

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Bradford on Avon



## PARISH NEWS

JULY 2011

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<b>Times of Services</b>	<i>(Check Bulletins and notices or Church web site)</i>	
<b>Sundays</b>	8am Eucharist (Traditional language) 9.30am Sung Eucharist (coffee afterwards) 6pm Evensong, Compline, etc	
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	10am Wednesdays 12 noon Fridays (Traditional language) with lunch out afterwards	
<b>Daily</b> (apart from Sundays)	Morning and Evening Prayer at 8.30am and 5.30pm (please enter <i>via</i> the north door opposite the Saxon Church, and check Bulletin for any cancellations)	
<b>Times of Meetings</b>		
Choir Practice	6.30pm	Church, Tuesdays
Junior Church	9.30am	Masonic Hall (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays in the month, September to July (except Easter)
Mothers' Union	7.30pm	Masonic Hall, (usually) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Bell Practice	7.30-9pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays
Holy Trinity Web-site	<a href="http://www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk">www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk</a>	
Diocese Web-site	<a href="http://www.salisbury.anglican.org.uk">www.salisbury.anglican.org.uk</a>	
<b>Weekly Bulletin</b>	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 JULY



<b>3 SUNDAY</b>	<b>THOMAS THE APOSTLE</b>
	9.30am Sung Eucharist
	2pm Baptism of Erica Grace Morris
	6pm <i>Compline</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Saxon Church</i></span>
6 Wednesday	7pm St Laurence School 'By the Avon' – an evening of music and poetry, with refreshments
9 Saturday	1.30pm Marriage of Anthony Smith and Gail Mason
<b>10 SUNDAY</b>	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	9.30am Sung Eucharist
	11.30am Baptism of Wregan Michael Anthony Wilkins
	6pm <i>Evensong</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Christ Church</i></span>
<b>17 SUNDAY</b>	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	9.30am All-Age Eucharist
	6pm <i>Taizé Service with Prayers for Hope and Health</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Saxon Church</i></span>
23 Saturday	12.30pm Marriage of David Swannell and Diana Baxter
<b>24 SUNDAY</b>	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	9.30am Sung Eucharist
	6pm <i>Evensong</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Saxon Church</i></span>
26 Tuesday	10am Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer
30 Saturday	1pm Marriage of Meric Haynes and Emily Clarke
<b>31 SUNDAY</b>	<b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>
	9.30am Sung Eucharist
	6pm <i>Songs of Praise</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Saxon Church</i></span>

## WEEKLY GROUPS

Monday (fortnightly)	7pm	'Faith Explored' (for venue: please ring 868654)
Tuesday	10.30am	mainly music (a group for young children – school terms only)
Thursday	11am	'Faith Explored' (not 14 <sup>th</sup> or 21 <sup>st</sup> July) <span style="float: right;"><i>Vicarage, 18A Woolley Street</i></span>

**Parish News copy date for August is 17<sup>th</sup> July**

## 'Does Christianity have a future?'

Well, are we going to let God have anything to do with it?

**YES – OF COURSE! (to both questions)**

I read David's article, reporting on a BBC TV programme, in the June Parish News with interest and so decided that perhaps this was the time and place to respond. We have just journeyed through the Season of Eastertide in the church, which now includes Ascension and Pentecost. We have been thinking about transformation – about hope – about the Holy Spirit. So we are people filled with hope, grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform, to make new. And as the people of God we make up his church, his body: and that is about *quality* and not *quantity*, it is about transformed lives (not least our own), and not 'bums on pews'.

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

We are indeed called to 'be who God meant us to be' and that means we are all very different. But it is so vitally important as Christians always to maintain a 'glass-half-full' approach and be honest and confident and joyful in our faith. Otherwise it is so easy to slide into self-deprecation and a *temptation* to think that we are somehow 'failing' and others have all the answers. They haven't! And that is a very dangerous worldly, slippery slope too: there is so much publicity and pressure out there trying to convince us all that we should be young, slim, beautiful, loved by a wonderful partner and living in a state-of-the-art 'home'. Anyone reading this letter probably knows that we have to seriously question that, but many don't – and tragedy so often follows. Similarly, we always have to question any wonderful success stories (or for that matter doom and gloom stories) we hear about the future of 'the church'. We always have to remember that we are the body of Christ and not a business. We are not (thank God) 'target' driven, we do not have 'customers'. But we are here to carry out *God's* work, his mission: we are *disciples*. We are here to listen to *him* – and to see where *he* is leading us.

And, in the simplest of terms, some of us like listening to Radio 1 and others to Radio 3 or 4: and that applies across the age-groups. We are all made in God's image, but we are all very different and we shall all find and experience him in different ways. That is how our different churches or worshipping bodies have grown up and developed over the centuries, each with its own character: and one of the glories of the Church of England is that it is so broad that it contains (and desperately tries to hold together) them all! But – from bitter personal experience, where I have tried to pick up the pieces – you try and change the character/'tradition' of any particular church at your peril. That is why a

fundamental starting-point of the whole 'Holy Trinity has a Vision' project is *affirming* and *celebrating* what we have and do and who we are already – whilst recognising that there are many new avenues down which we might travel, as a body. But to do so *organically* and *consensually* without deviating from who we are as a church family. And that might lead to some surprises... I went to a fascinating international conference once at Westcott House where Philip has been training. The subject was 'A New Vision for Catholic Mission' and it included a Eucharist in the College Chapel complete with vestments and incense *and* with evocative images (+ the minimum of text) on a screen and recorded music by the rock-group U2! It wasn't to everyone's taste... but there is a wealth of 'alternative' worship out there (if that is what we might want to explore), in the catholic tradition.

And yes, there is the Alpha Course which is very popular, but there are also many others – which doubtless David & Graham's Group will tell us about. That also begs the question, is a 'course' or any large group activity the best way of 'catching' the faith, of becoming touched by the grace of God and transformed, in any case? After all, we are called to live out and share our faith day by day, to sow seeds. So how, for example, can you compare a 'snap-shot' picture of 'bums on pews' on a Sunday with a whole community being in receipt of scattered seeds, salt and light? This is all about mystery – about trust: we are doing *God's* work. I am really thrilled, for example, at all the lives that have been touched by our new *mainly music* group. And this year we shall have had (so far!) 22 weddings and blessings (as compared with the 10 I was given in the Parish Profile). I spend a long time with each of these couples – in relationship, in friendship – as does God. And that relationship, that friendship will last.

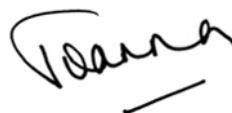
There is never any one-size-fits-all 'solution' – because as we (of all churches!) know, we believe in a God who is expressed in *relationship* as the 'Holy Trinity'. That is dangerous, that is about loose ends: but about taking care to position ourselves in the flow of God's love and his grace. After all, that is precisely how Jesus ministered. He didn't 'do' *big*: he 'did' *small*: loving, listening and relating to people in often painful and time-consuming ways, right where they were.

As I wrote in May, quoting the Archbishops, it is *God's* church, not ours, and we must love and welcome *all* both through the doors and in the community. That is time-consuming and costly *discipleship*. It is about 'loving into life' and not 'judging into exclusion'.

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

Have a great holiday month – and Welcome, Philip!!

With my love and prayers,



We met in church in June, which we shall be able to do in the 'summer' months! I told the branch that we had been able to send £200 off to various MU funds, as well as the £753 to the Overseas Fund raised by Beryl and me with our slimming for Lent, and also £50 back to the church towards the rent. Each month someone brings

a plant for a raffle prize, we pay a £1 for the ticket. This money pays for the heating of the hall in winter: we accumulate the rest and then distribute it where there is a need. We usually send £75 to the Holiday Fund, as this helps with the holiday in Exmouth for needy families who go there for a week in August.

**THE ORIGINAL WINCHESTER CARD AS USED FIRST AT OLD ALRESFORD**

"Remember that your children are given up, body, and soul to Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism, and that your duty is to train them for His service." Mary Sumner added the following points: Try by God's help to make them truthful, obedient and pure.

Never allow coarse jests, bad angry words, or low talk in your house.

Speak gently.

You are strongly advised never to give your children beer, wine or spirits without the doctor's orders, or to send young people to the public house.

Do not allow your girls to go about the streets at night, and keep them from unsafe companions and from any dangerous amusement.

Be careful that your children do not read bad books or police reports.

Set them a good example in word and deed.

Kneel down and pray morning and evening, and teach your children to pray.

Try to read a few verses of the Bible daily, and come to church as regularly as possible.

If you repent truly of your sins, and desire with all your heart to love and follow the Lord Jesus, come to the Holy Communion, and feed on Him by faith, then will your souls be strengthened and refreshed. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me", it was His dying command.

We are having a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party on 23<sup>rd</sup> July – no, not for the branch, but for three of our members, Nan Webb, Pat Kitchen and Alice Moody, who have reached, or are reaching that milestone this year. Joanna is very kindly hosting it in the Vicarage Garden (we hope!) and we have invited our Diocesan President and our Archdeaconry Chairman to join us.

The Diocese has bought 5 dolls – 'virtual babies' – to take into schools to help teenagers learn how to cope with a baby. Our Archdeaconry baby is Tom. We are asked to provide clothes (0-3 months) so that he can have several different outfits to wear. We shall be looking in Scallywags and the Charity shops to find the clothes, but if anyone in the congregation can help out with grand-children's cast-offs we'd be delighted to have them! Usually this size is very quickly out-grown, so they should be almost new.

Our speaker for the evening was Dorothy McNeish, from St James, Trowbridge, who came to talk to us about Mary and George Sumner. Mary

# Junior Church News

Junior Church met on the first Sunday in June and we learnt about Jesus's ascension into heaven. With the help of the children, Sue drew and coloured in a picture of the Ascension which is now on our notice board in church.

Instead of meeting on the second Sunday in June we joined in with the 'All Age' service in church and enjoyed seeing Georgia Monica baptised. Thank you Trystan and Elin for reading the prayers so expertly.

Alison and I will be manning the children's stall at the Street Market on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, so please bring us any unwanted items such as children's toys, books and jigsaws: they will be most welcome.

May we wish Sue and her grandson Alfie, a safe and happy family visit to Australia.

*June Harrison*

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*MU report, continued from page 6*

was born to a wealthy family in 1828, and married George Sumner before her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, just after he was ordained. They moved to Old Alresford, Hampshire., in 1851, where they were to live for 34 years. They had 3 children and for the first 20 years she was fully occupied with the house and bringing up the children. In 1876 Mary started a meeting for the mothers of the parish, but she was so overcome with nerves that she had to get her husband to talk to them! However, that was the start of the Mothers' Union which has grown steadily ever since, until now we have a membership of well

over 4 million in 81 countries throughout the world.

Some of us had heard the talk before, but our newer members were enthralled by the story which, of course, was much more comprehensive than is shown above. Dorothy finished by giving us a copy of the original card issued by Mary to her members, shown on the opposite page. Although 135 years old, it is still very applicable today.

Next month we are going out for a meal together, we never seem to have enough time to chat at meetings!

*Chris Hodge*



## STOP PRESS...

### Christian Aid



The unofficial total for the Christian Aid collection and events this year was £7,400. This will be officially confirmed soon. The total raised at my Open Garden day was £200. This makes the final total £7,600.

I am very grateful to the people who turned up at my garden in inclement weather and who bought cakes on the Sunday after.

*Jonquil Burgess*

### Organ recitals: advance notice

Lunchtime organ recitals on Holy Trinity's lovely Willis organ will be given every Wednesday during August, from 1.10 to 1.50 pm.

You are invited to bring along a (quiet!) packed lunch to eat as you listen, if you wish. Some of the most popular recitalists from last year will be performing again, plus one or two new faces. Full details in next month's Parish News!

*Gareth Bennett*

### The Food Bank

We now have a lidded, labelled white plastic container at the back of the church. If you miss the monthly collection you can always put your contribution(s) in this container ready for the next collection.

We do need three new contributors, one for pasta, one for soup, and one for sugar. See either Margaret or Bryan if you are interested.

The next collection will be the first Sunday in July, the day after the Street Market.

*Margaret and Bryan*

## PETER HARDMAN CELEBRATES HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, a Thanksgiving Eucharist was held in Holy Trinity to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Ordination as Priest of the Revd Canon Peter Hardman.

The church was full, with some 150 relatives, many friends from Wareham and even one from France. We heard Joanna's Welcome and Introduction before the first hymn, *Jesus, where'er thy people meet*, sung, appropriately, to the tune Wareham, before Peter took charge of the service.

After the *Gloria in Excelsis* had been sung, the first address was given by the Revd Peter Seal, Rector of St Matthew's, Winchester. The touching hymn, *Make me a channel of your peace* rang out in the church before the second address by the Revd Canon Richard Bartlett, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Northwood. Both speakers were former Curates of Wareham during Peter's time there. The themes of their linked addresses were 'God, our help in ages past', and 'Our hope for years to come'.

A version of the Creed was sung before the Prayers of Intercession were led by Carol Turner of Lady St Mary Church, Wareham. Then the offertory in aid of Holy Trinity Church and Christian Aid was taken while we sang *I, the Lord of sea and sky*. This was followed by the Giving of the Eucharist while the choir sang *Lord I Trust thee*.

Following the dismissal, Peter made a delightful speech of thanks after insisting that Frances join him at the lectern so that they were together on this day as always in the past, and Gareth then played the final organ voluntary, *Charpentier's Fanfare for a Te Deum*.

After the service an excellent buffet lunch was laid on by the Mothers' Union. The whole event was a most pleasing occasion and we felt privileged to share it with one of the best-loved couples of our congregation. Following the normal Sunday Eucharist on the next day, the celebrations continued with sparkling wine and the traditional Chris Hodge celebration cake.



*Peter and Francis prior to the demolition of the commemorative cake.*

*Cake and photos by Chris Hodge*

*Editors*

## Bradford Area Churches Together



Member churches and organisations were represented by 12 attendees at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June, held in the Friends Meeting House, Whiteheads Lane. Our opening prayer, on this occasion offered by Holy Trinity, is published here:

Lord, guide us all as we meet here in your name. Help us to show your light and your spirit in all our deliberations and discussions, and we thank you for the Christian fellowship that exists here tonight.

Help us to link our individual churches and organisations together so that we become a stronger and more purposeful Christian group within the community of Bradford, for the benefit of all people.

Help us all to do your will, and to know that we are doing your will. Help us to pray Lord. Help us to help others. Help us to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

**The Chairman (Ambrose Stickney, St Thomas More)** looked at our earlier successes this year, in particular with the Lent Groups, and offered his thanks to Frances Hopwood, who was the principal organiser. BACT will probably revert to using the York Lenten Course for 2012, although some interest was registered in looking at a BBC course.

The Pentecost Prayer Vigil in the Saxon church has now passed, but arrangements were well in hand for the event at the time of the meeting. The overnight vigil culminated in a Eucharist at Holy Trinity at 8am on the Sunday morning. The 2012 Pentecost celebration (27<sup>th</sup> May) will have an 'Olympic' theme, and Westbury Gardens has been booked for the occasion. A sponsored walk/bike ride is planned.

The route for the Good Friday 2012 'Follow the Cross' procession was discussed and will be finalised at a subsequent meeting, and the most interesting address by Mike and Julie David at the recent AGM was much appreciated. BACT should ensure that all member churches provide at least two representatives in the future, in order to maximise ideas and discussion within the group.



*BACT Secretary Wendy Brown and Chairman Ambrose Stickney.*

The 'Localisation Bill' is currently before Parliament, and this will reflect directly

*Photo: David Rawstron*

upon Community Area Partnerships and the Area Board, of which BACT is on the list for consultation. Through these bodies, some funding may become available for BACT projects to further the Christian community in our town.

**The acting Treasurer (Reg Green, Christ Church)** advised the meeting that BACT funds were in a stable condition, although our payment of £150 to Wiltshire Churches Together (WCT) would soon be due. Most, but not all, Bradford member churches had made their 2011 payment to BACT thus far. We were reminded that BACT was not a fund raiser, but an enabler, for which a modest amount of funding was required to meet our goals.

**From the Churches.** It was noted that the Bradford Community Church did not generally attend BACT meetings, and that the Zion Baptist church in Bradford seemed to be in decline, possibly because of the increasing age of the congregation. The other Baptist churches in Bradford were also non-participants at BACT, but invitations for them to join us will be sent out.

The Holy Trinity Street Market, a community event, will be held in Westbury Gardens on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: all are welcome. It was suggested that BACT organise a stall at this year's event.

**One World Week (23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October 2011).** A BACT service will be organised, possibly at the Friends Meeting House or St Thomas More church. It is always desirable to rotate our events through member churches for the benefit of all participants and attendees.

**Duncan Hames MP** will address our BACT meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The meeting will be at the United Church Hall in Holt at 7.30pm. Duncan is supportive of BACT: he attends St Katherine's church in Holt and was recently married there.

**The Chapel in BoA Cemetery.** The chapel is damp and not in good condition. This is a Wiltshire Council matter, but BACT will take this up with the Area Board in the first instance with a view to having it made more attractive for people to use for meditation or committals if needed.

**Hope Debt Advice Centres.** Centres at Trowbridge and Melksham, are proposed, while the Bradford centre is doing well. At the Children's Centre, '4Children', there has been a good response from women on their own as this is a relaxed scheme with on-going support from a number of areas.

**Date of next meeting.** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. August at 7.30pm in the Friends Meeting House, Whiteheads Lane. If any parishioner would like to attend these interesting BACT meetings through the year, please let me know.

*David Rawstron*

## SAXON CLUB OUTING TO THE SALISBURY FLOWER FESTIVAL

What a great day the Saxon Club and friends had when we travelled by coach to the Flower Festival in Salisbury on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Our grateful thanks go to the Revd Angela Onions for organizing the visit. How she arranged such a gloriously sunny day as well we shall never know!

Just as most of us would not have been able to go without Angela's efforts, so the Flower Festival would not have happened without the 500 volunteers from parishes and flower groups within the diocese.



There were floral arrangements in all parts of the cathedral, some representing specific subjects (a series based on excerpts from the King James Bible), and others the results of individuals' creative inspiration. Every arrangement was the result of much thought and skill in design and coordinated colours. Nothing jarred, everything seemed just right – although some beautifully crafted

arrangements rather taxed our imaginations.

I am only sorry that I cannot ask our Parish news editors to reproduce some of the coloured photographs I have brought home in the souvenir programme, as words cannot describe the joyous explosion of colour throughout the cathedral.

*Muriel Freeborn.*

### ● FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **Baptisms**

Georgia Monica Draper

#### **Funerals**

June 12th Helen Heath

June 23rd

#### **Marriages**

Russell Drake & Lisa Cornish June 17th

# BRADFORD DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

**Atworth, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

What is your idea of Deanery Synod? A gathering of people wanting to go home? Not the Bradford ones I can assure you! The Rural Dean, Andrew Evans, does his best to ensure that they are occasions where topics of genuine and practical interest to Parishes can be discussed, and to which all interested members of churches in the Deanery can attend. June's meeting concentrated on ministry to the Youth of the Deanery, with contributions from the Deanery and the Diocese.

11.11.11 will see the launch of THE PULSE, a new monthly Friday evening youth worship event at the Trinity, Trowbridge, aimed at secondary age young people. It follows a 'Soul Survivor' pattern starting with refreshments, followed by loud worship, a speaker and ministry. It is hoped to attract young people from many different churches and to be a place where non-Christian friends can 'come and see'. The speaker at the launch will be Mike Pilavachi of Soul Survivor, and regular meetings will follow on the first Friday of each month from December 12<sup>th</sup>. Further details are available from St Thomas Church Office, 01225 754826 or [office@stthomastrowbridge.org](mailto:office@stthomastrowbridge.org).

There were various speakers, including Howard Jameson on taking thirty-one teenagers from Bradford Community Church, Bradford Christ Church, Holt and Winsley, together with three adult couples, to the Christian Youth Enterprises Centre at Chichester. Sal MacDougal, from Studley St John, talked about the outreach to Clarendon and John of Gaunt Schools and Wiltshire College, all of which were in the parish. John of Gaunt had acknowledged the lack of spiritual care in the school, and had consulted Sal and Selina Deacon. Money was available for Youth Workers.

Lizzie Whitbread is the Diocesan Advisor for Young People and spoke on Outreach in schools etc. The C of E document *Going for Growth* offers many ideas, see <http://www.going4growth.org.uk/index.php/home>. Ideas should be shared; needs and fears had to be found and addressed. Both Lizzie and Barbara Meardon, the Children's Officer, can offer help on how to progress, including appointing Children's or Youth Workers, running training courses and talking to parishes.

Other work around the Deanery includes: Collective Worship at St Laurence, Bradford, and Joanna's informal lunch-time meetings with pupils there; a new Youth Group at Melksham St Michael with Dave Parr; Sky One at Holt; the Thirty One Club at Semington organised by Bev and Jack Woodward and Impax at Paxcroft Mead. St Michael's, Holt and Winsley will be going to Soul Survivor this year.

Only Winsley has a Youth Worker, and is currently putting a package together for 14 hours a week for a Youth Worker at £7,000 *pa*, with money pledged from the congregation for three years.

The next meeting of Synod will be at St Laurence on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. Why not come and join us?

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## **SARUM LINK**

Can YOU help?

At the recent Deanery Synod, Mary Tapping, editor of Sarum Link, spoke about the paper and the possible contribution by the youth of the diocese. She was aiming at a vibrant paper with a greater simpatico between the diocesan staff and the parishes. Junior 'sub-editors' were required who should have a lively interest in people and happenings.

Mary emphasised that communication was a two-way process. Sarum Link is for ALL because it is about Mission, which needs Outreach. She suggested that Sarum Link could be distributed to all the houses in the parish, and left in surgeries, libraries etc.

The diocesan website, <http://www.salisbury.anglican.org> has a media pack to help those wishing to contribute to Sarum Link. Mary can be contacted at The Editor, Sarum Link, Church House, Crane Street, Salisbury SP1 2QB, telephone 01 or [mary.tapping@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:mary.tapping@salisbury.anglican.org)

## **THE QUIET GARDEN, GREAT CHALFIELD**

The Quiet Garden at Great Chalfield is on the first Tuesday of each month, and offers an opportunity to set aside time to rest and to pray, with a break for lunch and a short service in the church at the end of the day.

Further information is available from Ann Fielden, [annfielden@btconnect.com](mailto:annfielden@btconnect.com)

## **YOUR DEANERY SYNOD**

Holy Trinity's Deanery Synod representatives are Marlene Haffenden, June Harrison, Malcolm Walsh and Anne Willis. The Rural Dean is Andrew Evans from Holt; the Lay Chairman is Roy Brown from St Thomas, Trowbridge, and the Treasurer is David Robinson from Wingfield. Anne Willis is the Deanery Secretary and Chris Hicks from St Thomas, Trowbridge is the Deanery Information Officer.

*Anne Willis*

## **Sarum College Bookshop**

### **SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE**

On Saturday 6th August, 10am – 3pm.

General and religious books. £1 for hardbacks and 50p for paperbacks.  
Not to be missed!

At 19, The Close, Salisbury SP1 2EE

[www.sarum.ac.uk/cbookshop](http://www.sarum.ac.uk/cbookshop); tel. 01722 326899

## STANDING UP FOR JESUS

Constituent parts of our Sunday morning Eucharist are the prayers; a quiet time when our thoughts steer away from ourselves and we lay before God our concerns for others.

On a recent Sunday our prayers were centred very much on our concern for Christians who are persecuted for their faith in Christ Jesus. Who are they? Where are they living? Why are they persecuted? What form of persecution do they endure? Unless we see them 'face to face' and know them by name, it is difficult for us to make them real in our minds.

Unfortunately, there is no single place in our world where persecution of Christian brothers and sisters takes place. Persecution is widespread where Christians are the minority religious group. It is aided and abetted by governments and encouraged at ground level, often with no recourse to justice by those who are ill-treated and murdered.

Shahbaz Bhatti\* was murdered for seeking justice for Christians in his country through government, of which he was the only Christian member, and for voicing his concern. It is clear that death awaits anyone who would follow him.

How good it is that we here do not suffer the burning of our churches or see our priests and pastors imprisoned and put to death. We do well to remember the persecuted church constantly in our prayers and be aware of what is happening to our Christian brothers and sisters every day around the world.



*Clement Shahbaz Bhatti  
(9-9-1968 to 2-3-2011)*

*Muriel Freeborn*

\* Bhatti was a Pakistani politician and elected member of the National Assembly from 2008. He was the first Federal Minister for Minorities from 2008 until his assassination in Islamabad. Bhatti, a Roman Catholic, was an outspoken critic of Pakistan's blasphemy laws and the only Christian in the Cabinet. Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan claimed responsibility for his killing and called him a blasphemer of Muhammad.

Education is never as expensive as ignorance.

Anon

I'm not afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens. Woody Allen

## THE MUSE

Although first formed by writer Joan Moules in 1986, the Warminster Writers' Circle only recently became involved in writing with the aim of supporting a local charity. Previously only small-print annual booklets had been produced. But in 2010 the Writers' Circle launched its first Anthology in the Great Hall at Longleat, by permission of Lord Bath, in aid of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

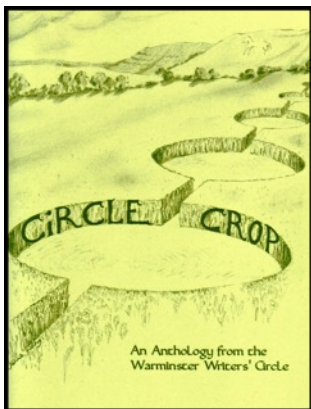
Contributions came from all members in the Warminster area and also Trowbridge and Bradford on Avon. Peter Lovesey, the well known crime writer of over 30 novels, mostly about Bath and its surroundings, and Vice President of the circle, also wrote a foreword and the cover was designed by Jennie Gilling, an artist and member. Crop circles are inextricably linked to this area, so by a pleasing play on words, this Anthology was entitled *Circle Crop*.

During this year copies of the Anthology were sold at county venues, including our own Street Market in Bradford on Avon. Early in 2011, an unexpected invitation to attend a prize-giving ceremony came from the *Writers' News Magazine* and four of us

were selected to go to London. Our visit was facilitated by a protest march for the disabled and we had the eerie experience of strolling across the road in front of the Houses of Parliament in the total absence of traffic which had been temporarily suspended for the march so we found Mary Sumner house with no problem.

At the ceremony, much to our amazement, we were awarded two certificates, one as Runner-up to the Anthology award, won by Thames Valley Writers' Circle, and a First Prize for an Anthology in aid of a good cause – plus £100! As we were newcomers to this countrywide award, we returned home very happy.

A few days later, most of our members put on a review in the Corsley Reading Rooms – and using a collection of our writing – sketches, humorous songs and poems. It exceeded our expectations which were enhanced when the Master of Ceremonies gave us £100, half of which will go to the charity and the other half to cover our ongoing expenses. These include the hire of the United Reform Church's lobby for our meetings and a coach to take us to Selsey for our annual trip to our



*The Anthology cover*



*Handing over the cheque.*

founder, Joan Moules and to see Peter and Jax Lovesey, who moved a few years ago from Westwood to the south coast.

Peter has been a generous and encouraging support to all of us in our efforts to improve our writing and we were able recently to show our appreciation of him when he launched his latest book *Stagestruck* at the Bath Theatre Royal. As in many of his books, Bath CID is featured as well as the theatre.

A recently joined member from New Zealand revived our web-site whilst waiting to give birth to her first child. We are always happy to encourage new members and especially young people and were delighted when a new, very young

person appeared – the three week old baby! He was unable to answer the question, “And what have you recently written?!” Maybe in the future!

The plans continue with a shortened version of our review *Corsley Capers* at St John’s Church Hall, Warminster, in aid of the Lions by invitation of the Revd Dennis Brett who, quite recently, was a curate at Holy Trinity, Bradford on Avon. His organist, Sheelagh Wurr is a keen writer and some of our readers may remember her humorous contributions in Parish News under the title of ‘Much Yorning in the Puse’.

So we go from strength to strength, meeting fortnightly at the United Church, Warminster, on Monday evenings and we are very happy to welcome newcomers. Nobody is expected to read if they are shy or unsure but those who do can be sure of plenty of encouragement (with cups of tea or coffee and chocolate biscuits!)

Anyone interested should ring the Chairman, Sue Bacon (864194) or me. If curious you could check the new web site:

[www.warminsterwriterscircle.org.uk](http://www.warminsterwriterscircle.org.uk).

*Ann Holland*

A small boy in Brian's Sunday School class (way back) asked his Dad “What’s a ‘bidsa’? My Sunday School teacher keeps saying it.”

“I don’t know son” replied his Father. The boy said “I think it's something to do with a lamp”. “Why do you say that?” asked his father.

“Well she says ‘Jesus bidsas shine with a pure, clear light.’”

*Ann Holland*

## Greetings

I would like to give a brief report on the destruction, burning and looting of church properties in the diocese of Kadugli, Episcopal Church of the Sudan.

The conflict and fighting broke out on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in Umdurain villages (Nuba Mountains) between the troops of the SAF (Sudan Army Forces), the ruling party and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) as result of the NCP ruling party forging (*fixing?*) the recent election.

On 7<sup>th</sup> June serious fighting started in Kadugli . Many militia were brought to town, plus SAF troops, killing innocent civilians. Many people fled from the town although some stayed as there is nowhere to hide in town. There is no food or water – only troops all over the streets.

The churches and pastors were directly targeted: at the guest house in Kadugli where my staff live, the militias and SAF broke into the house taking all property – the sound system (Dynacord), projector, beds, chairs and two motor bikes, one of them the bishop's. They were looking for pastors and the bishop who were put shortly (*sentence incomplete, Eds*). They continued to the Headquarters building of the diocesan offices where they burned the bishop's office. All files and papers were burned and they then continued to the other staff offices all of which were burned. The Internet cafe with VSAT, all 8 computers, a new photocopier, a big TV, tents, refrigerator, the solar system; most of the property was burned and some was looted in the headquarters offices.

The Church of Christ in in Kadugli was burned down. My staff scattered and we are still trying to find them. We need the UN to arrest the situation, and the international community to condemn and stop the blood shed of innocent people.

We need prayers and support.

*Rt Revd Andudu Adam Elnail  
Bishop of the Diocese of Kadugli  
(edited version)*

## Crossword solutions

### Across

1, Dove. 3, Offender. 9, Alcohol. 10, Loses. 11, Horam. 12, Ophrah. 14, Archbishopric. 17, Samuel. 19, Dwarf. 22, Lacks. 23, Imagine. 24, Military. 25, Revd.

### Down

1, Drachmas. 2, Vicar. 4, Fellow-soldier. 5, Eglah. 6, Despair. 7, Rust. 8, The mob. 13, Scofield. 15, Chancel. 16, Ordeal. 18, Upset. 20, Alike. 21, Elim.

## MEMORIES OF A LOCAL LAD IN THE 20s...

You ask for reminiscences of Bradford – a dangerous request, for the old are garrulous and once the floodgates are open there is no telling when the waters will recede.

I think my earliest memory is learning to spell CAT on a sand tray at Christ Church Infant school. Some time after that I grasped the mysteries of multiplication.

At some point I moved up to the elementary school and then got a scholarship to the grammar school. Here I encountered Wordsworth and Shakespeare, made things in wood, played football, and went cross-country running, believe it or not. There is a hall halfway up Mason's Lane where I went to dances with my first girl friend. But she lived at Westwood, three miles away, which meant a round trip of six miles to see her home. So I decided I must find another girl friend but cannot remember ever managing it.

There was a sort of youth centre at the end of Church Street, run by a lugubrious Church Army captain. I went there to play table tennis and billiards and took books out from the Friday lending library.

A friend of mine invited me to 'Mr Robinson's Bible Class Christmas party.' Having been to the party I thought I ought to go to the bible class. I couldn't make much of it, but when he left he adjured us to go to church. So

the next Sunday I went to Evensong and was hooked on the music.

A youngish vicar was appointed when the Canon retired – Philip Barry. I got to know him and became rather religious. That's how it all started. I managed to get to university by a scholarship. My headmaster sent me for interview. I had just been reading Lavengro. It transpired that the chairman of the interview panel was devoted to George Borrow: we spent the whole interview talking about Lavengro and I got the scholarship.

My idea was to try to get a job on the Wiltshire Times as a reporter after I had finished my degree. I should have been very happy cycling round Wiltshire and writing up Women's Institute meetings and village fetes. However the war got in the way. I opted, rightly or wrongly, to be a conscientious objector and pleaded my case before a tribunal. They told me to go away and do whatever I wanted. I went to ask the bishop. After a moment's thought he said, "They're dropping bombs on Avonmouth Dock. The vicar is seventy and doesn't like it. I want to move him and I'll send you down there to hold the fort for a few weeks." So I went to Avonmouth for a few weeks and stayed for four years. I qualified as a Reader and a priest came down every Sunday. It was really a very happy time and I enjoyed myself. I got permission to go on to the docks to take an evening service for the fire

*continued...*

## HOLT ROAD 1936

The lights begin to twinkle in the vale,  
As softly eve draws close the winter's day  
Gaunt stand the trees in the last lingering ray  
Of light. Life seems most magically frail,  
Tremulous, yearning to the heavens; as pale  
As that same moon that slow begins to rise  
And makes more pure the deepness of the skies  
And low in the yew trees murmurs the half-  
grown gale.  
And I am here alone, now gently fall  
The first soft raindrops on my upturned face,  
And through me thrills the longing for my God.  
Men's fever, bitterness and strife are all  
Gone from me, yet I know my race  
Must lie in the paths of men,  
for those were the paths He trod.

*Ralph Scrine*

Stockwood and sharing  
digs with John Robinson he  
asked one day if I had a  
concordance. He looked at  
it and said, "That's no good.  
It's in English". I shall never  
forget the scorn in his  
voice.

Being Mervyn's curate  
was a bit scary but great  
fun. George McCleod and  
Stafford Cripps came from  
time to time. I remember  
George McCleod sweeping  
the bottle of water on the  
pulpit ledge for the  
preacher's refreshment off  
with a crash on the floor  
with a magnificent sweep  
of his hand. He didn't pause  
for a moment in his  
peroration.

brigade there. They were a very good  
congregation, but if a fire alarm went  
off in the middle of the Magnificat your  
congregation disappeared. There was  
nothing else to do but pack up and go  
home.

Then one day I got a letter from the  
bishop saying "Write to the Principal of  
Westcott House." I duly wrote, went for  
interview and was accepted. I  
discovered that as a graduate of  
another 'Institution of Learning' I could  
take a tripos in five terms. So I did that  
and that's how I got my Cambridge  
degree, by the back door. I had to  
teach myself Greek because the degree  
examined Greek texts. I remember that  
when I was a curate with Mervyn

Joanna, I have gone on long enough.  
I told you it was dangerous to open the  
floodgates.

*Revd Ralph Scrine (b 1919)*

PS. I never found out who paid for me  
to go to Westcott. I think it must have  
been the bishop.

Ralph Scrine grew up at 10, Silver  
Street, over his father's butcher's shop.  
He was ordained deacon in 1946 and  
ordained priest in 1947 .

Ralph is a friend of Joanna's from  
Totnes and came to her licensing. He  
has become a 'pen pal' of Anne Carter in  
the process! He is a great fan of our  
Parish News and fondly remembers  
Bradford on Avon in his thoughts and  
prayers every morning.



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**7.00 to 11.00pm**



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## Man's best friend

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble... At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?" "This is Heaven, sir," the man answered. "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked. "Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some iced water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open. "Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveller asked. "I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets." The man thought for a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book. "Excuse me!" he called to the man. "Do you have any water?" "Yes, of course, there's a pump over there, come on in." "How about my friend here?" the traveller gestured to the dog. "There should be a bowl by the pump." They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it.

The traveller filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree. "What do you call this place?" the traveller asked. "This is Heaven." he answered. "Well, that's confusing," the traveller said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too." "Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? No. That's hell." "Doesn't it make you cross for them to use your name like that?" "No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

*from Margaret Purves*

## THE (PEARLY) QUEEN'S ENGLISH

It really was taters in the mould, but having some bees and honey in my skyrocket, I needed more than some rosy lee and a bit of Sexton Blake to keep me happy. So after having combed my Barnet Fair, brushed my 'ampstead 'eath, I put on me tit-for-tat and decided to go out.

I didn't fancy a ball of chalk down the frog and toad, nor going in the jam jar, so off on the tinkers cuss I went. Arriving at the rub a dub dub I ordered a pint of pig's ear, picked up a linen draper, and sat at a sticky label in the Johnny 'orner.

After a couple of pigs ears I set off home, arriving at my Rory O'More very late. Not wanting to wake the trouble and strife I slipped off my daisy roots, got my plates of meat on the apples and pears, jumped into uncle Ned, laid my lump of lead on the old tit willow and went to Bo Peep.

*John Ticehurst*

### Crib sheet

taters in the mould	cold	pigs ear	beer
bees and honey	money	linen draper	paper
sky rocket	pocket	sticky label	table
rosy lee	tea	Johnny 'orner	corner
Sexton Blake	cake	Rory O'More	door
Barnet fair	hair	trouble & strife	wife
'ampstead 'eath	teeth	daisy roots	boots
tit-for-tat	hat	plates of meat	feet
ball of chalk	walk	apples & pears	stairs
frog and toad	road	uncle Ned	bed
jam jar	car	lump of lead	head
tinkers cuss	bus	tit willow	pillow
rub a dub dub	pub	Bo Peep	sleep

### More notices...

Seen in a health-food shop window...

**CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS**

...and in a farmer's field:

**THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE  
FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES**

## Is it Shakespeare, Dickens, The Beatles, Tony Blair... or the Bible?

New research has found that while people still value the Bible, they're confused about where some familiar English phrases come from – such as 'my brother's keeper' and 'a drop in the bucket' – was it Dickens, Blair or the Bible?

A recent ComRes poll for the Bible Society revealed the following:

- 'My brother's keeper' (Genesis 4:9): 56% rightly identified the phrase as originating from the Bible.
- 'A drop in the bucket' (Isaiah 40.15): Half of all people (49%) didn't know where the phrase was from, but an equal proportion said that it originated from Tony Blair (12%), Shakespeare (14%) and Charles Dickens (12%). Only 7% correctly identified the phrase as coming from the Bible.
- 'The writing on the wall' (Daniel 5:5-6): The same proportion of people said that the phrase originated from the Beatles (18%) as that saying it was from the Bible (19%).
- 'Eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12.19): The greatest percentage of people (41%) said that the phrase derived from Shakespeare, while just one in ten (9%) said that it originated from the Bible.
- 'Filthy lucre' (1Timothy 3.3): One quarter of all people thought the phrase was from Shakespeare (23%) while one in ten (10%) said that it came from the Bible.

The poll also asked how important knowledge of the Bible was for appreciating culture, history and politics. On the whole, people thought it was significant, with nearly half of people believing it important for the vision arts, literature and history, but only 24% thinking it important for an appreciation of classical music.

*Source: Parish Pump*

## Cathedral congregations continue to grow

Attendance levels at regular weekly services in Church of England cathedrals have increased significantly again this year, by seven per cent, say the latest statistics from the Archbishops' Council's Research and Statistics Unit.

Since the turn of the millennium, they have steadily grown by a total of 37%, which is about four per cent on average each year. At Sunday services alone, 15,800 adults and 3,100 children and young people are usually present while over the whole week the figures rise (by 73%) to 27,400 and 7,600 respectively. Westminster Abbey adds, on average, 1,800 people each week to these numbers.

## WILTSHIRE BUTTERFLIES, July 2011

The statement in my May article – 'a brief gap before the summer species begin to appear' – was just that. In no time at all in early June, species were reported that would not normally be expected to be seen until towards the end of the month, appearing 2 - 3 weeks earlier. I list below those that have created earliest ever emergence dates for Wiltshire to show just what an amazingly early season 2011 has been. You can also see that 2007 was an unprecedentedly early season.

There are Wiltshire records going back to the mid-1800s and there is little

Species	2011 date	previous earliest	days earlier
Purple hairstreak	13 <sup>th</sup> June	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	4
White-letter hairstreak	14 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June 1997	2
Small blue	24 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2007	1
Duke of Burgundy	8 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2003	7
White admiral	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	6
Silver-washed fritillary	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	5



*White-letter hairstreak butterfly*

doubt that during the last decade, butterflies have generally been appearing 2-3 weeks earlier than ever before recorded. Several species are also extending their range northwards and are now regularly reported from Scotland where they were unheard of only a decade or so ago. Climate change in some form is almost certainly behind these exciting events.

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*Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder*

### **Bird and Butterfly Day at Iford Manor, Sunday 3rd July, 11.30am – 4pm**

A free family day out to enjoy birds, butterflies, moths and other wildlife.

Guided walks, children's activities, displays. The tea room will be open, or bring your own picnic. Support the RSPB and Butterfly Conservation.

For further details, ring Hugo Brooke on 07967 323949

# Gardening is SO good for you

Never mind if you feel a bit stiff after gardening all afternoon – did you know that gardening is actually keeping you young? Gardening helps older adults to be more active, feel younger, and have more of a ‘zest for life’ than those who do not garden. A recent study also found that over-50s who enjoy their gardens are also more likely to be optimistic and eat more fruit and vegetables than non-gardeners.

Gardening is also good for your brain. A session in your garden will leave you more mentally alert than doing puzzles indoors. Gardeners, it seems, tend to be better at planning, organising a diary, and score higher on general ‘life satisfaction’. So – go on – get out there and reconnect with nature!



"Mike composes all his sermons on his iPhone – he uses something called Predictable Text..."



That woodpecker will have to go!

A baptismal service was being held outside on a Sunday afternoon down by a river in a rural southern state of America. The keen young minister noticed that a very drunk local man was blearily watching proceedings. He called out: “What about you? Are you ready to find Jesus?” The drunk looked startled, but responded: “Yes sir, I am.”

The minister decided to baptize him, there and then. He led him into the river, and dunked him under the water, and pulled him to his feet. “Well, have you found Jesus?” “No, I didn't!” said the drunk. The minister then dunked him again. “Now brother, have you found Jesus?” “No, I did not!” protested the drunk.

Disgusted, the young minister held the man under for at least 30 seconds and demanded again: “For goodness sake, why haven't you found Jesus yet?!”

The old drunk wiped his eyes and gasped: “Well, are you sure this is where he fell in?”

## Annual General Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> July



Please make a note in your diaries that the Friends AGM will take place in church on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm. It will be followed by the annual lecture:

### **A four and a half thousand mile trek around the British coast**



The lecture, after the short business meeting, will be given by Mrs Jannina Henderson. Jannina and her two dogs have covered a distance of more than 4500 miles to walk the coast of mainland Britain in aid of charity. Her main charities are The Woodland Trust, the RNLI, the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and the Topsy Foundation. Some of her books describing her charity walks will be on sale after the talk, all proceeds going to her charities.

Other events this year will include:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October: A light-hearted tour of Normandy, for which there are still a few places available
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Concert by the Silver Ring Choir

In December we shall be organising a Christmas Tree Festival. This will be a first for Holy Trinity, but the idea is that groups within Church, plus charities, clubs, organisations and businesses based in Bradford will be invited each to stage a tree on a theme based on what the shop or group do. For example, the choir might decorate a tree with notes, a green grocer could use fresh produce, and the brownies would simply use their imagination. The entrants supply and decorate their own trees, each of which can have a notice explaining what the sponsor does or sells, with contact details. There is no charge for a space or for entry to see the display though the Friends will invite donations from visitors and offer refreshments.

The Festival will be open from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December and a highlight will be a concert by Bradford Choral on the opening day, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

After a successful year or so's activities, the Committee decided to splash out and pay for the new lighting in the Nave, which is modelled on that which the Friend's funded for the North Aisle some years ago.

*John Cox, Chairman*

## SAINTS CORNER

### July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Saint Thomas the Apostle

Thomas, one of Jesus's twelve apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas's impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11.16). Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.



Thomas's confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14.5), but Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining "I am going to my father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."



*St Thomas's church,  
Kookkamangalam, Kerala, India*

Finally, Thomas's honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe – unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears – but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff).

Thus Doubting Thomas's honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries who also want to follow Jesus but who require some proof of this amazing event – the Resurrection. In Thomas's complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that he even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear thrust on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 72 AD, in Mylapore, near Madras. Forty-six ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.

*Source: Parish Pump*

## for prayer in July

### We pray for:

- Our Stewards and the visitors they welcome
- Our Churchwardens – Trevor and Judith
- The couples being married and the babies baptised this month
- Graham Dove, our Licensed Lay Minister

## Saxon Club Programme for July

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

July 5th: Tai Chi - Judith Holland

12th: Visit to Southwick Country Park (postponed from June!)

19th: Anything Goes

26th:: End of year "party"

## West Wilts Multi-Faith Forum

AGM and Conference

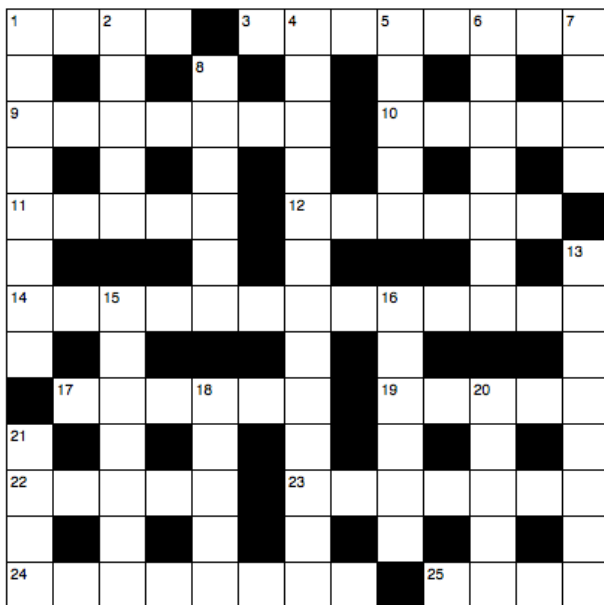
### How can Faith Groups Build Communities?

on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 6 for 6.30pm  
at Bridge House, Stallard St, Trowbridge

Guest speakers: Tim Pemberton, Managing Editor of BBC Radio Bristol, and Wali Rahman, Secretary of the Wiltshire Islamic Cultural Centre

# Quick Crossword

The Bible version is the NIV



## Clues across

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8-12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest - who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever - his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you - wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

## Clues down

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in - ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and - about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day - ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

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The Chapel of St Mary Tory  
Inset: East window by Mark Angus



The Saxon church of St Laurence