helped lots of people on their way until one day a child came along, and asked to be carried across. Christopher put him on his back and set off, but was soon staggering under the astonishing weight of this child. The child then told him that he was in fact Jesus Christ, and that he carried the weight of the whole world. The Christ child then told Christopher to plant his staff in the ground: the next day it bore flowers and dates – confirmation that the child was indeed who he claimed to be.

After some time more of helping travellers cross the river, Christopher went to the city of Lycia, where he preached the gospel with such success that the Roman emperor (Decius?) had him arrested and imprisoned – especially when Christopher refused to sacrifice to the gods. Two women sent into his cell to seduce him came out converted Christians instead. So Christopher was beaten, shot with arrows and finally beheaded.

Christopher has been well loved of the English down the centuries. Many wall-paintings of him have been placed on the north wall of churches, opposite the porch, so that he would be seen by all who entered. There was good reason for this: as patron saint of travellers, it was believed that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would not die that day. As the ancient saying goes: 'Behold St Christopher and go thy way in safety'.

A kind of daily insurance policy against death – this was so good that St Christopher became in due course the patron saint of motorists. There is even a church in the Javel area of Paris where Citroen cars are made, that is dedicated to St Christopher. In modern times, with the increase in air and motorway travel, Christopher has remained popular. When in 1969 the Holy See reduced his feast day, there was a sharp protest in several countries, led in Italy by a number of popular film stars. If you ever travel in a taxi on the Continent, look out for a little St Christopher hanging from the rear view mirror beside the driver. Now you know why it is there!

Source: Parish Pump

## **Saxon Club Programme July 2009**

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

July 7th: Favourite Recipes  
14th: Visit to The Courts, Holt  
21st: to be decided  
28th: Last meeting before summer break.

## **Interfaith Group Meetings**

### **July 1st: AGM & Anniversary celebration**

Guest Speaker: Muhammad Ali, Director CEMVO  
Bradford on Avon Library, 6.30pm for 7pm.

### **July 21st: 'How God Sees Women?'**

Speaker: Kalsoom Bashir (A Muslim female speaker)  
Bridge House, Trowbridge, 7pm

## **Observations**

The real test of golf and in life is not keeping out of the rough...but getting out after we are in.

A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog.

Jack London

# Quick Crossword

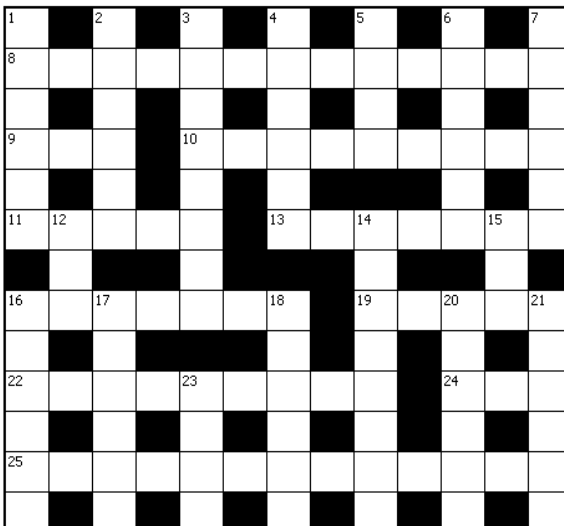
The Bible version is the NIV

## Clues across

- 8 Academic who studies history of one of Israel's perennial enemies (13)
- 9 Take to court (Matthew 5:40) (3)
- 10 Absence of guilt (1 Kings 8:32) (9)
- 11 Of Tim (anag.) (5)
- 13 Deprive priest of ecclesiastical status (7)
- 16 Where Paul and Barnabas called en route from Perga to Antioch (Acts 14:25-26) (7)
- 19 'The earth is the —, and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1) (5)
- 22 'Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a —message when the body of elders laid their hands on you' (1 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 24 Raincoat (abbrev.) (3)
- 25 Issue relating to sexual ethics dealt with in the controversial Papal Encyclical Humanae Vitae in 1968(13)

## Clues down

- 1 'The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a — for many' (Matthew 20:28) (6)
- 2 Upward slope (Nehemiah 3:19) (6)
- 3 'God blessed them and said to them, "Be — and increase in number"' (Genesis 1:28) (8)
- 4 'What God has — together, let man not separate' (Matthew 19:6) (6)
- 5 One of the partners which, with BEA, formed British Airways (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'This will be a — you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger' (Luke 2:12) (4,2)
- 7 Takers (anag.) (6)
- 12 'But the things that come — of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man "unclean"' (Matthew 15:18) (3)
- 14 'Then I set bowls — of wine and some — before the men of the Recabite family' (Jeremiah 35:5) (4,4)
- 15 Levitical eating laws were much concerned about animals 'that chew the — ' (Leviticus 11:3) (3)
- 16 Llama-like animal noted for its wool (6)
- 17 The seed which fell among these was choked by them as it grew (Luke 8:7) (6)
- 18 Launch an assault against (Genesis 14:15) (6)
- 20 'Neither can you bear fruit unless you — in me' (John 15:4) (6)
- 21 John says of the healing of the royal official's son, 'This was the — miraculous sign that Jesus performed' (John 4:54) (6)
- 23 Inflict pain on (Acts 7:26) (4)



Solutions on page 15.

Source: Parish Pump

# DIARY FOR JULY



|                  |             |                               |                     |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Friday         | 8 am        | Thomas the Apostle            |                     |
| 4 Saturday       | 10 am       | Street Market                 | Westbury<br>Gardens |
| <b>5 SUNDAY</b>  |             | <b>TRINITY 4</b>              |                     |
|                  | 9.30 am     | Sung Eucharist                |                     |
|                  | 6 pm        | Compline                      |                     |
| 8 Wednesday      | 7.15 pm     | PCC                           | Church              |
| <b>12 SUNDAY</b> |             | <b>TRINITY 5</b>              |                     |
|                  | 9.30 am     | Sung Eucharist                |                     |
|                  | 6 pm        | Evensong at Christ Church     |                     |
| <b>19 SUNDAY</b> |             | <b>TRINITY 6</b>              |                     |
|                  | 9.30 am     | Sung Eucharist                |                     |
|                  | 6 pm        | Compline                      |                     |
| 23 Wednesday     | 7.30 pm     | Mothers' Union Meal           |                     |
| <b>26 SUNDAY</b> |             | <b>TRINITY 7</b>              |                     |
| 28 Tuesday       | 1.20—1.40pm | Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer | Church              |
|                  | 9.30 am     | Sung Eucharist                |                     |
|                  | 6 pm        | Sung Evensong                 |                     |

*Holy Communion is usually at 8 am each Sunday*

*Copy date for August is 19th July*

## **Knocked out: a Bradford on Avon story?**

Policeman: "How did you knock the old man down?"

Motorist: "I didn't. I just pulled up to let him go across – and he fainted."

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - OFFICERS

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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 Licensed Lay Ministers. The Group was established in 1975.

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