

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Bradford on Avon



PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2010

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Times of Services

(Check Bulletins and notices or Church web site)

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

Holy Communion on 10am Wednesdays
weekdays 12 noon First Friday in month

Times of Meetings

Choir Practice 6.30pm Church, Tuesdays
Junior Church 9.30am Church Hall (1st and 2nd Sundays in the
month, September to July (except Easter)
Mothers' Union 7.30pm Church Hall, (usually) 3rd Thursday
Bell Practice 7.30–9pm 2nd and 4th Mondays

Holy Trinity Web-site www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk
Diocese Web-site www.salisburyanglican.org.uk

Weekly Bulletin Notices to Trevor Ford not later than
Wednesday for the following Sunday.

**Please let the Priest in Charge, LLM or Churchwardens know if
someone needs visiting at home or in hospital.**

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER



2 Tuesday 10.30am *mainly music* Group – launch!
7pm All Souls Day Eucharist

7 SUNDAY THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.30am Sung Eucharist
11.15pm Holy Baptism
6pm Compline

10 Wednesday 7pm Eucharist and PCC Meeting Vicarage

14 SUNDAY THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.00am Eucharist (said with hymns)
10.15am Town Remembrance Service followed by
Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

2.15pm Holy Baptism
6pm Evensong Christ Church
18 Thursday 7.30pm Mothers' Union (Venue TBA)

21 SUNDAY CHRIST THE KING

9.30am Eucharist for all the Family
6pm Compline

28 SUNDAY ADVENT SUNDAY

10am Eucharist AT CHRIST CHURCH with
Bishop Stephen to celebrate the 35th
Anniversary of the Bradford Group
6pm Advent Carol Service by Candlelight

WEEKLY SERVICES

**Sunday 8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)
BUT NO SERVICE ON 14th NOVEMBER**
Wednesday 10am Eucharist
Friday 12 noon Eucharist (Traditional Language)
Tuesday 10.30am *mainly music* Group

Holy Communion is usually at 8am each Sunday
Parish News copy date for December is 14th November
This issue will be a combined December/January issue

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Dylan Frank Lee Roberts and
Riley David Terence Lee Roberts

Marriages

10th Oct John Benjamin and Alexandra Mizen 9th Oct

● Remembering and anticipating....

The month of November begins with remembrance (All Souls Day) and ends with anticipation/expectation/hope. What a wonderful juxtaposition! Good Friday to Easter Day – darkness to light – and the message of our every Eucharist. How we need to hold the two together in our lives.

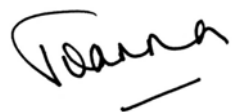
And they will be represented by two great community events in our Church Calendar. I really look forward to my first Remembrance Sunday here in Bradford as the town gathers – of all ages – to remember with thanksgiving and with humility before God all those who have lost their lives on our behalf in the last century and in this, and who continue to do so. This annual Act of Remembrance reminds us of our fragility before God – it reminds us of our human propensity to greed, to anger, to bitterness – and it reminds us of our dependence upon his love and his grace, as well as upon one another.

But then just two weeks later we are propelled from the darkness of war and loss into the hope and anticipation of Advent! And so I am also greatly looking forward to our Candle-lit Advent Carol Service where we hope many members of the community and of the other churches will join us. It has always been one of my favourite services and one for which I know our choir will be working very hard. And in the morning of Advent Sunday we shall all gather at Christ Church for a special Eucharist at 10am with Bishop Stephen (his last week in the diocese...) to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Bradford Group – to remember and be thankful for those 35 years and to look forward to and anticipate the years ahead.

And there is so much lying ahead of us, so much to anticipate both before and after Advent. Young people are always a cause of anticipation and of hope and I have greatly enjoyed putting down some roots at St Laurence School this term where I have been made to feel incredibly welcome. With my first week's Collective Worship now safely behind me, we are planning a series of weekly reflections for a small group during Advent. And I am going to go into school over the extended lunch-break period every Wednesday just to 'float' – to be present, to chat, to listen – to get to know and be known. We also had a brilliant concert in church in October from the GCSE and A-level music students which was greatly enjoyed by all – and no mean feat of organisation from Kirsty Barry who had only been in place as Head of Music for some 6 weeks! We look forward to many more...

Then, as November dawns, we also start our *mainly music* Group for pre-school children and their families on a Tuesday morning in church, thanks to another very energetic lady, Kate Wiggins, and her team. This is such an exciting project and we are cautiously optimistic of receiving a grant from the diocesan Aldhelm Mission Fund as this is just the sort of adventure in mission which they seek to encourage. So watch this space for an update!

With my love, prayers and every blessing,



As Ian and I were giving a presentation on our visit to Oberammergau to the MU, I had asked the committee if we could invite all the people from this area who went with us, as I'd missed out on running an evening for them back in the summer. It was agreed that we would provide snacks and drinks as a treat for our members as well. Mary Dawson agreed to buy the frozen party 'bits', cooked them, and brought them along hot, what a treasure she is for the branch! When everyone eventually arrived (some had forgotten it was an earlier start), and the plates and glasses were full, Marlene led us in prayer and, with very few notices, the presentation started.

I showed slides of my photos of the holiday, followed by those Ian and Sylvia had taken, reminding some people of where their own photos had been taken! — not always easy if you don't get your photos done as soon as you come home! Having seen it four times, I then asked Ian, who hadn't been before, for his impressions of the Passion Play, and also of the holiday. He gave us an excellent talk, saying that the Trial of Christ had reminded him of the Nuremberg Rallies in the 1930s, with Pilate reminding him of Mussolini. I hadn't remembered the Rallies, but it had felt very militarised to me, when it was a purely Jewish trial to start off with. Ian went on to say how well the party of 47 had gelled together, probably the rain making us stick to each other, (my words not his!) Although everyone sympathised with us on our return on account of the weather we had had, I felt it had enabled us to grow more closely as a group. His overall impression was that it had been a great week, apart from not seeing some of the beautiful scenery, and he was very glad to have had the opportunity to go.



It was lovely to meet up with some of the group who had come from Bath and Hilperton, exchanging news and happy memories.

At our next meeting Joanna is going to speak on the subject 'One small step...', picking up on Ian's theme for his address on Mary Sumner Day in August. Why not come along and hear her on November 18th at 7.30pm in Church Hall?

Chris Hodge

Junior Church News

This Autumn term has flown by. We were keeping busy in Sunday School with stories and preparation for the Harvest Festival. What a lively service we had in Church! I think the Vegetable song (the Harvest Samba!) was a great success, along with all the musical instruments and those that were made by other children in the congregation. It would be lovely to see more of these children in Junior church. Our thoughts are already turning to the Christmas Nativity service to be held on December 19th in church, and we are going to need many more children to take part.

We are having our Prize Giving in church on November 7th for those children who have attended regularly this year.

Junior Church Team

GROWING



LEARNING



Junior Church display in the north aisle

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was a memorable and busy day. The church was full for the Family Service with Communion. It started with a congregational practice of the Peruvian Gloria, unfamiliar to many and 'coached' by Vernon, Choirmaster and Organist Emeritus, in the absence of Gareth. This resulted in a more confident congregation singing the Gloria at the appropriate moment in the service. There was also a rhythmic rendition of a Harvest Samba especially for the children and accompanied by percussion with many instruments, some authentic and others improvised — "A joyful noise unto the Lord!"



Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall started with grace from Joanna. The food was as delicious as ever and we were reminded to spare a thought for those who have little or nothing to put on their plate at



this time. Various quiz sheets were handed out to each table designed to tax the brain and encourage a sociable atmosphere (never a problem with our Church family!) This was ably organised by Trevor who gave prizes to the winning table.

Chris and Angela related funny stories which caused guffaws over the coffee. The caterers were thanked and applauded. Finally, before we left, we were told that if we turned our chairs upside down we might discover more prizes – a cunning way to get people to put their chairs away tidily!

The day concluded with Evensong sung by a visiting choir — The Nordic Voices. The settings were unfamiliar to many of us and were beautifully sung, bringing a tranquil close to a lovely day.

Ann Holland
photos: Bryan Harris

Brian Cookson

On behalf of his many friends at Holy Trinity, we are sad this month to say goodbye to Brian Cookson who has been an integral part of life in the parish for so long. During the war he served with the RAF, flying as navigator on long-range Catalina flying boats, hunting enemy submarines and protecting our vital shipping convoys. His professional career was as a Chartered Accountant — he was a partner in a firm which eventually became PricewaterhouseCoopers — and it was his financial skills that he subsequently placed at the service of the church in a variety of capacities. He served as PCC Treasurer, Deanery Treasurer, Treasurer to the Friends of Holy Trinity, and as Independent Examiner to numerous charitable accounts, including the Holy Trinity Vicar and Churchwardens Fund. Long-term parishioners have very happy memories of the beautifully lucid accounts he used to produce before all the modern regulations came in and we were forced to become computer-driven!

Parish News Editors

Farewell...

After 39 happy years in Bradford on Avon, I have moved into a care home near my daughter, Dinah Wood, in Pershore, Worcestershire. I would like to thank the members of the congregation throughout the years for their love, friendship and support. I shall take with me many happy memories of serving under, and worshipping with David Strangeways, David Ritchie and Bill Matthews.

Farewell fair Bradford-on-Avon and may it long remain so!

Brian Cookson

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF SIR DONALD MAITLAND GCMG, OBE

Autumn sunlight filtered through the coloured windows of Bath Abbey illuminating the delicate tracery of the ceiling and bathing the full congregation of family and friends in a warm glow. As the strains of *Nimrod* that concluded the organ voluntaries played by Dr Peter King faded, the welcome was given by the Rector of Bath Abbey, the Revd Prebendary Edward Mason and all sang *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven*.

The service, which was conducted by the Revd Canon Peter Hardman, proceeded with Confession, Absolution and the reciting of Psalm 121. This was followed by the Lesson, John 15: vv9-17, read by Lord Tugendhat, Chancellor of the University of Bath.

Canon Hardman gave the Address and narration of the fascinating life of Sir Donald Maitland, of his early life and his wartime army service. On a reflective note, it was explained that Vera Lynn had visited 'the Forgotten Army' in Burma. Her recording of *We'll meet again* was played, with the soldiers singing in the background, and the Bath Abbey congregation was invited to join in the second chorus, which they did happily. The story continued with Sir Donald's entry into the Diplomatic Service and his first meeting with Jean, his wife-to-be. A tribute was given by Lord Wright of Richmond, who described Sir Donald's achievements as Director of the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies in Shemlan, Lebanon and other work, never forgetting his sense of humour which alleviated tense moments (especially helpful when working for Foreign Secretary George Brown!) Then came Janet Whiting who was Sir Donald's assistant when he worked for Prime Minister Edward Heath at Number 10 and lastly Gerald Milward-Oliver, who covered the more recent period of life in Winsley and Bradford on Avon, when Sir Donald contributed so much of his time to local institutions and charities, in his belief that the identity of each person is bound up with others in a community of all.

Peter Hardman's Address concluded by quoting a prayer that Donald had used in acknowledging his own humble need of, and reliance on, God's grace and mercy throughout his life.

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, a much loved favourite, was sung by all and this was followed with readings by the family. Colin, son of Donald and Jean, read from the postscript to his father's *Diverse Times, Sundry Places* and this was followed by two of Sir Donald's poems read by his daughter, Alison, and granddaughter, Isabel. Bradford on Avon Choral Society, conducted by Rupert Bevan, sang beautifully *The Lord bless you and keep you* from the Book of Numbers set to music by John Rutter.

Prayers were led by the Revd Dr Joanna Abecassis, with verses of the 23rd Psalm sung alternately by the choir and congregation then the Lord's Prayer was said. The service drew to an end with a Lament, *Flowers of the Forest*, played on the bagpipes by Piper Bob MacNaught, followed by the Commendation and Farewell, singing of *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*, and the Blessing.



Piper Bob MacNaught playing from the balcony above the West door of Bath Abbey at the conclusion of the service

At the close of the service, Sir Donald's medals were borne through the Abbey by Mr Peter Wills, Verger of Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon, while the final organ voluntary was *Ode to Joy*, the European Anthem, from Beethoven's 9th Symphony. Donations were made at the door in aid of the work of the Bath Institute for Rheumatic Diseases or the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

The Maitland family, followed by the congregation, filed out of the Abbey into glorious sunshine to the sound of the bagpipes from high above the doorway, surprising

tourists and shoppers in the precinct.

This was a truly memorable occasion. Following the Service everyone was invited to a Reception at the University of Bath.

Ann Holland

CHURCH STEWARDS

Thanks to you, we have been able to open the doors of our beautiful Church again this year from April to September. Many visitors from around the world and the UK have come to visit, look around, or just to have some quiet time in peaceful and inspiring surroundings.

With the help and valuable time you have given, we were able to open for 158 days out of a possible 183, during which time we welcomed 4142 visitors through our church doors. In August we welcomed 1045 visitors, with July and September not far behind.

It is only with your help that we are able to open our Church, so many thanks to you all again, and we really hope we can count on your valued support again next year. We shall be opening again for visitors in April.

If anyone feels they are unable to continue this valuable outreach, please let myself, Mary or one of the Churchwardens know.

Many thanks also to Mary for all her help with the rotas.

David Milne

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES OCTOBER 2010



Your donations have been most gratefully received and they have enabled me to make up exciting and useful shoe boxes for many very underprivileged children. Our total at the moment is 55 completed colourful boxes which you can see on the table in the children's corner in church.

With your continued help we could fill a few more, to give very needy children a little happiness this Christmas. We shall then take them to the warehouse in Melksham from where they will begin their very long journey to the children, some in orphanages, some in hospitals with very little hope, in remote corners of Eastern Europe, or travelling even further to Asia and Liberia.

Many of you have kindly donated the essential travel costs for these boxes, for which we are also most grateful.



I know many of you will be filling your own exciting box, perhaps with your own children, so if you would like a 'ready covered box', I have left a few in Church for you, so please take one.

The final date that I can accept items and boxes is Sunday 28th November.

With very many thanks for all your support again this year.

Celia Milne

Crossword solutions

Across

1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop

Down

1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty .

FOOD BANK REPORT

Bearfield is open and the Food Bank programme is up and running again! The Bradford on Avon Food Bank began in September 2008.

Approximately 145 boxes have been given out, generally through agencies such as local schools, the Debt Advice Centre, housing organizations, and Community 4. The contributing churches are Holy Trinity, Zion Baptist, the Christian Fellowship, Bearfield, Bradford United Church, the Quakers and St Nicholas, Winsley. Bearfield is seeking funding to provide storage for the boxes and Frank Turner (tel: 309102) is now the co-ordinator of the scheme.

Thank you to everyone for contributing — it's a great example of Christians working together to show love to the community.

Sue Glanville, Bearfield Church

Holy Trinity's Food Bank contribution

Most of you will already have seen and, hopefully, signed the food list at the crossing in church. Our first collection will be on Sunday 7th November, and thereafter on the first Sunday of each month. If you miss a collection, just keep your food item for the next month. We hope that this new system will be easier for us to operate and more productive than the old weekly, but unpredictable, collections of the past.

Thank you.

Margaret and Bryan Harris

Thank you from Pat...

Thank you to all those who have sent cards, good wishes and also visited during the past five or six weeks.

It has all been very much appreciated and has helped me through what seems to be a very slow recovery.

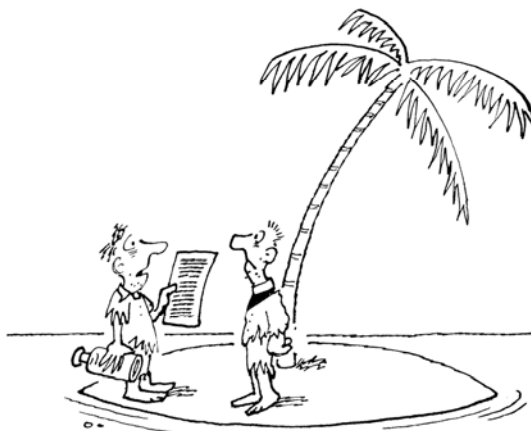
Pat Kitchen

Bradford Area Churches Together



The next gathering will be held at St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley, on Tuesday, 9th November at 7.30pm when there will be a Guest Speaker, Fran Lewis MBE, Founder and Executive Director of 'Splitz Support Services' which does some wonderful work in Trowbridge. All are warmly welcomed — so do come and find out more and meet your fellow Christians!

David Rawstron



It's a letter from your church. They want to know if you've done the flower rota, if you've done the brass-cleaning rota, and have you ordered the mince pies for the carol singers Christmas party?

REPORT ON THE DEANERY SYNOD MEETING,

23rd September 2010

Deanery Synod was held in Beanacre on Thursday, 23rd September, 2010, and was chaired by our lay chairman, Roy Brown. Representatives from Holy Trinity were John Woods, June Harrison, Joanna Abecassis, and Malcolm Walsh.

The Treasurer's report was that 57.5% of share for 2010 had been paid by 1st September, (*cf.* the Diocesan average of 63.4%). The anticipated increase in share for 2011 was about 2%; parish treasurers would be notified of their new share shortly after 1st October. The current balance of the deanery Funds was over £1,000, and it was agreed at the meeting to allocate £600 towards the Kadugli mission in November.

In the Diocesan Synod report it was stated that 96.4% of share had been paid for 2009, with some arrears going back to 2003 (£151,000). All PCC representatives were asked to urge their PCCs to settle any outstanding share as soon as possible. An important aspect addressed had been the proposed Council of Mission. For full Synod minutes see the diocesan web site: www.salisburyanglican.org.uk. If you do not have internet access, please see me.

There were four notices from the Rural Dean:

- ◆ A training course for Licensed Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) was being run within the deanery. Howard Jameson is the contact for any new recruits. The licensing of those selected at the end of the course would be in Holt on 28th February, 19.30 at St Katherine's church.
- ◆ Two people were to be admitted to the diaconate on Saturday week.
- ◆ Our lay chairman was being licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister in the Cathedral on 9th October.
- ◆ There will be a confirmation service in St Thomas, Trowbridge, on 16th October at 15.00.

The main item on pastoral care within the parish was addressed by three speakers. First was by Jill Perrett on developing the use of Licensed Pastoral Assistants within the Ashworth and Shaw benefice. They explored all areas initially by 4-6 weekly regular meetings covering a wide range of ages. The people then developed some areas for specialisation: children, marriage, welcome packs, oversight of all on the electoral roll or attended church. They were now on their 2nd run of *Emmaus*. Training used tapes, good practice, rôle play, pre-visit preparation, sick list, housebound, post-funeral visits, anniversaries, All Souls service, residential care home, 11th November service, survey of requirements from residents in another home. One of their LPAs then talked about her experience of becoming an LPA.

The second speaker was Stephen Ball from the canal-side benefice who outlined their approach to baptism preparation. He considered that any

strategic planning became frustrated, so suggested we look to find out where God is working and then support it! Coming from a non-conformist background one of the big questions had been about infant baptism. His favourite process for approaching membership of the church was the sequential four-stage one of: befriending, belonging, believing and then behaving.

Baptism is not an end in itself, but an event which marks a stage in the journey of faith. Questions to be addressed are: What are the obligations of the sponsors? What are the obligations of the church? And what are we doing about it? All-age worship and house-groups do play a part. Let us invite people considering their faith to all-age worship. Let them consider themselves to be no longer guests but to belong. Get them to listen and try out. Ask how can we resource you? What can we do for you? Shape ourselves and our language to interface with the society about us.

Our final speaker (though billed first he had had other engagements to fulfil) Alan Coutts, from St Thomas, was a strong advocate of cell groups being a model for pastoral care and essential for growth. He explained that the purpose of a cell group is to build community, like a family self-giving and sharing. Cell groups could take many forms but their principal form of activity was in four stages: welcome, worship, word, and witness. Like biological cells, they could well develop by growing and then dividing, say running up to just over twelve in number before partition. They normally had two leaders.

The meeting closed with lay members being reminded to vote in the forthcoming General Synod elections, for which Christopher Fielden was a candidate. Notices for the forthcoming programme in Great Chalfield Garden were also distributed.

HOPE IN GOD'S FUTURE

**Wiltshire United Area Gathering and Service
Bradford on Avon United Church November 7th.**

3.30pm Canal Walk (weather permitting), 5pm tea,
6pm Service led by the Revd Alison Morley.

A chance to begin to explore how a Christian response to
Stewardship of God's Creation may impact on our lives and witness as
a church.

All ages welcome.

GOODBYE TO CHURCH HALL



Church hall prior to the demolition of no 28 Church Street, at the north-east end of the terrace, in 1923. From an old postcard. and therefore probably post 1894.

It is 7pm on October 6th, 2010. In a meeting room in the Francis Hotel in Bath, Kit Harding, an auctioneer of the firm Carter Jonas, announces to an audience of some 70 or so people that the next lot, lot 6, is a property in Church Street, Bradford on Avon, known as Church Hall. A photo of the familiar building appears on the screen beside the auctioneer. The sale catalogue itemises the features of this historic, Grade-I-listed building dating back to the 16th Century. Bidding is slow to start. The auctioneer encourages bidders by emphasising that this is a substantial property for a relatively low guide price, and the bidding finally gets under way. The true value of the property is vastly in excess of the guide price, but there is a significant encumbrance – a 999-year lease granted to the existing tenants, the Freemasons, in 1922! The hammer goes down, and the hall is sold to bidder no. 141 for £30,000. The Masons now own the property which they have rented from Holy Trinity for the past 88 years and, for the present, we are the tenants.

In our December 2009/January 2010 issue of Parish News, pp 11-12, the Churchwardens, Tony and Joan, wrote an article explaining why the PCC had decided to sell Church Hall. At the time, this seemed to elicit little comment, but in the final few weeks before the actual sale, a number of people in the congregation and the wider community have expressed surprise that such an apparently valuable church property should be disposed of. It is perhaps therefore worth repeating some of the points made by Tony and Joan almost a year ago.

The property has not, contrary to common belief, belonged to the church from time immemorial. It dates back from the early 16th century and it is thought that it was built as a community building, presumably for parish business. Since then it was at various times a school, a row of cottages (with a public house attached!), and a ruin.

Canon Jones's *History of Bradford on Avon* (1859) makes the following reference to the hall:

Leland visited Bradford (1538-40), and in his Itinerary speaks of a rich clothier named Horton who (his words seem to imply) died no very long time before, his wife being yet alive. He may allude to the same person as the founder of the Chantry. He dwelt, according to Leland, in a house built by himself "at the north est part by the Chirch." He also built "a goodly large chirch house *ex lapide quadrato* at the est end of the chirch yard without it." I can have no doubt that the present work-shops, in what is called the Abbey yard, belonging to Messrs Edmonds, formed part of Horton's house, the situation exactly according with Leland's description, and having within unmistakable evidences of having been formerly a dwelling house. The 'Church House,' which is also said to have been built by Horton, is still standing; it is situated in Church street, and is now the property of Mr Butterworth. [The Church House is now the Free School, and is the property of the Trustees of the School (CSA)] Both these buildings are of about the same date, and the similarity of their oak ceilings strikes you at once. The Church House, which, in a map of 1743, I have seen distinctly marked out as the building alluded to, was the place in which, before the days of rating, meetings were held for raising funds for church repairs, the poor, &c. The order of these meetings seems to have been 'business first, pleasure afterwards,' for no sooner had they attended to the wants of others than they had a little care for themselves, and indulging first of all in a little good cheer, then betook themselves to various kinds of festivities. The memory of one of their amusements is still preserved in the name-(happily now it is no more than a name)-of the Bull Pit, where they used to witness the then popular sport of bull-baiting.

In the early 20th century the building belonged to Mr Albert Wallington, a Trowbridge clothier, and a Freemason, who on 23rd August, 1922, granted the Masons the use of:

...ALL of the building and premises formerly known as the Free School but now used as the Masons lodge room, together with the adjoining cloak room and lavatory in the rear and also the room adjoining these on the ground floor part of the adjacent house with frontage on Church Street, for the term of 999 years for a yearly rent of £20...

For his part, Mr Wallington covenanted that that the Masons could continue occupation if they were 'quiet' and paid the rent for the 999-year term without fear of eviction, and that he would be responsible for insurance against loss or damage by fire and for repairs to the roof, main walls and main timbers — no mean undertaking.

Thus, the initial agreement had nothing whatever to do with Holy Trinity. Albert Wallington subsequently died on 27th Feb 1923, and in his Will, drawn

up on 26th April, 1909, but subsequently unaltered, he left the property to his daughters together with the prospect of maintaining and insuring the property on behalf of the Masons. Those ladies then took the logical step of giving the property away to Holy Trinity, the vicar at the time being the Revd WHM Clarke. The PCC of the day became Trustees, and they immediately agreed to extend the existing



Church hall as it is today without the gable dormers on the main roof and without the building at the north-east end..

Photo Bryan Harris.

ante-room of the Lodge by taking in the ground floor room of the adjacent cottage and to carry out certain repairs and restoration works. They also granted to the lodge further rights on the use of other parts of the building for the remaining term of the lease. And in December 1929 the PCC granted a further concession for the use of the main upstairs meeting room — scene of many of our own Harvest Lunches, entertainments, talks and study groups, and, until 6th October past, the regular meeting place for the MU, the Saxon Club, Junior Church, *etc.* In return, the PCC had the 'right' to use the kitchen (provided it made good any damage it caused). Such was Mr Wallington's legacy. And although at some point the rent was raised to £40 pa, it could hardly be called a reasonable contract.

As Joan and Tony explained in their earlier article, the financial demands for the maintenance and modernisation of the church itself have escalated to the extent that it has become increasingly difficult for us to carry out the essential refurbishment work that the hall requires. In recent years we have been running the hall at a significant loss; money badly needed for church maintenance thus being used to subsidise church hall. And it was for this reason that the PCC, having considered a number of options, finally decided, with the support and agreement of the Rural Dean and the Diocesan Board of Finance, to sell the hall.

As of October 6th, then, the church no longer has responsibility for the hall. The 'once and future' financial burdens are lifted and we can now turn our attention to finding ways of making better use of our 12th Century church building, not only for the activities of church groups which have previously been using church hall — Junior Church, the Mothers' Union, the Saxon Club and the Credit Union — but also welcoming in people for other activities.

Bryan Harris

A brief response to Alan Knight's October 'Thoughts'

I am grateful to Alan for his interesting thoughts and feel that this is an issue which it would be good for us to re-visit. As a former hospital chaplain (let alone as parish priest), it is an issue with which I have had to grapple professionally. One of the many things I have up my sleeve for the future is a 'Faith Explored' open-agenda discussion group – and this would be a good topic to kick off with!

So my brief initial response:

- We worship God 'in spirit and in truth' and so have to approach these great questions and mysteries through faith. Logic will not get us there.
- What does the Bible tell us? Never that we shall all live long, happy and healthy lives. But the most oft-quoted phrase is "Do not be afraid, for I am with you".
- The Lord's name which he gave to the Children of Israel was (and is) "I am" – "I am who I am". That tells us a lot.
- God created us – carries on creating us day by day – loves us unconditionally and infinitely – he knows every hair on our heads... God is love – and light – and 'in him there is no darkness at all'. And we are taught to pray for 'his will to be done'.

So far from willing or 'planning' any disaster, pain or suffering – as if 'zapping' people from some sort of control tower in the sky – God is with us always, loving us, holding us, and suffering with us.

Joanna

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

BOTTLES, BATTLEFIELDS AND BELFRIES

Un petit tour en Normandie with the Friends of Holy Trinity, Oct 2010.



registered charity number 900024

How did it all begin?

October 2009:

John to Beryl: Who shall we invite out to France next year?

Beryl to John: I'd quite like to ask a few friends from Church.

J to B: Pass the wine. Hmm how many exactly?

B to J: Well, we can accommodate 4, or 6 at a pinch.

Tony to John: Have the Friends thought about running a coach trip to France?

J to T: Funny you should say that!

What did we do?

On Monday, 4th October 34 insomniacs set out at 4.30am bound for Portsmouth and the ferry to Cherbourg. After a speedy and uneventful crossing we were on our way to Sainte Mère Eglise where, after lunch in local cafés, we visited the US Airborne D-Day Museum. There were a number of interesting displays, films and models plus original gliders and aeroplanes on view but even the most ardent enthusiasts had had enough by 4.00pm when it was back to the coach for the 40-minute drive to St Lô for our hotel, dinner and a very welcome bed.

Having mastered the idiosyncrasies of the hot-drinks machine at breakfast, next morning saw us arriving at Bayeux for our visit to the tapestry. We took an audio guided tour of this marvellous piece of 11th century art work explaining the events leading up to



The group at Bayeux

the Norman conquest. There were displays and a film setting the tapestry in context. Some think it was made near Canterbury, others that it was made locally for Odo's new Cathedral in Bayeux itself. The jury is still out. Whoever designed and stitched it, the skill and artistry is truly amazing. Then it was a visit to the shops for some, a walk round the magnificent cathedral for others and lunch.

Back in the coach, skilfully driven by Harvey, we drove past the War Cemetery on our way to



Arromanches, in the rain.

Arromanches for a visit to the Mulberry Harbour Museum. This included a guided tour, a diorama and a very interesting film. The displays looked out over the remains of the harbour and it was truly amazing to learn how the port was designed, constructed and towed to the coast of France. The first units having left UK the day before D-Day!

It was here that the planning broke down slightly – there was no sign of the free train to the headland. When I did a recce in August I used my best French to ask how long the train ran for. He said in English that the last one was 6.30pm! It took some prompting to elicit the fact that it ran only until the end of October but what he neglected to say was that it only ran at weekends in October!

After dinner, Harvey kindly took us on a short drive round the city of St Lô, including a view of the magnificent ramparts, begun by Charlemagne to keep the Normans out!

Wednesday saw us contemplating the ascent of Mont Saint Michel. Ignoring the shops selling such artistic delights as a snow storm made in China, we kept trudging upwards, the path getting ever

steeper and then the steps – oh the steps, 300 of them! – up to the Abbey. There was defibrillator waiting at the top – which fortunately was not needed. We were then treated to an informative and amusing tour of this marvel, built on the top of a mountain on an offshore island.

After lunch Harvey drove us inland to Avranches. Some of us took a short walk through this old and interesting town to view Le Plateforme – a stone that marks the spot where Henry II was flogged in penance for the murder of St Thomas à Becket. There was no sign of the cathedral that once stood here but a good view of the Bay of Mont St Michel. We then strolled in the sunshine past the picturesque ancient houses of the old town to the Donjon (Castle Keep) and the Scriptorial, where the coach was waiting for us. Some opted to visit the Scriptorial, a newly opened museum displaying illuminated manuscripts from Mont St Michel, and a fascinating history of printing and book making.

Harvey took those that could face it on to the hypermarket for some shopping. Our dinner was followed



Mont St Michel, from the causeway.



Relaxing in front of the Château de Balleroy.

by a birthday cake for Chris washed down by a welcome glass of bubbly generously provided by her friend Jill.

Our last day saw us bid farewell to the helpful and cheerful staff at the hotel and then on the road to the Château de Balleroy. It was no trouble to find the château, but



Our leader.

another story to find the coach entrance. A scenic tour down lanes that a car driver might think twice about saw us once again at the front of the château. Finally, thanks to Ian's keen

eyes, we turned off the road onto a track. A quick phone call to reception brought someone out to open the gate and three charming young ladies were there to look after us. Half our party toured the house whilst the others took a walk through the grounds and some refreshments and then we swapped places. This interesting pile had been saved from ruin by Forbes of American magazine fame. He had seen the château's faded glory whilst serving as a pilot in the war. The house had a very lived-in and intimate feel as the family still use it as a holiday home.

Finally it was down to the cellars for a lovely lunch in the ancient kitchens in front of a blazing log fire. A truly memorable end to a lovely holiday. An uneventful ferry crossing, marred only by a road closure on the way home, saw us back in Bradford by 9.30pm.

Will there be another?

Well, how does a tour in the footsteps of the Conqueror sound? We would stay in the busy city of Caen, visit the ducal castle, the Abbey founded by William, his birthplace at the Abbey of Falaise, perhaps a war museum or two and round this off with a visit to Honfleur. October can sometimes be very dry and sunny!

John Cox, with additions and photos
by Viv and Gill.

PS. The group would like to express its great appreciation to John Cox for a magnificently organized and executed tour. Many thanks John.

SQUEEZING THE JUICE OUT OF GENESIS

Following the success of the 2009 national tour, Riding Lights Theatre Company will once again be touring the country this autumn performing *Origins and Lemons*.

Subtitled 'Squeezing the Juice out of Genesis', actors Jonathan Bidgood, Fred Denno, Jamie Higgins and Rachel Wilcock use a mixture of humour, imagination and honesty to take the audience back to the very beginning; concentrating on the ultimate expression of Genesis – "the 'Why?' of the created world."

Presented at Holy Trinity Church, Trowbridge on Friday 5th November at 7.30pm this is a highly entertaining plunge into some of the issues that have aroused our curiosity since the Dawn of Time. The Baptist Times was quoted as saying "This really is fun – think CS Lewis on a skateboard."

Demand for the 2009 performance has led to the production of a DVD which captures on film the heart of this popular stage show. It addresses seven key themes from the first eleven chapters of Genesis in short sections each of about ten minutes including looking at division between nations and questions about the nature of death (as discussed by Darwin and Noah). Accompanied by discussion notes to help facilitate further exploration of the issues individually or in small groups it is suitable for everyone of eleven years and above.

Tickets for performance at Holy Trinity Church, Trowbridge on Friday 5th November can be purchased by calling 01904 613000 or visiting www.ridinglights.org/o&l

Tickets are £11 for adults and £8 for concessions. The Origins & Lemons DVD will be released in late September and costs just £15. It is available to pre-order now through the Riding Lights website www.ridinglights.org

Love thy neighbour?

Do you know the names of your neighbours? If not, you are not alone. You are more likely, it seems, to socialise with people online than those next door, according to a recent poll by Legal & General. 70 per cent of us do not know our neighbours' names, and would not even recognise them in the street. Four out of five of us do not share house keys with a neighbour.

DENTAL TOURISM

Those of you have lost teeth, and would prefer a better solution than dentures, might be interested in my recent dental experiences. A better solution for lost teeth is to have a metal implant into the jaw, which can then be crowned in a (relatively) normal way some three months later when it has become well integrated into the bone. Unfortunately this is eye-wateringly expensive in this country. It is not available on the NHS and figures northwards of £3000/tooth were mentioned for private treatment! However one of my sisters-in-law went to Budapest, Hungary, nearly three years ago, and I have recently been there to have three implants and a number of 'normal' crowns. Implants are still expensive at about a third of the price, and simple crowns are also a lot cheaper at about £200/crown. There is also of course a very full list of all other dental procedures, all a great deal cheaper than in the UK. You must remember that there are then air fares and hotel costs, but if you are having a lot done there are huge savings to be made.



I can hear you immediately enquiring about quality and complications, and these are important questions. So, firstly, quality: the clinic I went to was in a very ordinary block of flats which did not look particularly well-maintained. But the clinic inside is bright, well decorated, clean and the equipment state-of-the-art. My dental surgeon,

Dr Mezey, seemed knowledgeable, friendly and spoke virtually perfect English. Rather than just getting on with the treatment I knew I needed, I had a full dental assessment, including an orthopantomogram (where they do a special circular X-ray of all the teeth in one go). As a result we were then able to have a full discussion about what was possible, essential and desirable. I was then given



a written quotation so I knew exactly what was in store, and its cost. It was quite clear that my dentist was crowning many teeth and putting in many implants every week, and when it came to the actual work it all happened in a reassuringly straightforward and surprisingly quick way under local anaesthetic (I think it can be done under general anaesthetic, but this will be more expensive, and is not the preferred option).

As with all surgery, and the use of materials foreign to the body, there are risks, although these are very small. Dr Mezey explained them, and I had ample opportunity to ask any questions about any aspects of my teeth and their treatment. The complication rate is, I gather, low (but not zero). They have an agreement with a dental surgeon in London who will deal with relatively minor problems; for serious complications you have to return to Hungary, but this is reassuringly very rare.

Since my recent second visit I have visited my UK dentist, with whom I had discussed going there before I went. I am happy to report that he seemed to be as impressed as I was with the quality of treatment and the resultant excellent result, both cosmetically and functionally. See me one Sunday and look for yourself if you like!

So, overall, I was impressed and reassured and have no hesitation in recommending them if that is what you want. And of course visiting a beautiful city such as Budapest means a holiday with sight-seeing as well (maybe a little restricted on the first visit, but definitely on the second visit for the crowns on the implants and other teeth). In fact a break in Budapest is a real treat, well worth having even without the dentistry. You can see further details of Budapest on numerous websites on the internet, and the dentistry on www.budapestdentalsolutions.com.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

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Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student stated that he had prayed for the assistance of God. The professor carefully studied the answer page and then said, “You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you.”

Grave certainties

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man with no family or friends. The service was to be at a cemetery some distance away. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost, and finally arrived an hour late. The funeral director and hearse were long gone. There were only the diggers left and they were eating lunch. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The lid was partially covered with soil. The diggers stared at me over their sandwiches, and I sensed their reproach that I had deserted this dead man in his final hour of need. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently I'm still lost....

Observations on life...

- ◆ Peace is not the absence of trouble — peace is the presence of God.
- ◆ The error of one moment becomes the sorrow of a whole life.
Chinese proverb
- ◆ Evil urges us to the selfish, envious or idle choice, but it is only when that choice is made that sins begin.
Philip Pare
- ◆ Man still wishes to be happy, even when he so lives as to make happiness impossible.
St Augustine of Hippo
- ◆ Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.
Thomas Moore

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or tel. 01225 862670.



BUTTERFLIES, SEPTEMBER 2010

Many butterfly recorders are now sending me their butterfly sightings for the year and most are agreeing that it has been a good butterfly year — probably the best since 2006. However, they also seem to agree that the so-called garden species have not been so noticeable. In the countryside some of the 'blues' were particularly abundant and the Common Blue is on course to be voted the 'Butterfly of the Year'.

I was in eastern Scotland throughout September and although not on butterfly business, it was noticeable how abundant some of the garden species were. On one white buddleia bush in a garden near Dundee on 2nd September I counted 1 Small White, 4 Red Admiral, 1 Small Tortoiseshell and 21 Peacocks. In a nearby country park was a meadow alive with butterflies nectaring on the purple carpet of Devil's-bit Scabious flowers. I counted 2 Small White, 2 Green-veined White, 1 Red Admiral, 17 Peacocks and uncountable numbers of Silver Y moths — immigrants from the continent.



Speckled Wood butterfly, Bradford on Avon.. Photo Bryan Harris

Peacocks were seen almost everywhere I went, whereas in England, most would have entered into hibernation some time ago. The most memorable event was the sighting of two Commas, one in a Dundee garden and another near Glamis Castle, north of Dundee. A decade or so ago, this butterfly was unknown north of Yorkshire but has extended its range in recent years and is now fairly commonly seen in southern Scotland and as far north as Royal Deeside. Other species such as the Small Skipper, Orange-tip and Peacock have similarly extended their ranges, believed to be as a reaction to

climate change.

As I write, the season is rapidly drawing to a close although a few Red Admirals, Speckled Woods and the occasional 'white' are still to be seen on sunny days. Any butterfly records will always be very welcome.

© Mike Fuller
Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder

New General Synod to meet this month

This month, 22nd — 24th November, will see the Inauguration of the new General Synod of the Church of England at Church House in London.

SAINTS CORNER

November 1st All Saints' Day

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast-day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...
As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet...
The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints — a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Of course, very many of the early 'saints' were also martyrs. The first martyrs of Rome are recorded in the old Roman Martyrology, which states that:

At Rome, the birthday is celebrated of very many martyrs, who under the Emperor Nero were falsely charged with the burning of the city and by him were ordered to be slain by various kinds of cruel death; some were covered with the skin of wild beasts, and cast to the dogs to be torn asunder; others were crucified, and then when daylight failed used as torches to illuminate the night. All these were disciples of the apostles and the first fruits of the martyrs whom the Holy Roman Church sent to their Lord before the apostles' death.

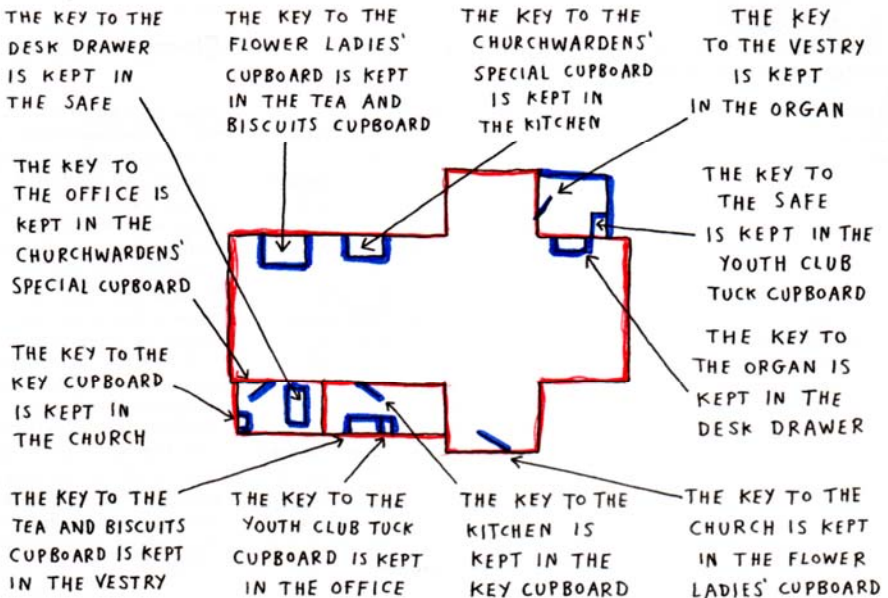
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CHRISTIAN AID

All supporters, collectors and friends of Christian Aid are warmly invited to a meeting on Thursday, 11th November in the Church Hall at 7.30pm to meet our new CA Area Co-ordinator, Anna Potts, and to discuss future plans for Christian Aid in the town and district.

A note left by a retiring churchwarden for the benefit of a new vicar...

THE KEYS



From the Dave Walker *Guide to the Church*; supplied by Jonquil Burgess.

for prayer in november

We pray for:

- ◆ Those who have been disabled or bereaved as a result of war
- ◆ Fitzmaurice School and the Children's Centre
- ◆ The Bradford on Avon Credit Union
- ◆ The Bradford Group and for their clergy Howard, Ron and Joanna

Saxon Club Programme for November

We meet in the Church Hall at 2 pm on Tuesdays.

You are very welcome to join us.

- 2nd Nov Why Bradford?
9th Nov The Riviera Touch — Sue Platt
16th Nov Visit to Operation Christmas Child, Melksham
23rd Nov Country slides — John Presland (to be confirmed)
30th Nov Visit to Whitehall Garden Centre (Christmas shopping)

also in Church Hall:

- 14th Nov Coffee morning & mini-sale, 10am—noon

West Wiltshire Interfaith Group

Is Faith the Cornerstone of Society?

1st December, Trowbridge Library

An examination of the role that faith, black and minority ethnic (BME) communities (often of diverse cultural backgrounds), play in building cohesive societies in a modern and inclusive Britain.

Speakers to be announced.

Refreshments 1.30pm; Talks 2.00pm; Q/A 3.00pm;

Refreshments 4.00pm.

Places are limited, so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

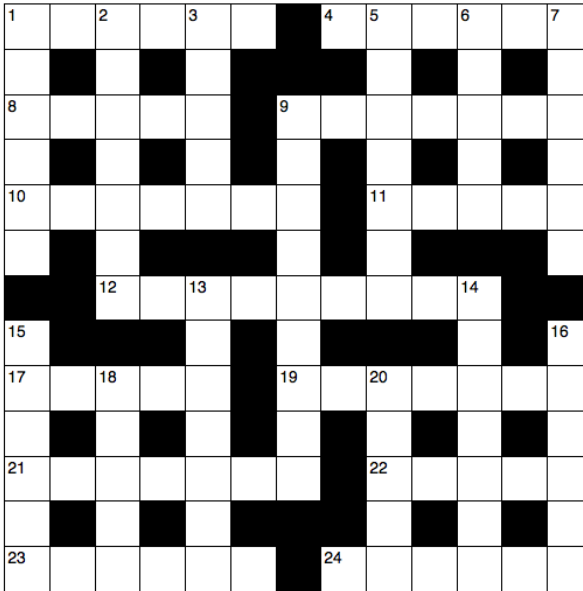
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There will also be Faith Awareness displays in various libraries in Wiltshire in the week commencing 21st November.

Quick Crossword

The Bible version is the NIV



Clues across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Clues down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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