

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Bradford on Avon



## PARISH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2011

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**Times of Services** *(Check Bulletins and notices or Church web site)*

## Sundays

8am Eucharist (Traditional language)  
9.30am Sung Eucharist (coffee afterwards)  
6pm Evensong, Compline, etc

## Weekday Eucharist

10am Wednesdays  
12 noon Fridays (Traditional language)  
with lunch out afterwards

## Daily (apart from Sundays)

Morning and Evening Prayer at 8.30am and 5.30pm (please enter via the north door opposite the Saxon Church, and check Bulletin for any cancellations)

## Times of Meetings

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 [www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk](http://www.brad-avon-ht.org.uk)

Diocese Web-site [www.salisbury.anglican.org.uk](http://www.salisbury.anglican.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 SEPTEMBER



- 4 SUNDAY THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism  
of Emily Violet Angel  
11.30am Holy Baptism of Ella Grace Hatter  
6pm Choral Evensong *sung by Nordic Voices*
- 11 SUNDAY THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
6pm *Evensong* *Christ Church*
- 15 Thursday 7.30pm Mothers' Union Eucharist
- 16 Friday 1.45pm St Laurence Founders' Day Service  
*with Sir Al Aynsley-Green as preacher*
- 17 Saturday 1pm Marriage of Derren Nuttall and Claire Gage
- 18 SUNDAY THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
6pm *Taizé Service with*  
*Prayers for Hope and Health* *Saxon Church*
- 23 Friday 4pm Memorial Service for Richard King
- 24 Saturday 12 noon Marriage of Joel Dixon and Hailey Key
- 25 SUNDAY HARVEST FESTIVAL AND 'BACK TO CHURCH' SUNDAY  
9.30am All-Age Eucharist  
*with the Trowbridge and District Youth Band*  
6pm *Evensong* *Saxon Church*

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> September) Vicarage

**Parish News copy date for October is 18<sup>th</sup> September**

## ● THE CHURCH...*What is it? Who is it? Who are we?*

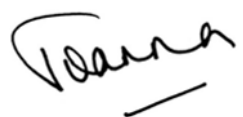
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All good questions to wrestle with as September launches us forth on a new academic year, as we gather again after our summer holidays, and as the 'Holy Trinity has a Vision' Groups (who have been very busily beavering away during the summer) begin to submit their Reports. What is more, we are busy preparing for 'Back to Church Sunday' which we shall be celebrating along with our 'Harvest Festival' on 25<sup>th</sup> September (see page 7). So one thing is certain, and that is that we are always called to be on a journey as members of God's church.

So what is it? Principally people! That great throng who have been baptised and called by God to love and serve – after all it was 'built upon' a person, in the unlikely and bumbling shape of Peter. But when these people listen to God, they want to get together and worship him and grow in love and support for one another and for the community around them. And so (if in rather simplistic terms!) church buildings started to spring up. And here at Holy Trinity we have been blessed with a particularly ancient and a particularly beautiful and inspiring one: what's more we have the stunning Saxon Church of St Laurence next-door and St Mary Tory Chapel just up the hill. So we have so much to celebrate – and to share. And it is perhaps true to say that – as a very broad brush-stroke summary – the 'Holy Trinity has a Vision' Groups have all been working in their very different areas and ways towards grasping every possible opportunity to ensure that we grow as individuals and as a 'church' and as a building, so that we may worship God and love and serve and welcome all those around us in the very best way possible.

And one glorious way in which we are going to start along that path is by celebrating Harvest Festival and by joining in the national 'Back to Church' campaign simultaneously! So this will be a day of celebration and thanksgiving and of welcome – as we have so much to share. We (of all ages!) can all think of friends and neighbours (of all ages!) who perhaps used to be members of a church but have gradually slipped out of the habit (so easily done) – or else of people who maybe have come along once or twice and left it at that, or only at Christmas and Easter. We need to realise two things: (1) just what a fantastic and life-changing experience we have to offer, and (2) just how difficult it can be to walk through those doors at a service time. And of course, by definition, you don't receive the welcome until you do! So please, please make a special effort to invite a friend along to Harvest, and pick them up and bring them with you. It will be good!

With my love and prayers.



Mary Sumner Day on 9<sup>th</sup> August was to be different this year. Usually, since we started celebrating her day in 1999, we have had church services in a church in our Deanery or Archdeaconry. This year we were asked to meet in church in the morning to join in Faithful prayer for the World, and especially the MU, and then to go to the cathedral to gather with the diocese for prayer for the MU throughout the world.

Some dozen or so members met in church at 10am, when we sang hymns and prayed for families, local organisations, ministries, the sick, and the Mothers' Union, drawing it all together with the Lord's Prayer; quite a moving little service.

Only four of us went to the cathedral, as Ian was under the weather at the time. We started off with a picnic on the green. It was a gorgeous sunny day, which was a blessing in itself! We then congregated in the cloisters, with our deanery and branch banners, and moved around slowly, singing hymns, and stopping for prayers from every one of the 81 countries which are attached to the MU. I had chosen Wales as our country and Kathryn Swift had got a prayer for Wales translated into Welsh for me, which, with a lot of practice, I managed to declaim before rendering it in English as well. As I had never spoken Welsh, and gave up learning it in 1946, it was a mammoth undertaking, but was much appreciated by everyone. Thank you Kathryn! We then put flags on a map of the world inside the cathedral nave. I had a job to find Wales it was so well hidden by all the countries in Africa with flags!

After everyone had read their prayers and laid their flags, we paraded out to the Walking Madonna, where we had a service around her. The hundreds of visitors to the cathedral were all intrigued by what was going on, inside and out, and we gave our service sheets to them to take home.

It had been a very different Mary Sumner Day, one those of us who joined in



will remember for a long time. What will our President come up with next year?

Our next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> September, in church for Corporate Communion at 7.30am, and afterwards John Burgess will be talking to us, always an interesting experience! You don't have to be a member to come – you might even enjoy it!

*Chris Hodge*

# Junior Church News

GROWING



There is no news this month because we are on holiday, but here is a picture drawn by one of our young members at a recent morning service.

LEARNING



*Cecilia's Sunday Service, by Cecilia Barry, aged 5.*

*Centre, Cecilia in her spotty purple frock, drawing at the table, with balloons on the floor; top right, Joanna talking about God; centre left, Gareth smiling happily at the organ surrounded by the organ pipes; bottom left the table laid with biscuits; right, pews full of people including Cecilia's Daddy with his blue eyes.*



**HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH**

# Harvest Festival All-Age Eucharist

*with the Trowbridge and District  
Youth Band*

*and the Rainbows, Brownies,  
Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts*

**Sunday, 25 September 2011  
at 9.30am**

- Bring all your friends and neighbours – it's also **'BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY'!!**
- And bring any percussion instrument (tambourines etc) – small or large.....



BackToChurchSunday



# THE SAXON CLUB

We have had a most exciting year. Early in 2011 we moved from what used to be our Church Hall to the United Church Hall. This has proved a very popular move to a more convenient, warm, comfortable hall where we have been made most welcome. Having said that, we are still (and always will be) linked with Holy Trinity Church.

Our speakers have been very interesting on a wide variety of subjects. We worked hard towards the Summer Street Market and were delighted with the result of our stall and the total overall.

We have been on several trips – to a Garden Centre, Squirrel Tea Rooms, among others, and a most enjoyable day was had at Salisbury Cathedral for the flower festival which was stunning.

During August we usually have a break but one or two members expressed a wish for the club to continue. To this end we have been meeting on a Tuesday afternoon at the Scribbling Horse for a cup of tea and a natter which has proved quite popular! It is surprising how many members of the congregation frequent this establishment!

One of our members had a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in the middle of August so we celebrated that. There is yet another birthday to celebrate on the very day we start back and then in the middle of September we have no less than a 95<sup>th</sup> birthday to celebrate!!!

We shall be welcoming seven new members in September which is exciting – so outreach is continuing. There is no limit to the number we can have so please do come and find out what we do if you haven't already. Our programme for the year is gradually taking shape and we look forward to another good year.

Thank you for all the support and interest you have shown us. There is a very definite need for a club like ours which welcomes all of whatever faith, or none. Somewhere to come and relax – to share with each other in love and fellowship. I thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for without his presence none of this would be possible. I am so grateful to the small band of helpers who help each week with the tea, games and so on. They know who they are and I value their help and input very much. Bless you!

*Angela*

## Quotes

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.

Carl Gustav Jung

Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again.

F P Jones

# Congratulations...

...to Kathryn and Anthony Swift on the birth of their son Daniel Cerid, weighing 6lb 11oz, on Saturday 21st August. Both mother and baby are doing well and the proud father is on permanent nappy duty!

Kath and Anthony send us their thanks for our prayers and good wishes and we, in turn, send them our love and best wishes for happiness in their new family life (after the nappy duty eases off!).

# A Thank-you...

As many of you will have noticed of late, Kathleen Thompson has not been singing in the choir for a while. I understand that she has retired, reluctantly, on account of what catches up with us all in time, and we have, as in Kathleen's case, to retire gracefully.

Kathleen joined the Music Group I led, so many years ago now that I cannot remember the date accurately – around about 25 years ago at a guess. Kathleen was a most valuable member for all those years and continued to sing after I retired myself.

Kathleen can read music quickly and she always sang in tune with a sweet voice. What more could a leader have asked for in the early days of choir formation, and afterwards in being a faithful member throughout the years?

I should like to take this opportunity, through Parish News, of thanking Kathleen for the support she gave to me over so many years in the Ladies' Choir and in Holy Trinity Choir.

*Muriel Freeborn.*

When I first took over as Director of Music at Holy Trinity in 2005, Kathleen was one of the choir's most faithful members, there at every choir practice and every service almost without exception. I'm sorry to hear of her final retirement.

I shall miss Kathleen's smile and no-nonsense Northern ways, keeping me up to the mark!

I do hope your retirement will be a peaceful and happy one, Kathleen.

*Gareth Bennett*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

<b>Damien Matthew Lippiatt</b>	July 31st
Thomas James Goodwin	Aug 7th
StevieRosina FaithCowley-Wood	Aug 20th
Ben Ross	Aug 28th
Max Lewis Dickenson	Aug 28th

### Marriages

Jan Du Plessis and Johanna Laver	Aug 11th
Gordon King and Katherine Broad	Aug 13th
Richard Davey and Katy Stephenson	Aug 20th

### Funerals

Joe Montacute	Aug 13th
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## Bradford Area Churches Together



“Being on the committee of Bradford Area Churches Together is always an interesting experience, and not only because of the opportunity to meet up regularly with like-minded people from other Bradford churches. Membership of this group also allows us to become involved in activities of which we at Holy Trinity may not be aware or, if involvement is not appropriate, it still allows an opportunity to provide feedback and points of interest to our PCC and congregation, as members of the wider church community in Bradford.”

**T**welve representatives from member churches attended the meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>, with three from Holy Trinity including our Assistant Curate Philip, who opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Chairman (Ambrose Stickney, St Thomas More) first dealt with matters arising from our last meeting (10<sup>th</sup> June). These were:

1. to comment on the *Five Marks of Mission* sessions, which had been successful and well attended by people from different churches. It was felt that there was perhaps not enough biblical content offered. However, it was good to bring people together for these meetings which had been arranged by Martyn Skinner (United Church). Unfortunately, Martyn has now moved on, so it is necessary to find another driving force to run similar sessions next year. This may be brought up at a Church Leaders meeting.

2. The celebration for *400 years of the Authorised Version of the Bible* had been hosted by the United church and well attended, particularly by members from the Baptist Church. Following on from this, several people from the United Church had attended a service at the Baptist Church – very encouraging to see people from different church backgrounds mixing together.

In his report, which followed, the Chairman advised the meeting that he and Jim Clarke (Faithworks) had attended a meeting regarding the Development Strategy Plan for Bradford on Avon up to 2026. It is very encouraging that the views of local churches are being sought, and these views are being given to the Community Area Partnerships and the Area Board for the County Council to consider. There are funds available for some projects. We need to take advantage of this channel of communication to ensure that a Christian opinion is always given on



*The Friends' Meeting House, Whiteheads Lane.*

*photo: David Rawstron*

local issues. The Strategy Plan is for the next 15 years, and includes transport, environment and climate-friendly issues. Almost 50 people attended the meeting and Ambrose commented on how useful it was to meet and discuss these issues with other organisations in the town. Being aware of what was taking place locally gives us the opportunity to become involved, to pray for the various concerns, and to provide an opportunity for churches to become involved in what is happening.

It was suggested that BACT might organise an annual Civic Service to celebrate all the organisations both in and around the town and a hope was expressed that Holy Trinity might host such a service.

The churches in Bradford, collectively, had not had a good track record in looking after the needs of

young people (some individual churches excepted). To this end, there has recently been a conference about Growing up in Bradford on Avon and we await feedback from that conference.

The acting Treasurer (Reg Green, Christ Church) advised the meeting that BACT funds remained in a stable condition after payment of our £150 to Wiltshire Churches Together (WCT). After payment of all the Lent Course material and

expenses, a small profit remained which will go towards postage costs for the remainder of the year.

#### **One World Week: 23-30 Oct 2011:**

Father Conrad did not feel that St Thomas More Church could host this event because they were expecting a visit from the Bishop around that time. Philip Elliott will ask Joanna if anyone else had agreed to host this event.

#### **From the Churches**

- The United Church and the Winsley Methodist Church are both without a minister at the moment.
- The Wesley Visits at Bearfield was well attended, and as a result some new families are now attending Bearfield Church where Sue Glanville has been appointed *(Continued on page 12)*

Pastor.

- Bearfield are also taking over the Mother and Toddler Group at the BoA Youth Centre, currently run by Pip McGuire. They are looking to hold a 'Messy Church' for those who attend the Mother and Toddler Group.
- Bearfield Church is to be sponsored by the new Co-op store on Winsley Road.
- Food Boxes are going well with 5 or 6 churches contributing regularly.
- St Nicholas, Winsley, have appointed a new Youth Worker to start in September.
- There is to be a Harvest Festival at Hartley Farm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- Christ Church is open for prayer between 10.00 and 12.00 on the first Saturday of every month.
- Philip Elliott, the new Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity, is in contact with the Youth Centre with a view to becoming involved in their activities. Joanna is Chairman of the new Advisory Board at the Youth Centre.
- St Laurence School became an Academy in August, and still maintains its connection with the Church of England.

- Christ Church runs Open the Book - bringing Bible stories into schools - at the primary school, and is hoping to extend this to other primary schools in the area.
- Faithworks is looking to develop more Hope Debt Advisory groups in Trowbridge. Supporters come from various different churches in the area.

**Pentecost 2012:** More focus and input is needed from BACT member churches about the organisation of an Olympic style event next year. So far, only the Quakers have volunteered to become involved. However, Bearfield are hoping to have an 'Olympic' event (*eg.* races in the street). There is a national Christian Olympic movement called More than Gold, and there will be a meeting of this movement at Holy Trinity Church in Trowbridge on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 12.00 to 2.00pm.

The date of our next meeting is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm at Holt United Reformed Church Hall. The speaker will be Duncan Hames MP and all are invited to attend. If anyone requires a lift for this meeting, please let me know.

*David Rawstron*

## A follow-up note from Steve McCulley about Headley Court.

I've been at Headley for nearly three weeks now and my recovery is going as well as it can. As for my knee, I am off crutches and onto a walking stick, which is good, but my right lung is still severely damaged (and will remain so). I'm not allowed to do much cardio-vascular work (static exercise machines etc.) until I have had a check-up with my cardio-thoracic consultant at the QE Hospital, Birmingham (where I was treated



on return from Afghanistan), on 15<sup>th</sup> August to confirm that the shrapnel is not moving. I am further hindered by severe rib pain due to the multiple fractures and emergency thoracotomy (nasty op, I have since learned...) that was conducted in Camp Bastion Military Hospital. That said, the ribs are better than they were two weeks ago, so I'm going in the right direction.



As for Headley Court itself, I have been impressed with the facilities and care we receive. I am part of the trauma group (approximately 40 patients at any one time), which is sub-divided into four groups. Each group is led by a consultant and I have my own physio, exercise remedial instructor, occupational therapist, social worker and psychiatric nurse. The trauma patients live in four-man bays on a ward, with 24hr nurse care – just like a hospital. My initial admission is for 6 weeks, after which I shall get some time at home to relax, before returning for further admissions of 3 weeks at a time. I shall remain on that programme until I am deemed fit and strong enough to be released to a Regional Rehab Unit, where I shall hopefully be able to live at home during the week. It is too early to tell how long I shall be in Headley itself (some guys have been here for 2 years!), but I certainly expect it to be at least until January 2012.

*Best wishes  
Steve*

Note: thoracotomy is an incision into the pleural space of the chest performed by a surgeon to gain access to the thoracic organs. It is a major surgical manoeuvre and is thought to be one of the hardest surgical incisions to deal with post-op because it is extremely painful and the pain can prevent the patient from breathing effectively.  
*Editors*

## LITTLE BOXES OF JOY

For many years now the Christmas Child Shoe Boxes have played an important and exciting part of my life. This is important, because I feel that every child should at least have a little joy and excitement at this special time. And it is exciting, because we can all remember Christmas as a child, and the little gifts that made it all so special for us. Samaritan's Purse, (the organization which distributes these boxes), makes every effort to reach the most needy children in war-torn countries, or where there is severe poverty.



Although the campaign does not start until the schools return at the end of the summer holidays, I am visiting many amazing people all the year round, to collect the knitting they have eagerly done for the children and also the essential 'shoe boxes', and perhaps other items to fill them. It's wonderful to see the number of kind donations I have gathered, which now wait for me to pop them into the brightly covered shoe boxes.

Here, in our house, each little corner and space, including the loft, contain this ever increasing hoard of items at the moment! But, with our summer visitors coming and going, (also toys we are accumulating again for our grandchildren!) space is now at quite a premium, as you may imagine! So I have had to make a hard decision this year.

All these precious, kindly gifted items will now go to a much larger space in our warehouse in Melksham. They will be packed, just as I packed them at home and, thankfully, also with the help of the cheerful volunteers who give generously of their time. Meanwhile, it will be great to take advantage of their plentiful storage space.

As usual I look forward to this year's campaign and I really hope that your support will be as generous as in previous years when we have sent so many 'smiles in a shoe box' to hurting, needy, and really grateful children, from Holy Trinity and also from friends and neighbours.

The COMPLETED boxes you kindly donate will still be displayed in the Children's corner in Church. You will find it great fun to fill your very own box this year, and the children (or grandchildren) really love to help. If you are unable to fill one, any donations of small children's gifts or useful items perhaps for school, or toiletries are always most gratefully received.

As soon as I receive the leaflets on how to fill your shoe box, I shall be distributing them and bringing them to Church. Please ring me on 01225 864341 if I can help you, or with any questions.

With many, many thanks for your continued support

*From Celia (and the children)*

PS. Our Melksham-based Samaritan's Purse organization (which is responsible for Operation Christmas Child) is also running the *Turn on the Tap* scheme to provide Biosand water filters to purify dirty water so that children and adults in Africa will not die of thirst or water-borne disease but live because they have access to clean water.

This campaign for clean water was launched by Samaritan's Purse four years ago, and is celebrating the fact that through its on-the-ground operation over 1 million people have been given access to clean water in the developing world.

A more detailed report was given in the June 2011 issue of Parish News, page 23, and there is information on the notice boards in church. Donations of copper coins in the bottle, also in church, will help further to tackle this awful problem.



# JUBA SCHOOL:

## The present situation

On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, South Sudan, African and Christian, severed its links with the Arab and Muslim north and became a separate sovereign state. The new country has many problems – famine and border disputes to the north, threats to the oil supply from its oil wells on the frontiers. One of its most dire problems, however, has to be its educational system, ruined by decades of civil war. The south has a literacy rate of just 25%. UNESCO has stated: 'The South Sudan has the lowest registered number of students in senior secondary school of any country in the world.'

The Anglican Diocese of Salisbury has a long-standing link with the Episcopal (Anglican) Church of the Sudan, a major provider of primary education. Four years ago the Sudanese archbishop asked a visiting group from Salisbury for help in opening a secondary school in the southern capital, Juba (population 800,000). A layman, Commander Richard Dean, responded, and in 2008 the Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School opened its doors. Massive financial help from a church in Salisbury, the British government, and numerous private individuals enabled school buildings to be completed in time for the next year's intake.

At the start of this academic year, April 2011, we have four blocks, each of three classrooms, and 370 students. The school is committed to a 50/50 distribution of girls and boys and to the principle of not letting parental need prevent a student from entering the school. 90 sponsors around Salisbury committed to paying £150 *pa* for three years to see a student through secondary school.

The school has grown rapidly, but is now suffering from problems of growth. Urgent needs are:

- completion of a Science Room and Preparation Room – Christian aid has already paid £24,000 but a further £13,000 is needed
- a new toilet block – £20,000
- a new, stronger security fence – £8,000 (two weeks ago a gang broke in,



left the night watchman for dead, and stole three lap-tops)

Any help that could be offered towards these pressing needs would be greatly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to 'Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance (Juba School)'

As you will see from the above, the school is a vital part of the new state's education. There are only three other English language schools in Juba. English is to be the *lingua franca* and will be required for all government posts.

*Richard Askew*

This is a follow-up to the article by Canon Richard Askew which we published in the Dec 2009/Jan 2010 issue of Parish News. The latest school newsletter may be read on the Salisbury web site:

<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/mission/the-sudan-link/JSS%20Newslettero8.pdf>

Donations should be sent to Dick Beath, Foxhill Lodge, Perrymead, Bath BA2 5AT (tel: 01225 833767), from whom Gift Aid forms may also be obtained.

## **SUDAN STUDY DAY 2011**

**Shaftesbury School, Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9.30-4 pm.**

*"Sing to the Lord a New Song"*

Keynote speakers:

- Paul Akaro, Government of South Sudan Liaison officer:  
*Sudan after the Referendum – the economic, social and political challenges.*
- Revd Stephen Dinsmore, Director of SOMA UK:  
*SOMA on the Front line – Bentiu and Nuba Mountains.*
- Revd Ian Woodward, Vice-chairman of the Salisbury Sudan Committee  
*Advocating Sudan.*

There will also be presentations of the work of the Diocesan Sudan Committee, and stalls from other organisations involved in Sudan.

Applications for places should be sent to arrive by September 18th 2011 using the form below. Further details will be sent on receipt of payment.

Contact Revd Ron Hart on 01963 23035 or [ronhart1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ronhart1@yahoo.co.uk) for further information or application forms.

Muriel Freeborn would be interested in going with a group from Holy Trinity if transport can be arranged. Please see Muriel if you would like to go.

# SUDAN CHURCH ASSOCIATION

## Postcard update for the year ending 30/6/2011

*Total sent to the Treasurer this year: £12,180*

We now have independence in the South. Very little has been published in the press and now it is overshadowed by famine across other parts of Africa. The first reports indicate that it will be a long, hard and bloody struggle with genocide already being committed along the Northern Border by Sudanese troops. There has also been unrest in the south of the country. For whatever reason these events will continue to go largely unreported to the rest of the world. Oil reserves are now in the south, but the oil is pumped *via* the north, yet another area of great concern. The newly independent south has no army, no money, and remains one of the most underdeveloped countries in the world. Only time will tell whether or not it was ready for such a monumental decision by its mainly Christian population.

I can now report that the ECS accounts are up to date and that a qualified person has been appointed to oversee all aspects of the ECS finance in the future, the cost being shared by a number of parties. Further to this, payments to the bishops will be capped at a maximum of 50% of funds donated; they will not be made direct to the bishops but to the province itself. The province will be responsible for providing details of where the money goes and failure to do so will see the next payment withheld.

Despite the state of the UK's finances, and the subsequent lack of spending money in our pockets, it has turned out to be another good year for postcards. Although slightly down on previous years, it was still way above my expectations, so another big thank-you to all the donors, collators and helpers who kept the supply of postcards flowing.

Collectors are no longer interested in speculating but look to buy only specific cards which they need for their collections; the good news is they are often prepared to pay extra. There are collectors for just about every subject, so, after 20 years, we have a fairly high profile in the hobby for selling 'affordable postcards'. A large number of the mundane cards are sold in bulk to dealers who then offer them for sale on the internet. They leave me as 'rubbish' and are sold on as 'highly collectable'. I find it strange that an internet buyer is rarely seen at a postcard fair.

What is so remarkable is that you all still keep finding them, perhaps a few less each year, but that can be explained as it is clear that fewer and fewer are being posted. What has made a difference is the gradual decline in the older more

valuable cards, but again what are the chances of still finding an early 'virgin' Edwardian album in the loft some 100 years after it was put there. There was one unearthed this year by the Gooch family from Dorchester containing some 500 Indian cards, although there had been a great deal of water damage, with almost every card effected. Because early Indian cards were mostly printed on cheap thin paper, the dampness had caused the three layers of paper to separate. Even here there was proof that quality always pays, a handful of coloured cards published by Tucks were totally unaffected. Damp is always a killer as is the other enemy – 'stuck-down cards'.

Looking at our major areas, I am seeing slightly fewer cards from the north, where Bradford is quiet, and also a slight dip from the Mothers Union in the east. This is the most costly area to service as one collator is in the far north east of Yorkshire and the other is in the north west. It may therefore be necessary to extend the collection time from 6 months to 9 months. **SALISBURY** on the other hand goes from strength to strength since Dorchester has been added; here the strength is the availability of Church House as a dropping off point. It is even possible collections may have to be increased to allow the diocese access to their own store room.

*Len Whitaker, coordinator*

Please note that there is now a box labelled POSTCARDS on the table next to the display cabinet at the back of the Church.

*Muriel Freeborn*

## **Current Banking Crisis Explained**

Young Paddy bought a donkey from a farmer for £100. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey's died."

Paddy replied, "Well then just give me my money back." The farmer said, "Can't do that. I've already spent it." Paddy said, "OK, then, just bring me the dead donkey." The farmer asked, "What are you going to do with him?" Paddy said, "I'm going to raffle him off." The farmer said, "You can't raffle a dead donkey!"

Paddy said, "Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later, the farmer met up with Paddy and asked, "What happened with that dead donkey?" Paddy said, "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two pounds a piece and made a profit of £898."

The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?"

Paddy said, "Only the guy who won. So I gave him his two pounds back."

Paddy now works for the Royal Bank of Scotland!

Sent by an Irish friend to Peter & Frances Hardman

# THE KENNET & AVON CANAL TRUST

Walking into the centre of Bradford from my home in Bailey's Barn is always a pleasurable experience especially when I go past Bradford Lock on the Kennet & Avon Canal. There is always a buzz of activity and frequently I will see a narrow boat passing through the lock with a crowd of bystanders looking on. The Bradford on Avon Wharf Shop & Café is normally very busy, particularly in the summer. Then there are moored all the narrow boats with owners often in evidence, but pride of place has to go to the

Barbara McLellan, or Barbara Mac as she is usually called. This is the boat owned by the Kennet & Avon Trust which is operated entirely by volunteers. It does regular public trips and may also be chartered for private or corporate events. It was named after the late Barbara McLellan because the charitable trust set up in her memory generously provided the funding for the purchasing of the boat.



*Bradford Wharf, Frome Road, on the K & A.*

*photo: Bryan Harris*

Last year (2010) there were celebrations of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the canal, and now we are looking forward to next year's festivities celebrating 50 years of the Kennet & Avon Trust. It was formed out of the Kennet & Avon Association which had been established eleven years earlier in 1951 when the arduous task of restoring the canal began. The change of name was actually the result of the Association's obtaining charitable status.



Restoration to navigation was completed 21 years ago in 1990 with an official opening of the locks at Devizes by the Queen. The aims of the Trust can be summed up in its mission statement, to 'Protect, Enhance and Promote' the canal.

The Trust has a thriving branch here in Bradford, with other branches covering Bristol & Bath, Devizes, Hungerford, Newbury and Reading. The pioneering days of restoring the canal may be over, but there's still a lot

of regular maintenance and improvement work needing to be done. The Trust is very dependent on its members and volunteers for getting this work done. For example, in Bradford we have working parties twice a month, although there are usually one or two volunteers to be found working on the canal on most days. Typical jobs are clearing rubbish from the canal, tidying up the banks, towpath, picnic area and car park, repairing broken walls and litter picking. We also have small groups of volunteers going up and down the canal on the 'Vale of Pewsey' work boat removing overhanging branches that can be dangerous and impede the progress of boats. Generally speaking, we all want to create a better environment in the vicinity of the canal for local residents and our visitors as well as for walkers, joggers

and cyclists, not forgetting actual canal users.

Volunteers are in demand to help with the working parties and to man the Barbara Mac, taking members of the public out for a trip along our section of the K&A canal. The Working Party section of the Bradford group is a hard-working and happy bunch of volunteers (including the writer) ably led by Derrick Hunt whose enthusiasm and missionary zeal is a real inspiration, especially his marvellous ability for recruiting new people. However, we still need more volunteers as there are so many jobs to be done. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping.

Find out more by visiting the K & A web site at [www.kennetandavontrust.co.uk](http://www.kennetandavontrust.co.uk).

*David Driscoll*

## **Visiting someone in hospital? Don't take grapes**

Hospital visitors have been advised to take satsumas or kiwi fruit instead of grapes if they are wanting to help someone in hospital to get well. It seems grapes do not have much vitamin C, which aids healing. Grapes provide hydration, but not a great deal else.

## **Sum problem**

"Now, James," said the teacher, "If your father gave you £1, your uncle 75p, and your brother 50p, what would you have?"

Jimmy was deep in thought for some time. "Come, James, that's not a difficult problem," said the teacher.

"It is for me," said James. "I can't make up my mind whether I'd have a large ice-cream or small hamburger."

## INCENSE

**Q**uestion: What have tobacco, cannabis resin and incense in common?

**A**nswer: They are all organic substances which are burnt to create smoke, to produce a more or less pleasing aroma, and to make us feel good in various ways. The first carries health warnings on any packet which is purchased and smoking it is banned in most public buildings in the UK; the second is an illegal substance possession of which can land you in jail; and the third is widely and freely used in churches and temples throughout the world. Yet all three, when burnt, give off noxious substances. Incense smoke, in particular, contains various contaminants including gaseous pollutants, such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides, volatile organic compounds, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and toxic metals. It also contains very fine solid particles of sizes sufficiently small that they are able to penetrate and damage the soft tissue in human lungs. Although the rates of emission of these contaminants vary with the type of incense – some being 'purer' than others – there is no question that they are carcinogenic and can cause respiratory diseases, depending on the level of exposure. A number of people are also allergic to incense smoke. It burns their eyes and

nostrils and affects their breathing. It is of some significance that many of these same pollutants are also present in the exhaust emissions from road traffic which are a considerable source of concern to environmental and health specialists and are the subject of current EU regulation to reduce their levels in our streets.

The first recorded use of incense seems to be by the Egyptians or the Sumerians. Its use in religious ritual became widespread in China, Korea, Japan and Vietnam in Buddhist ceremonies and rites, as well as in Chinese Daoist and Japanese Shinto shrines, reputedly as a means of purifying the surroundings. In Egypt and the early Jewish rituals incense was used in conjunction with sacrifice – an important link to which we shall return later – and one can see why a sweet smelling antidote to the odour of dead animals and stale blood might be appropriate or even necessary. Similarly, one can understand why incense might have been invaluable at funerals, especially in times of plague, to counter the smell of decay and disease from bodies awaiting burial, and why, in a cathedral like that at Santiago de Compostela, burning incense might have been used to hide the 'scent' of large numbers of unwashed pilgrims. Incense is also used throughout the Islamic world to

remind believers of the rewards awaiting the righteous in Paradise.

We recall that Frankincense was one of the gifts said to have been offered to the Christ child. This was a costly and rare oil – *olibanum*, or oil of Lebanon – which was prized as a perfume and also for its healing qualities. Today it is used by aromatherapists for use with respiratory infections and it is said to have a calming effect on the emotions which is presumably conducive to prayer and meditation. However, in the face of this apparent contradiction we should recall that the inhalation of a volatile oil is not at all the same as the inhalation of the products of combustion of the same oil.

The smoke of burning incense is interpreted by the Roman Catholic Church and Eastern Christian churches as symbolic of the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven, as suggested in Psalm 141, 2: *Let my prayer be directed as incense in thy sight: the lifting up of my hands, as evening sacrifice*. In its main section under 'incense' Cruden's Concordance identifies it clearly as: *A rich perfume used in sacrifices, Exod 3, 29*. The book lists 32 references to incense in the Bible, of which only four are from the New Testament – one in Luke's gospel referring to people praying *at the time of incense*, and the others from the Book of Revelation. Nothing in any of these verses and their context suggests any intent to establish a precedent for the use of incense in

Christian worship. Neither does the Anglican Prayer book prescribe the use of incense.

The burning of incense has a complex history in Anglican worship. The English Reformers rejected the practice. Incense was not used during the reigns of Edward VI or Elizabeth I, except perhaps in the Queen's chapel. In the sixteenth century George Herbert, the Wiltshire poet-priest, makes passing reference to incense in his book *The Country Parson*:

In preparation for the great festivals of the church year such as Christmas and Easter, the parish priest has responsibility for making certain that fresh straw or rushes are put down on the nave floor of the parish church, the interior of the church is decorated with greenery appropriate to the season-holly, ivy, evergreens, and rosemary at Christmas-and fumigated with incense.

Nowhere in *The Country Parson* does Herbert advocate the use of incense in the liturgy.

The practice of burning incense was subsequently reinstated in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by the High Anglican Oxford Movement despite a report issued from Lambeth Palace in 1899 by the Archbishops which effectively condemned ...*the use of incense and of lights carried in procession in public worship*. The Oxford Movement's use of incense was associated with the belief that the Eucharist is a sacrifice. Throughout the history of the Christian church the use (Continued on page 24)

of incense and the somewhat specious doctrine of Eucharistic sacrifice seem to have gone hand in hand. But to perpetuate this interpretation is surely questionable – Christ's exhortation was only to ...*do this in remembrance of me*: are we not therefore in danger of confusing 'sacrament' and 'sacrifice' in continuing to burn incense in church?

To return briefly to the health and safety issue, over the past decade there have been a number of studies of the chemical and physiological effects of the burning of incense in churches and temples. What perhaps alerted the religious community to possible dangers was a study in Taiwan in 2001 which linked the burning of incense sticks to the slow accumulation of potential carcinogens in a poorly ventilated environment by measuring the levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in Buddhist temples. The study found gaseous aliphatic aldehydes, which are carcinogenic and mutagenic, in incense smoke, and other studies have also commented on the potentially carcinogenic nature of the combustion products. Typically, the Health and Safety Executive have been somewhat tardy in responding to these claims – remember how long it took before what was long known about the effects of cigarette smoking finally resulted in the now familiar health warnings and bans. The H&SE did react recently when a parishioner in a Sussex church became ill three times when incense was used in his church and they were called in by the

Chichester diocese. However, it is not clear how thorough a scientific study they carried out, and they simply suggested that incense suppliers should be required to state what raw materials were contained in their products. It is easy to say that the congregation in a well-ventilated church which uses incense only once a month, say, are unlikely to be at risk. But what about the thurifer, the clergy and the choir who cannot easily avoid the smoke?

**C**onclusion: Quite apart from the health hazards, it seems to me that it would be just as appropriate to invoke ancient Chinese Feng Shui as a guide to arranging the disposition of furniture and altars in an Anglican church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as it is to use incense liturgically.

To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me. Jeremiah 6:20

*Bryan Harris*

#### **Sources:**

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## TREASURES OF HEAVEN

This is the title of a very special exhibition currently showing in the former great circular domed Reading Room at the British Museum. It is sub-titled: 'Saints, relics and devotion in medieval Europe', which may sound a little dry and dull, but is actually far from it. Relics were highly sought after and honoured in the pre-Reformation Western Church as a means of identifying with, and feeling close to, the saints from whom they came, and whose inspiration and prayers the worshippers sought. To see them would often involve a pilgrimage to a distant cathedral or foreign land, when the journey itself became equally a part of the devotional experience, be it to Jerusalem, Rome or Santiago de Compostela, or in our own country to the shrine of Thomas Becket in Canterbury. The impact of the relics, often no more than tiny pieces of bone, was greatly enhanced by enclosing them in magnificent reliquaries, which were lovingly crafted by the finest goldsmiths and craftsmen of the age, and often encrusted with the most precious jewels. It is a collection of some of the finest of these reliquaries which is displayed in this exhibition, a number of which are still highly revered and venerated in the churches from which

they have been loaned, and which they have never left before. The Vatican itself has loaned two of its most precious and honoured ones from the Lateran Palace in Rome, one of which, from the Pope's private Chapel, contains an image of Christ, said to have been imprinted on a towel with which he wiped his face in the Garden of Gethsemane. The journey around the exhibits is itself a kind of pilgrimage, with excellently clear and helpful directions and explanations.



*The Reliquary of the Holy Thorn, France, ca. 1390-97*

So these exquisitely crafted objects may be viewed and admired simply for their beauty alone, or they may be seen in the light of the faith which inspired them, and which has continued to inspire so many others through the ages. I saw a number of visitors, who would read the description of an exhibit, and then fall on their knees in front of the glass cabinet in which it is displayed, especially the beautifully decorated reliquary frame from France, illustrated here, made to contain a thorn from Christ's crown on the Cross. So whatever one's point of view, it is impossible not to be deeply moved, both aesthetically, and most likely spiritually, by this unique exhibition, which runs until 9<sup>th</sup> October. Entry is £12, but on Monday afternoons, there is special Seniors price of £6 (Bookings 020-73238181).

*Peter Hardman*

## WILTSHIRE BUTTERFLIES, August 2011

The recent rather unsettled weather has curtailed butterfly activity somewhat although in the warm sunny spells, some species are still active. Speckled Woods are now the commonest woodland species although some rather tattered Silver-washed Fritillaries are to be seen with occasional Commas and Red Admirals. Most Peacocks seem to have gone into early hibernation for the winter and Painted Ladies have remained scarce throughout the year. There have only been three reports of Clouded Yellow immigrants from the continent, one way back in May near Salisbury and two on 9th August in the north – one at Highworth and another in the Cotswold Water Park. Second generation Common Blues are now frequent on the grasslands, together with Chalkhill and Adonis Blues and Brown Argus in generally smaller numbers.



*The Magpie moth*

Once again, gardens have had few visitors, if my garden is typical, except for the occasional 'white', Red Admiral, Peacock and Comma.

My apologies to Shelagh Temporal for stating her name incorrectly in the August Parish News with regard to the Scarlet Tiger day-flying moth photographed in her Whitley garden. She has given me another picture, this time of a Magpie moth, also day-flying and particularly attractive and seen in her garden on 28<sup>th</sup> July. The caterpillars, as well as feeding on a wide variety of wild plants, will also eat the leaves of privet, red and black current and gooseberry, hence its appearance in gardens.

As I have said many times before, any details of sightings will always be very welcome as we move towards the end of the season, in preparation for the annual butterfly report.

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*Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder*

### Crossword solutions

#### Across

1, Foreigners. 7, Accepts. 8, Pilot. 10, Toss. 11, Knitwear. 13, Foment. 15, Came to. 17, Lighting. 18, Nisi. 21, Yearn. 22, Worn-out. 23, Fatherless. DOWN:

#### Down

1, Facts. 2, Ripe. 3, Insane. 4, Nephtoah. 5, Relieve. 6, Faithfully. 9, Terrorists. 12, One tenth. 14, Magdala. 16, Answer. 19, Irons. 20, Tree.

## New Church of England ethical investment policy on alcohol

The new Church of England ethical investment policy on alcohol is to bear down on irresponsible drinks retailers. It has been adopted by the Church of England investing bodies following advice from the Church's Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG).

The EIAG, concerned about the continuing negative health and social consequences of the misuse of alcohol, recommended continued restrictions on investment in companies involved in the production and sale of alcoholic drinks. But, in a change from previous policy, all producers and retailers deriving more than 5% of their revenues from alcoholic drinks will now be covered by the alcohol policy. This brings general retailers such as supermarkets within the scope of the policy relating to alcoholic drinks for the first time.

*Source: Parish Pump*



"When she said to pay attention to her sermon because there would be questions later, I thought it was a joke."

### A Riddle

Here is a riddle that only 5% of Stanford University graduates figured out! Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word?

1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More Evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it....
7. If you eat it, you will die.

*Answer on page 29*

## SAINTS CORNER

### September 29<sup>th</sup>: Saint Michael and All Angels

Michael is an archangel whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire) , Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. By the end of the Middle Ages, Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.



*Epstein's St Michael on Coventry Cathedral*

In art Michael is often depicted as slaying the devil, as in the 14<sup>th</sup> century East Anglian Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10<sup>th</sup> century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with Michael.

*Source: Parish Pump*

## Grannie is worth £5,000

Grandparents may not be worth their weight in gold (not with gold at its present price!) but they come pretty near it: they can help struggling families save something like £5,000 in childcare/housekeeping a year.

A recent Post Office Financial Services study had found that parents can save an average of £86 every week because of the unpaid efforts of grandparents. Then there is the food they buy and the gifts they give to their grandchildren...

## FOR PRAYER IN SEPTEMBER

### We pray for:

- Junior Church and *mainly music* as they start the new term
- St Laurence School – now an Academy Trust
- The Director of Music and the choir
- Our sidesmen and women

## Saxon Club Programme for September

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

Sept: 6th: Planning the year ahead, plus birthday celebration  
13th: Butterflies; Mike Fuller  
20th: Hobbies  
27th: The Royal Maundy; Peter Hardman

## West Wiltshire Interfaith Group

Silence Meeting    Fri 23rd September 6 for 6.30pm  
light supper (donation)

Venue: 5 Middle Rank, B-on-Avon BA15 1NL

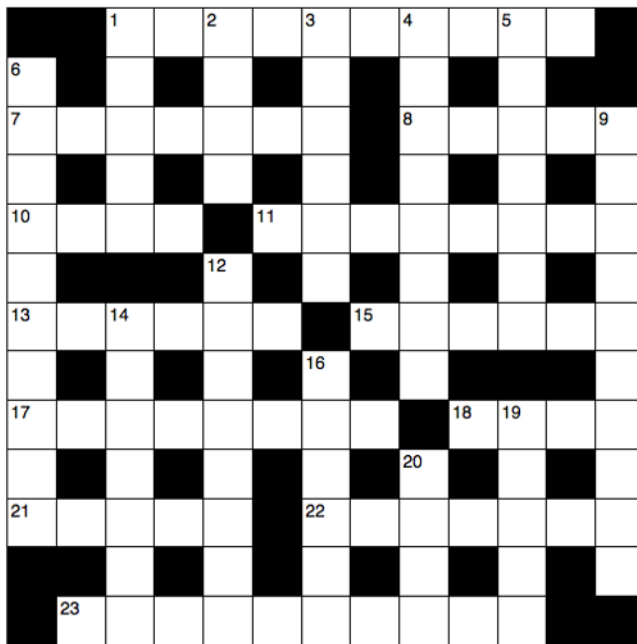
Akasha Lonsdale will lead the evening on the theme of Love

'We meet to experience the stillness and silence which connects all humanity to each other – and to the one God whom we all worship'

Book your place by emailing [judithhammond@live.co.uk](mailto:judithhammond@live.co.uk)  
or phone 01225 868195

Answer to riddle: Nothing

# Quick Crossword The Bible version is the NIV



## Clues across

- 1 'You are no longer - and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people' (Ephesians 2:19) (10)
- 7 'Religion that God our Father - as pure and faultless is this' (James 1:27) (7)
- 8 'Do you want a - ? Signal then to Jesus' (5)
- 10 Throw (Exodus 9:8) (4)
- 11 We rank it (anag.) (8)
- 13 Encourage (Isaiah 59:13) (6)
- 15 'Then Jesus - from Galilee - the Jordan to be baptized by John' (Matthew 3:13) (4,2)
- 17 Coming to rest (Matthew 3:16) (8)
- 18 Provisional decree in divorce proceedings (4)
- 21 Long earnestly (Psalm 84:2) (5)
- 22 'Put these old rags and - clothes under your arms to pad the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (4-3)
- 23 'He defends the cause of the - and the widow, and loves the alien' (Deuteronomy 10:18) (10)

## Clues down

- 1 Self-evident truths (Acts 19:36) (5)
- 2 'Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are - for harvest' (John 4:35) (4)
- 3 'Your great learning is driving you - ' (Acts 26:24) (6)
- 4 'Spring of water' on the borders of Judah and Benjamin (Joshua 15:9) (8)
- 5 Rile Eve (anag.) (7)
- 6 'Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you - and with wholehearted devotion' (Isaiah 38:3) (10)
- 9 Paul was mistakenly suspected of leading 4000 of these into the desert (Acts 21:38) (10)
- 12 Relationship of an omer to an ephah (Exodus 16:36) (3,5)
- 14 Galilean home town of Mary, 'from whom seven demons had come out' (Luke 8:2) (7)
- 16 'If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not - ' (Luke 22:67-68) (6)
- 19 Fetters (Mark 5:4) (5)

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



The Saxon church of St Laurence