

# Parish News

**Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity,  
Westwood and Wingfield**

**MAY 2022**



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|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>      | (Check Bulletins and notices or Church website)   |
| <b>Sundays</b>           | 8am Eucharist (Traditional language)<br>9.30am Eucharist (coffee afterwards)<br><i>2nd Sundays</i> 9.30am 'In the Round' (coffee afterwards)<br><i>1st Sundays</i> 6pm Evensong |
| <b>Weekday Eucharist</b> | 10am 1st Wednesday of the month only<br>12 noon Fridays (Traditional language) & lunch out afterwards   |
| <b>Daily</b>             | Morning Prayer at 8.30am most days<br>(please check Sunday Bulletin)  |

### **Times of Meetings ALL THOSE IN GREY CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>mainly music</b>     | 10.30am, Tuesdays  |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>   | 6.15pm, Thursdays  |
| <b>Mothers' Union</b>   | 2.30pm, usually 3rd Wednesday of every month                                   |
| <b>Saxon Club</b>       | 2.30pm –4pm every Tuesday except August  |
| <b>Bell Practice</b>    | 7.30–9pm 2nd and 4th Mondays   |
| <b>Benefice website</b> | www.htboa.org  |
| <b>Weekly Bulletin</b>  | Notices to Joanna not later than Wednesday for the following<br>Sunday please. |

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# HOLY TRINITY - MAY 2022

|                  |                                     |  |                      |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| <b>1 SUNDAY</b>  | <b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>   |  |                      |
|                  | 8am                                 | Eucharist  |                      |
|                  | 9.30am                              | Sung Eucharist   |                      |
|                  | 6pm                                 | Evensong   |                      |
| 3 Tuesday        | 10.30-11.45am                       | Mainly Music   |                      |
|                  | 2.30-4pm                            | Saxon Club   |                      |
| 4 Wednesday      | 10am                                | Eucharist  |                      |
| 5 Thursday       | 10.45am                             | Trio Paradis Coffee Concert                                  |                      |
|                  | 3-4.30pm                            | <i>Forget Me Not Café</i>                                    | <i>Dog &amp; Fox</i> |
|                  | 8pm                                 | <i>Contemplative Hour @ St MaryTory</i>                      | <i>St Mary, Tory</i> |
| 7 Saturday       | 10am-12 noon                        | <i>Saxon Church Plant Sale</i>                               | <i>Saxon Church</i>  |
| <b>8 SUNDAY</b>  | <b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  |  |                      |
|                  | 8am                                 | Eucharist  |                      |
|                  | 9.30am                              | 'In the Round'   |                      |
|                  | 10.45am                             | Friends of HT Extraordinary AGM after 'In the Round'         |                      |
| 10 Tuesday       | 10.30-11.45am                       | Mainly Music   |                      |
| 10 Tuesday       | 2.30-4pm                            | Saxon Club   |                      |
| 14 Saturday      | 10.30am-12.30pm                     | Eucharist  |                      |
| <b>15 SUNDAY</b> | <b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>   |  |                      |
|                  | 8am                                 | Eucharist  |                      |
|                  | 9.30am                              | Sung Eucharist   |                      |
|                  | 4pm                                 | Cantamus concert – 'Gloria'                                  |                      |
| 17 Tuesday       | 10.30-11.45am                       | Mainly Music   |                      |
| 17 Tuesday       | 2.30-4pm                            | Saxon Club   |                      |
| 18 Wednesday     | 2.30-4pm                            | Mothers' Union Meeting with Sheila                           |                      |
|                  |                                     | Soper  |                      |
| 19 Thursday      | 11am-12.30pm                        | Forget Me Not Café   |                      |
| 21 Saturday      | 11am                                | Marriage Blessing – Jan Polášek & Elizabeth Polášková        |                      |
|                  | 4pm                                 | 'Celebration of Song' Concert –<br>Songways & Clarity Choirs |                      |
| <b>22 SUNDAY</b> | <b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>   |  |                      |
|                  | 8am                                 | Eucharist  |                      |
|                  | 9.30am                              | Sung Eucharist   |                      |
|                  | 2.30pm                              | Holy Baptism of Asa Montacute                                |                      |
| 24 Tuesday       | 10.30-11.45am                       | Mainly Music   |                      |
|                  | 2.30-4pm                            | Saxon Club   |                      |
| 26 Thursday      | 7.30pm                              | <b>ASCENSION DAY</b> – Sung Eucharist                        |                      |
| <b>29 SUNDAY</b> | <b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> |  |                      |
|                  | <u>NO</u> 8am                       | Eucharist  |                      |
|                  | 9.30am                              | Benefice Sung Eucharist                                      |                      |



## WINGFIELD & WESTWOOD - MAY 2022

|                  |   |  |
|------------------|---|--|
| <b>1 SUNDAY</b>  | <b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>         |  |
|                  | 9.30am                                    | Morning Prayer (Common Worship) Wingfield                  |
|                  | 11.15am                                   | Morning Prayer (Common Worship) Westwood                   |
|                  | 6pm                                       | <i>Evensong (BCP)</i> Holy Trinity                         |
| 7 Saturday       | 6.30pm                                    | <i>Confirmation of Will Edwards in Salisbury Cathedral</i> |
| <b>8 SUNDAY</b>  | <b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>        |  |
|                  | 9.30am                                    | Holy Communion Wingfield                                   |
|                  | 11.15am                                   | Holy Communion Westwood                                    |
| 11 Wednesday     | 1.30pm                                    | Thanksgiving Service for Mary Drewitt                      |
| <b>15 SUNDAY</b> | <b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>         |  |
|                  | 9.30am                                    | Morning Prayer (Common Worship) Wingfield                  |
|                  | 10.30am                                   | Wingfield APCM Wingfield                                   |
|                  | 11.15am                                   | Morning Prayer (BCP) Westwood                              |
| <b>22 SUNDAY</b> | <b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>         |  |
|                  | 9.30am                                    | Holy Communion Wingfield                                   |
|                  | 11.15am                                   | Holy Communion Westwood                                    |
| <b>29 SUNDAY</b> | <b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>       |  |
|                  | 9.30am                                    | <i>Benefice Eucharist</i> Holy Trinity                     |
|                  | No services at Westwood & Wingfield today |  |

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Baptism

Meredith Anne Pearce 10 April

#### Marriage

James Harle & Michaela Corr 20 April

#### Memorial Service

Joan Rita Godwin 26 March



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## *'Spring Fever'*

*'It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want— oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!' (Mark Twain)*

I thought that might turn out to be rather a good description of May 2022! It is always my favourite month as the countryside is at its richest, its greenest, its most flourishing – and the days are long, and can be very warm. What's more it is very often, at least partially and this year wholly, in the Season of Eastertide. So a real time for rejoicing with those alleluias as 'Easter people'! And yet... the immediate global concerns of the war in Ukraine, hunger in Afghanistan, Yemen and so many other countries, and the Covid-19 pandemic are ever with us. Has Mark Twain perhaps touched on something of a tussle within us here as we rejoice in the springtime, but maybe are aware of something that is holding us back?

The disciples of Jesus could echo that feeling throughout those 40 days between the resurrection and the ascension. This year we shall celebrate Ascension Day with a Sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity at 7.30pm on Thursday, 26 May, and then celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on 5 June – the Jubilee weekend! – 50 days after the resurrection. It was a time of great joy that their Lord had indeed risen again, and was yet surely tempered with a certain bewilderment as to quite what was going on and what would happen next. As Jesus was at pains to point out (to Mary Magdalene) from the start, things were different: 'Do not hold on to me... but go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' We have the glorious benefit of hindsight so we can rejoice in a Jesus who is risen, ascended, glorified and present with us now through the power of the Holy Spirit.

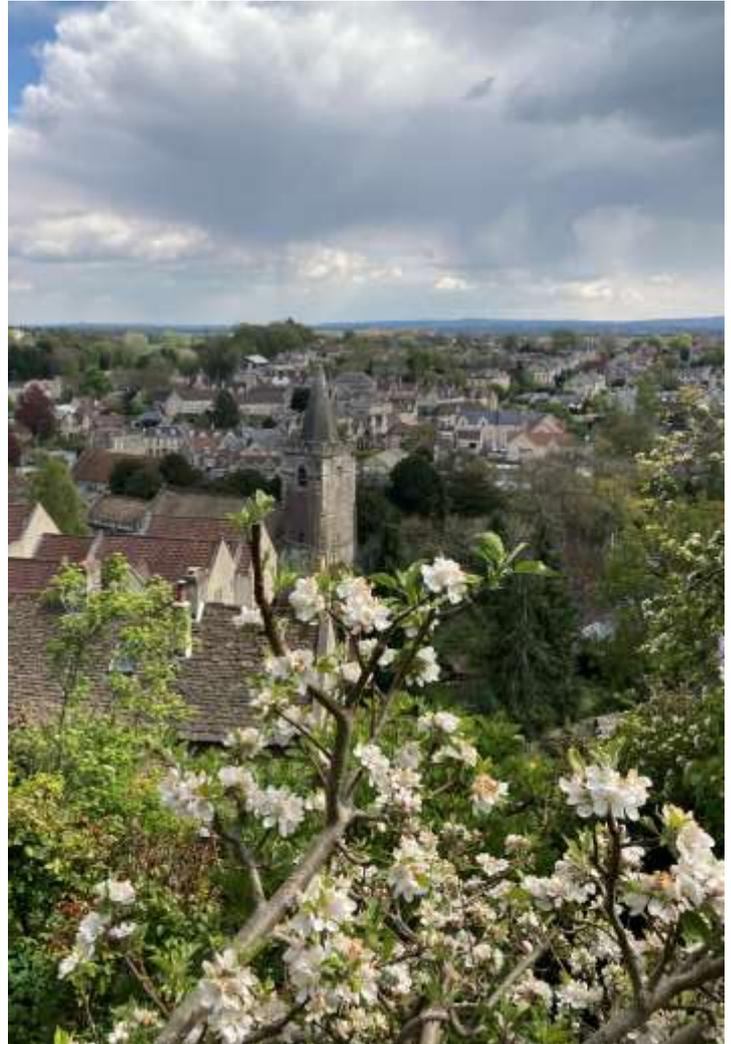
And our celebration of Easter across the benefice was truly glorious. The sun shone, the air was warm, the birds sang and our three churches looked stunning with their Easter flowers and the sunlight pouring in. It was wonderful to welcome a good crowd of friends old and new of all ages and share the good news of the resurrection together – even though, very

sadly. Covid took out two organists and the Holy Trinity choir... (But we were extremely fortunate to find replacement organists for all three sung services at Holy Trinity). And it really does feel like a new start after those long weeks of Lent – we have a 'spring' in our step as we face forwards with renewed hope, joy and strength. We walk the road with the risen Christ ready, in his strength and through his grace, for whatever may lie ahead. You could call it 'spring fever'?

Lying ahead, just over the threshold of the month of June, are the great festivities of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II. And as she has felt more and more able to speak of her deep Christian faith and vocation in recent years, so it is wonderfully appropriate that we shall be celebrating the Jubilee on the Feast of Pentecost, when we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles in the 'rush of a violent wind' and 'divided tongues, as of fire'. Look out for the amazing Wingfield Jubilee Church & School Fête in Church Lane on Saturday, 4 June from 2.30-5pm – special services at Wingfield and Westwood on Sunday, 5 June – and then a Jubilee 'In the Round' at Holy Trinity on Sunday, 12 June – Trinity Sunday!

With my love and prayers and every blessing for a wonderful Eastertide



*Joanna*

## SINGING FOR UKRAINE

**M**usical inspiration has been flowing in a loving response to the plight of the Ukrainian people. First off the blocks was the 'Prayer for Ukraine' (*Molytva za Ukrainu*), which was rapidly transcribed by the young organist Anna Lapwood and published on 1 March.

Anna (27, pictured right) is Director of Music at Pembroke College, Cambridge. And it was valiantly performed (in Ukrainian) by the Holy Trinity Choir before the APCM on 3 April. Then John Rutter (on 15 March) recorded his own specially written piece of music for Ukraine - 'A Ukrainian Prayer'. It's first performance was conducted by him and sung by a massed choir of 300 at St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common – Sarah's title parish! Rutter explained, 'I hope the music speaks with my own voice, but in terms that reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need. A literal translation of the text is: 'Good Lord, protect Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith and hope'.

And soon after, for Mothering Sunday (27 March), Truro Cathedral Choir recorded a fundraising anthem in aid of UNICEF's emergency appeal 'Protect Children in Ukraine'. It was inspired by young choristers who wanted to use their



talents to help their peers caught up in the war and they have already raised over £4000. The

piece was written by the Ukrainian contemporary composer Valentin Silvestrov, and the choir received support with their Ukrainian pronunciation from a London professor. The Dean of Truro Roger Bush said: 'Whatever your faith, we hope that this beautiful Ukrainian Ave Maria offers a powerful channel for our feelings, thoughts and prayers.'

Finally, on 3 April, the seven-year-old plucky Ukrainian singer, Amelia, who had sung 'Let it go' to the world from a crowded bunker in Kyiv, wowed audiences at S4C's annual Côr Cymru choir competition in Aberystwyth! As the audience rose to their feet in applause, grinning Amelia gave a thumbs up. She said: 'I love to sing, and I practise every morning, afternoon and night!' What's more Anna Lapwood was there too!

## 'FROM LAMENT TO ACTION'

**D**ioceses in the Church of England will have their 'feet held to the fire' as the Archbishops' Commission on Racial Justice tours the country to examine their racial justice work.

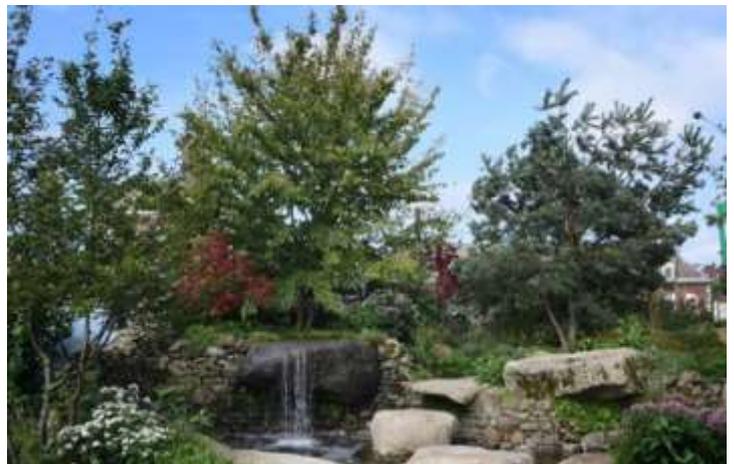
The commission, set up in response to the April 2021 report 'From Lament to Action', will review all aspects of the church's work on racial justice and is led by Lord Boateng, the first Black person appointed to the UK Cabinet in 2002. In a challenging speech to the church's General Synod in February, he invited members to meet with his team: 'We are here on a journey as we seek racial justice. We will wash your feet, but we will sometimes hold them to the fire.'

'It was encouraging that the church was challenged by someone who is outside of our structures', said the Revd Sonia Barron, a General Synod member and a member of the commission.' He said that the church is supposed to lead the way, and yet today's government front bench is more diverse than we are. That was a very powerful challenge to us.'

## AWARD WINNING GARDEN HAS NEW HOME

**A**fter its gold medal winning scoop at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, the Psalm 23 garden has been on the move.

Designer, Sarah Eberle, said: 'I am thrilled that the Psalm 23 Garden will have a permanent home at Winchester Hospice and hope that it will provide patients, their families and the staff a place to reflect and pause.' The Bible Society, who sponsored the garden, are also delighted with the move: 'I can't think of a better place for a garden that has provoked in so many people... a sense of peace, tranquillity and restoration of the soul', commented their CEO. The garden was carefully



transported and transplanted into the new garden space at the hospice, which itself only opened in September, last winter: 'Everyone connected with the hospice is delighted... the garden is a haven of peace and calm which enhances the quality of life for patients in the hospice as well as their loved ones and visitors.'

## MAINLY MUSIC - MOTHERS' DAY & EASTER TREATS

**H**ow do you like the picture of some of our children holding their Mothering Sunday posies to give to their mummies? It made me think of the phrase 'it is better to give than to receive' which I know has origins with Jesus and the Bible.

Just two weeks later, we gave



the children little Easter baskets in which were some mini eggs. They were so pleased! So that the adults

did not miss out on Easter treats, Mary



Nutt made chocolate nest eggs cakes for everyone. I think some of the children tasted these as well!

Thank you to those of who responded to my request for toys that you may have lurking at home & now unused. We would still like to have more small quality toys that you have. Cakes also welcome! We always get a thank you from children, parents & grandparents for welcoming these families into our church & maybe, an introduction to Christianity!

*Marlene Haffenden*

## FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ BRINGS THE CHURCH ALIVE!

**W**e started in February and the monthly Cafés have thrived, thanks to the enthusiastic local 'Dementia Action Alliance' volunteers and friends (and with some delicious HT cakes!).

Led with great energy and passion by Claire Mitchell from Alzheimer's Support. She's even got her own mother involved! There are regular attenders and each time we seem to gather visitors as well. A warm welcome, chat, cake and a musical and/or craft activity is a winning formula!



# WINGFIELD JUBILEE



Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Church Lane

2.30-5pm .

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Alex Clark for cake donations for 'teas': [alexmclark@hotmail.com](mailto:alexmclark@hotmail.com)

We will be collecting donations for the **white elephant**, **raffle** and **bottles** for the **tombola** on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June** (after 6pm), please leave donations clearly visible outside of your house.

## GENDER INEQUALITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

*Jill Wright catches up on the latest news from the Mothers' Union...*

Each year Mothers' Union sends a delegation and submits a statement to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. This year the theme was on: achieving gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in the context of climate change. Jocelyne Razafiarivony from Madagascar gave an address which shone a light on the devastating impact the world's first climate-induced famine has had on the women on the world's fourth largest island.

She spoke of the way there has been a massive exodus of men to the capital leaving women and children behind with only cactus juice and boiled water for food. 80% of the population live on less than \$2 a day. The drought has lasted for 40 years and is getting worse and worse. Food Aid is available but often tens of kilometres to reach and walking is the only option open.

**ACROSS:** 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

**DOWN:** 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.



She talked of the MU response of feeding these women for a week to help them to regain some strength. This initial support helped them gather their courage and prepare for a community-led response to the crisis. They were given sweet potato stems and maize seeds to grow in the land which has been left abandoned. Mothers' Union is seen as 'an agent of change' and members pass the knowledge on to their communities. Women do not have the same access to education and are left behind with sole responsibility for providing childcare, food, water and fuel. She finished making the point that the people of Madagascar emit the least carbon but they are the most severely stricken by climate change.

*Jill Wright*

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, 18 May, 2.30pm in Holy Trinity. Sheila Soper talks about Sudan.

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## Christian Aid Week - 15-21 May



In the last few weeks all our thoughts have been on the plight of those in Ukraine and the refugees fleeing from the war there. But the suffering continues for so many other refugees including those from Syria and Afghanistan, for those in conflict zones such as Yemen, Myanmar, and Ethiopia and those facing poverty throughout the world.

For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis is pushing more and more people into a struggle for survival. This will be made worse by the war in Ukraine, as the costs of fertiliser, grain, cooking oil and energy increase globally.

In this year's Christian Aid Week the focus is on Zimbabwe, a country where the impact of climate change is keenly felt and where drought is leading to widespread hunger. Droughts can now last up to three years and more extreme weather such as Cyclone Idai which hit Zimbabwe in 2019, will continue to devastate communities and destroy lives and livelihoods. Christian Aid is working with three local partners to help address the problems in straightforward, practical ways; Silveira House which provides training in skills like



welding and leather work, Bio-Innovation Zimbabwe which helps communities earn an income by harvesting wild indigenous plants and Community Technology Development Organisation which trains and equips farmers to adapt to the climate crisis.

Christian Aid works in three main ways: to give immediate help in emergencies, such as its current work in Ukraine, with local partners such as those in Zimbabwe to provide long term solutions to alleviate poverty, and its campaigns to address the underlying causes of poverty such as climate change. None of this work is possible without the help of supporters. This year Christian Aid Week takes place from 15 to 21 May. There will be opportunities to give through church and house to house collections in BoA or giving online ([www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)). I do hope you will feel able to give generously.

*Lindsay Driscoll*

# Celebration of song

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## *Let's Make a Difference!*

**E**ach day most of us get up and follow our daily routine, taking things for granted. Just a few short months ago most Ukrainian families were going about their daily routines, taking things for granted, just the same as us. Little did they think that their lives were about to change beyond recognition.

This month, on Saturday, 14 May from 10.30am - 12.30pm, Holy Trinity will host a Coffee Morning to raise funds to help the 18 million people who are projected to be affected by the escalating conflict in Ukraine. It soon became apparent that everyone wanted to help, a team of HT volunteers all readily agreed to either help Geoff in the kitchen, bake homemade cakes or offer stewarding support on the day. Our community were also keen to be involved, including our local Co-op Pioneer and the Bridge Yard Co-op store have kindly agreed to donate the tea and coffee for the event, all Fairtrade of course.

Town Councillors including Cllr Jennie Parker and Cllr Sam Blackwell who was instrumental in organising the recent community donations which were sent to the Ukraine have already accepted an invitation to join us, as have local

residents with family connections to the Ukraine and we look forward to hopefully welcoming recent arrivals from Ukraine. There will also be an opportunity to view a display charting the journey of the items generously donated by the people of Bradford on Avon.

So please join us in making a difference, in addition to raising much needed funds for the appeal, we hope that the usual warm HT welcome will help show our support for our Ukrainian friends not only here in Bradford on Avon but wherever they presently call home.

*Geoff & Jane Jones*

**UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY - 10.30AM-12.30PM**

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BRADFORD ON AVON, BA15 1LW**

## *Favourite Hymns from around the Benefice*

**M**usic lovers from around the benefice share their favourite choice or choices of hymn...

New Holy Trinity PCC member, chorister and occasional organist, Julia Steward, writes: "ONE hymn? ONE hymn of the 600+ that I have sung in my life. It's a completely impossible task - so many stand out. Should I talk about 'Be still my soul' – a favourite of my father's which I played at his funeral? Or 'Come down O love divine' which I chose as my leaving hymn at school? Or 'Angel voices' chosen at my last service when leaving a particular church community? These, it strikes me, are all about endings. What about the other hundred or so I could choose? The great thing about hymns is that there is something for every season: for beginnings and endings, for guidance or consolation; for perseverance and, of course, for praise. Ask me tomorrow and I will make a different choice.

The one that keeps suggesting itself to me today is 'How shall I sing that majesty?' to the tune Coe Fen. The unifying feature of all hymns I love is the unbreakable connection between words and music. Singing the words of one hymn to the tune of another

almost never works for me. These words by John Mason may take a bit of unpicking – especially those of verses 5-12 which are not reproduced in hymn books. No matter: music expresses what words cannot. The connection is visceral. I challenge any organist not to feel compelled to pull out all the stops for the final verse – prompting the congregation to respond in equal measure."

### **A MUSIC GROUP MUST**

Will and Belinda Lawrie live in Westwood and Will and his two children, Jemima and Rufus, play the trombone, trumpet and saxophone, respectively, in the Holy Trinity Music Group. Will writes: "A hymn that can always be relied upon to lift my spirits is 'Thine Be the Glory.' The tune is set to the chorus 'See, the Conquering hero comes' from Handel's oratorio 'Judas Maccabaeus.' Its militaristic theme presents the resurrected Christ as a victorious warrior who has vanquished death and the powers of evil.

Regularly sung at Easter, and a popular choice for weddings and funerals, this wonderfully rousing hymn is often sung in celebration of big events. It featured during the service of thanksgiving for the

Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and is played during the 'Last Night of the Proms' in the Royal Albert Hall at the end of Sir Henry Wood's 'Fantasia on British Sea Songs,' with prom-goers traditionally whistling the tune!

I'm no chorister but 'Thine be the Glory' always stirs the aspiring Bryn Terfel within me and my atavistic response to its triumphant tone is always to lift my chin up, inflate my chest and belt it out *con brio*! Singing this hymn, preferably in a lively congregation full of lusty voices, is, for me, a sure-fire, life-affirming pleasure. It was my first pick to feature in our wedding service when Belinda and I were married in St James' Church, Nayland, in Suffolk, in April 2002."

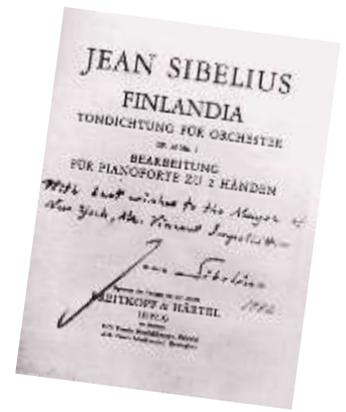
### THE CHURCHWARDEN'S CHOICE

And finally, we hear from David Robinson, Churchwarden of St Mary, Wingfield and Deanery Treasurer who is a keen choral singer and passionate advocate for the recent restoration of the St Mary's organ: "It is always difficult to say what one's favourite anything is – painting, book, town, music or hymn. One of my favourite hymns and my choice for this article is inspired more by the tune than the words, and it is 'Be still my

soul' with the famous 'Finlandia' as the tune. From my early teens back in the 60's - and due entirely to Music

Appreciation classes run by an amazing director of music at my school - I became aware of Sibelius as a composer and 'Finlandia' of course is his best-known piece.

Jean Sibelius, possibly Finland's most famous son, wrote the patriotic symphonic poem 'Finlandia' between 1899 and 1900, at a time, coincidentally, when the Grand Duchy of Finland was resisting efforts to increase the influence of its larger neighbour, Russia. But it was not until 1939 that the final and serene hymn-like fourth section was identified as the Finlandia Hymn, following further aggression from Russia. Sibelius then arranged it for a mixed choir in 1948. The words in English, 'Be Still my Soul', come from the original German text written in 1752 and translated into English in 1855. Often sung at Remembrance or other memorial services, its powerful theme conjures up a mix of emotions – nostalgia, melancholy, uplifting and patriotism. I find it a wonderful stirring experience to hear it, or better, to sing it."



## *Prayer Paths: May is Mary's Month*

**I**t is an old custom in the church to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, fifty days in which we celebrate in the liturgy the resurrection of Christ, a time also of waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Mary has perhaps been the subject of more thought and discussion about what it is to be a woman than any other woman in Western history. There are so many and contradictory images, stories and symbols about Mary; diverse understandings of feminine identity and vocation, as well as the divine feminine. Mary is thought of as 'theotokos', the God-bearer, in whose body God is manifested, and by contemplation of which the mystery of the incarnation can be approached.

The idealisation of Mary has presented some with impossible dilemmas - how could Mary be an ordinary human woman who suffered as ordinary women do or be, as Augustine had said, someone who 'conceived without pleasure and gave birth without pain', a paragon other women could not identify with? Others have tried to present a different vision of Mary – liberation

theologians reclaiming her as someone showing the release of oppressed people from poverty and enslavement, and feminist theologians stating that she demonstrates in her virgin motherhood the union of the opposites which take place in the incarnation.



There is much to think about but perhaps this month we can celebrate Mary in her symbolic flower, the rose, maybe try praying the rosary, or delight in a visit to one or both of the two wonderful ancient churches dedicated to Mary in our benefice, in Wingfield and in Westwood.

*A Mary prayer by Nicola Slee:*

Blessed be God for the faithfulness of Mary; for her courage, her boldness, her initiative; for her willingness to journey, to change and to suffer; for her wholehearted offering of herself to God and God's work of liberation. May we, too, be bold in believing, generous in self-offering and wholehearted in our participation in God's work of justice and freedom.

*Sarah Jackson*

## *Small Pilgrim Places: St Maelrhys*

**R**evd Dr Ali Green takes us on a small pilgrim places tour to St Maelrhys in the Llyn Peninsula in Wales.

As I approached the church of St Maelrhys, along winding lanes heading over the hilly farmland of the Llyn Peninsula, Wales, I kept catching glimpses of a far steep-sided hill seemingly enveloped in roiling cotton wool. Only when I reached my destination, overlooking Porth Ysgo and the Atlantic Sea beyond, did I realise that I had been looking at Bardsey Island, the remote haunt of many an early saint and pilgrim, and still a favourite retreat for those seeking contemplative simplicity and silence.

Below the church Porth Ysgo is reached by descending a valley leading down to a secluded cove.

Now owned by the National Trust, the site echoes to the memory of the sights and sounds of industry, with a mine extracting manganese (I could see mine entrances dotted along the grassy cliffs) and a jetty where ships were loaded.

St Maelrhys is named after an ancient local saint, possibly of Breton origin and honoured on Bardsey Island. This Small Pilgrim Place stands in lone splendour among treeless stone-walled pastures. Susan Fogarty, SPPN hospitaller, met me in the churchyard and explained that the middle section of the church is the oldest, with later extensions to the east and west. The church is very simple in design, just a rectangular space with chancel and nave accessed through a west door, and furnished with Georgian box pews and

benches. On the east wall behind the altar is a large, plain arched window. There is no need for further ornamentation when the view beyond is of stunning bracken and heather-covered hills.

*Left: The simple building of St Maelrhys surrounded by the churchyard*





**Above:** The nave and chancel **Right:** The east window with wonderful views

A narrow staircase near the west door leads up to a small room holding a collection of books, old photos and memorabilia reflecting the interest of many visitors to this isolated little place of worship: the priest and poet RS Thomas (1913-2000). In fact while I was talking with Susan a small group of the poet's devotees came in, bringing with them lots of questions which Susan, herself an admirer of Thomas, expertly fielded. Thomas was vicar here for a decade or so and continued to worship and take services at St Maelrhys following his retirement in 1978; he would travel here from his home in the nearby village of Y Rhiw.

In a corner of the graveyard, Susan showed me a simple inscribed slate commemorating

Thomas' wife, the artist, mural painter and book illustrator Mildred Elsi Eldridge. Just nearby is a similar slate in memory of priest, wordsmith and publisher Jim Cotter, who died in 2014. He published many books of prayers and hymns, some (such as *Pilgrim Prayer*) now modern classics.

He moved to Wales in 2001, and the poetry of his predecessor RS Thomas was an inspiration and encouragement to him. Jim's works have been a favourite on my bookshelves over many years and I interviewed him for one of my books. More importantly he was also the founder of the Small Pilgrim Places Network, so it was a special privilege to visit his place of ministry here.

*Ali Green*



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# Plant Sale

■  
The Saxon Church  
Church Street  
Bradford on Avon

■  
7 May 2022  
10am - 12 pm

■  
In aid of the Saxon  
Church and St. Mary  
Tory with donations  
from local nurseries

## The Children's Society

**L**ocal Children's Society rep Liz Forbes talks about the challenges faced by charities trying to fundraise over the last few years and celebrates some of the success stories.

COVID-19 has made fundraising for all charities difficult and most have found money raised much lower. The last Christingle services totalled £509,818.06 , the year before it was £519,000 and previous years

was usually one million... an enormous difference! However, as the well known saying goes 'every penny counts' and it certainly does.

Bradford committee held the first fund raising event of the year in March and we were amazed and so grateful for all the support. Our total was £400 which was more than we dared to hope and

"Children were not mentioned once in the Chancellor's Spring Statement" *Mark Russell*

for children and young people. Mark Russell, the C.E.O of The Children's Society said recently.

will be so well used. The pandemic and the state of the world has made care and help for the young and vulnerable even more important. Almost 150 years ago when Edward Rudolf founded the Waifs and Strays. (The original name!) I am sure he would not have dreamt that in the sophisticated twenty first century the country would see the same problems and some even worse

" We hoped the Government would take the opportunity to consider children in the Spring Statement and put in place funding that would really make a difference to their lives but children were not mentioned once in the Chancellor's plan. With



**Left:** A National Christingle Service is held in association with the Church of England



**Success: School Uniforms Bill law in May**

families facing huge financial pressures and the cost of living set to soar this will only get worse for many households due to National Insurance tax rises and Government failing to update benefits to keep pace with inflation. We welcome an increase in the household support fund which will help low income families who find themselves in severe financial hardship, preventing them from falling into debt, poverty or homelessness."

On the positive side, The Children's Society has been campaigning to cut the cost of school uniforms since 2014, when young people on the Children's Commission on Poverty spoke out about how unfair uniform costs were a barrier to children's education. And, thanks to so many people signing petitions and supporting the campaign, the School Uniforms Bill was made law in May.... meaning schools will have to prioritise cost when setting their uniform policies.... so a huge thank you to everyone who supported this.

Many projects are taking place all over the country and I will tell you more when I write again. Meanwhile, please remember and pray for all children everywhere. Their future is on our hands.

*Liz Forbes*

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

For more information on the wonderful work of The Children's Society and to donate to their projects you can find them online at: [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

## Forget-me-not Café

Free refreshments, cake, & good fun and company



For anyone who would enjoy some good company, and people with memory problems, their families and carers.

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| <b>Thursday, 3 March</b><br><b>3 - 4.30pm</b><br><b>Dog &amp; Fox</b><br>Ashley Rd, BA15 1RT | <b>Thursday, 17 March</b><br><b>11am - 12.30pm</b><br><b>Holy Trinity Church</b><br>Church St, BA15 1LW |
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| <b>Thursday, 7 April</b><br><b>3 - 4.30pm</b><br><b>Dog &amp; Fox</b><br>Ashley Rd, BA15 1RT | <b>Thursday, 21 April</b><br><b>11am - 12.30pm</b><br><b>Holy Trinity Church</b><br>Church St, BA15 1LW |
| MAY  |   |
| <b>Thursday, 5 May</b><br><b>3 - 4.30pm</b><br><b>Dog &amp; Fox</b><br>Ashley Rd, BA15 1RT   | <b>Thursday, 19 May</b><br><b>11am - 12.30pm</b><br><b>Holy Trinity Church</b><br>Church St, BA15 1LW   |

## *View from the Allotment: April/May*

**T**his month, Graham's back with tips on sowing little and often, companion planting & dodging the British weather...

I'm so glad that I waited this year and did not take advantage of the lovely weather at the end of March. Especially as we then had weeks of heavy rain, high winds, frost and even hail. However, as I write in the second week of April, I have at least planted out my early potatoes and sowed some more broad beans together with spring onions, carrots and parsnips. I hope to plant out some more vegetables later in April, including peas, onions, the rest of my potatoes and sow salad crops. Meanwhile I have bought Brassica plants from a local Garden Centre to plant out in May.

This year I am trying to sow little and often so that I don't have a glut of things all being ready at the same time. Though I realise this will disappoint friends and neighbours who usually benefit. Meanwhile there is always plenty of weeding to do, not to mention preparing for when warmer weather finally comes and I can get fully going on the seed sowing front. I can't wait to sow courgettes and, this year, will even be trying outdoor cucumbers grown up a cane wigwam.

There is nothing more satisfying than watching as seeds that you have sown germinate, pushing themselves up through the ground and then grow to their full stature and produce a harvest. One of the best vegetables for this is sweetcorn that grows so high and produces delicious cobs. If picked and then immediately cooked, you know why they are called sweetcorn as the cobs are so sweet, especially when smeared with loads of butter.

*Graham Dove*

### **TOP TIPS: MAY**

- 1)** Grow marigolds or spring onions amongst your carrots to help deter carrot root fly. In fact grow marigolds anywhere as they are ideal companion plants for most vegetables and help to keep pests at bay and encourage natural predators.
- 2)** Don't use pesticides to combat pests on your plants, encourage natural predators such as ladybirds and Blue Tits. They both eat aphids and the Blue Tits also eat caterpillars.



*EDS - Do contact Graham with your tips, queries & gardening wins!*

## *Nature Now: May*

**D**ave Green continues his monthly nature diary with exciting news about Holy Trinity's brilliant biodiversity featured on film!

At the end of March I joined John Potter, ex-mayor and current chair of BoA Preservation Trust, together with camera and sound crew, to make a short film to be shown at the Frome International Climate Film Festival, planned to take place on 7 May. It's also due to be shown at the Climate Friendly evening meeting at the BoA Friends Meeting House, Whiteheads Lane, on 16 May.

The stars of the film are the many wildflowers that pop up around our local curbs, verges and other public nooks and crannies



**Above:** *The Blue Heart at Holy Trinity*

and which support all sorts of insects and other invertebrates that in turn are the food source for other animals. Just before the pandemic I had given talks to the Preservation Trust about the need to protect these valuable plants, often dismissed or destroyed as "weeds". This led to John inviting me to be interviewed on camera.

Part of the film features the conservation area on the western edge of Holy Trinity churchyard, where the Blue Heart sign is back, to let passers-by know that this is a nature conservation area. In the past this patch had been mown regularly, so for many years plants couldn't come to flower and could only perpetuate themselves by vegetative means.

But over the last few years the patch has been left unmown except for one cut in late autumn. It has been a delightful spot this spring, full of primroses and Yellow Archangel, and in the filmed interview I explained how this little patch of ground was spared the mower to allow the wildflowers to flourish. As a bonus, a pair of Slow Worms happened to be sheltering under the corrugated iron sheet that had been installed for such a purpose, and they also played their part for the camera.

Moving on down Church Street, we also filmed some of the plethora of plants that grow on the walls and along the pavements here, among them the bright yellow *Corydalis* and Alkanet with its intense blue flowers. These are non-native plants that have escaped and naturalised on walls across southern England, so have become an intrinsic part of our urban flora. Both these species, along with the humble Dandelion that also grows here, are excellent early sources of nectar for hungry bees and other insects.

Many close-mown churchyards hold a wealth of wildflowers, often species that are rare in the area. This is because when these pieces of ground were originally included in the church's curtilage, they would have been part of the meadow landscape, one of the

most diverse habitats in the British Isles. Many churchyards are full of such wildflowers that have survived for a very long time, often because they haven't fallen victim to harmful herbicides used on agricultural land, which kill any broadleaved herbs.

This benefice is fortunate in having a wonderful example of such a sward at Wingfield. A section of the churchyard here was left unmown for a few weeks in the spring last year, and an amazing number of wildflowers appeared that had never got the chance to blossom and reproduce by setting seed. I led a ramble around this churchyard for a group of parishioners, who were fascinated by the diversity of flowers that had appeared over such a short time.

### **GOD'S ACRE**

As well as working with the churches in this benefice I've also been helping other parishes nearby to provide the best possible habitats for wildlife. This work continues an initiative that I was first involved with over 30 years ago, when it was called God's Acre; it has

*Left: Wildlife ramble through the churchyard at Wingfield*



**Right:** A Grey Squirrel  
snacks on sticky  
tree buds

**Far right:** Spurge-laurel



Photos © Nick Upton

perpetuated in some form ever since.

Many parishes have taken on board such initiatives over the years, following the principle of wildlife conservation in some way.

My role as a botanist is to identify areas of high plant diversity and potential, so that such sections can be marked out, and left without cutting during the spring and early summer, to allow these plants to flower and set seed. The cutting regime is then resumed until the back end of the year.

I visit each site up to 3 times and identify and record what wildflowers show up. The resulting records are included in the National Plant database, and I always send the parish a full list of what has been found. This database holds records of every plant species found in all recorded locations, so is useful in finding out whether any plant is known from a particular location.

One species that you're very unlikely to see in a churchyard, but might come across in an ancient woodland or hedgeline, has inter-

ested contributor Nick Upton lately. It's known as Spurge-laurel, *Daphne Laureola*. He writes: "I came across a new plant to me in dense woodland on a limestone ridge that I nearly ignored as a stray *Rhododendron*, before realising that such an acid-loving plant wouldn't grow there. A closer look revealed clusters of little green trumpet-shaped flowers of what I now know is Spurge-laurel, neither a Spurge nor a Laurel, but a wild *Daphne* that favours chalk woodlands."

### **TURF WARS**

Nick has also been spending time in his garden hide, watching the battle between a squirrel and a jackdaw over a bird nesting box. "The Jackdaws seem largely in control of the nest box now, and have been doing a lot of nest clearing out/ bringing in of new soft lining for it. I think it should lay eggs and begin incubating soon, but it has really had to battle for it,

**Right:** Jackdaws and squirrels battle for control of the nest box

with some really active skirmishes. The birds may yet have a problem... The squirrels still sneak in at night, sometimes when the Jackdaws have gone to roost, and they even nip in during the day sometimes between Jackdaw visits. Also, a Tawny Owl has started visiting the box at night, usually just sitting in the entrance, but one cold night last week it went in, and was still there in the morning, as was a squirrel that had been in the box



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with it. The squirrel raced out at speed and fell from the box, and the Jackdaws then chased the owl off." So the Battle of the Nestbox continues apace...

*Dave Green*



*EDS - Feel free to contact Dave via [ht.parishnews@gmail.com](mailto:ht.parishnews@gmail.com)*

## *Letter*



**A**fter the important issues of the APCM had been efficiently dealt with on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. There were a few hidden surprises. It was also the end of my six year term as your churchwarden at Holy Trinity.

I was then kindly presented with a card containing many signatures and kind messages from you all. Also very generous and useful garden vouchers. Celia then realised why she had been kindly persuaded to stay, as she was presented with a delightful pot of spring flowers. So lovely and unexpected. So many grateful thanks to you all from both of us. We have so much to be thankful for, having been surrounded by love, support, and caring friendship from you all since we first came to Holy Trinity 43 years ago.

So it has been a privilege and a pleasure to be your churchwarden, and I would like to say a big thank you, and also to say how much we have appreciated all your support during that time. I am now happy to be part of the Churchwardens' Team, and will always be there for you.

*With our love and every blessing  
David & Celia*

## 'A Transformational Community For Staff & Pupils'

Everyone at St Laurence School is celebrating the findings of their recent inspection with the school receiving 'excellent' gradings across the board. As a Church school, St Laurence are also required to have a Statutory Inspection alongside Ofsted and this took place on Wednesday, 16 March with two inspectors in school for the whole day; meeting with parents, staff and students as well as visiting lessons, reviewing data and being out and about at lunch and break.

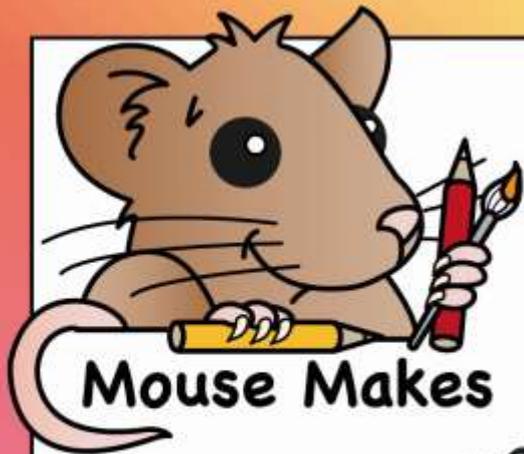
The inspectors awarded the school the top gradings across the board with the school's overall effectiveness grade as Excellent. 'I really could not be prouder of the St Laurence community' said Tim Farrer, headteacher. 'I joined the school in January 2021 and was fully aware of all of the work done by the previous head, Fergus Stewart, since the last inspection. It has been a privilege to build on this and the result is a testament to the incredible young people, staff and parents. It is such a special place and one that truly cares for the individual and I am so pleased that this has been recognised.'

The report itself is published on the school website for all to see but staff were elated to read state-



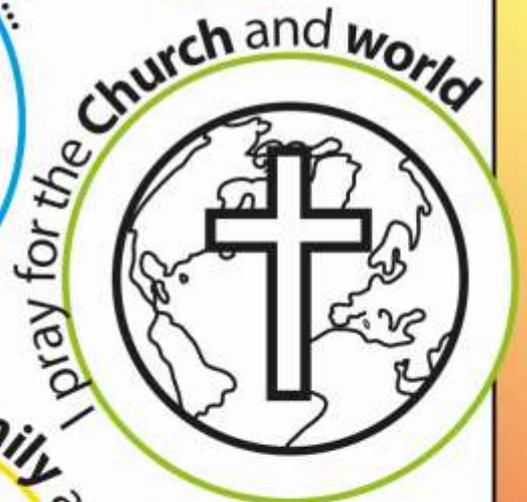
ments like 'pupils flourish because of the excellent support', 'pupils care deeply' and that the school is 'inspiring and inclusive' and has 'impressive academic success'. 'I have known how special the school is from the moment I arrived' said Tim 'and these comments really encapsulate how special it is. Our one area for development is to be even more confident with the school's Christian status and I hope to work as closely as ever with the local community and parishes to achieve that.'

Students were highlighted as courageous advocates who acted as role models for others and it is stated that the whole school has an 'attitude of selfless care'. 'I think the school is well summarised when the inspector states 'pupils make strong progress and grow into confident people', says the head. 'Surely that is what being a great school is all about'.



# Mouse Makes

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"  
Psalm 136:1



Jesus said,  
"This, then, is how you should pray:

Our \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_  
hallowed be your \_\_\_\_\_  
your \_\_\_\_\_  
come,  
your \_\_\_\_\_ be  
done, on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as it  
is in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Give us this day our  
daily \_\_\_\_\_.  
And \_\_\_\_\_  
us our \_\_\_\_\_,  
as we also have  
forgiven our debtors.  
And \_\_\_\_\_  
us not into  
temptation, but  
\_\_\_\_\_ us from the  
\_\_\_\_\_ one."

"Never stop praying."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."  
Philippians 4:6

Read Matthew 6:9-13 to fill in the words.

## Wiltshire Butterflies: April

**T**owards the end of March we experienced ten consecutive days of fine, warm sunny weather similar to March 2021. Many butterflies were reported at this time including the first Orange-tip on 17<sup>th</sup> in Salisbury, Small White on 18<sup>th</sup> at Melksham, Pewsey and Gomeldon, Holly Blue on 19<sup>th</sup> at Coombe Bissett, south of Salisbury and Speckled Wood on 20<sup>th</sup> near Durrington. Watch out for the last two in the churchyard in the next few weeks.

I visited the Woodland Trust woodland near Westbury that I have been monitoring since 1978 and on 19<sup>th</sup> counted 2 Brimstones, 4 Peacocks and 17 Commas along the sunny, sheltered rides. The sallow catkins, also referred to as pussy willow, were the main nectar attraction as well as the abundant primroses. Totals so far reported for March are 406 Brimstones, 28 Small Whites, three Orange-tips, 10 Holly Blues, 26 Red Admirals, 203 Small Tortoiseshells, 204 Peacocks, 117 Commas and seven Speckled Wood; a total of 1005 compared with 862 in 2021. All of these species either over-winter as hibernated adults or as chrysalises and the next species to be seen will be those that spend the winter as nearly fully grown caterpillars.

The only brief day-time snow/sleet flurries were on 31 March and as I write, April has so far been a bit disappointing weath-



**Above:** Green-veined White

erwise and although often sunny and dry, has been unseasonably cool with some frosty nights. Consequently, butterfly activity has been much curtailed with very few being reported. The only new species so far is a single Green-veined White seen near Calne on 1<sup>st</sup> and the picture [above] is of another from a garden at Great Chalfield on 11 April resting on a daffodil.

Of course, all these reported represent only a small proportion of the butterflies around at the time but not reported. Many, probably 100's, would have been active in the countryside. So, overall a good start to the 2022 butterfly season and as we approach May, several additional species will appear.

*Mike Fuller*  
*Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder*  
*12 April 2022*

## *Saint for the Season: Josephine Butler*

**W**e celebrate the 'Lesser Festival' of Josephine Butler, the pioneering nineteenth century social reformer and champion of women's rights on the anniversary of her death, 30 May.

Josephine (née Grey) was born in Northumberland into a family of wealthy political reformers – the Whig Prime Minister Earl Grey (as in the tea!) was a cousin of her father. She was mostly educated at home, being schooled in social reform and in a form of Christianity that emphasised practical action. George's career took them first to Oxford, where Josephine 'achieved a level of education unusual for a woman of her time', and when they moved to Liverpool, she became increasingly involved in women's rights, and was particularly passionate about higher education and the plight of prostitutes.

In 1869 Josephine was appointed Secretary to the 'Ladies' National Association for the Repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts'. Introduced in the 1860s to reduce venereal disease and regulate prostitution, these laws required all women believed to be prostitutes in seaports and garrison towns to submit to intrusive medical examinations. Their male clients,

however, were not subjected to this. Josephine and her fellow campaigners recognised the examinations as unjust and humiliating and she conducted a long and ardent campaign for their repeal, confronting Victorian sexual taboos head-on. The Acts were finally repealed in Britain in 1886.

She also spoke out against the growing problem of under-age prostitution and licensed houses. This led to the founding in London of a committee for the suppression of 'white slave traffic'. And in later years Josephine lobbied for causes including Irish Home Rule, women's suffrage and the rooting out of police corruption - and she led a campaign to end the regulation of prostitution in India.

A remarkable woman indeed. And throughout her life she was a devout Anglican and a woman of prayer, finding particular inspiration in the life of Catherine of Siena. One wonders how she would have reacted at the social chasms opening up today?...

*Joanna Abecassis*



# For Prayer and Reflection

## May 2022

- The risen Christ among us
- The coming of the Holy Spirit
- Peace between nations
- Justice for the oppressed



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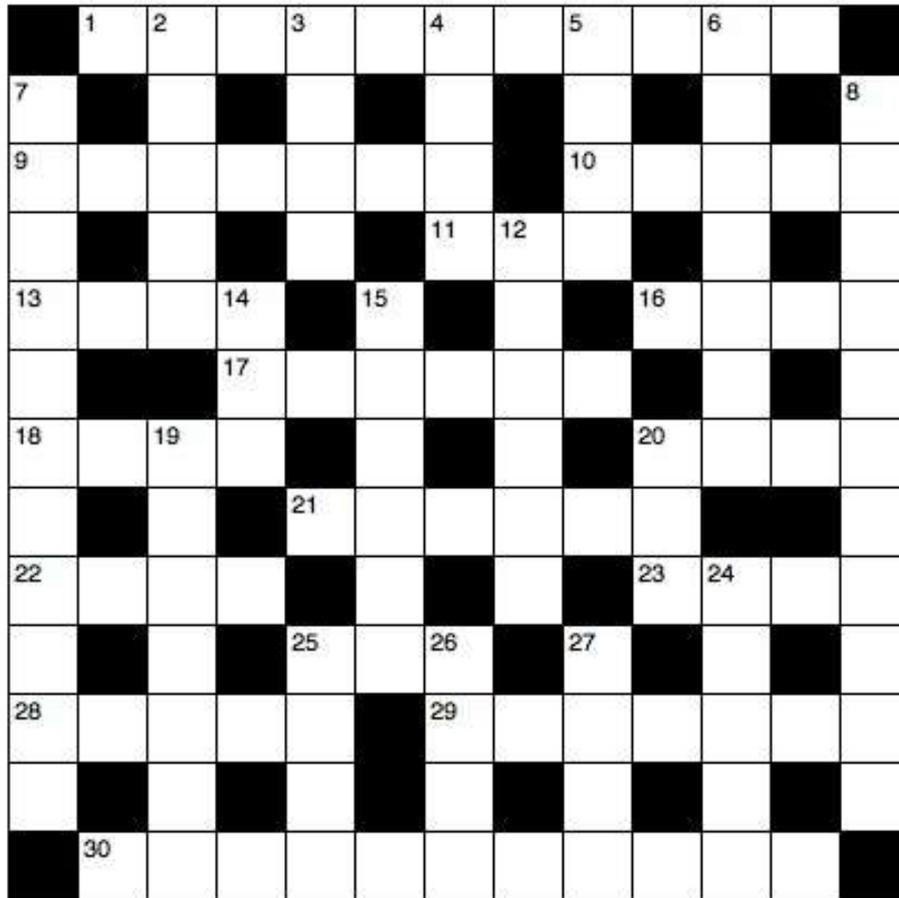
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### Clues across

- 1** Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)  
**9** 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)  
**10** 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)  
**11** On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)  
**13** Stagger (Isaiah 28:7)(4)  
**16** 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)  
**17** Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6)  
**18** Burden(Luke11:46)(4)  
**20** 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)  
**21** Sign(Luke23:38)(6)  
**22** 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)  
**23** The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)  
**25** Has(anag.)(3)  
**28** 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)  
**29** 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)  
**30** Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

### Clues down

- 2** Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)  
**3** 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)  
**4** 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)  
**5** Slip (anag.) (4)  
**6** 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)  
**7** Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)  
**8** 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)  
**12** Acquire(2Timothy2:10)(6)  
**14** Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3)  
**15** 'He...became obedient to death, even death on —!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)  
**19** Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7)  
**20** 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)  
**24** One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva(5)  
**25** 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30)(4)  
**26** 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)  
**27** One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

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The Revd Canon Joanna Abecassis, Chair

The Revd Sarah Jackson (Associate Priest)

Graham Dove (LLM), Secretary, Deanery Synod member

### MEMBERS

Zabe Ashworth-James

Elaine Giles (Treasurer)

Julia Steward

Peter Yarker

### CHURCHWARDENS EMERITI

Jeremy Lavis, Mike Fuller, Anne Carter, Tony Haffenden, Joan Finch, Trevor Ford, Judith Holland, David Milne.

### THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Joanna, Judy Bruun, Anne Carter, Joan Finch, Marlene Haffenden, Tony Haffenden, Heather Knight and Sue Lavis.

### THE FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

*Chairman:* John Cox, *Secretaries:* Mike and Jenny Fuller, *Treasurer:* Judith Burchell

*Committee:* Michael Cottle, Chris Hodge, Alison Craddock, Anne Willis

*Ex officio:* Revd Canon Joanna Abecassis and David Milne

### BRADFORD GROUP MINISTRY

This is a longstanding body which now comprises the two benefices of North Bradford on Avon and Villages and our own. We look forward to establishing a much closer bond, and the Group clergy meet regularly.

## OTHER OFFICERS AND ORGANIZERS

|   |                                     |  |
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| PCC Secretary                           | Graham Dove                         | grahamdovellm@gmail.com                          |
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### Parish Representatives on other organisations:

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|-------------------------|--|
| Bradford Group Council: | The Churchwardens  |
| Children's Society:     | Liz Forbes   |
| Christian Aid:          | Judith Holland   |
| Deanery Synod:          | Graham Dove  |
| BoA Churches Together:  | c/o The Revd Canon Joanna Abecassis  |
| St Laurence School:     | The Revd Canon Joanna Abecassis<br>and Lindsay Driscoll (Foundation Governors) |

