

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Bradford on Avon



## PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER 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 Guide HQ (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 OCTOBER



- 2 SUNDAY THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
2pm Holy Baptism of Oliver Mats William Greaves  
6pm Compline
- 8 Saturday 11am *Ordination of Philip Elliott as Deacon in Salisbury Cathedral*
- 9 SUNDAY THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
6pm *Evensong* *Christ Church*
- 12 Wednesday 7pm St Laurence School Concert - 'By the Avon'
- 14 Friday 2pm Marriage Eucharist of Kingsley Robinson and Catherine Weakley
- 16 SUNDAY THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
9.30am All-Age Eucharist  
6pm Compline
- 20 Thursday 7.30pm *Mothers' Union Meeting* *Masonic Hall*
- 21 Friday 1pm Marriage of David Cook and Alexandra Mourant
- 23 SUNDAY BIBLE SUNDAY  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
6pm Evensong
- 30 SUNDAY ALL SAINTS  
9.30am Festival Sung Eucharist (with incense)  
6pm 'Lighten our Darkness' Service – *an informal service of light and hope for anyone who has been bereaved.*

## 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 20th October)  
*Vicarage, 18A Woolley Street*

**Parish News copy date for November is 16<sup>th</sup> October**

## OCTOBER – THE MONTH WHEN WE SHALL HAVE A NEW DEACON!

We all love having Philip amongst us as our new Assistant Curate, but he sure does confuse us! (Though, to be honest, it is Bishop David who we have to blame!). So, to date, Philip has been with us for 3 months now as a full-time, stipendiary (*ie.* paid and housed!) curate, but as a 'licensed lay worker'. That is a category traditionally reserved for the likes of 'parish workers' and youth workers – and they are certainly not usually en route for ordination to the diaconate or priesthood – as is Philip.

And therein lies the secret! We have three orders in the Church of England, and they build upon one another: deacon, priest and bishop. So once a deacon, always a deacon – as Peter Hardman reminded us in May. (Archdeacons – in case you were wondering – are sort of 'super' or 'arch' deacons – like 'arch' bishops and 'arch' angels! – it is not a separate order). So you are ordained to an order by a bishop (or archbishop in the case of bishops). The Archbishop of Canterbury ordained Nicholas Holtam (our new Bishop of Salisbury) bishop in July, and Bishop Graham of Sherborne will ordain Philip deacon in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. Then, all being well, perhaps Bishop Nicholas will ordain him priest

next summer. Interestingly, though already a bishop, Bishop Nicholas cannot ordain until he has kissed the Queen's hand and is then 'enthroned' (*ie.* installed) in the Cathedral on the following Saturday – 15<sup>th</sup>! So, like Philip, Bishop Nicholas is also in a curious interim stage!

So what difference will it make to and for Philip? Well, I have asked him to tell us next month – and do feel free to ask him too – but, I would say, a lot! He will all of a sudden become 'the Revd' and don a 'collar' for a start. The world will see him differently. And the thing about an 'order' is that it comes from God and represents a spiritual transformation: so once a deacon, always a deacon – in his pyjamas, on the beach, retired... – it is who you are. And, like baptism and marriage, it is something that, through the grace of God, you grow into. That moment when the bishop's hands are laid on him and he calls down the Holy Spirit to 'ordain' him, by name, is very special. And it also vests him with the authority of the church.

But deacons, priests and bishops all do 'a job' too! So Philip will continue as Assistant Curate. I am 'priest in charge of Holy Trinity', the Revd Alastair Davies is a priest but his 'job' is as chaplain to the RUH, and until very recently The Rt Revd Michael Doe (formerly Bishop

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# Junior Church News

GROWING



LEARNING

The new term started on September 11<sup>th</sup> with five children in our new meeting place in the Guide Hall. As is our usual practice we began with Muriel playing the keyboard and we all joined in with the singing and playing of musical

instruments. The children then told us about their summer holidays. It was great, too, to have Philip join us. He read the children the story of Moses crossing the Red Sea and afterwards Sue helped the children make a collage of Moses stretching his hand out over the sea. We finished with prayers read by Ceiwen. The collage was later proudly carried into Church and shown to the congregation before it was put on our Junior Church notice board.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October when Philip has kindly offered to take the session with Sue, as Alison and I are away.

We are always happy to welcome any new children and also any adults who would like to be part of the Junior Church team.

*June and the Junior Church Team*

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of Swindon) has been General Secretary (Chief Executive) of the USPG Anglican Mission Agency. So by the time he leaves us, Philip will have done the 'job' of Assistant Curate as a lay worker, as a deacon and as a priest! But it is not until he is ordained priest

that he will be able to baptise, marry, bless, absolve and celebrate the Eucharist. Such exciting times!

With my love and prayers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanna".

As always, we started the September programme with a Corporate Communion, led by Joanna, with Sylvia and Beryl doing the readings and me the intercessions. Mary, Nan and Dawn served us coffee, tea and cakes before we settled down to a long list of notices, and then a talk on 'Bits and Pieces' by John Burgess. He said that as he was preaching for Evensong at Harvest Festival, this talk had had to come to this subject, as he has difficulty remembering two talks at once. With a memory like his, I find that difficult to believe: he is really quite extraordinary. However, he regaled us with a story of himself as a 14-year-old going up to central London on VJ night in 1945, of the crowds involved, and of the problem of getting out of the crowds to get back to his home afterwards. He couldn't imagine the parents of 14-year-olds today allowing their children to do anything like it.

He then remembered a college prize-giving in 1963 when he was on the platform. The Principal had taken a whispered message from someone but not passed it on until all the awards had been made. He then informed the assembly that President Kennedy had been assassinated that afternoon. John talked about the shock of that announcement and how he felt Kennedy had had such an impact on world affairs.

His next memory was of a holiday at Lake Como, when he and Jonquil had been eating an ice-cream in Siena and all the Italians were watching a TV screen. They couldn't understand what was going on, but eventually realised they were watching the Twin Towers coming down on 11/9/2001.

He also talked about his interest in astro-physics and the amazing telescopes which show people so much, all on the day when I'd heard they are going to build another huge one in a desert somewhere.

It really was very interesting. Thank you so much, John.

I was delighted to tell the group that Philip Elliott is going to be enrolled as a member on November 6<sup>th</sup>, along with Jackie Easby. It's a pity that Philip's day off is Thursday as that prevents him from attending meetings, but he is very impressed with the work of the MU and wants to join anyway.

Our next meeting is on October 20<sup>th</sup> in the Masonic Hall when Peter Hardman will be talking to us. Peter is a regular and very popular speaker with our group: do come along and listen to him.

*Chris Hodge*

## *Readers reply...*

### **Incensed by Incense!**

(see the original article on p. 22 of the September Parish News)

Dear Editors,

Whatever next? So are the Health and Safety brigade coming into our church liturgy? Of course incense is full of dangerous toxins. How many people has it killed, and why was baby Jesus given Frankincense?

What about the risks we take from drinking from the same chalice? Perhaps the robes worn by the clergy and choir could cause a trip hazard! Where do we draw the line?

Our thoughts surely should be on Holy things and in church we should be confident of God's blessing and protection.

*Val Dyer*

Dear Editors,

I was very interested in Bryan's article on incense last month. I was brought up, from the age of 7, with incense as part of the service, along with bells – bells and smells! As I attended St Johns and then St Mary's, Bathwick, after coming to Bath, I was 30 years of age before we attended a church without incense. So I reckon my days are definitely numbered!

I love the Sundays when we have it in Holy Trinity, few though they are, and I'm not pushing for that number to be increased. Being in the choir means I get very close to it and still enjoy the smell. The effect of the smoke in the Sanctuary sometimes, when it all rises to the High Altar, is superb, and you can really feel our worship rising to God.

I know some people don't like it, but they stay away on those Sundays, and I would hate the thought of Bryan's article frightening everyone else about it. I've lived quite a few years beyond my three score and ten without it killing me, and would love to see us continuing to use it for Special Days.

*Chris Hodge*

## **Observations**

We may ignore, but we cannot evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with him.

CS Lewis

The devil entangles youth with beauty, the miser with gold, the ambitious with power, the learned with false doctrine.

H G Bohn

# REPORT OF SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PCC

## Matters Arising

Bishop Nicholas will not be coming to Holy Trinity in March as no services are planned for his visit.

## Churchwardens' Report

- It has been agreed that photography should be allowed in church (although during services the decision will rest with the officiating priest).
- Wax candles have replaced the oil-filled ones everywhere except on the High Altar and in the acolyte candlesticks. They are more representative of the true light of Christ (and are not PCC funded).
- We are very grateful to the anonymous donor who gave the money for the new rugs in the chancel. They have covered the repairs to the floor underneath, and look really lovely.
- During the autumn an application for a faculty will be made for the work needing to be done on the War Memorial.
- A relief cleaner has been found to stand in for Mary Ford so that she can take her leave entitlement.

## The Treasurer's Report

- This showed that although we are generally surviving, we have an expensive time coming up, with an increase of 20% in our heating bill, and a large insurance premium to pay.
- Although we have had our Gift Aid Tax back from the Inland Revenue, we do still need to be careful.

## Worship

- A Christmas Tree Festival organised by The Friends of Holy Trinity will take place from 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December (see page 23) and Archdeacon John Wraw will preach on the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> before he leaves the diocese to become Bishop of Bradwell.
- We discussed the draft 9.30am Service Sheet and a few amendments were suggested.
- It was decided by a large majority to buy the hymn books *Common Praise*, which contain many newer hymns as well as most of the older ones. A bequest from Leonard Stenning will go towards the cost, the balance being made up by the Vicar & Churchwardens account.
- 'Holy Trinity has a Vision' is going really well, with the various groups coming

to the end of their deliberations. The decision as to when to have a Celebratory Gathering has been left to the next PCC while we await the final reports (so will be in the new year).

**The Painting** No further news: discussions continue.

### **Mission and the community**

- Ann Holland has resigned as Publicity Officer because of ill-health. Joanna has been working very hard on publicity, but we really do need someone to offer to do this important job.
- We had reports on **Schools** from Joanna, **Junior Church** from June, **Bradford Churches Together** from David, **Chamber of Commerce** from Graham, and *mainly music* from Kate (all circulated before the meeting – please ask if you want to see them).
- We are putting on refreshments in Church on the afternoon of the St Laurence Street Party.

### **Safeguarding**

A new Policy was agreed together with action to review and renew all relevant CRB checks.

### **Health and Safety**

Philip was appointed as the Holy Trinity Officer and will review and update the existing policy (with grateful thanks to Michelle Carter).

The next PCC meeting will take place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November.

*Chris Hodge*

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

<b>Baptisms</b>	
Emily Violet Angel	Sept 4th
Ella Grace Hatter	Sept 4th
<b>Marriages</b>	
Derren Nuttall & Claire Gage	Sept 17th
Joel Dixon & Hailey Key	Sept 24th
<b>Funerals</b>	
Gilbert Hawke	Sept 21st (Semington)
Julie Garforth	Sept 22nd
Richard King	Sept 23rd (Memorial Service)



## Report of the Meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

The meeting opened with a prayer by David Ellis (Wilts. United Area) and Chairman Ambrose Stickney (St Thomas More) then welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was unfortunate that, for the first time, all regular Holy Trinity representatives were indisposed, so we were not represented at this meeting.

### Matters Arising

As previously mentioned, Bearfield Church has now taken over the organisation of the Mother and Toddler Group at Bradford on Avon Youth and Development Centre, and Pip McGuire would welcome some more helpers. This will restart on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September and runs from 10.00am to 11.30am. It was agreed that BACT will help fund the CRB clearance checks which will need to be carried out on new helpers. Ambrose also suggested that the Community Area Partnership is asked. There is also a very vibrant Parent and Toddler group being run by United Church.

A new Debt Advisory Group is starting at the Methodist Church in Trowbridge from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. It is hoped to start one in Melksham which includes help from St Katherine's Church in Holt. There are now six centres. Jim was thanked for his work in setting these up.

### Chairman's Report

BACT as a group is being taken seriously by Wiltshire Council through the Area Board and is being asked for opinions on behalf of Christians in the town. Great that we are being recognised as a group representing the Churches of Bradford.

There is a Senior Citizens open meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September to meet with the Area Board and Community Area Partnership.

### Treasurer's report

The current balance is £608.68.

All Churches have paid their subscriptions. No large expenditure is due at the moment.

Ambrose reminded members that we pay Public Liability Insurance so that any member churches can hold a meeting outside the church premises and be covered by insurance.

## **One World Week 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

At the previous meeting Philip Elliott said that he would ask Joanna if anyone had agreed to host this service. There was no feedback and no-one from Holy Trinity was present to report back. Wendy would ask Philip and Joanna.

### **News from Churches**

Tom Meakin, a retired URC minister, will be the temporary moderator covering the United Church, Bradford on Avon, and the Methodist Church in Winsley.

There will be an Open Day at the Friends Meeting House on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Posters on Peace and Sustainability will be on show.

### **Any Other Business**

We are spreading the meetings around the area to encourage increased attendance.

Harry said there is a Methodist conference at Amerdown on the subject of China: he has more details if anyone is interested.

**Date of next Meeting:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm at Bearfield Church Hall, BoA.

Speaker: Dr Andrew Steele, Mission Aviation Fellowship

Any Holy Trinity members who would like a lift, please contact me.

The BACT general business meeting closed at 7.55pm. Duncan Hames MP then spoke about his first year in Parliament and answered questions from the audience.

The meeting concluded with the grace at 8.55pm.

*David Rawstron*

## **Crossword solutions**

### **Across**

1, Soco. 3, Criminal. 8, Nard. 9, Laughter. 11, Ezion Geber. 14, Coggan. 15, Millet. 17, Blind guide. 20, Hymnbook. 21, Cast. 22, Wesleyan. 23, Glad

### **Down**

1, Sentence. 2, Carriage. 4, Reader. 5, Muggeridge. 6, Note. 7, Lord. 10, Infallible. 12, All in all. 13, Attested. 16, Angola. 18, Show. 19, Amos.

## A NEW STATE – 'CHRISTIANNESSE'

I recently received a long e-mail from an old friend, the vicar of my last parish in Melbourne. The following is an extract from that e-mail and his thoughts which I find to be most inspiring. They may have some bearing on the development of Christianity as we know it today...

*David Rawstron*

The state of the church and Christianity is such a big question. Let me suggest at this point that there seem to be so many different responses and views that most of us are left confused. The most challenging thing is that the charismatic movement is having numerical success in attracting large numbers of the younger generation with its appealing music, its simple, formulated belief statements and its passionate and charismatically delivered gospel. The faithful and intelligent pursuit of the truth is not so interesting to our 'give it to me now' society, not just the young but even aging people as well.

I am writing a doctoral thesis on this at the moment so I am very interested in the topic, but not necessarily with clear answers because it is an incredibly complex situation. What I would say is that little respect is given to the fact that humanity is going through one of its greatest ever periods of transitions – not only by way of sociological and cultural change, but by virtue of an evolutionary development of the mind. Significant writers speak of this. Some refer to this century as having ushered in the second axial period of history, the first being the emergence of civilized societies based on an ethic that valued love – highlighted by the

emergence of Buddha, Confucius, Socrates, the Old Testament and Prophets like Jeremiah. It was a development across the major civilizations of the time.

This new axial period is dramatic in its universal reach and its expanded capacity of the mind. New patterns of reality are emerging. The charismatic spirit of life is not the ultimate outcome. We are all involved in a whirlpool of transformation. So many streams are coming together in this one whirlpool. Rather than looking for the trend that looks most popular and effective in our little corner of the world (Australia), I believe we are to ask the probing questions of our own traditional way. It's the quality of our contribution that will play its part in the new formation of humanity and the shape of the world.

One author of profound importance to me speaks of the end of Christianity and the beginning of the new era of 'Christianness'. Over the centuries Christianity has tended to divide, giving rise to numerous wars, hatred and division. Christianness is the Christ heart that unites. The survival of the very planet and humanity itself is dependent upon a faith of Christianness which remains faithful to its own way, but respectful and grateful for the contribution of others.

*Revd Geoffrey Cheong*

## LORD PRESERVE US FROM LIGHTNING – UNLESS WE DESERVE IT

Churches can be dangerous places. Lightning tends to strike the tallest buildings, and the spires and towers of churches in the past were often struck with calamitous results. The old St Paul's Cathedral, for example, had a vast spire that dominated the London sky-line, but in 1561 it was struck by lightning, caught fire and the roof caved in. The building was repaired but was later destroyed in the Great Fire of London.



Bizarrely to us, churches tried to protect themselves from lightning by ringing their bells. Many church bells still bear the inscription, *Fulgura Frango* meaning 'I break up lightning'. Unfortunately it also levied a terrible toll on the bell-ringers.

Even after the invention of the lightning rod by Benjamin Franklin in 1749, the Church believed that thunder and lightning were signs of divine anger and that it was sinful to prevent their damage. There was widespread prejudice against lightning rods and many of them were torn down from buildings. The invention of the lightning rod was even blamed for an earthquake in Boston in 1755 that damaged hundreds of buildings.

There were, however, some churches that appeared to be immune from lightning damage. The mystery was solved by Franklin, who found that "Buildings that have their roofs covered with lead or other metal, and spouts of metal continued from the roof into the ground to carry off the water, are never hurt by lightning, as, when ever it falls on such a building, it passes in the metals and not in the walls.."

*Jeremy Plester*  
*The Guardian*

*Weatherwatch, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2011*

## A IS FOR APPLE...

Wiltshire dwellers will be familiar with the concept of Apple Day. In 1990, dismayed by the loss of so many traditional orchards and amazed at the 3,000 or so varieties of apples that have been grown in our country, an organization called Common Ground set out to create a new calendar custom to celebrate our most versatile fruit and the beautiful orchards they come from.

The first Apple Day was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> in 1990 in the old Apple Market in Covent Garden, London, bringing fruit back there for the first time in 17 years. It struck a chord and, since then, the idea has been extended country-wide to promote Apple Day through nurseries, fruit farms, restaurants, National Trust and RHS gardens, museums, art centres, community groups and schools, who all celebrate the day in their own place, in their own way. The date has also become flexible, and, perhaps because of the early spring, a number of Apple Days have already been held in September. However, the National Trust Apple Days at Lacock (16<sup>th</sup> October) and Stourhead (22<sup>nd</sup> October) are still to come.

Muriel Freeborn started us off on this apple-related theme by suggesting that we might reprint the poem 'Apples' by Laurie Lee. But once implanted, the thought of biblical and other implications soon followed,

especially as we have already converted a substantial quantity of our churchwarden's Blenheim Orange apples into cider!



*A Blenheim Orange apple*

The concordance lists nine references to apples in the Bible and, interestingly, five of them are in the context of 'the apple of an eye' – we

### Apples

BEHOLD the apples' rounded worlds:  
juice-green of July rain,  
the black polestar of flower, the rind  
mapped with its crimson stain.

The russet, crab and cottage red  
burn to the sun's hot brass,  
then drop like sweat from every branch  
and bubble in the grass.

They lie as wanton as they fall,  
and where they fall and break,  
the stallion clamps his crunching jaws,  
the starling stabs his beak.

In each plump gourd the cidery bite  
of boys' teeth tears the skin;  
the waltzing wasp consumes his share,  
the bent worm enters in.

I, with as easy hunger, take  
entire my season's dole;  
welcome the ripe, the sweet, the sour,  
the hollow and the whole.

*Laurie Lee*

use the quotation from Psalm 17 – *Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings* – regularly at Compline, for example. The origin of the phrase seems to be uncertain, although *the apple of the eye* is generally agreed to be something, or more usually someone, that is cherished above all others. It is an extremely old usage and first appears in Old English in a work attributed to King Aelfred (the Great) of Wessex in AD 885. Shakespeare also used it in the 1590s in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, so it is perhaps not surprising that it appears in English translations of the Bible. In fact *apple of the eye* is used by some translators of the original

scriptures for two quite different Hebrew words, one meaning a 'little man' – viz. the reflection in the pupil of the eye of the person being looked at – and the other meaning a daughter. Only Brewer's *Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* makes the very sensible suggestion that *apple* may in fact be a corruption of *pupil* and since St Jerome's 4<sup>th</sup> century Latin translation (the Vulgate) says quite clearly *custodi me quasi pupillam intus in oculo* it seems fairly certain that we must be writing about pupils (of the eye) and not apples.

References in the Song of Solomon are more obvious: *Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love* (Song of Songs 2:5) and: *the scent of your breath [is] like apples* (7,8). More scope here for confusion, though, since in the Vulgate Jerome appears to be writing about flowers rather than flagons. However, as a cider maker I'm inclined to stay with the flagons.

More commonly, apples are popularly associated with the Garden of Eden. Although the forbidden fruit in Genesis is not identified, popular Christian tradition has held that it was an apple that Eve coaxed Adam to share with her. Perhaps as a result of Renaissance painters adding elements of Greek mythology into biblical scenes, the unnamed fruit of Eden became an apple under the influence of the story of the golden apples in the

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Cartoon from the series *Création du Monde* by French artist Jean Effel. The original is in the Eugène Boudin gallery, Honfleur, Normandy.

Garden of the Hesperides. In fact Hugo van der Goes first implicated the apple as the forbidden fruit in his 1470AD painting, *The Fall of Man*. As a consequence, in the story of Adam and Eve, the apple became a symbol for knowledge, immortality, temptation, the fall of man into sin, and sin itself. In Latin, the words for *apple* and for *evil* are similar – *malum*. This may also have influenced interpretation of the apple as the biblical *forbidden fruit*. The

larynx in the human throat has been called Adam's apple because of a notion that it was caused by the forbidden fruit sticking in the throat of Adam.

To round off this applefest, we offer a suggestion for a relevant recipe – Eve's Pudding, as interpreted by Nigel Slater – and a simple apple-related quiz.

*Bryan and Margaret Harris*

## Eve's pudding

### Ingredients

*For the topping*

- 75g/3oz butter
- 100g/3½oz caster sugar
- 100g/3½oz self-raising flour
- 2 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tbsp boiling water

*For the filling*

- 2 large cooking apples  
(about 500g/1lb2oz in total)
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp water
- 20g/¾oz butter
- 2 tbsp caster sugar

### Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350/Gas 4.
2. Peel, core and roughly chop the apples.
3. Add the apples to a saucepan with the lemon juice and water.
4. Stir, cover and cook briskly for five minutes until the apples are soft.
5. Add the butter and caster sugar and stir.
6. Transfer to a 900ml/1½ pint capacity ceramic gratin dish, about 5cm/2in deep.
7. Leave to cool while you prepare the topping.
8. For the topping, cream together the butter and caster sugar (by hand) until fluffy and light.
9. Fold the flour and egg in alternate spoonfuls into the sugar mixture until blended, being careful to keep folding rather than stirring energetically - this will keep air in the mixture and fold in.





## HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH

*Lighten our Darkness*

***A special service of hope and light for anyone  
who has been bereaved—  
with the opportunity to light a candle and  
remember them by name in the prayers***

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
at 6.00pm**



## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ceilidh

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30-10.30pm

Freshford Village Hall, Freshford Lane, Freshford  
BA2 7TY

Tickets £6.00, under 12s free.

Proceeds to Amnesty International



## ***Hecuba Productions***

**Laughter and Tears –**

**a bittersweet evening of poetry and jazz.**

Sybil Mitchell and friends (Megan Jones, Peter Hardman and John Salvat) with Duo Paradis (jazz piano and cello).



Expect something elegant and off-beat, stylish yet quirky...

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-30pm  
at The Riverside, Bradford on Avon.

Tickets £7.00, available from Ex Libris in October,  
or tel. 01225 862670.

## **Wave away**

It is a tradition that the Queen and other members of the royal family go to Royal Ascot for the horse racing each year. They drive slowly and people come to wave. A former teacher told me that years ago, she worked at a school on the Queen's route and told her class of little children that if they came back with their parents to where the school was a couple of hours after school had finished and looked out for a black car travelling slowly with flowers on it, it would be the Queen, and they could cheer as she went past.

At break time, she went into the staff room, and the teachers in there heard a great cheering and yelling from outside. They went to see what was going on, and they saw all the children near the school railings, loudly cheering and waving while a hearse was going by. "Well, at least he got a good send-off." said the headmistress.

## WILTSHIRE BUTTERFLIES, September 2011

As the butterfly season draws to a close it is apparent that it has been a season of two halves. The superb early spring weather up until mid-June favoured many species and no doubt the females laid lots of eggs and this bodes well for 2012. The cool, damp summer promoted vigorous plant growth so the caterpillar food-plants were in good condition, not desiccated and withered by a scorching summer. Provided these conditions have not caused too much disease in the form of mould and viruses to the caterpillars, we could expect to see good numbers of butterflies in 2012. However, those species flying during the summer months of July and August may have suffered a poor egg-lay and their numbers may be fewer in 2012. This is all part of nature's cycle of 'checks and balances'.

Most people who only see butterflies in their gardens and immediate neighbourhoods probably consider it has been a very poor butterfly year. The buddleias were virtually 'empty' and even the garden 'whites' seemed scarce.

As I write, there are still Red Admirals, Commas, a few 'whites' and Speckled Woods around and during the last few days there have been several reports of two immigrants – the Clouded Yellow and Painted Lady. Both have been very scarce this year but the strong winds associated with Hurricane Katia have probably carried them here from the continent and I saw my one and only Clouded Yellow at Bratton Castle earthworks on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

I usually choose one species as the 'Butterfly of the Year' but this year I am at a loss to make a choice. If pushed, I would choose the Green Hairstreak – one of the small early spring butterflies usually only recorded from scrubby grassland areas and rather elusive. It did well in late April, 72 being counted on Cotley Hill (a superb butterfly site) near Heytesbury on 21<sup>st</sup> April and Rowena Quantrill saw one at Cumberwell on 24<sup>th</sup> May, several kilometres from the nearest known colony. Back in 2003, Jonathan Pomroy even had one visit his Westwood garden.

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Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder



*Green hairstreak, Bratton.*

*Photo S Covey*

A very special event

## *Meet the Foxfires*

The Foxfires are a group of young people from South Africa, coming on 20<sup>th</sup> October to share their faith through dance, drama and testimony at Holy Trinity church, Trowbridge.

2.30 to 4.00pm – a workshop for young people (11 + years)

7.30 to 9.00pm – a family all-age event

Save the date!

Don't miss out!

Contact us on 01225 862558

## **Some church statistics**

- In the Church of England, the average age of a congregation is often greater than the age of the Vicar.
- Over the whole of the UK, one minister in 6 is female (17%).
- While the Church of England has more women priests than on average (21%), it is not the denomination with the highest percentage. Methodists have 40% women ministers, the Salvation Army 51% and the United Reformed Church 58%.

From *UK Church Statistics 2005-2015*

## **Apple Quiz Answers**

1. True
2. False: it originated in Western Asia
3. False: China is the biggest producer
4. True: the Latin word is *malum*
5. False: it was the Garden of the Hesperides
6. False: it was to Aphrodite
7. False: it was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
8. False: see Proverbs 25,11, 7,2, Song of Solomon 2,3, etc.
9. False: the words are from Milton's *Paradise Lost*
10. False; it's a parrot, not a monkey

# DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH WEATHER TERMINOLOGY

Term	American meaning	British meaning
Spring	Three months between mid-March and mid-June when you put your winter coat away.	A time when you switch off all forms of central heating, but it remains as cold as January.
Summer	When you turn on the air-conditioning.	Two consecutive days without downpour.
Drought	Crops die. Animals in danger. Water-reserves low. Dust-bowl time.	Two consecutive days without downpour.
Hot	High 70s Fahrenheit, upwards.	Low 70s F, or more than ten minutes in the room with the windows shut.
Unbearable	Scorcher. 100 degrees F	Low 70s F, or more than ten minutes in the room with the windows shut.
Blizzard	Snow drifts to several feet, traffic stops, snow-ploughs come out. New Yorkers wear après-ski boots in streets.	Slush on pavements. Traffic comes to standstill. Points fail on Southern Region.
You won't need your sweater	It's T-shirt weather. Expect 80s-90s F, no rain, no wind.	No-one has died of exposure over night (Yanks hearing this advice from a Brit should ignore it: it does not apply to them, and may be harmful.)
You won't need your umbrella	Forecast predicts no rain. Hasn't been any for a week. Anyway, we'll be in the car	Speaker is either: (a) impersonating a Brit (True Brits never move without their brollies), or (b) abroad.

## The glass

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.



## FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY

### A Christmas Tree Festival

9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December



In December the Friends of Holy Trinity will be organising a Christmas Tree Festival in Holy Trinity church. Local charities, clubs, organisations, businesses and individuals will be invited to stage a tree on a theme based on what the shop or group do. For example, a choir might decorate a tree with notes, a green grocer could use fresh produce, and the Brownies would use their imagination.

Entrants supply and decorate their own trees, with a notice explaining what they do or sell and with contact details. There will be no charge for a space or for entry to see the display, though the Friends of Holy Trinity will invite donations from visitors and offer refreshments.

We shall prepare a handout for visitors listing the participants.

A highlight of the Festival will be a concert by Bradford Choral on the evening of the opening day, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

If you would like to stage a tree, please contact John Cox  
[jandbcox@hotmail.com](mailto:jandbcox@hotmail.com)



...I've moved with the times - I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone...

# SAINTS CORNER

## October 18<sup>th</sup>: Saint Luke

To Saint Luke, a gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ and it contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the gentiles for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts of the Apostles is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (on account of his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

*Source: Parish Pump*

## A Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

The Church of England has published a prayer for peace, following the riots across the UK this summer. It reads:

Gracious God,

We pray for peace in our communities this day.

We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions,

And those who work to uphold law and justice.

We pray for an end to fear,

For comfort and support to those who suffer.

For calm in our streets and cities,

That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.

In your mercy, hear our prayers,

now and always. Amen

## for prayer in october

### We pray for:

- Philip Elliott as he is ordained deacon
- Bishop Nicholas as he is enthroned as Bishop of Salisbury
- The Churchwardens
- All those married in Holy Trinity this year

## Saxon Club Programme for October

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

*You are very welcome to join us.*

- 4th: No meeting - Meet in Scribbling Horse for those who wish.  
11th: David Driscoll - Singing with an Echo  
18th: Favourite Holidays  
25th: Avonfield Gardens - James and Matthew

## West Wiltshire Interfaith Group

### Observing One-World Week

### What does it mean to live on one Planet?

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 3pm to 6pm.,  
Melksham United Church,  
High Street, Melksham, SN12 6JX

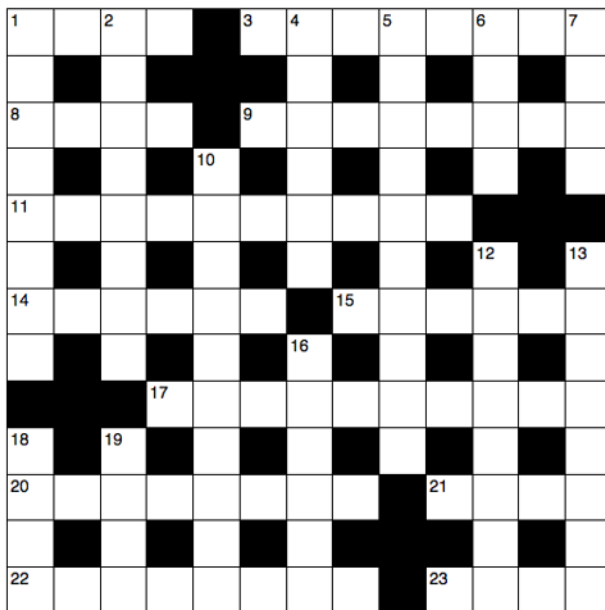
(In the Hall at the rear of Church)

A program of discussions followed by question and answer session with invited guests from different faiths.

Children welcome, refreshments to follow meeting.

# Quick Crossword

The Bible version is the NIV



## Clues across

- 1 Grandson of Mered and his Judean wife (1 Chronicles 4:18) (4)
- 3 He said of Jesus, 'This man has done nothing wrong' (Luke 23:40-41) (8)
- 8 Herb with pleasantly scented roots, present in the Beloved's orchard (Song of Songs 4:13) (4)
- 9 What God brought Sarah with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:6) (8)
- 11 Port on the Red Sea where King Solomon built ships (1 Kings 9:26) (5,5)
- 14 Donald - , Archbishop of Canterbury 1974-80 (6)
- 15 Cereal (Ezekiel 4:9) (6)
- 17 Jesus' description of a Pharisee (Matthew 23:24) (5,5)
- 20 Not as widely used at church services nowadays as used to be the case (8)
- 21 ' - all your anxiety on him because he cares for you' (1 Peter 5:7) (4)
- 22 One of the three strands of Methodism united in 1932 (8)
- 23 'They broke bread in their homes and ate together with - and sincere hearts' (Acts 2:46) (4)

## Clues down

- 1 The rebuke of 3 Across, 'Don't you fear God... since you are under the same - ?' (Luke 23:40) (8)
- 2 Horse-drawn vehicle used by King Solomon (Song of Songs 3:9) (8)
- 4 Dearer (anag.) (6)
- 5 One-time editor of Punch and controversial writer and broadcaster who became a noted Christian, Malcolm - (10)
- 6 'When you sit to dine with a ruler, - well what is before you' (Proverbs 23:1) (4)
- 7 'God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both - and Christ' (Acts 2:36) (4)
- 10 One description of the inspired nature of scripture (10)
- 12 'The Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be - - - ' (1 Corinthians 15:28) (3,2,3)
- 13 Recognized as valid (1 Samuel 3:20) (8)
- 16 A long A (anag.) (6)
- 18 'For God does not - favouritism' (Romans 2:11) (4)
- 19 Comes between Joel and Obadiah (4)

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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## BRADFORD GROUP MINISTRY

This comprises the three benefices of Holy Trinity, Christ Church with Westwood and Wingfield, and Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall and Winsley. The clergy meet regularly for prayer and shared planning, and there is an informal Group Council consisting of the licensed clergy and churchwardens, with Licensed Lay Ministers. The Group was established in 1975.

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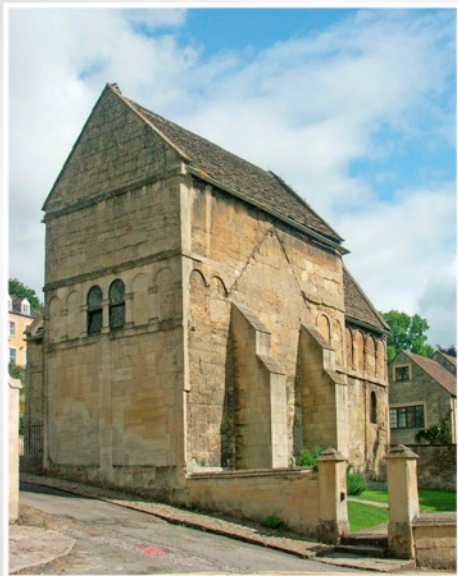
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The Chapel of St Mary Tory  
Inset: East window by Mark Angus



The Saxon church of St Laurence