

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Bradford on Avon



PARISH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2012

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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 st and 2 nd Sundays in the month, September to July, except Easter)
Mothers' Union	7.30pm	3 rd Thursday (venue to be confirmed)
Bell Practice	7.30-9pm	2 nd and 4 th Mondays

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

Diocese Web-site 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 FEBRUARY



3 Friday 7.30pm Holy Trinity Friends' 'Any Questions?' Masonic Hall

4 Saturday 1pm Marriage of Robert Till and Sasha Milsom-Pearce

5 SUNDAY THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT *Education Sunday*

9.30am Sung Eucharist with James Colquhoun,
Headteacher of St Laurence School, as preacher

6pm Compline

11 Saturday *MARRIAGE FESTIVAL*

4pm Weddings Songs of Praise

12 SUNDAY THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.30am Marriage Festival Eucharist, with the
Ven Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum, as preacher

6pm *Evensong* Christ Church

16 Thursday 7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting venue to be announced

19 SUNDAY THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

9.30am All-Age Eucharist

6pm Compline

22 ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30pm Sung Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

26 SUNDAY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am Sung Eucharist

6pm Evensong

WEEKLY GROUPS

Monday 7pm 'Faith Explored' (for venue ring 868654)
(fortnightly)

Tuesday 10.30pm *mainly music* (a group for young children
– school terms only)

Thursday 11am 'Faith Explored' (except 2, 23) Vicarage,
18A, Woolley Street

Parish News copy date for March is 19th February

New life – together!

There has been such a lot of water under the bridge since I last wrote in mid-November... and such a lot of fun! Of course the month of December started with the Friends' magnificent Christmas Tree Festival where the church was resplendent with 35 decorated trees representing so many aspects of our Bradford on Avon community, and welcomed 700 people through the doors over the three days, many duly warmed by the mulled wine and mince pies on offer. That was certainly fun! Then there was the Nativity Tableau – and the Crib and Christingle where we estimated some 400 adults and 150 children (and almost as many buggies!) and there was even a proposal of marriage...

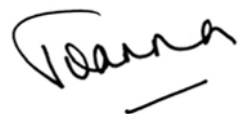
But another element of that water under the bridge was the resignation of Gareth Bennett as our Director of Music and, by the time this edition is published, he will have had his last Sunday with us on the Feast of Candlemas on 29th January. He will be sorely missed after some 7 years, but we congratulate him on his appointment as Director of Music to St Nicolas, Guildford (perhaps we should arrange an outing there?!) and wish him well there. The PCC has appointed a panel to be responsible for the appointment of a new Director and an advertisement has gone out in the Church Times. Interviews will be

held on 23rd February. But, in the meantime, we are extremely grateful to Vernon for stepping in as a 'temp' organist and to Ian and David for directing the choir.

So now we are moving into February where we look at our new starts – new life – together as a church family. The *Holy Trinity has a Vision* Reports will have been discussed on another 'fun' occasion on 21st January – and the PCC are preparing to explore them further at an Away Day on 3rd March. There are lots of innovative and creative ideas and we are so grateful to all who have given of their 'vision' and their energies to take part. I hope to be able to report very soon on some new initiatives as we journey gently, and by grace, forward together.

And that is very much the theme of the Marriage Festival being organised by the Mothers' Union at Holy Trinity over the weekend 11th/12th February, to celebrate *National Marriage Week*. There will be what proves to be a fascinating exhibition and 'Weddings Songs of Praise' on the Saturday afternoon, and we are also inviting all our recently married couples and those to be married to a special party and exchange of photos and ideas before the Songs of Praise.

With my love
and prayers for a
very special month,



Junior Church News

GROWING



LEARNING

The Nativity in their own words

On Sunday 18th of December 2011, myself and the sunday school group performed our nativity. I was Angel Gabriel and had big large wings, there were 3 shepards, 4 kings, 1 inkeeper, 6 angels and Mary & Joseph. Everyone was in fabulous costumes and did really well. Afterwards everyone got a chocolate coin and their pictures taken.

Everybody felt a little nervous before the nativity because there were over 300 people watching! I had felt very proud to be in the nativity and it was such an honour because my dad, brother and sisters have been baptised in holy trinity church. Every christmas I have been involved, singing with my school Fitzmaurice primary at Holy Trinity church, but being Angel Gabriel in a nativity with my church was a wonderful experience I shall never forget.

By Taylor Gray-Wood, aged 11.

From Esme (a shepherd): Next year I want to be Mary because she sits and does nothing, letting Joseph look after the baby.

From Cecilia (a King): I went to the Holy Trinity Church. I performed there. I was a King. I felt nervous because I performed in front of 60 people. I spoke. I processed up the aisle. I thought about Baby Jesus!

From Hamish: On 18/12/11 I went to church to take part in the Nativity. I performed 'We Three Kings' on the cello and I played with Ellen on the recorder.

From Zac (a King): My favourite bit was feeling 'Regal'. I thought that everything was fantastically brilliant especially chocolate after!!



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From Beatrice (a Star): it was good – the play was good and fun to be part of, my favourite bit was looking after the Angels.

From Alfie (the Inn keeper): I enjoyed being in the Nativity play I was the innkeeper, I like dressing up and acting, it was great.



From Amelia (Mary): I liked being Mary, we play this at Nanny's We put a sheet over an airer to make a stable.

From Yazmin (a Shepherd): I was so happy being a sheppard with my little brother mason, Holy Trinity is very special to us because we were christened there too. We had brilliant costumes and I had such a great time. everyone was smiling especially me!!

The photos are by David Milne. A further selection of David's photographs of the Nativity play can be seen on the church web site.

Parish Christmas Card Distribution

A special thank you to all members of the congregation, in particular the 80 & 90 year olds, who helped with the distribution of over 3000 parish Christmas cards in 2011. Once again, a card was delivered to every home in the parish, with packs also going to local hotels and guesthouses, the Library and Tourist Information Centre. We hope you agree that it is a very worthwhile form of outreach and responsible for many of the 'new faces' apparent at our services over the Christmas period.

The drawing on the front of the card by the artist, Jonathan Pomroy, and the seasonal message from the Revd Joanna were very much appreciated by all.

Thank you to Trevor for arranging the printing, to Beryl Cox and John Ticehurst for helping me to bundle and address all of the cards, and to Philip for his help.

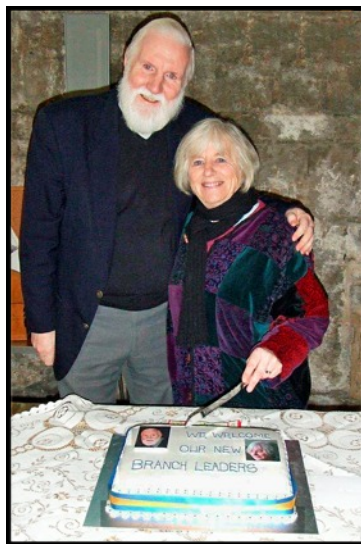
Thanks again to everyone; your help and continued support at short notice is much appreciated. If there is anyone who would like to be added to the list of distributors, please let me know on 01225 864412.

Marlene Haffenden and Parish News Assembly Team

Way back in December (!), we had, as it turned out, our last meeting in the Masonic Hall, as they had taken a permanent booking from another group without letting me know. I am now in the throes of trying to find somewhere else to meet! Notwithstanding all that, we had our usual Christmas readings, music and carols, followed by sherry and mince pies. It was a lovely evening, so enjoyed by all members in their preparation for Christmas.

A Committee meeting before our party was held to rehearse a new potted panto, *Puss in Boots*, written by Ian, and *The Rainbow*, an old Indian legend, which tells of the formation of the rainbow. Needless to say, it was an entertaining evening, probably heightened by the glasses of Kir and 'nibbles' I provided for my last meeting.

The entertainment came after a superb dinner at the Limpley Stoke Hotel, and was enjoyed by all the members, including the committee! Ian made a presentation to me, saying some very complimentary things, and



presented me with an envelope and a beautiful basket of flowers. The envelope contained a card, to be signed by our members, and a very generous cheque. To say I was gob-smacked was an understatement. As I told the branch, I have so enjoyed leading them, these six years more than the first, I expect, because I felt I was learning the first time! They are a super crowd of people, and we have a wonderful fellowship, and a lot of fun. My only

sorrow has been in not bringing in many more members from our congregation!

At an All-Age Service in mid-January, Sylvia and Ian were Commissioned for their rôle as Joint Enrolling Members. Sylvia will go to Diocesan and Deanery Meetings, while Ian will lead the branch and take the meetings – a real joint effort. They won't actually take over until after the AGM on 26th, but we didn't want to

leave the Commissioning until February. Percy, the Paraguayan parrot, then interviewed Ian, to find out what the Mothers' Union was about, as there are no branches in Paraguay. It seems the congregation as a whole enjoys Percy's visits as much as the children!

The Committee then performed *The Rainbow*, with a bucket of 'rain' being thrown over the

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children at the end. Although I'd taken a brush and dustpan to clear up, the children picked up every scrap of paper, which had been cut up to make the rain drops!

Stephen Ford & Stephanie Poulter, who are to be married in Holy Trinity in May, then led the Intercessions about marriage & family life, which is the main aim of the Mothers' Union. It was a

lovely service, and was followed by a celebration cake, welcoming our New Leaders.

I now have 10 days to get all the papers *etc.* together to hand over to Sylvia and Ian at the AGM – a daunting task!

*Text, photo and cake by
Chris Hodge*

OUR STREET MARKET, 2012

Once again, the annual Holy Trinity Street Market cometh, and this year it falls on Saturday, July 7th from 10am to 4pm. We hope to unite the whole town and surrounding villages in a spirit of community that involves everyone who comes to browse and buy. Please mark this red letter day in your diary and resolve to help make it a success in some way.

We hope, as usual, for the Street Market to feature its nine stalwart Church stalls, namely Bric-à-brac, Books, Children's Toys, Plants and Gardens, Mothers' Union Baked Goods, Saxon Club Gift Stall, the Bottle Tombola, the Grand Draw and the Refreshments tent. Each of these stalls needs a team of willing volunteers on the day, and a strong site-assembly-and-strike team will also be needed at Westbury Gardens before and after the Street Market. Can you help? Will you volunteer? There's a list at the crossing in church where you can sign up.

Colin Johnston, who was Church Stalls co-ordinator for several years, has relinquished this rôle. Thank you for a job well done, Colin. Now a new person is needed to join John Cox (Community Stalls co-ordinator) and Jackie Easby (Communications co-ordinator) on the organising team. Can you see yourself in this crucial role? If you'd like to find out exactly what's involved, please email jsieasby@hotmail.com or call Jackie on 07708 331389.

As you select items to donate to the Street Market, remember that all the Church stalls need good stock. If you try to make a donation to each one, there'll be lots of really saleable items to raise money for our work! We may even surpass last year's respectable (and highest ever) total. Closer to July 7th, you can drop donations at Holy Trinity. Meanwhile, please put them aside at home. Perhaps your friends might also have something they'd like to donate if you asked them. Thank you in advance, one and all, for helping with the annual Street Market.

Jackie Easby

THE ADVENT CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



Holy Trinity's Charities Vision Group would like to thank everyone who supported their successful Church Christmas Card Advent project. We raised £172.45 for the Caritas Children's Hospital in Bethlehem and the messages written in the card were a heart-warming expression of our appreciation of each other and the work of our lovely church.

Margaret Harris

"One in ten children are unhappy", say researchers

This was the alarming Guardian headline on Thursday 12th Jan, 2012. The research was done by the Church of England Campaign for Childhood at the Children's Society into the emotional well-being of some 30,000 young people, aged 8 to 16, living in the UK.

In a foreword to the Society's report, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, described the discovery of 500,000 unhappy children as "a wake-up call to us all".

The collection at our well-attended Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society was £352.11, a welcome increase on last year. Perhaps we, as a church, should do more to inform ourselves about the excellent work done by the Children's Society and promote its values?

Margaret Harris

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX NEWS

JANUARY 2012

Like the 'Three Wise Men' bearing their gifts to the baby King in the stable, our boxes of gifts have arrived safely, after very long journeys, to delight many children, and in time for Christmas too! It was so good to receive a Warehouse Newsletter which said :“I am delighted to tell you that this year we sent a total of 30,084 shoe boxes from this area. They have been distributed to very needy and grateful children in Liberia, Serbia, Belarus, and the Ukraine.”



Amazingly, we actually sent 84 from Holy Trinity, friends, and neighbours this year! So thank you once again. However you helped, you can be sure that the children have been really grateful, and happy with our gifts.

Thank you for your continued support; a Happy New Year to you all.

Celia Milne

PS. Our Water Aid Collection Jar, plus the children's little boxes, finally amounted to £30 which was also gratefully received by Samaritan's Purse, helping towards their work providing more communities with safe, clean water to drink.

Many thanks again.

Celia

And more Thanks...

A very big THANK YOU to the volunteers who happily came along on Christmas Eve to help prepare 250 oranges for the Christingle Service, to Janet & Jim Brown for supplying the oranges, and to Mary Ford for having the necessary foil squares all ready for us.



Your help was very much appreciated. It's always lovely to see our Church so packed with children and adults for this popular Service.

Celia

A WELL DESERVED AWARD FOR VAL PAYNE

Mayor Peter Leach presented the 2011 Town Council Achievement Award to Val Payne at a Town Council Meeting in November. Val was nominated by the councillors in recognition of her valuable contribution to the people of Bradford-on Avon through her work with many voluntary groups in the Town.

As an Assistant Churchwarden at Holy Trinity Church Val provides valuable support at the 8am Sunday Eucharist and is always more than willing to help with the catering for church events, including the Street Market and the recent Christmas Tree Festival. She is one of the team of brass cleaners who keep the Church Brass sparkling and also helps with the preparation for the Christingle Service.

Angela's Saxon Club meets weekly to enjoy speakers and other activities. Val is an important part of the organising team and helps with preparation, serves refreshments and helps clear up afterwards.

A group of Senior Citizens also meet weekly at 'The Thursday Club' where they enjoy lunch, tea, activities and chat. Val helps serve the meals - she has been known to cook the meals on occasions - and clears up once all have been safely dispatched home. This has been part of her weekly timetable for the past 10 years. And over the same period of 10 years a group of volunteers has cared for newborn babies while the new mums participate in their post-natal classes. Guess who was part of this team??

A group of conservation volunteers, including Val of course, meets in the Country Park on a monthly basis, clearing undergrowth to allow the spring flowers to peep through and also planting new trees and shrubs. The volunteers are regularly rewarded with Val's famous lemon drizzle cake and chocolate cake during their coffee breaks.

Formerly a teacher at Fitzmaurice school, Val is now returning there as a volunteer, working with Philip in the planning of the *Open the Book* programme. In her 'spare time' Val is always on hand to



Val with her award. Photo Gordon Finch

help her six grandchildren and she also manages to find time to shop and help friends when they are in need.

We are so proud that Val is such a special part of our Holy Trinity Church Family and thoroughly deserves the Town Council Achievement award. Well done and thank you Val.

Joan Finch

The following note was found in the Churchwarden's pew on 13th January:

HURRAH!

What a memorable Advent and Christmas I felt we had at Holy Trinity this year, from the beautiful Christmas tree festival through to the carol services and packed Christingle. Thank you to everyone including Joanna who was involved with the smooth organisation and, very importantly, opened the doors to let the community flood in!

A Member of the congregation

Have you ever wondered where the name 'Jesus' comes from?

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. Or there is the Hebrew-Aramaic form, 'Yesua'. In Greek it became Iesoûs, and in Latin 'Iesus'.

The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers', 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation'. No wonder the angel Gabriel, in Luke 1:26-33, told Mary to name her baby Jesus: "...because he will save his people from their sins".

FROM THE REGISTERS

Thanksgiving	
Loris Stephen Beppe Favali	Dec 18th
Marriages	
Jonathan Penney and Amy Cook	Dec 9th
Rob Henderson and Rebecca Hinds	Dec 17th
Funerals	
David Sheppard	Dec 7st
Michael Long	Dec 21st

2011 THE CHRISTMAS OF THE POETS

It was an unusual Christmas...my first as churchwarden. On the way down to Midnight Mass, giving Philip a lift, we caught a brief excerpt of a Radio 4 programme on the poetry of UA Fanthorpe. An extraordinary woman of amazing intellect, she called herself a middle-aged dropout. Around 40 she left her post as Head of English at Cheltenham Ladies College because "I began to see that power had an effect on me that I didn't like". She wrote Christmas poems each year to friends and fellow poets. Jackie Kay, Carol Ann Duffy and Laurence Sail spoke of the joy of receiving these funny but thoughtful words on the incarnation. So we are treated to the voice of the manger cat, the donkey's perspective, and the robin's celebration that he was not a turkey, or this lovely one:

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This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

©UA Fanthorpe

In her sermon Joanna quoted Christina Rossetti's wonderful last verse:

What can I give him poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man; I would play my part;
Yet what I can I give him; give my heart.

So home to bed at 2am but a sudden awakening at 6.45am, my dream that I was cleaning the church abruptly interrupted! And at 8am Bishop Bill read a poem from Wendy Cope:

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A Christmas Song

Why is the baby crying
On this his special day
When we have brought him lovely
gifts
And laid them in the hay.

He's crying for the people
Who greet this day with dread
Because someone dear to them
Is far away or dead.

For all the men and women
Whose love affairs went wrong
Who try their best at merriment
When Christmas comes along.

For separated parents
Whose turn it is to grieve
When children hang their stockings up
Elsewhere on Christmas Eve

For everyone whose burden
Carried through the year
Is heavier at Christmastide
The season of good cheer.

That's why the baby's crying
There in the cattle stall
He's crying for those people
He's crying for them all.

©Wendy Cope

Joanna arrived for 10am and mentioned that John Bell had done the radio 4 Christmas Day service. So I looked up the transcript and later listened on the iPlayer. More wonderful words:

When God comes to earth in Jesus, everything lights up in welcome because all is embraced by a love bigger than we can imagine, and all things are up for redemption.

It is not to the church that Jesus comes so that Christians might feel good; it is to those who don't believe religion is for them that Jesus comes to declare that they are wanted.

It is not to bless good causes that Jesus comes; it is to indicate that money, trade, ecology, political power are as much legitimate interests of heaven as choir stalls and candlesticks.

It is not to make patronising noises to children and old folk that Jesus comes; it is to sit among those who are sick, demented, deluded, depressed that Jesus comes to share their pain.

It is not to endorse culture of success and superiority that Jesus comes, it is to enter into solidarity with the victims of earth's power brokers that Jesus appears because God is never neutral in the face of injustice.

It is not to condemn those who are burdened with guilt and inadequacy that Jesus comes; it is to confirm that love, hope and forgiveness can transform us.

We are not just looking at a baby in a manger today. We are looking at the incarnation of justice and joy meant for you, meant for me, meant for ever.

So back to bed and sleep for another 4 hours so that my day recommenced at 2.30pm! Its first event was the Queen's speech, quoting yet more poetry from the carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*:

O Holy child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

About 4 o'clock, after poached egg and smoked salmon (was this breakfast or tea?), and with the first glass of fizz and orange, I opened a present from a lovely friend who always gets it right. The tag was a present in itself. It said 'In appreciation of your skills as teacher, friend and churchwarden extraordinaire' Wow! Did I need a present after that? But unwrapping, I saw the Poet Laureate's exquisitely produced new book entitled *The Bees*. What more could a beekeeper ask? And in it, this carol composed in celebration of those amazing insects.

The Bee Carol

Silently on Christmas Eve,
the turn of midnight's key;
all the garden locked in ice-
a silver frieze-
except the winter cluster of the bees.

Flightless now and shivering,
around their Queen they cling;
every bee a gift of heat;
she will not freeze
within the winter cluster of the bees.

Bring me for my Christmas gift
a single golden jar;
let me taste the sweetness there,
but honey leave
to feed the winter cluster of the bees.

Come with me on Christmas Eve
to see the silent hive-
trembling stars cloistered above-
and then believe,
within the winter cluster of the bees.

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Bibliography:

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Wendy Cope, *Family Values*, Faber and Faber, 2011.

Carol Ann Duffy, *The Bees*, Picador, 2011.

Judith Holland

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<http://www.naturalbeekeepingtrust.org/prose-and-poetry/>, *Christmas Song* on <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Family-Values-Wendy-Cope/dp/0571274218>, and *BC-AD* on <http://hopeeternal.wordpress.com/2011/12/25/bc-ad-u-a-fanthorpe/>

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

At the suggestion of Joanna, the Friends organised a brand-new event for Holy Trinity – the Christmas Tree Festival. There were 35 trees on display, ranging from the intricate to the inspirational. Pictures of the trees can be seen on the Holy Trinity web-site, under *Events*.

Despite the doubts of some and a good deal of trepidation on my part, the event turned out to be a great success, with over 700 visitors. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the team who helped to organise, publicize, steward, serve refreshments and clear up afterwards. A very big thank you is, of course, due to all those who staged trees and to the Cooperative Funeral Society for their sponsorship.

Here are some of the questions and comments I received before, during and after the festival (the answers are mine):

- Do we have to supply our own trees? (yes)
- Do you decorate the trees? (???)
- Where will the congregation be able to sit? (mmmmmm)
- What about the needles? (what about them?)
- Are we insured? (yes)
- Is there a charge to stage a tree? (no)
- Will there be refreshments? (yes, in the afternoons kindly organised by Joan)
- Will the mulled wine contain alcohol? (mmmmmm)
- Are the mince pies non-fattening? (yes, if you want them to be)
- But I told someone at church that we would be staging a tree (not quite good enough)
- Will my tree be too tall (6 ft)? (no)
- Why weren't we invited to stage a tree? (your organisation probably was asked)
- I think this tree is the best.
- I cried when I came in – I have never seen the church look so beautiful.
- Can I go in there? (the chancel)
- A lovely start to Christmas – just the right time.
- Is that chocolate real?
- It's so lovely sitting here, listening to the music, looking at the trees and watching the children running around.
- Those lights aren't working
- Thank you, Christmas has really started.
- I have never felt such a warm and welcoming atmosphere.
- Where is the Fat Fowl's tree? (Arlene's son had an accident on his way back from Afghanistan)
- Such creativity.
- Where is Rudolf's nose?
- These trees are not in the right order.
- Such good ideas.
- Can I come next year? (yes, if you



The Bradford Choral tree

book a space! Invitations will be issued in October)

This year was very much an experiment. Fortunately, it went very well but do please let me know if you have any ideas as to how we might improve things for next year.

Of the £800 collected, £250 will go to Church funds to help with the cost of heating, with the balance to the Friends where it will help fund the cost of improvements to our church.

In conclusion, here are some of the wishes left on the Friends of Holy Trinity's tree:

- Lots of cuddles
- A better 2012 than 2011
- Health for my family and friends
- A lovely world for my child
- Peace in the world
- No one to have pain
- A merry Christmas

- Health and happiness for my family
 - A better year for Pauline
 - That it will all happen again in 2012
 - To be really happy
 - Children who don't have toys to have them
 - Billy goats for children in Kenya so they can have food
 - World peace
 - Peace and tranquillity
 - I could have a rabbit
 - The stars to shine brightly tonight
 - A debt-free and happy Christmas
 - A dad and mummy
 - health and happiness for all
 - people to be kinder to each other
 - family togetherness, joy and happiness
 - all those persecuted for Jesus
 - my mum will come back
 - peace in our hearts
 - my family come over from France
 - wishing well to Ian
 - dat de moeder van Jan (or Jar) beter wordt (we think that this may be Dutch and may say: ...that the mother of Jan (or Jar) gets better)
- Our next event will be a light-hearted version of Any Questions on 3rd February – details on page 29.

*John Cox
Chairman,
The Friends of Holy Trinity*

A GREENER HOLY TRINITY?

Is a greener church going to be part of our newly envisioned Holy Trinity future thinking and planning? And do we know what the Church of England is already doing to help make our churches more environmentally friendly?

The following (abridged) article in 'Green World, Winter 2011', the Green Party's quarterly magazine, written by Rachel Harden, senior media officer at the Archbishops' Council, is illuminating:

Bishops clambering up centuries-old church roofs to launch solar panel projects, churchyards boasting rare and protected wildlife, a fund to help communities in the developing world struggling with the effects of climate change ...the Church of England does it when it comes to environmental issues.

These are not piecemeal projects but a core part of the Church of England's mission to care for God's creation. "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth", is the fifth Mark of Mission that the worldwide Anglican Church, including the Church of England, has signed up to.

The C of E has a Christian presence in every community with its 16,000 churches, 13,000 of which are listed buildings. While many congregations have worked for years to reduce their carbon footprint and care for the local environment, this work was formalised in 2006 with the creation of a national environmental campaign: Shrinking the

Footprint. This came out of a debate at General Synod (the Church of England's parliament) on Sharing God's Planet a publication which argued that "to perceive the earth as alien and inert matter to be exploited is fundamentally wrong. Human beings are part of God's one whole creation in which they have a unique role, as does every other bit of creation."

Shrinking the Footprint, chaired by the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Richard Chartres, offers centralised resources and highlights best practice, from practical tips on photo-voltaic panels to wildlife spotting tips for churchyards and carbon measuring schemes. David Shreeve is the C of E's national environment adviser, coordinating events and keeping in touch with the bishop's environment group.

Rachel Harden goes on to mention initiatives such as caring for churchyards in such a way as to encourage and manage bio-diversity. There are organizations such as Caring for God's Acre, local wild-life trusts. and Living Churchyards to help in this. Nearly all Church of England schools are being encouraged to be environmentally aware, growing their own vegetables, setting up bird boxes, developing nature sanctuaries and encouraging awareness of their own energy consumption.

At the UN Copenhagen Climate Change Conference in 2009, Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams said:

For the Church of the 21st Century, good ecology is not an optional extra but a matter of justice. It is therefore central to what it means to be a Christian.

This autumn sees the second anniversary of the C of E's online Climate Justice Fund (<http://www.climatejusticefund.org>) where churches and individuals can support the fund which helps

communities in the developing world adapt to the effects of climate change.

If you would like to see what other Christian environmental groups are doing check out the web sites of A Rocha (<http://www.arocha.org>) and Ecocongregation (<http://www.ecocongregation.org>). We could surprise ourselves with our green creative impulse.

Margaret Harris

A LIFE FREELY ON THE MOVE

Another year has begun, and I look forward to many outings travelling on the buses. Since giving up my car I have been initiated into the art of free travel. But just as one has to prepare a car before setting out on a journey, making sure the petrol tank is full, making sure the windows are clean, and then, the 'pulling away from the kerb' drill, so one has to prepare for a journey by bus.

It is somewhat simpler and more an attitude of mind. Of course, one has to refer to a timetable, not only for departure times, but also for return times. Once these are ascertained, the next preparation is to condition the mind for the departure wait – the clue to all bus travel. One's mind must switch from one's self to the driver of the bus for which one is waiting. Is he (or she) having an easy journey? In which case his bus will be on time; an indicator at the bus stop may tell. If

the minutes go by and the bus hasn't arrived, wait patiently and sympathize with the driver's having to tangle with heavy traffic. The driver exhibits far more patience every day than you do in the five or ten minutes of waiting.

I suppose there was a certain degree of pleasure when setting out on a car journey, but I don't think it compares with the pleasure of seeing one's bus coming round the corner towards the stop, and the pleasure, too, of presenting one's bus pass and receiving a ticket for no exchange of money. It is a subtle satisfaction that has to be experienced to be appreciated. It must never be taken for granted. (A relation of mine, who has a car, just could not contemplate getting on a BUS! Sooner or later, he will be converted.)

For a longer journey, one needs to relax completely and indulge in what one can never do whilst driving a car. Whatever the

time of the year, the countryside has so much beauty to offer the viewer. Living as I do in a cottage hemmed in back and front, my first great pleasure is the sky. Never the same twice, throughout the year it presents a huge panorama of shapes and shades and one is aware that man has had no hand in its formation.

Then on country routes where the roads lead through villages, the trees and hedges are full for most of the year with leaves of every shade of green, turning to red, brown and golden yellow in the autumn. In winter the trees stand bare, each one proudly announcing a skeletal form against the sky, displaying its difference from its neighbour; they remind me of the paintings of Roland Hilder who saw beauty in their nakedness. All this I see from the bus.

For several years now I have taken holidays without a car, depending solely on local country buses. Sitting high above the walls and hedges, the views have been spectacular in Devon and Cornwall. My admiration for the country bus driver knows no bounds; he/she negotiates the narrow lanes, driving up hill and down at what seems to be break-neck speed, reminding one of the high switch-back rides at the fair. There is always the back of the seat in front to

hold on to when the going gets tough or a sudden stop is called for. I have yet to ride on a country bus that does not rattle, but somehow ones gets immune after a while.

The convenience of bus travel is that one can alight in the centre of town, just where one wants to be among the shops and shoppers; it is rather like having a taxi service.

The return-journey times must always be uppermost in the mind, of course. But that is no worse than remembering car-parking times which keep strictly to the minute – thirty-two minutes past four, forty-seven minutes past five, or something like that!

At a bus terminus there are to be found comfort rooms and cafés, all that one could need to prepare for a return journey. And Oh!, that lovely feeling of being on the bus homeward bound, with the pleasure of looking

about. Entertainment there is in plenty; shoppers squeeze themselves into seats with shopping bags galore, and young mums struggle with shopping bags and push-chairs. It is a real theatre of life.

On the whole, I think our bus drivers are the unsung heroes of the modern age. God bless them, I say, and I wish them all a Happy New Year.

Muriel Freeborn



The Peak District, 2009. BH

THE ATLANTIC ODYSSEY CHALLENGE

Simon and the other five team members left England on 29th December and flew to Morocco where they were re-united with their boat, the Sarah G, doing a day of sea trials and testing the equipment. The boat was then loaded onto a truck for the long trip through the western Sahara.

New Year's eve was spent on a gruelling, bumpy and dusty 16-hour journey down to the port of Tarfaya. We had a text message from Simon on 1st January – *Hi Mum and Dad, Happy New Year from the back of a lorry in the desert. 12 hours done, only 4 to go. I am with two guys who don't speak a word of English, very hot and thirsty. This seems to be a challenge before we even get on the boat.*

After loading the boat with dried food and their equipment, they were delayed by the authorities and paperwork, but eventually set off at 1pm on Tues 2nd January, rowing for 2 hours and then resting for 2 hours. This is how it will be until they reach Barbados, hopefully in 30 days. They have to do 100 miles a day.

From day one they have had stormy seas, high winds and huge waves. They have all suffered badly with sea-sickness and have been unable to sleep – like being in a toy boat in washing machine, says Simon. They are all bruised and blistered

and have aching limbs. The auto-helm snapped, but they managed to fix it. Then the water desalinator also broke, and thank goodness they were also able to fix that.

They have seen dolphins and turtles, but Portuguese man-of-war jelly fish keep getting washed on board – another hazard! On the morning of Monday, 9th January, we heard Simon speaking on Heart Radio; it was wonderful to hear his voice. He says the weather is hotter now but the seas are still stormy with gigantic waves tossing them all over the place. They have got over the sea-sickness and are managing to eat a little. And although they are extremely smelly they are all in good spirits and still on target for the world record.

On Wednesday, 11th January their rudder cable snapped in the middle of the night. Matt had to lean into the sea, with Simon hanging on to his legs. It took an hour in the blackness, but again they have managed to fix it.

Hopefully, by the time you read this they will have reached, or be near to, Barbados. We can't wait for their safe return. We are so proud of them and all the money they are raising for their charity ChildLine. Remember them in your prayers.

Jan 18th; Janet and Jim Brown



Follow the crew's progress and read their blog on the Odyssey web site:

<http://www.atlantic-odyssey.com/crew/>

Text boat to 70766 to donate £4 on your phone bill to ChildLine

THE MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

The Beginning

Flying is not a luxury, it's a lifeline! In places of deepest human need is where MAF can be found. The vision for MAF – Mission Aviation Fellowship – was first ignited by the fires of World War II.

The idea was to use aircraft positively to spread the peace of God, rather than negatively to spread the conflict of man. By 1947 a small team had raised enough funds to buy the first MAF aircraft, and the adjacent poster from 1947 advertises the return to the UK of the pilots and the plane who journeyed to Africa in MAF's pioneering flight. Sudan was identified as the East African nation most in need of services at the time, and regular operations started there in 1950. MAF helped open new areas in the largely unreached swamps of the south. Kenya followed in 1959 and Chad and Tanzania in the 60s and 70s.

MAF also went on to become a world-wide network with many bases across the globe – in Australia/Oceania, the Americas, Asia and Africa. Today MAF has grown from a one-plane outfit to an international organisation that flies more than 125 light aircraft to nearly 2,800 destinations.

The mission is to fly spiritual care and physical help to needy people in remote places, crossing boundaries and overcoming barriers. "Without the plane you just cannot reach people"



said Christopher Roduit of Medair. "MAF is a partner on whom we can rely".

MAF co-founder Stuart King asks us: "Will you pray? Looking back on over 60 years since MAF first opened a base in Sudan, our hearts cry out for its many suffering people. Will you join us in praying for lasting peace in a country that has known so much bloodshed and heartache? Will you pray for justice and transformation?"

To keep updated with news of MAF, Sudan, and how you can help, please visit the MASF website: www.maf-uk.org/sudan.

Adapted from *Flying for Life*, the MAF journal, by

David Rawstron

A TRIP TO PUFFIN ISLAND

Some years ago the ringers decided to collect islands. We have been to Brownsea Island several times to ring for Sunday service; enjoyed a beautiful day on the Isle of Purbeck; spent a pleasant weekend on the Isle of Wight; and some of us have been to more distant places like New Zealand and Tasmania. Four years ago a trip was arranged to Lundy, not only to ring but to see the puffins after which the Vikings named the island. Alas, it didn't happen because an outbreak of a nasty virus closed the island and plans had to be hastily re-arranged. Thanks to the kindness of various Devon tower captains ("don't you worry m'dear, I'll sort those towers out for you") we enjoyed a pleasant day ringing at some North Devon towers, but all the time we could see Lundy, basking in the sunshine and surrounded by a calm blue sea.

So this year we decided to try again. Lundy was booked for the last weekend in September and three other towers arranged for the Friday. We worked our way along the Somerset coast, meeting at Porlock, where the most delicious cream teas are to be had just opposite the church. Then on to Lynton, where non-ringers enjoyed the cliff railway, and finally to Kentisbury, a church gloriously in the middle of nowhere with only a farm for

company. There's a wonderful Green Man on the porch ceiling, and all the old gas lamps *in situ*, although there is electricity. The tower is incredibly tall, and we had to open a trap door in the ringing room ceiling in order to hear the bells while we were ringing them.

Saturday morning found us queuing for the ferry at Ilfracombe in the company of day trippers, a party from the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Ringers and Christine, the wife of the Vicar of Ilfracombe, who had asked to join us. The sea was grey; it was windy and the crossing was not smooth, some breakfasts being left in the Bristol Channel. As we approached Lundy we could see seal pups on the rocks which presumably would have been basking had the sun been shining. By the time we disembarked a sea mist had descended and remained the whole time we were on the island. As we walked up the hill from the landing stage a helicopter landed; some of the Oxford ringers had decided to fly rather risk the boat.

The Oxford ringers were staying for a week so it was agreed that we would have the bells for the day. The Lundy bells are very popular and ringers bring in over half the island's income. There are ringers there most weekends, and quite a few spend up to a week on the island. The ten bells are quite challenging so we didn't ring anything ambitious.

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Outside, the mist hid the top of the tower and the sound of bells competed with the foghorn. Plans to walk round the island did not materialise as the view was limited to about ten yards. We couldn't have seen any puffins even if there had been any on the island. But the Marisco Tavern was warm and welcoming, the parsnip and honey soup delicious, and the beer good.

The trip home was rather smoother, and as we approached Ilfracombe we heard that it had been sunny there all day. We consoled ourselves with traditional refreshments, beer and fish and chips, and most of us made it next day to Holy Trinity, Ilfracombe, to ring for their *Back to Church* service. We were a little alarmed to see Darth Vader in the churchyard but it turned out to be



*The ringers in the tower on Lundy Island.
Harriet, Anne, Ian, Mike, Margaret, Chrissie, Chris, Philip, Phil*

the Vicar's grandson in disguise, come to see his Gran ring. We have made plans for next year's outing which will be rather less ambitious, being a day outing round Swindon. However we are thinking of going to the Channel Islands in a couple of years, and there are still the Scilly Islands, the Isle of Man, Anglesey, Portsea Island and several islands in Kent to visit. If anyone would like to join us they will be very welcome.

Anne Willis

A Prayer for Students

Grant, O Lord, to all students, to know what is worth knowing, to love what is worth loving, to praise what delights you most, to value what is precious in your sight and to reject what is evil in your eyes. Grant them true discernment to distinguish between different things.

Above all, may they search out and do what is most pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thomas à Kempis

All religions, arts and sciences are branches of the same tree. Albert Einstein

Science is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living at it.

Albert Einstein

WILTSHIRE BUTTERFLIES, Dec 2011 & Jan 2012

The main factor influencing adult butterfly activity is the weather. They only fly in warm, sunny conditions, so it is perhaps not surprising that there have been some interesting sightings during 2011, the second warmest year since records began in the UK. December was the fourth warmest December on record.

In my last report, Red Admirals were last noted on 13th Nov and so far 73 have been reported during November in Wiltshire. In December a further seven were seen, two in Bradford – one by Bill Quantrill on 3rd and one by Peter & Jo Wills on 24th, the last of the year. Dr. Doreen Ellis saw one in a friend's Trowbridge garden on 18th. No doubt there were others not reported. This is a hardy butterfly that does not enter the deep hibernation state that the brimstones, tortoiseshells, peacocks and commas are obliged to do in order to survive the winter and any warm, sunny day will arouse it to seek out nectar.

One of the hibernators, a Brimstone, was seen in Bentley Wood, east of Salisbury on 22nd Dec, no doubt enticed out of hibernation by the warm weather, and several others have been noted elsewhere in the country.

I commented in my last report on the lack of late Speckled Woods but I have recently received the following – seen at Redlynch, south of Salisbury, on 6th Nov and at Corsham on 17th. Both of these dates are later than the latest county record of 4th Nov 2001. Incredibly, another was seen by one of 'my' recorders at South Cerney on 27th, unfortunately just over the county border in Gloucestershire but possibly a latest-ever national record.



And so to 2012. A relatively warm start to January has resulted in Red Admirals being active and so far 13, all singletons and mainly in gardens, have been reported in Wiltshire. The first on 2nd in Bentley Wood and another near Stockton in the Wylde Valley. I saw one along the canal towpath on 7th and others were reported on 8th from Bratton, Savernake Forest, Great Chalfield, Malmesbury, Tilshead and Orcheston. On 9th at Newton Tony in the far south, and Calne, and one at Wilton on 11th. Of course, many others would have gone unrecorded. The only other species reported was a single Brimstone from Amesbury on 7th. Quite an exciting start to the 2012 season.

I do hope these butterfly notes are of interest to Parish News readers. It was Bill Matthews who originally suggested I 'did something' as he knew nothing about butterflies and once started of course, it is a continuing story. I also hope you all enjoy and marvel at the wonder and beauty of any butterflies you see in 2012.

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Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder



St Laurence School News

The New Year and the new term have started.

The school is preparing for the Olympics by taking a theme to explore each term. Term 6 of the last academic year was 'Inspiration', Term 1, Sept-Oct, was 'Friendship', and Term 2, Nov-Dec, was 'Respect'. This new term is about 'Determination'. For all pupils, just getting to school in the dark and cold takes some determination, but for some, this is the time they really need really focus on their upcoming exams and be determined to do their best to get the results they deserve. The Head gave his Collective Worship talk this week on this very theme, including some beneficial thoughts from the Sermon on the Mount.

An event to look forward to this term is our production of *Hamlet*. This is an ambitious project for a secondary school but if the production of *Twelfth Night* from two years ago is anything to go by, a real treat is in store.

Students are also off on various trips. There has been one to Parliament for 6th form law students, a ski trip, and our annual Year 10 trip to the Gambia at half term. Preparations are also going ahead for the Year 11 visit to Indian Schools.

A student survey was carried out recently and the headline results show that 90% of students at St Laurence do their best and agree the school is heading in the right direction.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ST LAURENCE
TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISH

Lorraine Marlow

Kiss kiss

An honest seven-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after school. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."



St Laurence School pupils during their half-term trip to Jambanjelly School in Sanyang, The Gambia, February 2011

CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST LAURENCE SCHOOL

Following a suggestion made during our Community Group discussions for 'Holy Trinity has a Vision' that not only should St Laurence School be invited more often to Holy Trinity but that Holy Trinity should make more visits to St Laurence, a friend and I attended the School's Concert of Remembrance. The theme was of music inspired by War and Peace.

Needless to say, we and another couple appeared to be the only 'oldies', as the audience was made up entirely of families and every seat was taken.

The concert was excellent and impressed us by its variety and balance, also by the opportunity given to all age groups to show what they could do. We understood that they had been helped by a visit from the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. RESPECT, the School's theme for November and December, was often in evidence and we, who had lived through World War II, found it moving as well as cheering. But on the way out my friend said "I feel I'm history now!"

Jean Maitland

It's coming V-E-R-Y soon



Don't forget our MU MARRIAGE FESTIVAL

in church on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th February
when there will be displays of wedding dresses, photos
and other paraphernalia.

Saturday: am. Open to the public, 10am - 12.30pm (coffee)

pm. Open to those recently married and
planning to marry in the coming year.

4pm. SONGS OF PRAISE (public welcome)

Sunday: am. Morning service with preacher
the Ven Alan Jeans

pm. Open to the public from 2 - 4.30pm
(coffee and cake)



see you there!



FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY

Outline Programme of Events for 2012

- 3rd Feb Any Questions? (a light-hearted version)
Masonic Hall, Church Street, 7.30pm (details page 29)
- 26th April Skittles Evening, Dog and Fox, 7.30pm
- 14th June How and why Holy Trinity has changed
illustrated talk by Anne Willis
- 20th July AGM and Annual Lecture -
Tours in Normandy, John Cox
- 27th Oct Quiz and Fish & Chip supper
- 7th-10th Dec Christmas Tree Festival

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"It's either an appeal to youth culture
or the heating's playing up again"

Winter travel

A government warning said that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take: shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, scarf, hat and gloves, 24 hours supply of food and drink, de-icer, rock salt, torch, spare batteries, road flares, reflective triangles, tow -rope, a five gallon petrol jerry-can, first-aid kit, and jump leads.

So ... I looked a complete pratt on the bus this morning.

Any Questions?

The Friends of Holy Trinity Church are putting on their own version of this popular event on 3rd Feb at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Church Street.
Admission £6



The panel, chaired by Tony Haffenden, will be:

Clare Jack, Executive Director, Wiltshire Music Centre Trust Ltd

Jeremy Thring, Consultant Solicitor, Notary Public and

Member of the Law Society

Margaret Purves GC, Former nurse commissioned into the QARANC

The Revd Alun Glyn-Jones, Former Magistrate, Headmaster of

Archbishop Tenisons Grammar School

and Vicar of St Mary's church, Twickenham

All are very welcome so please make a note in your diary to come along. If you have a question you would like to put to the panel please give it to Tony Haffenden ASAP.



A Quiet Day at Ivy House, Warminster

Tuesday 20th March 2012, from 10.00am to 3.30pm

Come and explore the spirituality of Christian unity in this peaceful setting and enjoy a time of refreshment and renewal.

Retreat Leader: Canon Geoffrey Barton

Coffee, Lunch and Tea.

Just £10.00 per head – subsidised by Wiltshire Churches Together

Contact Liz to book by email: liz.overthrow@btinternet.com

or telephone 01380 722404

FOR PRAYER IN FEBRUARY

We pray for:

- The Mothers' Union and the Marriage Festival
- The appointment of a new Director of Music
- St Laurence School
- Fitzmaurice School

Saxon Club Programme for February

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

You are very welcome to join us.

7th: Open Meeting

14th: Revd Peter Hardman - The Royal Maundy

21st: Open Meeting

28th: Judith Holland

West Wiltshire Interfaith Group

A Community Family Fun Event

18th Feb 2012, 11am to 4pm, at the
Civic Hall, St Stephens Place, Trowbridge.

Wiltshire Islamic Cultural Centre and West Wiltshire Multi Faith Forum are organising this Community Family Event with activities for children, information stalls and food from diverse cultures.

St Katherine's Chapel Almshouses

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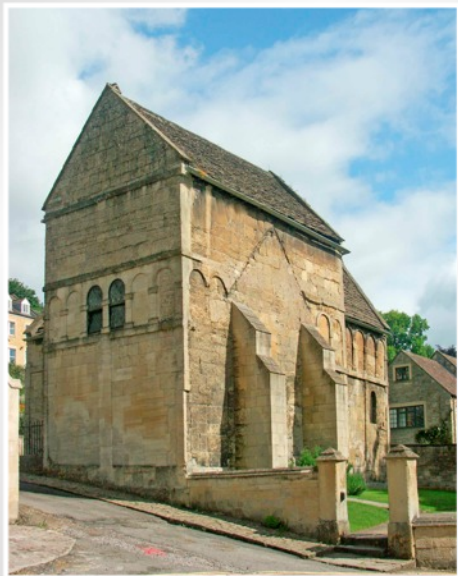
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The Chapel of St Mary Tory
Inset: East window by Mark Angus



The Saxon church of St Laurence