

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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# DIRECTORY

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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

<b>Holy Communion (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

Holy Trinity Web-site [www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk](http://www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk)  
Diocese Web-site [www.salisbury.anglican.org](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org)

## Weekly Bulletin

Notices to the 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 KARL WIGGINS

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You can blame it on the snails – ‘it’ being my offer to write this piece.

Spring this year was especially beautiful in its rich shades in trees and hedgerows, the hawthorn and other wild flora, and the abundance of growth generally. As it faded into early summer, we needed some quick colour in the garden and not having space to bring on our own plants, joined half the population in going to the garden centre for supplies. The snails (not slugs this year) were very pleased with some of the newly arrived plants, and began to munch through them.

There have been a number of suggestions in the media that the decline in bio-diversity which has followed intensive agriculture, and no doubt the peddling of an array of chemical treatments for gardeners, might be redressed by making our gardens friendly to creepy crawlies and creatures upwards in the food chain. Some of this media attention coincided with the observation that this year that icon of English summer, the cuckoo, was not heard.

We have been trying to be environmentally friendly for some time, and our aversion to pesticides was reinforced when we learned of the painful deaths suffered by hedgehogs after eating poisoned slugs. So it seemed we had to choose between our green principles and our colourful inclinations. But then there was grit. This is supposed to act as a barrier to slugs and snails, and it was applied in hope – hope that it would be more successful than the saucers of beer we used to put down for slugs to drown themselves in. Partial success is all I can report, but it did strike me there might be some sort of parable here.

I thought particularly of the reality of a green – that is, environmentally friendly – garden, set among other gardens where chemicals continue to be used. What’s the point until everyone agrees to do the same? The point is you have to start somewhere, and you cannot spread the word without trying it out!

Then there is the church, often no more than an island of faith in a sea of doubt and materialism, yet in its community a special sense of the presence of the creator, a place to grow towards the likeness of the one who planted a garden, eastward in Eden, and who revealed himself in the person of Jesus Christ.

Karl Wiggins

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## **HOLY TRINITY MOTHERS' UNION**

July 15<sup>th</sup>– 18<sup>th</sup> was indeed a very exciting and busy time for the Mothers' Union in our diocese. The World-Wide President, Rosemary Kempself, came here for four days, and was kept very busy travelling throughout the diocese, seeing what we do. St John's, Upper Studley, had been asked to host one of the sessions, and it was to this session that 10 of our members went, a further 2 being ill on the day.

Starting with a service in Church, we then heard from Becky Sedgwick, the Devizes Family Worker, about present-day families – not the kind of families most of us were brought up in. She encouraged us to relate to the split families of today, and understand why there are so many problems. We had sessions on parenting, how we dealt with problems arising in our families, and an MU resource about programme planning. There were exhibitions of the projects going on throughout the diocese – the Isle of Wight holiday (which is moving to Exmouth this year), the caravan at Durdle Door for those needing a holiday, marriage preparation, and parenting, were only some of them. Then came an address from Rosemary, with slides, showing what the MU is doing throughout the world and the many places she is visiting to see what is happening on the spot. There are 3.6 million members in 78 countries and she is doing her best to visit many of them during her time in office. Going back to the hall we enjoyed our picnic lunches and meeting so many friends from this Deanery and beyond.

Rosemary then went on to Devizes to meet clergy and discuss ways in which the MU can be of better service in their parishes. That session was called "NO MORE TEA, VICAR!" On Friday she was in Dorchester, meeting the Weymouth Street Pastors – the people who patrol the streets from midnight to 5am, helping the drunks and the addicts get home safely and without trouble. From there to Canford Cliffs, Poole, for another service and presentations of our work in that area.

On Saturday, a service was held in the church of St Mary & St Nicholas, Wilton, that magnificent Italianate masterpiece near Salisbury. Bishop Stephen presided and took part in a dialogue with Rosemary, answering questions posed by the Diocesan Communications Officer. Neither of them were lost for words! Rosemary gave a wonderful address, again highlighting some of the people she has met on her travels, and talking of what is going on. She is so impressed with Salisbury diocese that she wants to come back and take part in the holiday in Exmouth in 2010. What a plaudit for our diocese! A nearly full church enjoyed some wonderful hymns, though played rather more slowly than Gareth does, unfortunately, and the collection taken for the overseas work of the MU showed how much everyone appreciated all the work being done by that department. Rosemary then enrolled 7 new members, followed by a procession of "Containers of Love", when donations to all our diocesan

projects were presented. Each branch had been invited to submit a postcard of their town, with what the branch was doing in the local community written on the back. These were all put into a see-through plastic album, and presented to Rosemary, together with some lovely flowers. We then repaired to the hall to partake in a Bring-and-Share lunch, where there was more than enough for everyone, and another chance to meet members from around our large diocese.

Chris Hodge

## Choirs are suddenly ‘cool’

This autumn, do you want to have lots of fun, get fit, make friends and beat depression? Then join one of your local singing groups — or even your church choir. People all over the county have discovered the simple but real joy of singing with other people, whether in choirs or in karaoke bars. Following the TV programmes ‘Last Choir Standing’ and ‘The Choir: Boys Don’t Sing’, choral groups have suddenly become mainstream ‘cool’.

When even Susan Boyle of ‘Britain’s Got Talent’ tried to join her local church choir earlier this year, they had to turn her away – the choir was already full to bursting point. Researchers at the University of London have researched the benefits of singing. When you sing, you have to breathe in a way that uses more of your total lung volume. More air means more oxygen in the blood, which means you are left feeling more alert.

Singing also works the cardio-vascular systems, and gives you the kind of hormonal release that comes from being focused on a task — and enjoying it at the same time. Singing is great for stressed out, deskbound people who spend their days slumped in a chair. It gets their diaphragms moving, and reduces their tension. Singing with other people gives you an increased sense of community and belonging.

This autumn Holy Trinity Church choir would welcome more people. We are planning to make a big splash for Advent and Christmas this year, so why not join us? We meet (usually) at 6.30pm on Tuesdays in church and practise for a little over an hour. Practices start again on the first Tuesday in September — see you there!

Source: Parish Pump, with amendments by Gareth.

### Crossword solutions

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## Junior Church News

Westbury Gardens, 4<sup>th</sup> July, — what a wonderful Summer's day to bring the crowds to Bradford on Avon. Another year, another successful street market for Holy Trinity.

As well as enjoying the day, Alison, June, Sue, and Rose worked hard on the Junior Church Stall selling the donated toys and books. Our thanks to those who donated.

Once again the 'Decorate Your Own Cake and Eat It' activity went down very well with the children that took part, and at the end of the day our takings nearly doubled compared to last year. Wonderful!

Junior Church is now taking its summer break but will be back on September 6<sup>th</sup>, as soon as school has started. We shall now be having Junior Church on the FIRST TWO Sundays of the month and on the third Sunday there will be a Family Service in the church when the children will invite their parents to the service.



*The Toy stall at the Street Market*  
photo: David Milne

We are also requesting help with our Junior Church. If anyone would like to help or you know of anyone who would be interested please contact June 01225 863745 or myself (Alison) 01225 864116.

Alison Cook

## GROWING



## LEARNING

## LEONARD STENNING'S REQUIEM MASS

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> a large congregation of relatives and friends came to give thanks for Leonard's life. It seemed appropriate that on entering the church we found the coffin already installed. Leonard and Joy have always been such an example in the way they have welcomed visitors and new people to the church, and here Leonard was for the last time welcoming us all.

During the service Bill Matthews spoke movingly of Leonard's long and active Christian life, and on looking at the order of service that Leonard himself compiled, we seem to see something more of his inner life, firstly in that it was to be a requiem mass and, secondly, in the hymns he chose. 'Praise to the Holiest in the height' and 'Praise my soul the King of heaven' speak both of love for God and appreciation of God's great love for us. 'Thy hand, O God has guided' was, to me, a testimony of a faithful pilgrim who had always sought and known God's guidance.

Two nephews, The Revd Richard Worssam and Brother Nicholas SSF, read the lessons: 1 Corinthians 13 and the Beatitudes from Matthew 5.

Bill had reminded us of Leonard's complete reliability exemplified in his apologising for failing to turn up to count the collection as usual after his stroke had rendered communication difficult. Leonard had also told Joy, rather tentatively, what he would like the choir to sing IF there were enough members there. Of course we were all there, but this so demonstrated Leonard's gentle humility.

His last hymn choice 'Thine be the glory' underlined his faith in life eternal.

Kate and Karl Wiggins

### From Joy

Alison, Nigel and I would like to thank the family that is Holy Trinity for the tremendous support given to us during Leonard's short illness and the caring love since. His uplifting funeral service was a culmination of all he would have wanted.

Thank you.

Joy

# STREET MARKET 2009

## Westbury Gardens, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

All those months of planning and the 2009 Holy Trinity Street Market has been and gone. After the concerns of last year when we all expected rain, the thought this year was 'I hope it is not as hot and humid as last week'—not the usual complaint one expects during an English summer! The day dawned and it was warm with an occasional light breeze, some sun and some cloud; a really lovely day. John and Beryl Cox arrived early, 6.15am I am told, managing just to get ahead of the first stall holders, with enough time to mark out the various sites with chalk, signs and some with hazard tape.

Then along came all the wonderful church helpers who began moving tables from the lorry on to the site, erecting gazebos, carrying boxes, plants, banners, notices *etc.* Thanks again Gordon Finch for your help with transportation. There were some anxieties as the 'borrowed' tables were late in arriving, but eventually everything was set out. Ian Stanes was kind enough to welcome everyone and to declare

the 2009 Street Market open at 10am.

A special thank-you to all our stallholders who did a fantastic job;



*The Bottles stall*

Margaret Morris and the Book Stall crew had a good collection of books and were kept busy throughout the day. The Bottle Tombola was very popular and did well, thanks to Pat Astill, George Hurst, Michael O'Connell and helpers. The Grand Draw had a lovely selection of prizes including the very popular 'basket of beer': thanks to Anthony and Katherine Swift for their hard work.

As usual Chris Hodge had asked everyone in the congregation to contribute to the Pantry. There were cakes, breads and preserves everywhere and plenty of people selling and buying; the tables were bare in no time. Angela Onions and the Saxon Club had to relocate their stall which became rather squeezed in their usual location, but they really liked the new site and had good visibility. The Bric-à-brac stall with Tony Haffenden and John Cox,



*The Bric-à-brac stall*



*The Garden stall*

supported by a very good display, pricing and sales team of David and Hazel Rawstron, Vic and Helen Holden and Vernon and Judith Burchell, had a record year with some good quality donations. Colin Johnston and the Plant Stall did well despite the fact that the competition from 5 other plant stalls. Thanks to David Milne for setting up the plant stall while Colin was rushing round looking for tables, also to Frances, Janet and Elaine for their help during the day. Alison Cook and June Harrison did really well with their toy stall and 'ice a cake' opportunity. As always the Refreshment Tent with Joan Finch, Anne Carter and friends did very good business serving hot drinks and food. There were some problems with the electricity supply which will have to be addressed for next year.

Many thanks to Anne Willis and Bob Cherry who stepped in at the last

minute to oversee the Friends of Holy Trinity Information table.

We are most grateful to Ann Holland, Bryan Harris and Graham Dove for help with printing and advertising; to John Woods who helped collect stallholders' takings; and to Jeremy Lavis for the accounts. In addition Mark Moorfoot made a new set of road signs and helped to put them up around the town. There are many other people who have contributed to the success of the 2009 Street Market and a big thank-you must go to everyone who helped in any way, to set up, take down, organise, transport, assist with stalls, by their contributions, their time, and all who came and purchased cakes, Grand Draw tickets and plants. The parishioners of Holy Trinity have always given their full support to the Street Market and this proved true again this year.



*The Mothers' Union Pantry*

During the morning, entertainment was provided by Peter Stedman and his Punch and Judy and Judy and Magic Show, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. This may be Peter's last year as he thinks he will be retiring his Punch and Judy act. If anyone knows of another Punch and Judy who might be willing to come to our Market, please let us know. Our old favourite the Apple Barrel Jazz Band has now retired, so during the afternoon we were very well entertained by the

Severn Jazzmen. Martin Williams, a member of the band, regularly plays his trumpet at the War Memorial in the Town on Remembrance Day in November. Thanks Martin. The music creates a lovely relaxed atmosphere in Westbury Gardens.

We are especially pleased that all the sites in Westbury Gardens were sold, in addition to three sites on the walkway to the footbridge by St Margaret's car park. As many people entered the Gardens from that direction, the one outside stall and two 'young entrepreneurs' who were located there were delighted with their location. The organisers have received several letters of appreciation from outside stallholders who seemed very pleased with the number of people

who attended throughout the day, especially right up to closing time at 4pm.

Now to the big question, 'How did we do?' It was a record year, and as you will see from the details below we made a wonderful profit of just over £4,000. Thank you again for your support. Hopefully, we also contributed to the community by bringing so many people into Bradford on Avon.

Next year's Holy Trinity Street Market will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2010. Hope to see you there!

John Cox, Colin Johnston and  
Stephanie Moorfoot

Photos by David Milne

### Street Market Profit Statement

STALLS	2009	2008
BOOKS	£397	£441
BOTTLE TOMBOLA	£384	£320
BRIC A BRAC	£689	£440
DONATIONS	£14	£21
GRAND DRAW	£807	£488
PANTRY	£405	£481
PLANTS	£224	£175
REFRESHMENTS	£588	£583
SAXON CLUB	£408	£483
TOYS	£105	£57
<b>TOTAL STALLS</b>	<b>£3,819</b>	<b>£3,469</b>
STALL FEES	£885	
ADMIN SURPLUS		£151
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£4,504</b>	<b>£3,620</b>
EXPENSES (including entertainment cost)	£470	
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>£4,034</b>	<b>£3,620</b>

## Appreciation...

Peter and Frances Hardman would like to offer their deepest thanks for the many expressions of sympathy, love and condolence, and especially the prayerful support of members of Holy Trinity, which has so helped them and all the family to cope with the sad loss of their beloved daughter Laura. At the age of 38, and totally without warning, she died after suffering a cardiac arrest, leaving her husband Jack, and their two little boys, Max (aged 4) and Jasper (2). They live in Cornwall, where she was a free-lance film-maker, and following a private family cremation, a wonderful service of Thanksgiving for her life was held in Truro Cathedral on 8<sup>th</sup> July.  
Your continued prayer for her young family will be greatly appreciated.

## A letter from Bill

20<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

Dear Tony and Joan,

When Angela originally suggested a DVD of the Trinity Sunday service, I demurred, but suggested that it would be nice if someone took some 'footage' of the reception afterwards. I certainly didn't expect such a professional production as we had, and it made the day seem even more of an occasion. I've been keeping the DVD in my briefcase with personal papers to make sure that it didn't get lost in the move. Last Monday, Jean and I finally got our TV set-up sorted, and on Wednesday we sat down to watch. It's a superb bit of work, which captures so many of the people there and wonderfully recaptures the feeling of the day.

So this is to say a very heartfelt 'thank you' from both of us. We really enjoyed watching it, and will treasure it. I hope that will at least explain why you haven't heard from me about it before. We're now firmly on Sky for TV, phone and broadband, and are very pleased with the package. I think I've got a Sky email address, but I think that we'll do better to stick to gmail for the present.

A little to our surprise, our local church at Balderton feels far more like home than the church in Newark. The cheerful noise levels and the welcome seem very familiar. You may be interested to know that the use of the common chalice has been suspended in this diocese — I think the custom may spread, the way things are going.

I think of you frequently as you go on through this summer period. Hope all is going well for you and for the parish.

Love and best wishes,

Bill

## KEEPING IN TOUCH DURING THE VACANCY

It is now two months since we celebrated Bill and Jean's 28 years of loyal service to Holy Trinity Church. What a sound legacy on which to build they have left us.

Life at Holy Trinity continues, thanks to the excellent support from our 'retired' clergy. Their sermons have been especially challenging and our high standards have been maintained thanks to their commitment and the forward-planning rota system that Graham is coordinating. The retired clergy are well supported by our Servers, Intercessors, Choir, Verger, Epistle Readers, and all who do so much to keep things on the move.

Thank you to all of you who completed the questionnaires that were circulated. We had over 130 responses giving us plenty of quality material for our Parish Profile. Amongst the responses there was much consensus for our 'liberal catholic' and strong liturgical traditions. These wishes will need to be clearly stated in the advertisement for the new priest and in the Parish Profile to ensure that we get the right person. Whilst there is a great deal of support for our current style of worship there is also a call for us to modernise our services, be more adventurous, and progress our communications and marketing.

Being at the heart of this lovely town you felt it important for us to explain our community links *eg.* Bradford on Avon Churches Together, the Annual Street Market, the Town Remembrance Service, Chamber of Commerce membership, *etc.* It is also important for the new priest to be aware of the trustee side of the job, especially with the Saxon Church and St Mary Tory.

Many of you thought we should try and increase our congregation, especially with families and younger people, by strengthening our links with local schools and youth groups and by encouraging those who are still uncertain about their faith. Some clergy don't want to be school governors, and if we think it's important for the Vicar here, we shall need to make that clear.

A PCC sub-group has been tasked to create the Parish Profile; this is a document to 'sell' our Parish. The final version will describe our vision, traditions, activities and resources and outline our hopes and aspirations for mission and discipleship. The group comprises the Churchwardens, Anne Carter, Graham Dove, Cecilia Hynes-Higman, David Rawstron, Jeremy Lavis, Kathryn Swift and Anne Willis. The other members of the PCC will also provide input where they have specialist knowledge. We are keen that all members of the church and the wider Community have an opportunity to make their views known so don't hesitate to voice any suggestions you have to help shape our future.

At its last meeting the PCC gave their individual and collective thought to the essential and desirable qualities they would like to see in our new priest. We encourage the whole community to do the same and PLEASE let Graham know your ideas, in writing, as soon as possible.

We would appreciate your prayers during this very important period for us all.

Tony Haffenden, Churchwarden

## Tea at Lynchetts

The catering committee would like to say thank you to Professor and Mrs George Lunt for the opportunity to raise money for the Church by offering us the use of the marquee in their wonderful garden at 'The Lynchetts' in Silver Street to provide tea and cakes for visitors to Bradford Secret Gardens on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Through their generosity we were able to raise £168 for church funds.

## Day trips

A lorry driver was heading towards Chester Zoo with 500 penguins to deliver when his lorry broke down. Another lorry driver stopped to ask if he could help in any way. "Yes," said the first lorry driver. "If I pay you £500, please will you take these penguins to the zoo?" The man looked startled. "I – I suppose so, if that's where you were all headed," he replied.



"Sure was," said the first lorry driver, and sighed in relief as the penguins were gently led from one lorry into the back of the other.

Next day the first lorry driver finally arrived in Chester and to his amazement saw the second lorry driver strolling down the cobbled streets, with the 500 penguins happily walking behind him, single file. "What's going on?" he gasped. "I gave you £500 to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday!"

"I did take them to the zoo. And I had a lot of money left over. So today we're going bowling."

## SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS

In the light of the following directive from the Diocese relating to the possible risk of spreading swine flu, the Churchwardens, Licensed Lay Minister and Head Server have agreed that at the 9.30am Sunday service only the main altar will offer communion in both kinds, *i.e.* the bread and the wine; those wishing to receive just the bread should leave the main altar once it has been administered or go to the Lady altar where only the bread will be available.

Please note that dipping the wafer in the chalice (otherwise known as intinction) should not be done as it is just as likely to spread the virus and therefore is not a safe option.

At all other services, including the 8am on Sunday, communion of both kinds will be available but those wishing to receive just the bread should again leave the altar once it has been administered.

We shall continue to monitor the situation and hope to return to normal practice as soon as possible, but in the meantime we shall all respect whatever personal choices are made.

Churchwardens and Licensed Lay Minister

### Directive from Salisbury

While the current strain of swine flu remains mild, there is clear evidence that it is likely to become widespread in the UK. Although there have been very few deaths; it is also evident that, mild as it is, the current strain can pose a serious health risk to the most vulnerable. Therefore, in order to reduce the risk of spreading swine flu, the bishop has directed that the following precautions must be taken:

- For the duration of the current situation, **only consecrated bread should be offered** to those receiving communion. While communion in both kinds is the norm in the Church of England, in faithfulness to Christ's institution, when it is received only in one kind the fullness of the Sacrament is received none the less.
- President and sacristan should either wash their hands with soap and water or use an antibacterial gel before preparing or distributing the bread
- **Both bread and wine should be consecrated** and the President must receive communion in both kinds. The chalice should also be available for those who still wish to receive in both kinds.
- **Members of your congregation who may be showing flu-like symptoms should follow Government advice** and stay at home while symptoms persist. (Symptoms do not normally last for more than 7-10 days.) .

- **Pastoral visits and Home Communion** for people who have swine flu by clergy or lay pastoral assistants are strongly discouraged as the risk of infection is very high, and those making a series of pastoral visits could spread infection, as well as being susceptible to becoming infected.
- Please **be vigilant in watching out among friends and neighbours**, especially those who are on their own or in any way vulnerable, and observe **good hand hygiene**.

We are sorry that these precautions have to be taken but hope that you realise why they are necessary. We shall also monitor the situation to ensure there is as little inconvenience as possible.

Finally, please remember all who are ill at this time.

## **How fast do you go?**

Sitting by the side of the road one day, on the lookout for speeding drivers, a police officer spotted a car pattering along at 20 mph. He thought to himself: “That driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!”, so he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over.

Approaching the car, he noticed that the four passengers were all old ladies, and all wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, also a very elderly lady, was upset at being stopped. “Officer, I don't understand: I was doing exactly the speed limit!”

“Madam,” the officer replied patiently, “you weren't doing the speed limit, you were driving at 20 miles an hour. That can be dangerous to other drivers.”

“But it says A20 on the sign over there — and so I was doing it!” she protested. “But that is the road number, not the speed limit.” replied the officer.

“Well, I never! That explains a lot,” said the old lady in evident relief.

“Before I let you go, madam, I have to ask, is everyone in this car okay? Your passengers seem awfully shaken.”

“Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off the A120.”

## Wiltshire Butterflies and Moths – July 2009

This year is proving to be a spectacular one for many butterflies and moths. The prolonged warm, sunny weather from May until mid-July has benefitted many species and they have been more abundant than for several years.

Last month I dwelt on the **Painted Lady** invasion in late May and I can report that some did indeed reach Iceland. As I write in mid-July we are seeing the offspring of these earlier arrivals and once again numbers are amazing in some areas – an estimated 5000 in a 20 acre meadow near Dilton Marsh and literally thousands in a wood near Salisbury. Locally, they are to be seen in almost any situation but garden buddleia is a great attraction for nectar. **Small Tortoiseshells** and **Commas** have also been seen in much larger numbers and the next generation of **Peacocks** are just emerging. The '**cabbage whites**' are common again, and especially the **Green-veined White**. If this favourable weather continues we could expect to see huge numbers of further generations of most of these species in the autumn.



*The scarlet tiger*

*photo: Steve Covey*

To most people, moths are not considered attractive or of great interest, but as pests and to be discouraged. Some of you have commented on a colourful day-flying 'insect' in your gardens and these in fact are **Scarlet Tiger** moths. They have been particularly noticeable this year and have very dark upper wings with white and lemon spots and with deep scarlet hind wings. They are especially attractive in flight and tend to become

an urban insect in gardens and parks in times of abundance. Ron Hurst, a keen botanist and wildlife enthusiast, counted about 30 at peak in his amazing garden in Winsley Road where a colony has survived for several years. Bryan Harris sent me a super picture of a mating pair in his garden and Malcolm Walsh, Jackie Uncles, Peter Wills and Graham Baldock all reported them in their gardens. I saw a few along the canal towpath over several days in early July. Comfrey is one of the caterpillar's food plants although other plants, including common stinging nettle, are also used.

As usual, any sightings will always be welcome and of interest.

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Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder

Barnabas Fund is an international Christian Charity concerned with the welfare of the persecuted Church. We are currently looking to fill the following full-time positions to be based at our headquarters in Pewsey, Wiltshire. If you are passionate about making a difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters these are exciting opportunities for you to consider.



**Experienced Book-keeper**  
**Projects Administrator**  
**PA to Management**  
**IT Support**

The successful candidates will be in full sympathy with Barnabas Fund's ethos and aims. If you are interested in any of these posts, email a full CV to [personnel@barnabasfund.org](mailto:personnel@barnabasfund.org) or send it by post to: Barnabas Fund, The Old Rectory, River Street, Pewsey, Wilts SN9 5DB.

To find out more, telephone 01672 564 938 or visit our website: [www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org)

## Post Cards

Another timely reminder not to throw away new or old postcards, but to pass them on to me to be sold in aid of the church in Sudan.

Many thanks to the lady who brought a large collection of old post cards to the Saxon Club, and to Jean Wright who also gave me a collection of cards she no longer wanted to keep.

Thanks go, too, to all those who have passed over any they receive or find in a drawer.

I don't think that anyone has come forward to collect stamps for Sudan, so I will do so for the moment. What can be made of use, should be made use of — if I may put it like that.

Thank you in advance.

Muriel Freeborn

## SAINTS CORNER

### 31<sup>st</sup> August: Aidan – the man who brought Christianity to England

August 31<sup>st</sup> is the feast of St Aidan, who brought Christianity to northern England. He is a strong contender for the title of the first English bishop. Not that honours meant a great deal to this austere but captivating character.

In 635 he went to Northumbria at the invitation of the local ruler, Oswald. Oswald had spent several years of his childhood on Iona, and when he succeeded to the throne of his northern kingdom he was shrewd enough to realise that the Christian faith would be an ideal unifying force to pacify rival tribes of warlords.

Oswald's invitation was not immediately successful. The first missionary from Iona returned in despair, claiming that the barbarity of the Northumbrians made them unconvertible. But as Aidan listened, he felt the unmistakable call of God to try again. "Perhaps you were too harsh on them" he suggested to the travel-stained missionary. Shortly afterwards, Aidan found himself at the head of a party of brothers heading for Northumbria. He was never to see his beloved Iona again. The monks made the long journey to Northumbria on foot, singing psalms as they went. Their need to ward off the powers of evil with prayer was genuine, for these were dangerous times for travelling through remote country unarmed. They arrived safely at Oswald's castle at Bamburgh, where he

offered them lavish hospitality and assumed that they would found their community there.

However, the brothers realised that to live under the king's protection would make it difficult to avoid the world's temptations and establish a rapport with the local people. They saw the tidal island of Lindisfarne on the horizon and chose it as their base. The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

Aidan was much loved as a teacher and evangelist. Though stern in his own self-discipline, he was prepared to travel to the most inaccessible villages, where he cared for the local people with compassion and gentleness. In time his influence grew and noble people joined the stream of visitors to Lindisfarne.

After Oswald's death in 642, his brother Oswin succeeded him as king. Oswin was concerned about Aidan's habit of walking everywhere. The saint was ageing rapidly, his body weakened by years of harsh fasting and exposure to the elements. Oswin thought about what could happen to him one day on the road; he also felt that such a lowly means of travel was not appropriate for a bishop. So he gave Aidan one of his finest horses, complete with a beautifully worked saddle and bridle. Aidan did not feel able to risk offending the king by spurning his generosity, but he rode out of

the palace with a heavy heart. He knew that people would relate to him differently now that he had the trappings of affluence, and that it would be dangerous to stop and rest with such valuable belongings beside him.

The king had intended to give him comfort, but his gesture had had the opposite effect. Aidan had learnt that possessions, and the need to protect them, make it more difficult to follow God with an undivided heart. The story goes that he gave the horse, complete with saddle, to the first beggar he met outside the palace gates.

A more pragmatic Christian might have reasoned that keeping on the right side of Oswin would lead to opportunities that were too valuable to risk. Indeed, the king was angry when he heard what Aidan had done. "That horse was fit for a king, not for some vagabond" he protested. "I could have found you an old nag if you wanted to give it away." Aidan's reply was simply, "What do you think, O King? Is the son of a mare worth more in your eyes than that son of God?"

There was an awkward silence; then the King removed his sword, knelt at Aidan's feet and asked his forgiveness. When he returned to the banqueting table, it was with a beaming smile. Sadly, he too was to perish in battle shortly afterwards.

Yet Oswin, whose culture demanded that he should appear all-powerful in the eyes of his followers, had been publicly humbled by the integrity of a simple monk who had challenged his values. What would it be like if contemporary leaders were equally open to God's influence, and if there were more Christian leaders of Aidan's strength of character? Today, we read that Governments are eager to work alongside churches in welfare initiatives, and that the cash-strapped Church of England is considering the unthinkable indignity of asking its bishops to sacrifice their chauffeur-driven cars. Will such stories stand the test of time?

Over a thousand years after his death, a statue of Aidan stands in the churchyard of St Mary's on Lindisfarne, visited by pilgrims from all over the world. The rector of that church was until recently David Adam, who brought Aidan to public attention through his excellent biography\*, *Flame in my Heart*, and his well-known books of Celtic prayers. It seems that, for once, obedience to God has brought a rich and lasting harvest.

\**Flame in my Heart: St Aidan for Today*, by David Adam, Triangle Books, 1997.

Source: Parish Pump

## Your rôle in church

*Do you feel under-appreciated?*

God did not save you to be a sensation. He saved you to be a servant.



**This Round-the-World Sail will be completed by John Wraw to raise funds for The Young Carers**

Our Archdeacon, the Ven John Wraw, will be embarking on the ***Around the World Yacht Race*** on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, for charity. This is an annual event and is the longest race in the world, covering 35,000 miles and lasting for ten months. John will be participating in the first leg from Hull to Rio de Janeiro.

Each crew is made up of seventeen amateurs and one professional Captain. The crew undergo a period of training before commencing the gruelling race.

John is hoping to raise money for Wiltshire Young Carers which is a charity that supports young people who have responsibility for caring for a family member or relative.

I have volunteered to oversee the sponsorship on behalf of John for Holy Trinity and I will place the sponsorship form in church at the Crossing for people to complete from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please give him your support.

Thanks very much,

Anthony Swift

## Bread

The head of a retreat house received a complaint about the bread that was served for supper. "People on retreat should not make a fuss about such trivial things," he said. "St Benedict would have eaten it with delight." "Yes, father," said the complainant, "but it was fresh then."

## Circuit of Bath Walk

Julian House, the charity for the homeless, will be staging their eighth Circuit of Bath Walk on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. The 20-mile circular route takes in some fantastic countryside on the edge of the city. Participants can do anywhere between 2 and 20 miles thanks to the unique shuttle bus service that operates between start points throughout the day. The event is open to people of all ages as one section of the route is particularly accessible to all abilities.

Participants can start at any of the five check points, where detailed route instructions are supplied as are water & treats for dogs. Further information is available on the Julian House website – [www.julianhouse.org.uk](http://www.julianhouse.org.uk) or by calling Cathy Adcock on 01225 354656. email [cathya@julianhouse.org.uk](mailto:cathya@julianhouse.org.uk)



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

## GOD LIVES UNDER THE BED

I envy Kevin. My brother, Kevin, thinks God lives under his bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night. He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped to listen, "Are you there, God?", he said. "Where are you? Oh, I see. Under the bed..."

I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room. Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humour. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in.

He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labour. Apart from his size (he's 6ft 2in), there are few ways in which he is an adult. He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7-year-old, and he always will. He will probably always believe that God lives under his bed, that Santa Claus is the one who fills the space under our tree every Christmas, that aeroplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them.

I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life? Up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our cocker spaniel, return to eat his favourite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed. The only variation in the entire scheme is laundry, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her newborn child.

He does not seem dissatisfied. He lopes out to the bus every morning at 7.05am, eager for a day of simple work. He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores.

And Saturdays – oh, the bliss of Saturdays! That's the day my Dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculate loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. "That one's goin' to Chi-car-go!" Kevin shouts as he claps his hands. His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights.

And so goes his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips. He doesn't know what it means to be discontented. His life is simple. He will never know the entanglements of wealth or power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be.

His hands are diligent. Kevin is never so happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax.

He is not obsessed with his work or the work of others. His heart is

pure. He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of arguing. Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere. And he trusts God.

Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to Christ, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God – really to be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an 'educated' person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion.

In my moments of doubt and frustrations with my Christianity, I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith. It is then that I am most willing to admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions. It is then that I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the handicap: I am. My

obligations, my fear, my pride, my circumstances – they all become disabilities when I do not trust them to God's care.

Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn? After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of God. And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed.

Kevin won't be surprised at all! Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and find they were actually the big things!

**Robert Brault**

Supplied by Margaret Purves

## **Farewell to Janet**

Janet Ramsey has been a faithful and valued member of our congregation for 52 years. During her time in the parish many people have had reason to be thankful for her unfailingly cheerful help and kindness. We shall miss her. We hope that she will be very happy in her move to Littlehampton where she will be close to her daughter and other family members.



*Photo: Doug Phillips*

# Quick Crossword

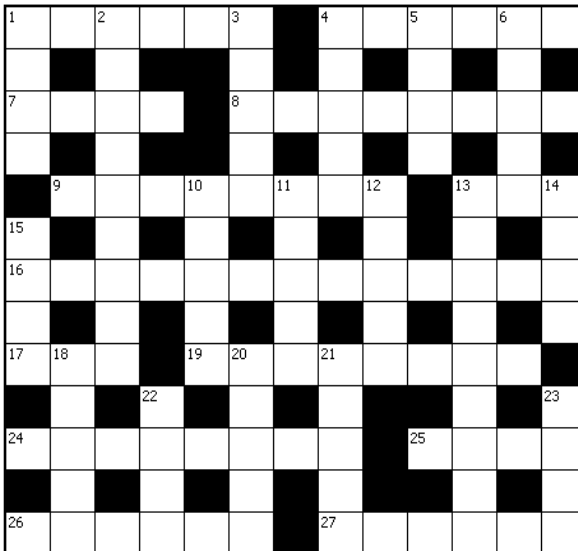
The Bible version is the NIV

## Clues across

- 1 Of Moses (6)
- 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting' (Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8)
- 13 South London Mission (1,1,1)
- 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away — , because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
- 19 Airs used (anag.) (8)
- 24 'The Lord is my — , I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

## Clues down

- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- 5 Assistant (4)
- 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- 10 Credo (anag.) (5)
- 11 Beaten with a rod (5)
- 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status (Job 32:6) (5)
- 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 15 Employs (4)
- 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
- 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
- 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)



Solutions on page 3.

Source: Parish Pump

## FOR PRAYER IN AUGUST

We pray:

- ◆ those on holiday at this time
- ◆ the many visitors to our town
- ◆ staff, governors and pupils of our local schools
- ◆ the church's work with children and young people

### The Sabeel Wave of Prayer

Judith Hammond invites you to the Saxon Church on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 11.45am to 12.15pm to join her in the Friends of Sabeel's world-wide wave of prayer in support of the establishment of a just peace for the people of Palestine.

### What is Sabeel?

'Sabeel' is an Arabic word meaning 'the way' and also a channel or spring of living water. The movement was founded in 1990 in Jerusalem to explore the concerns of Palestinian Christians. It promotes non-violence and reconciliation, based on justice, peace and liberation for all the national and faith communities of Palestine and Israel. The Friends of Sabeel have asked supporters world-wide to pray together at noon on Thursdays in their respective time zones, starting in Australia, passing through Palestine and on around the world.

Prayers will focus on Peace with Justice.

More information can be obtained from Judith Hammond:

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For more information about Friends of Sabeel UK visit the website:

<http://www.friendsofsabeel.org.uk/Home.shtml>

**There is no meeting of the Interfaith Group in August**

**The Saxon Club does not meet in August**

# DIARY FOR AUGUST



## **2 SUNDAY**

9.30 am  
6 pm

## **TRINITY 8**

Sung Eucharist  
Compline

Saxon Church

5 Wednesday

10 am

Oswald, King of Northumbria

## **9 SUNDAY**

9.30 am  
6 pm

## **TRINITY 9**

### **(MARY SUMNER DAY)**

Sung Eucharist  
Evensong at Christ Church

## **16 SUNDAY**

9.30 am  
6 pm

## **TRINITY 10**

Sung Eucharist  
Taizé Service with Prayer for  
Hope & Health

## **23 SUNDAY**

9.30 am  
6 pm

## **TRINITY 11**

Sung Eucharist  
Sung Evensong

Saxon Church

## **30 SUNDAY**

9.30 am  
6 pm

## **TRINITY 12**

Sung Eucharist  
Songs of Praise

Saxon Church

*Holy Communion is usually at 8 am each Sunday  
Copy Date for September is 16th August*

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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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