

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Bradford on Avon



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Times of Services

(Check Bulletins and notices or Church web site)

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

Holy Communion (weekdays)	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 rd Thursday
Bell Practice	7.30–9 pm	2 nd and 4 th Mondays

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

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

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

● “IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT”

Visionary men and women and their amazing achievements have always interested me. The majority of them have had simple but powerful quotes associated with them. The great Walt Disney, who was born in 1901 and started to build his empire in 1920, said “If you can dream it, you can do it”. Then there was the famous address by President JF Kennedy in 1961 (which was about the same time as Yuri Gagarin made the first manned space journey) when he declared his vision for the USA to send a man to the moon and return safely by the end of the decade. As most of us will recall, Neil Armstrong took those first steps on the moon on July 20th 1969 and he and his crew returned safely to earth. Another great visionary was Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers’ Union. Her personal dream of the late 1800s has been adopted throughout the world with a vision of ‘a world where God’s love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships’.

My interest in visionary people was first stimulated by my Sunday school teachers when I was a child growing up during the 1940s. I can recall that, at that time, two of my favourite stories were about the dreams and vision of Daniel and the view that Moses had of the Promised Land.

Space travel stimulus came from the Eagle comic, a must-read for any small boy. Although it was published in the early 1950s, before space travel had started, it was full of visionary stories of Dan Dare and his journeys into space. What great excitement there was when Sputnik was launched into space in 1957!

With our thanks for the advice, comments, and feedback by members of the parish and town, the PCC are now well advanced in their visionary task of creating an interesting Parish Profile. We also have a fairly clear picture of the next Parish Priest we would like God to send us, to carry on His good work and implement His plans for us. Our Vision is clear and easy to understand and support: it is to celebrate a significant growth in numbers and faith. As you will see later in Parish News the Vision is supported by a number of specific goals. As Walt Disney said “if you can dream it, you can do it”.

There is no doubt that the greatest vision of all was when God sent His son to this earth well over 2000 years ago to be our personal saviour.

Tony Haffenden

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HOLY TRINITY MOTHERS' UNION

On Sunday, 9th August, Mary Sumner Day, 8 members went to St John's, Studley, to celebrate the life of our founder with the rest of the Deanery. As always seems to be the case in August, it was not all that well attended.

St John's had devised a lovely service, with some super hymns. Selina Deacon, the Priest in Charge of St John's, preached a wonderful sermon, and some of us met Liz Gifford, their new curate for the first time. I remembered when Liz first moved into Trowbridge and came to worship here at Holy Trinity, recommended to her by Ann Holland. She then moved to Holy Trinity, Trowbridge, as a Lay Reader and was ordained deacon, but she was priested this year at St John's. She is going to come and talk to us next year about her work in Erlestoke Prison. Banners were processed, with ours being carried by Mary Dawson. Afterwards we were invited to the Vicarage garden to enjoy a lovely cream tea and a time to chat to fellow Deanery members. Our next meeting, on September 17th, starts at 7.30pm in church with a Corporate Communion, to be celebrated by Ian, and followed in the Church Hall by a talk from Sophia Swanson, of the SURESTART Children's Centre. We welcome everyone who would like to join us in either, or both.

I've heard back from the Mothers' Union in Harare, and the 256 US dollars we sent out from the branch and the Church collection were very gratefully received: they will be used for buying much-needed food. They thanked us also for our prayers, and say that they regularly pray for us as well. It should give us food for thought, that they pray for us in our affluence, when they have so little!

Chris Hodge

News from the National Organization.

In July, the Mothers' Union welcomed the Government's continued commitment to meeting the challenges set by the Millennium Development Goals in eliminating global poverty by 2015. In a white paper from the Department for International Development, *Building our Common Future?*, Douglas Alexander reiterated that UK aid continues to be targeted at poverty reduction.

Junior Church News

Happy Holidays to all Junior Church Members!

We hope that you are having some interesting trips during the holidays to tell us about when we start back in September — perhaps to the sea-side, the zoo, or even visiting relatives and friends.

Maybe you could write a little piece about your holiday that we can print in 'Parish News'. With our best wishes,

GROWING



LEARNING

Junior Church Team (Alison June and Sue)

News of a past curate of Holy Trinity

Tony Haffenden has received this email message from Peter Potter, Curate at Holy Trinity from 1985 to 1988.

Dear Tony

We thought you (and the folk at Holy Trinity) might be interested to hear that I have just been appointed Archdeacon of Switzerland. This is in addition to remaining chaplain in Bern, so it should keep me out of mischief. Shareene is glad it doesn't mean another move! We hope all is going well with the vacancy and that your Street Market was a success.

With best wishes
Peter and Shareene

A PROFILE OF OUR PARISH

At this stage in the interregnum, the PCC is engaged in the serious task of producing a profile of our parish and a description of the kind of parish priest whom we would like to see appointed to Holy Trinity. The PCC is of course aware that the church community has views on these matters, and the starting point for their deliberations has been the responses to the questionnaire that went out with the letter inviting contributions to Bill's retirement collection. The questions that were asked included:

- ◆ Is there any new element or emphasis that you would like to see woven into life here at Holy Trinity?
- ◆ What helps you to make Holy Trinity your church?
- ◆ What currently nurtures or enthuses you in the life of Holy Trinity, *eg.* which elements of the worship, which meetings, small groups, behind-the-scenes activity, *etc.*?
- ◆ What could we do better to attract more people into church?

There were 130 detailed responses and these have been given consideration in the formulation of the Parish Profile. The PCC has agreed that it would be beneficial for readers of Parish News to see something of progress so far and has asked us to include these first four sections of the document that will, in due course, be sent out to applicants for the post of parish priest. This is provisional draft which may be modified before the task is finished.

The Editors

1 Introduction

We send you a warm welcome from the Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council, and the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church in the town of Bradford on Avon.

Holy Trinity is currently seeking an enthusiastic parish priest to come and minister in our town and our local community. We enjoyed a stable relationship with our previous incumbent who held the freehold for 28 years. We are now ready to move forward, with new ideas which would respect our tradition and the diversity of our community.

The parish church is in the lovely Saxon town of Bradford on Avon. It is a grade II* listed building, dating from about 1150 AD, and is set in a substantial area of enclosed churchyard. It is situated at the heart of the town and its



conservation area on the banks of the River Avon, in close proximity to the Saxon Church of St Laurence. It serves a parish with a population of approximately 6,000, has a ministry of welcome to visitors and tourists, and provides Christian support to the local schools. There are good bus services with connections throughout Wiltshire and to Bath and Bristol; there are also regular rail services to all major towns, including Bath, Bristol, Salisbury, Weymouth and London.

Holy Trinity offers a traditional, liberal catholic form of worship in a friendly and caring environment. We try to provide a focus for all people in the parish and beyond. Our aim is to nurture their spirituality, and their belief in God and the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

2 Vision and Goals

We would like to see our church family grow in numbers and in faith and to expand our areas of service to the community at large.

2.1 Our goal is to accomplish this over the next 5 years

In order to fulfil our vision we intend to build on the legacy that has been left us and to develop a vibrant programme of new activities and church growth. We propose to do this by:

- introducing new and sustained kinds of enjoyable Sunday celebrations accessible to individuals, couples and families gathering together to worship and welcome God's presence,
- developing and expanding activities for our young people and children,
- fostering a strong sense of community through groups where people can talk, grow spiritually and share ideas,
- working closely with our link churches through Bradford on Avon Churches Together, and
- encouraging and extending our volunteer teams and lay leadership.

In order to achieve our goal we need to have many more people participating in the life of our church.

2.2 Our central rôle in community life

As we grow we must strive to be recognised as playing a significant rôle in the everyday life of our town. We would do this by continuing to offer worship experiences that engage the needs of the whole community by:

- offering relevant worship and expanding activities and initiatives for all age groups,
- developing and extending our well-established links with both St Laurence Secondary Comprehensive School and Fitzmaurice Primary School,
- providing relevant and regular opportunities for the Guides, Scouts and other youth organisations to be involved in church services and parish life outside the church, and

- attempting to make the church building more attractive and open to the community, expanding its use for music and arts-related activities for all ages.

2.4 Our shared gifts and talents

We should continue to recognise and encourage the talents of our resourceful congregation to provide support to our new Priest, to participate in the lay leadership of the church, and to help us in our plans to move forward.

3 Rôle Profile

While fully realising that we are in God's hands in this matter, we prayerfully await a priest who would:

- take the lead in arranging, with others, all services within the Parish, including occasional services and services at non-church locations,
- lead and encourage the whole mission of the church, with a special focus on increasing the numbers of families, children and young people coming to our services,
- be a Governor at St Laurence School and maintain a church presence at other schools in the parish,
- maintain and actively develop community and ecumenical links within the town,
- develop the ministry of both ordained and lay people,
- ensure, with the support of others, that the pastoral needs of the community are met,
- build upon the strong liturgical and musical tradition of the church,
- be *ex officio* a trustee of the Saxon Church and St Mary Tory, and of the Women's and the Men's Almshouses,
- lead, guide, encourage and support the whole congregation in our Christian life together, maintaining our traditions and enabling us to think beyond them, and
- enable our church family to leave services with their Christian faith revitalized and feeling at one with God and their neighbour.

4 Rôle Specification

The PCC and church family look forward to welcoming someone with:

- energy, enthusiasm and vision, and the ability to encourage us in our ministry,
- experience as a teacher and preacher, having a scholarly theological background, who can communicate at all levels. Good IT skills are also very important,

- the relevant experience, education and personality to lead this town church in God's work and to develop productive working relationships with other community leaders,
- a background in liberal catholic churchmanship, but able to initiate and develop worship in contemporary style where appropriate,
- good organisational and leadership skills, including motivation and delegation,
- the ability to recognise, encourage and develop various forms of lay ministry,
- the essential skills and new ideas to reach out to all, especially families, children and young people, and encourage them to participate in worship,
- the ability to conduct worship at a variety of levels including civic services, major festivals and less formal occasions,
- the sensitivity and understanding to deal with the varied pastoral needs of the community, and
- the ability to encourage church members to develop their own spirituality and the confidence to share their thoughts with others.

The Parochial Church Council

QUIET DAY

Saturday, September 12th, 9.30am-4pm

Our Quiet Day, to be led by Bishop Bill Ind, is at Ivy House, Warminster, and we are fortunate in that the whole house is at our disposal. The gardens are beautiful and there are also plenty of rooms we can use and seats in the garden to find a corner where we can meditate.

There will be opportunities for individuals to talk to Bishop Bill if they wish.

This should be a lovely day. We can take 30 people, so please sign up as soon as possible so that I can let Ivy House know how many are coming.

If we can car-share, this would be most helpful as the car park is rather small.

Angela

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2009

Q. What is Operation Christmas Child?

A. It is an initiative of Samaritan's Purse – A Christian relief and development organisation which works through local churches overseas to demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in need in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.



Every year OCC is made possible through the amazing support of thousands of adults and children in the UK. Millions of brightly covered shoeboxes are filled with simple gifts, bringing hope, joy, and amazement to very needy children, many of them in orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters, in desperate need in war torn countries. It's hard to imagine never having received a gift before, but that's the reality for many children in these countries.

In our area, the Melksham warehouse is our collection and distribution point. From September to November a 'little army' of volunteers there work tirelessly to organise the shoe box campaign and thousands of your shoe boxes are despatched in time for Christmas to very needy children.

For many years now our Church family at Holy Trinity, with friends, neighbours and relatives, have been most supportive, which has enabled us to send over a hundred shoe boxes each year. So wouldn't it be great, if with your help and continued support we could fill our shoe boxes again soon for the children.



Many kind folk knit and sew all the year round for the children: such an amazing effort, and I am glad of this opportunity to say a very big Thank-you to them. Also for the (empty) shoe boxes collected for me, during the year, which we store to be ready for the start of the shoe box campaign in September.

I am always happy to collect these items and with much gratitude thinking how very grateful the children will be when they find (amongst other gifts in their shoe boxes) beautifully knitted hats, gloves and scarves, to help keep them warm during their very severe winters and also finding beautifully made knitted hand puppets and a shoe bag in each box to keep all their 'treasured things' in.

If you would like to pack a shoe box, you will need one leaflet for each box. The leaflet contains a helpful list of what to put into your box, and

how to cover it. The wonderful thing about it all is that every box is unique: it represents an expression of love and gives hope to a needy child.

You will find the leaflets by the door as you come into church. Please take one, and however you help, by filling a box, donating a few items, or helping with travel costs, any of these will be greatly appreciated.

The following items are always needed:

Stationery/School supplies:

ie. Notebooks, paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, rubbers, crayons.

(In many countries these items are not supplied in schools, so if the children do not have them they cannot go to school!)

Toilet/Hygiene Items:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, flannels, wrapped soap, hairbrushes and hair accessories for girls, and combs for boys.

(Many families do not possess their own toothbrush, or they all share a single toothbrush!)

Small Toys:

Teddies, dolls, cuddly toys, cars or trucks, tennis balls.

There will be a box by the door in Church for your kind donations. Also a **large sweet jar** for any donations you would like to give towards travel costs. Perhaps just the loose change from our pockets, as every little will help!

However you decide to help your gift will make a world of difference, and will bring a grateful smile to a hurting, needy child, this Christmas.

We look forward to your valued support again, with many thanks,

Celia Milne Tel: 01225 864341

And yet...

Jesus had no servants, yet they called him Master.

Had no degree, yet they called him Teacher.

Had no medicines, yet they called him Healer.

Had no army, yet kings feared him.

He won no military battles, yet he conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet he lives today.

Bradford Area Churches Together



The latest meeting of Bradford Churches together was held in the Quaker Meeting Room on 13th July. It was attended by 14 delegates from local churches and Christian organisations, and presided over by the Chairman, Ambrose Stickney from St Thomas More. Opening prayers were said by Josie Griffith from Christchurch.

The Chairman thanked the organisers of the BACT Lent Group (Frances Hopwood and Denise Leigh), stating that it was an effective and successful enterprise attended by representatives from a good cross-section of Bradford churches. Ambrose also commented that the farewell event for Bill Matthews had been well organised and well attended.

The Treasurer (Reg Green, Christchurch) stated that BACT funds stood at £284 after paying our subscription to Wiltshire Churches Together and our insurance premium. He mentioned a collection being made by 'Housing Justice' which sought to run training courses for those involved in providing temporary accommodation for those in need, and asked if BACT should subscribe to this charity. It was decided that it may be inappropriate to select just one out of many worthy causes, but that Wiltshire Churches Together might be better placed to subscribe.

Other items on the agenda included :-

Pentecost 2009 and beyond: The Saxon Church Payer Vigil was well supported and those involved were especially impressed by the prayerful environment. In all, 42 persons from 10 churches were involved in the vigil and the full 24 hours were filled. It was hoped that BACT could take a higher profile in Bradford activities in the future and display a public face at such events as the Lions' Fun Day, the switching of the Christmas lights, and the St Laurence Fête — all of which would benefit from a Christian presence. An increase in BACT membership would help to achieve this goal. BACT is not presently large enough to organise such an event by itself, but would happily join in and assist other organisations.

Big Lunch : the eco-church event would not now run, but the Eden Project initiative in Barton Park would run on 19th. July, and all were cordially invited to bring their own lunch and join in the event.

One World Week will be from October 18th to 25th. and BACT will provide whatever assistance it can through its member churches to mark the occasion.

Re-branding of BACT: A discussion took place about how we could grow BACT and the initial reaction was to encourage each member church to double the number of representatives, and to hold 'open' meetings so that any interested persons could attend. Jim Clarke (Faithworks) said that until *all* local churches and Christian organisations joined us, we could not strictly be called churches *together*. It transpired that two Bradford churches are not members, and that surrounding village churches, although members, rarely attend meetings. Also, it was felt that ministers and community leaders do

not support BACT sufficiently. By comparison, we learn that the Melksham Community of Churches, with 8 members, meet weekly together with their respective ministers. Feedback from member churches is to be sought in an effort to develop this idea.

The United Reform Church, through their minister Martin Skinner, will be offering a course of five sessions under the heading of 'Majoring in Prayer Life'. Martin would lead the first session and was looking for volunteers to lead the following sessions.

Operation Noah concerns climate change and it was hoped that churches across the UK would join to support the reduction of global warming. It was also thought that this initiative should be closely associated with One World Week in October.

Back to Church Sunday is on September 27th. Last year, it was stated, 40,000 people (former churchgoers) went back to church after periods of absence. This special day is not just for older people but should also embrace teens and the 20-30 age group who will ultimately be the church's future. Member churches were asked to check their Electoral Rolls to try and reach those who no longer attend.

The Food Parcel scheme is up and running to help those adversely affected by the credit crunch. Various referral agencies are involved (The Health Centre, Debt Advisory Service, The Children's Centre *etc.*) and feedback has been exciting and positive with much praise for Christians in Bradford on Avon. We should all continue to be alert to the needs of people who live near us.

Bearfield Church: Steve Hughes (minister) has resigned and Sue Glanville was now the administrator until a new minister has been found. In the autumn, an ecumenical Parenting Course will take place (more news later); a 'Prayer and Painting' retreat day will be held on September 19th. in the Bearfield Church Hall.

The next BACT meeting will be on 12th. October, and I look forward to reporting to you all again then. Anyone from our parish can attend this meeting, so please contact me if you feel so inclined.

David Rawstron

Crossword solutions

Across
1 Access, 4 Blinds, 8 Rhyme, 9 Loyalty, 10 Antwerp, 11 Aeon, 12 Loftiness, 17 Satan, 19 Obadiah, 21 On earth, 22 Storm, 23 Exhale, 24 Depths

Down
1 Adrian, 2 Crystal, 3 Siege, 5 Lay bare, 6 Nylon, 7 Saying, 9 Lappidoth, 13 Funeral, 14 Spit out, 15 Ashore, 16 Thomas, 18 Teeth, 20 Aisle

GOD IN MUSIC

‘The trumpet will sound...and we shall be changed’

Joseph Haydn

“I get up early, and as soon as I have dressed, I go down on my knees and pray God and the Blessed Virgin that I may have another successful day. Then when I’ve had some breakfast, I sit down at the clavier and begin my search. If I hit on an idea quickly, it goes ahead easily and without much trouble. But if I can’t go on, I know that I must have forfeited God’s grace by some fault of mine, and then I pray once more for grace until I feel I’m forgiven.”

Those words of the composer, Joseph Haydn, describe his daily routine of composition. The ideas must, in fact, have flowed in abundance for he composed an enormous amount of music — 104 symphonies, over 60 string quartets, over 60 piano sonatas, oratorios, 20 operas and 14 masses, and a host of other compositions besides.

Joseph Haydn was born in 1732, the son of a wheelwright in Rohrau, in eastern Austria, near the border with Hungary. From an early age he displayed a talent for music and, when he was eight years old, he became a chorister at St Stephen’s Cathedral in Vienna. The régime there did not stifle his playful, adventurous spirit: on one occasion the empress Maria Theresa caught him climbing scaffolding, and in 1749 he was dismissed from the choir for cutting off a fellow-chorister’s pigtail. Obligated to fend for himself, he eventually became

Kapellmeister at the Esterhazy court. He was there for 24 years, “cut off from the world” as he expressed it. Travelling to London in 1791 was a revelation for Haydn as he was fêted as a renowned composer and a celebrity. In 1795 he returned to his homeland, where he was to die in 1809.

In this the 200th anniversary year of his death, we give thanks for the incredible creative output of those years, written, as he expressed it in a letter to music lovers in Bergen, to provide “a spring of rest and refreshment” to those pursued by sorrow and anxiety. “That was a powerful motive for pressing onward.” What characterises much of Haydn’s music, along with the clarity and lucidity of the lines, is its energy and zest and the abundance of jokes and surprises.

When we read of the ministry of Jesus in the Gospels, we often find him relishing jokes (the

camel going through the eye of the needle, for instance) and the sparring banter that we can sense in many of his encounters. That sense of humour and the delight in dialogue abound in Haydn's works. It is there in the Joke String Quartet, where we are never quite sure if it has ended, and the Surprise Symphony, which wakes us up in the Andante, should we have nodded off, as it is there in many of his works. Look at the playful ending of the Farewell Symphony, and the stops and starts of several of the piano sonatas. They all witness to "a fellow of infinite jest".

I think Haydn had that sense of fun and playfulness because he realised that his life, like all lives, was lived *sub specie aeternitatis* (under the perspective of eternity). We realise that this sense of the majesty and glory of God gave perspective to his own life, for all the brilliance of his particular gifts. He delighted in

humour and jokes because he knew humour always helped humanity keep a sense of proportion. It is related to humus, the soil, and to humility. Humour keeps our feet firmly on the ground, rejoicing in life and creation, but preventing us from becoming too high and mighty. That is the playfulness of Haydn's music, which breaks down our defences and pretensions.

As we listen, we rejoice in the energy and joy of his compositions, written under the over-arching perspective of divine providence. There is a story that George III said to the composer, "Dr Haydn, you have written a great deal." The composer modestly replied, "Yes, Sire, a great deal more than is good." The king rejoined, "Oh, no, the world contradicts that." and we, 200 years later, would agree.

The Rev Michael Burgess

Quote, unquote:

- ⇒ When praying, don't give God instructions — just report for duty.
- ⇒ We don't change God's message — His message changes us.
- ⇒ When God ordains, He sustains.
- ⇒ Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- ⇒ We are all fallen creatures and all very hard to live with.

C S Lewis

- ⇒ With God there are mysteries, but no mistakes.

Michael Griffiths



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

From Archdeacon John Wraw

On 13th September, the 10 yachts leave Hull bound for Rio. The first leg of the 2009/10 Clipper Round the World Race will have started. Well fortified by Kwells I shall be on board the ‘Cape Breton’ putting into practice six months of training. The training has been excellent and I have huge confidence in our Skipper and fellow crew. To follow the race you simply need to log onto <http://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/index.php/Home>. Follow the links to *Cape Breton*, the boat I am sailing on.

For me this is an opportunity of a lifetime. And if you would like to encourage me in this endeavour, I would welcome support in the form of sponsorship for Wiltshire Young Carers. This organisation supports some fantastic young people across the County who, for all sorts of reasons, find themselves caring for a parent or sibling. Wiltshire Young Carers helps give them some of the opportunities they would otherwise miss out on.

Thank you for your support.

John Wraw

Note: As mentioned in the August issue of Parish news, Anthony Swift has volunteered to oversee the sponsorship on behalf of John Wraw for Holy Trinity and has placed a sponsorship form in church at the Crossing. See Anthony if you would like to support this venture.

Wiltshire Butterflies – August 2009

I'm sure most of you are aware that this has been a remarkable period for garden butterflies (and some moths). Buddleia bushes in particular, have been alive with **Large** and **Small Whites**, **Painted Ladies**, **Peacocks** and **Small Tortoiseshells** together with a few **Commas** and **Red Admirals**. In the countryside, also, butterflies have been abundant in many favoured areas and it all goes to show just how resilient Nature can be. Butterfly enthusiasts were becoming quite despondent at how scarce our once common butterflies were becoming and yet this year their numbers have been spectacular. There have been a few exceptions such as the **Holly Blue**, **White Admiral** and **Small Heath**, which have not done at all well but no doubt they will recover in future seasons.



The Small Copper photo: Mike Fuller

Two widespread and frequently seen species, the **Small Copper** and **Common Blue**, have been particularly scarce in recent years but this season have made a remarkable comeback. At the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust reserve of Blakehill, a large disused airfield near Cricklade, about 70 Small Coppers and 250 Common Blues were counted on 12th August and there have been reports of others in smaller numbers from various sites and even gardens.

Painted Ladies are fewer now but a further generation can be expected in September. Another immigrant from Europe, the **Clouded Yellow**, is now being widely reported in the county and they are likely to be seen, usually rapidly flying by, but in far smaller numbers than the Painted Lady. I saw my first at Melksham Spa on 13th August.

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

. Mike Fuller
18 August 2009
Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder

Always on a Sunday

The irate customer called the newsagents, loudly demanding to know where the Sunday edition of her newspaper was. “Madam,” said the newsagent patiently, “we have not delivered your Sunday newspaper because today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday.”

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a sigh of wakening understanding. “Well, now, ... so that's why no-one was at church today.”

NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

A few folk have been kind enough to say they are missing my Nature Diary notes so I thought they might like to catch up with a few nature highlights of my year — for now, from January till the end of May.

2nd Jan: A foggy, icy morning changed into the most glorious afternoon. Driving out towards Westonbirt saw a flock of lapwings — great to see. Red berries glowed in the sun and the trees were fantastic in their shapes and forms. On the way back saw the most stunning sunset. The high layer of cloud overhead and the low edge of cloud on the horizon created reflections of wonderful colours from pure gold to deepest red with shades of orange and pink in between.

9th Jan: Very cold with icy fog. Took my friend Anne to Devizes — a winter wonderland of trees silhouetted in white frost — staggeringly beautiful. In the town, blue skies and sunshine! Drove home in thick fog. Aware that birds were flying low and with the trees ghost-white in the gloom.

15th Jan: Driving back from Bath, just on Batheaston by-pass, saw three cormorants sitting on the wire!

19th Feb: Spring is in the air – the garden is flowering with primroses, crocus and daphnes and the Christmas Box is adding it's scent to the air of expectancy. The snowdrops are fading but the daffodils are almost here!

28th Feb: In Dorset on Hartland Heath saw a great grey shrike — a good 'spot' this one!

2nd March: On leaving Kimmeridge saw, for the first time ever, the 'melanistic mutant' form of pheasant. This is a game pheasant resulting from the interbreeding by introduced birds from East Asia. They are the most beautiful glossy, bottle green with a lighter green collar and this, with their red wattles, makes them look very splendid indeed.

12th March: A large, shaggy fox carrying a rat seen in Rachel's garden and foxy calls ring out in the early morning.

28th March: The magnolia is in full bloom, the hellebores are beautiful and goldfinches are singing and feeding in the garden.

11th April: As if a button has been pressed or a switch turned, a symphony of green has exploded across the valley. Nearly every tree, apart from hazel and lime, has suddenly come into leaf. There have been hints that this was about to happen — fingers of leaves stretching through brown bud-coats and the haze, the suggestion of green, has been around for a few days — but today, magic — full leaf!

15th April: Heard my first chiffchaff.

20th April: First swallow. On the way to Bristol saw three buzzards — one being plagued by a crow, which almost landed on its back, and another hovering, almost motionless. Saw the first field of rape in colour. The verges along the motorway are covered with cowslips, more than I have seen for years — makes me quite nostalgic for times past. For the last

week a thrush has sung in the evening for at least an hour, practicing and polishing its song — so beautiful.

5th May: The swifts are here! A profusion of wild garlic through Sally in the Woods, banks and banks of it, more than I have ever seen before — such a delicate flower, such a strong smell! On the way to Bristol noticed that a field has been farmed in strips — too far away to be sure of what is being grown — one strip definitely rape and another, a pinkish crop, could be chard ? – seven strips in all. Wonder why?

18th May: On the way back from Bristol saw several fields filled with a silken green growth, billowing and rippling in the breeze like long tresses of hair. Wonder if it's early barley — whatever — quite, quite beautiful in the sun.

26th May: Brian saw his first kingfisher of the year. He was delighted. Caught sight of fast flying butterflies, racing around the house and feeding on the honeysuckle. Realised they were painted ladies — only finding out a few days later that they were part of the huge migration sweeping across the nation. What a treat!

Liz Netley

The MU Blanket

This single-bed-size blanket has been knitted by members of Holy Trinity Mothers' Union and is being sent to a hospital in Bang Sag, Zambia, in Southern Africa. Previously, several cot blankets were knitted and sent to the premature-baby unit there. The hospital was so

grateful for them, and then made a request for colourful blankets for the mums. So the knitters amongst us met for 'Knit & Natter' afternoons with size 9 needles and double knitting wool to make squares of a similar size. Seventy two squares were needed for one blanket and these were then crocheted together to make this colourful blanket.

A second blanket is now being made to go to the hospital.

Marlene Haffenden



THE CHURCH IN BRADFORD ON AVON IN GEORGIAN TIMES (*ca* 1720 – 1820)

An exercise in imagination by a parishioner in 1989 (assisted by some records, local histories, some detective work and by the writings of John Betjeman).

A contribution to the Bradford-on-Avon Town Festival, July 1989.

It is suggested that you find a seat towards the back of the church and read this leaflet before you walk round and look at detail. It has been arranged so that if you do not have much time you can complete the reading at home.

IMAGINE you are in the Church of Holy Trinity in the Parish of Bradford on Avon, in the Diocese of Sarum, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Bristol, when George I came to the throne in 1714. The vicar is the Revd John Rogers, MA. In front of you and around you is a forest of woodwork and stone – baptistery, gallery, box-pews, chancel screen. Study reveals that the church is compartmentalised, reflecting both the use for different services and the social standing of the worshippers.

In use is the Book of Common Prayer (1662), with much use of the metrical psalms, and the Authorized Version of the Bible (1611). The services include matins, the Litany, Ante-Communion and Evensong, with the screened-off chancel used for Holy Communion. The side chapels in the aisle are used for week-day services. There is limited participation by the congregation (dressed in their Sunday best), and probably long

sermons read by the Vicar. If there is an organ, it is in the gallery, but there are musicians and singing boys.

Now look at the building itself. Most of the windows have plain glass, but the lower lights of the East Window (which you cannot see because of the screen) are blocked up with stone.

The Norman windows are also blocked up. If you can gain access to the chancel (or look through the very long squint) you can see the decoration behind the altar, which is an enormous painting of the Last Supper (now in the choir vestry). The pulpit (maybe of wood?) is located on the south wall. The ceilings are plastered; lighting is by candles. On the floor of the chancel are brass

memorial plates and recessed tombs.

1820 Now imagine the church 100 years later, with George III on the throne. The vicar is the Revd Frederic William Blomberg DD, vicar for a second time (also 1793 – 1799). He was a scholar, and well-connected, having been Chaplain and Secretary to the Prince of Wales, and himself schooled with the children of George III. (Succeeding Vicar Rogers (1710 – 1784) were Walter Chapman, DD (friend of Samuel Johnson) (1784 – 1791) and Edward



From the Horton brass

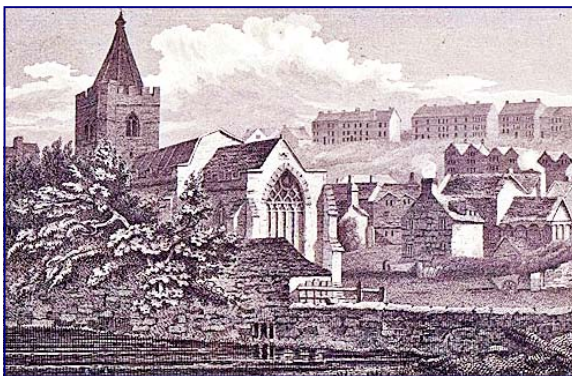
Bowles, MA (1804 – 1808)). Prominent citizens have sculptured memorial tablets on the walls, John Ferret has the Flemish medallions (set in coloured glass?) in the window on the south wall.

Outside the Church

The south porch, by which you now leave the church, is of post-Georgian date, but there are two niches of an earlier period. As you walk round the church, notice the gargoyles and the lead rain-water heads. In the Georgian period the graveyard was the only burial place, and the tombs of the gentry were very grand; by the 1820s they were in decay, and the unfenced churchyard was very over-crowded (new cemetery 1856). Look for the grave of Edward Orpin (d. 1781) by the wall near his house, and for the dole-stone (also the grave of Vicar Rogers? d. 1754).

The tower had eight fine bells. During the day you might hear the passing bell, and at 8 or 9pm the curfew or the winter bell.

The vicarage was reached by the small door in the wall. Here lived the vicars until it became derelict (new one built 1834), and in the stables was kept the town fire pump (re-housed *ca* 1823). Across Church Street amongst a huddle of buildings in Pigeon's Close, was the Charity School (occupying the nave of the present Saxon Church; a cottage of ground plan of only 12ft x 9ft occupying the chancel). Up on the hill stood St Mary Tory, sometimes used as a school and as a wool factory, but by 1820 it was nearly derelict (restored 1870). On the opposite



Undated engraving of Holy Trinity by J Smith

bank of the River Avon were dye works, and the river was used for scouring the wool.

The engraving above probably shows the church early in the 18th century. Note the blocked up lights of the east window, the shape of the nave roof, and the small building by the river (was this the Engine House?). Were the old trees and wooden fences cleared in the Victorian restoration of the 1860s? When were the yew trees planted?

The Setting

In 1720 the Parish of Bradford on Avon (which included Atworth, Holt, Limpley Stoke, South Wraxall, Westwood and Winsley) had an estimated population of nearly 4,000. This figure rose to 10,000 by the end of the Georgian period. The town was of considerable importance and was described as Great Bradford. The parish was both rural and industrial (wool manufacture, brewing, quarrying) with plenty of employment. There were the large houses, such as those of the clothiers (23 clothiers were listed in 1723, including Cam, Thresher, Methuen, Bush, Druce, Baskerville, Shrapnel,

Self and Yerbury), and by 1800 there were 32 wool factories), cottages inhabited by 'the trade' (many with a loom), tenements in the alleys occupied by very large and often 'extended' families. In the town the roads were largely unmade with rubbish and sewage running down to the river in open gutters, and over them would rumble and rattle the stone wagons, the stage-coaches and the post-chaises, whilst on the canal (1810) plied the horse-drawn barges and the fly-boats.

Money-making and business were thriving, and the Market Hall, the Swan Inn, and the Old Bear Inn, together with numerous other inns and beer-shops, were important meeting places for the men. There was plenty of work for the solicitors and attorneys, for there was much litigation. Daniel Clutterbuck was a steward of the manor in 1747. Thomas Saunders a bailiff, Edward Orpin a coroner of the market in 1765. Wrong-doers were put in the stocks or the pillory, whipped by the Town Crier, or locked up in the Blind House on the bridge. The sick were treated by home-made remedies, or by the 'surgeon-of-all-work' (including dentistry). In 1752 a small-pox epidemic affected one-third of the population.

In the surrounding countryside were manor-houses and farmsteads, and as the 18th century progressed, more hedged fields, resulting from the Enclosure Bills. The common land was being eroded, though many of the old field names survived.

And there were the churches, both established and dissenting. Holy Trinity was the established church in the town, and there were also the Quaker Meeting Houses, the Grave

Meeting House (1698, derelict by 1840), the Independent Chapel (1740), the Wesleyan Chapel (new in 1818, replacing one in Pippett Street), the Congregational Chapel, Zion Baptist Chapel, the Huntingdon and Providence Chapels. The Church at that time had many responsibilities, which included relief for the poor, housing the homeless and the elderly, and the education of children. The vicar and churchwardens were trustees of many of the charities, *eg.* Curll's (money); Ferrett (books, bread); Thresher (money, bread); Cam (bread); Tugwell (money); Strawbridge (money) – and there were others for clothing and coal. The poor elderly in the town were housed in one of the two almshouses located on the south side of the town – that founded by John Hall, and the older St Katherine's.

In 1715 a Charity School for boys, with a schoolmaster's house, was in use in part of a building now identified as the Saxon Church. The vicar then was the Revd John Rogers, who had much concern for the education of poor children in the town. The building was the gift of Anthony Methuen, and the running costs covered by gifts and bequests (*eg.* Smith, Wadman, Strawbridge). In 1819 the master was James Grist, who gave instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic to 32 children without tuition fee, and 18 with fee. In 1806 there was also a school for poor boys, later run by the British & Foreign School Society, which in 1830 had an attendance of about 150.

1899 After the Georgians came the Victorians, and enormous changes were made in the interior furnishings of Holy Trinity, particularly under the direction of the Revd Canon William

Henry Jones, MA, vicar 1851 – 1885), who also led the restoration of the Saxon Church.

Perhaps one of the outstanding *visible* contributions of the Georgians to the present church is the 'sculpture gallery' of marble and stone memorials on the walls. As you look at these, and there are more than 40, note the names, and their occupations. Here are some:

BETHELL, George (d. 26th March 1795): magistrate of the county of Wiltshire

CAM, Samuel (d. 7th Nov. 1792) of Chantry House: magistrate of the county of Wiltshire, with 11 children in the same grave (they all seem to have died before him)

CLUTTERBUCK, Daniel (d. 16th April 1769)

DEVERELL, John (d. 5th JULY 1785)

FERRETT, John (d. 12th May 1770): benefactor

METHUEN, Anthony (d. 1717): clothier. (sculpted by Rysbroek)

ROGERS, Revd John (d. 20th April 1754)

SHRAPNEL, Henry, Lt Gen (d. 13th March 1842): inventor of the shrapnel shell (Chancel floor).

SMITH, Francis, Lt Gen (7th Nov. 1791): colonel of the 11th Regiment of Foot

THRESHER, Edward (d. 18th Feb. 1725): clothier

TIMBRELL, Thomas (d. 23rd April 1815)

TIMBRELL, Charles (d. 20th Aug. 1821)

TUGWELL, Humphrey (d. 22nd Aug. 1775): clothier

TUGWELL, Mawbey (d. 13th May 1815): clothier

TUGWELL, Elizabeth (d. 9th Nov. 1822): benefactress

YERBURY, Francis (d. 28th April 1778): clothier and inventor of cashmere

AND NOW The 20th, and now in the 21st century, many more changes have been made in the ordering and furnishing of Holy Trinity. If you are interested to learn more of these changes as they reflect contemporary needs, the following publications, available in the church, may be of interest:

Holy Trinity: A Guide, published for the PCC in 2000 AD

Storied Urns: An illustrated record of the monuments in Holy Trinity, RF Carr, 1998.

Heard but not seen: A history of the bells of Holy Trinity, Anne Willis, 2001.

The stained glass windows of Holy Trinity, RF Carr, 2004.

Rosemary Carr

School blues

A little girl had just finished her first week of school.... “I'm just wasting my time,” she said to her mother. “I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!”

Friends of Holy Trinity

Just before his departure that master of flattery, Bill Matthews, asked me if I would take over as Chairman of the Friends of Holy Trinity. The purpose of this article is to advise you of the change and to thank Bob Cherry for all his efforts. Bob will be a hard act to follow – but here goes!



As you know, the aim of the Friends is to help maintain the wonderful building that is Holy Trinity and we try to do this by encouraging a membership that extends as far as possible beyond regular churchgoers and beyond the boundaries of our town.

It seems to me that, if we are to continue to succeed, we need to organise ourselves in a way that attracts more members, and hence more financial support for the church, whilst making membership an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

I am very grateful for those who kindly volunteered to stay on as members of the Committee (their names are listed on the back page) but, on the principle that many hands make light work, I would like to recruit a few more helpers to assist in organising a programme of events that will be both enjoyable and interesting for our membership as well as being sufficiently attractive to stimulate a flood of new members (well, a trickle would be good as a start).

So, I am looking for volunteers willing to act as:

- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Publicity and Communications Organiser
- ◆ Individual Event Organisers/Coordinators

Also, any ideas as to what sort of events would be attractive would be most gratefully received.

John Cox

Where now?

A teacher was finishing up a lesson on the joys of discovery and the importance of curiosity. “Where would we be today,” she asked, “if no one had ever been curious?”

One child quietly spoke up from the back of the room. “In the garden of Eden?”

Bradford Choral Society

Bradford Choral Society's new term begins on Wednesday, September 2nd, when we shall begin rehearsing for our annual Christmas Concert to be held in Holy Trinity Church on Friday, December 11th. The concert will consist of traditional Christmas carols and readings, with two seasonal works by the choir. These are Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* and the Purcell anthem *Rejoice in the Lord Alway*. Plans for 2010 include a performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

New members are always welcome to join us, and we already have a considerable Holy Trinity contingent in the choir. We meet on Wednesday evenings in Bradford United Church Hall at 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. The fee for each term's singing is £25. No audition is necessary and we welcome singers of all abilities. Bradford Choral is a very friendly choir and we like to mix social events with our music-making.

Special offer: join this term and entry to the Christmas Party is free!

For further information please contact Megan Jones on 01225 862670, or Wendy Brown on 01225 862857.



Join us to celebrate
HARVEST FESTIVAL
27th September at 9.30 am



"But why do we have to plough the fields and scatter when we get everything from Tesco?"

The Sabeel Wave of Prayer

Beginning on Thursday 10th September, there will be a weekly prayer meeting from 11.45am to 12.15pm in the Saxon Church. This is open to everyone and will enable us to join 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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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Deanery Synod will be on Tuesday September 29th at Hilperton. The main topic will be Church Schools, with a particular emphasis on Primary Schools.

Everyone is welcome to Deanery Synod and this meeting should be of particular interest to all those interested in schools and teaching.

For further information please contact the Deanery Information Officer, Anne Willis,

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Education is what is left over when you subtract what you have forgotten from what you have learned.

SAINTS CORNER

September 3rd — Gregory the Great, *ca* 540 – 604

Pope Gregory never called himself 'the Great', but instead "the Servant of the Servants of God". Nevertheless, Gregory was one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. The son of a very rich Roman senator, he left the service of the State upon his conversion as a young man. Gregory then sold off his tremendous estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome, and gave generously to the poor. He became a monk and adopted an austere lifestyle. But he was destined to be a frustrated monk, because successive popes kept appointing him to jobs with major public responsibilities.

Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, "They are Angles." Moved with compassion for these humiliated and despised people, he replied, "Not Angles, but Angels!" He wanted to lead a band of missionaries to England to evangelize the Angles, but plague broke out in Italy and during this time he was elected Pope.

Reluctantly he accepted, and then set to work to deal with the crises facing Christendom: plague, floods, famine, and a Lombard invasion. But busy though Gregory was, he did not forget the Angles. He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

Source: Parish Pump

Note: Well-informed readers will remember that in their classic history of England, *1066 and All That*, WC Sellar and RJ Yeatman suggest that what Pope Gregory actually said was "Not Angles, but Anglicans"! But then, you never could rely on the Press. Eds.

Overheard

American tourist to Guide at Windsor Castle:

"I really can't understand why Her Majesty would want to build her home under the flight path to Heathrow Airport!"

Source: Simon Hoggart, in the Guardian, 15th August

for prayer in september

We pray:

- For our Junior Church and its leaders
- For our Quiet Day
- For the PCC as it prepares the Parish Profile
- For St Laurence School's Foundation Day
- For our Harvest Festival celebration

Saxon Club Programme September 2009

Who would believe that on September 1st we begin our fifth year?

We are very happy to see new members, whether churchgoers or not, those who have a faith and those who don't.

We have only two rules — we don't talk about religion, and we don't talk about politics!

Our meetings are held in the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm, and we 'break' for a cup of tea and a biscuit at 3pm. Normally, we have a speaker, but this is not always possible and on those occasions we amuse ourselves, usually very successfully.

Angela

September Programme

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| Sept 1 st | We shall plan our programme in consultation with the members, and catch up on any news |
| Sept 8 th | River Trip |
| Sept 15 th | Open meeting |
| Sept 22 nd | Maria Margetts, Wiltshire Carers |
| Sept 29 th | Open meeting |

Quick Crossword

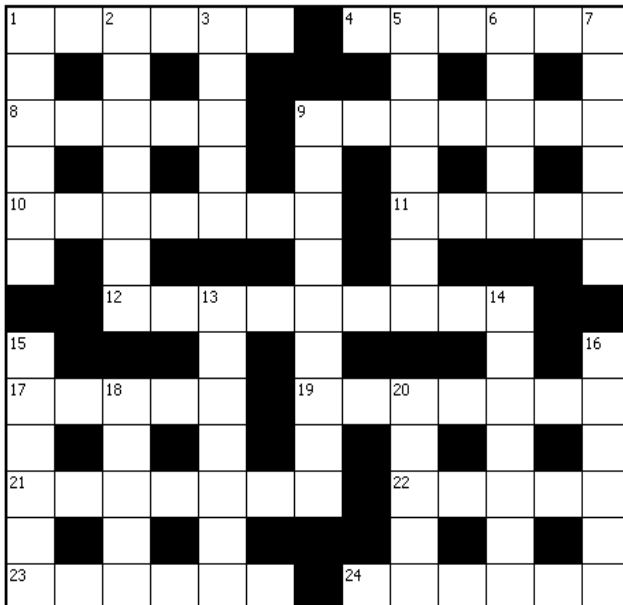
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Clues across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained — by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done — — as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the — I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Clues down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, — Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 'Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net — ' (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 'There will be weeping and gnashing of — ' (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)



Solutions on page 11.

Source: Parish Pump

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER



6 SUNDAY

9.30 am
6 pm

TRINITY 13

Sung Eucharist
Compline

12 Saturday

9 am to 5 pm Sponsored Ride & Stride
9.30 am Quiet Day

*Ivy House,
Warminster*

13 SUNDAY

9.30 am
6 pm

TRINITY 14

Sung Eucharist
Evensong at Christ Church

16 Wednesday

10 am
7.15 pm

Ninian, Bishop of Galloway
Parochial Church Council

Church

17 Thursday

7.30 pm

Mothers' Union
Corporate Communion

18 Friday

1.30 pm

St Laurence School
Foundation Day Service

20 SUNDAY

9.30 am
6 pm

TRINITY 15

Sung Eucharist
Compline

27 SUNDAY

9.30 am
6 pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Family Communion
Sung Evensong

*Holy Communion is usually at 8am each Sunday
Copy Date for October is 13th September*

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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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