Parish News

Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity,
Westwood and Wingfield

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022





In this issue...

- Judith Holland talks witches & the Street Market
- Wonderful weddings find out more inside
- And Revd Sarah explores vocations

Plus what's on around the Benefice!

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Times of Services

Holy Trinity (Check Bulletins and notices or Church website)

Sundays 8am Eucharist (Traditional language) 9.30am Eucharist (coffee afterwards)

2nd Sundays 9.30am 'In the Round' (coffee afterwards)

1st Sundays 6pm Evensong

Weekday Eucharist

10am 1st Wednesday of the month only Daily Morning Prayer at 8.30am most days

(please check Sunday Bulletin)

mainly music 10.30am, Tuesdays (term-time only)

Choir Practice 6.15pm, Thursdays

Mothers' Union 2.30pm, usually 3rd Wednesday of every month Saxon Club 2.30pm –4pm every Tuesday except August

7.30-9pm 2nd and 4th Mondays **Bell Practice**

Benefice website www.htboa.org

Notices to Netty not later than Wednesday for the following **Weekly Bulletin**

Sunday please.

Please see the bulletin or visit www.htboa.org for more details on service times and locations.



Harvest Thanksgiving

in the

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK



Holy Trinity Church

Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LW

9.30am

Sunday, 25 September

'striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth' (*the Fifth Mark of Mission*)







day

HOLY TRINITY - AUGUST 2022

3 Wednesday 10am Eucharist

4 Thursday 10.45am Trio Paradis Coffee Concert

4 Thursday 8pm Contemplative Hour @ St Mary Tory St Mary, Tory

7 SUNDAY THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

2.30pm Holy Baptism of Archer Piers Leary

6pm Evensong

10 Wednes- 7.30pm 'Tutankhamun, King of Egypt – His Life and Afterlife' – a talk by

Professor Aidan Dodson in aid of the Children's Society

11 Thursday 2-5pm Traditional Afternoon Teas, in the company of St James,

Sudanese Bishops Hassan of Kadugli and Ismail South Wraxall

of El Obeid (in Darfur)

13 Saturday 12 noon Memorial Service for Pat Irving with the Inter-

ment of Ashes

13 Saturday 2pm Marriage of Tom Simmons & Vicky Bullen

14 SUNDAY THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am 'In the Round'

18 Thursday 11am-12.30pm Forget Me Not Café

21 SUNDAY THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

2.30pm Holy Baptism of Harriet May Bishop

26 Friday 12 noon Marriage of Daniel Timbrell & Emma Rodgers

27 Saturday 12 noon Marriage Blessing of Ollie & Yukina Huxtable

28 SUNDAY THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

2.30pm Holy Baptism of Christian Stockley



HOLY TRINITY - SEPTEMBER 2022

1 Thursday 10.45am Trio Paradis Coffee Concert

1 Thursday 8pm Contemplative Hour @ St Mary Tory St Mary, Tory

4 SUNDAY THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

6pm Evensong

6 Tuesday 10.30-11.45am Mainly Music

6 Tuesday 2.30-4pm Saxon Club 7 Wednesday 10am Eucharist

10 Saturday 10.30am - 12pm 'Come and Sing'

10 Saturday 1pm Marriage of Scott Shellard & Lauren Callaghan

11 SUNDAY THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am 'In the Round'

13 Tuesday 10.30-11.45am Mainly Music

13 Tuesday 2.30-4pm Saxon Club

14 Wednesday 2pm 'The Railway Children' - Matinée Cinema Club St Margaret's

with dementia friendly, relaxed screenings @ £5

Hall

15 Thursday 11am-12.30pm Forget Me Not Café

18 SUNDAY THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

20 Tuesday 10.30-11.45am Mainly Music

20 Tuesday 2.30-4pm Saxon Club

21 Wednesday 2.30-4pm Mothers' Union Eucharist & Meeting

24 Saturday 7.30pm Bach solo violin recital - Peter Tanfield Saxon Church

25 SUNDAY THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – HARVEST FESTIVAL

8am Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving in Great Big Green Week

27 Tuesday 10.30-11.45am Mainly Music

27 Tuesday 2.30-4pm Saxon Club

28 Wednesday 1.30pm Holy Trinity PCC Meeting The Vicarage



WINGFIELD & WESTWOOD - AUGUST 2022

6 Saturday	12 noon	Marriage of Ben Hodgson & Olivia Cooper	Westwood
7 SUNDAY	THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)	Wingfield
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)	Westwood
	6pm	Evensong	Holy Trinity
14 SUNDAY	THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wingfield
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Westwood
21 SUNDAY	THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)	Wingfield
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)	Westwood
27 Saturday	2pm	Marriage of Tom Bend & Beatrice Schofield	Westwood
28 SUNDAY	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
29 Monday	9.30am 11.15am 2.30-4.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Westwood Summer Show	Wingfield Westwood Farleigh Lane

FROM THE HOLY TRINITY REGISTERS

Marriage

Elodie May Jones 26 June Everly Rose Harding-Wyatt 24 July

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www.htboa.org





WINGFIELD & WESTWOOD - SEPTEMBER 2022

4 SUNDAY THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

11.15am Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

6pm Evensong

11 SUNDAY THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am Holy Communion

11.15am Holy Communion

14 Wednesday 7pm Wingfield PCC Meeting

18 SUNDAY THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am Chuppa Sunday – 'The Great Big Green

Week'

11.15am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

25 SUNDAY THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am Holy Communion

11.15am Holy Communion

29 Thursday 7.30pm Westwood PCC Meeting



reflection & discussion.

A new, fun time

with one another

and with God!

Drinks & biscuits -

song - story -prayer -

THEME FOR SEPTEMBER:





St Mary's Church, Wingfield

9.30am

Sunday, 18 September

"So, They Went Off Together..."

hese are the closing words of AA Milne's wonderful 'The House at Pooh Corner' and they continue: 'But wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way... a little boy and his Bear will always be playing.' It is a wonderful image of deep friendship and commitment – and of togetherness – but also of fun. It's popular at weddings. But we also used it at a recent 'In the Round' at Holy Trinity with a focus on dementia awareness and Jesus' words that, 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me'. Togetherness is key. And it seems to be jumping out at me in so many contexts at the moment. Yes, we are celebrating lots of glorious weddings this summer, and have made that something of a feature in this issue. And these have a habit of being followed by christenings (sometimes several!) and it's a great privilege to share in that continuity, that sense of growing togetherness.

The Holy Trinity Street Market, reviewed here (together with what was to follow that evening...), is always a great example of a church and wider community coming together, and having fun, and I think it is that sense of 'togetherness' which probably lingers most in people's minds. And then (also featured in this action-packed bumper issue) is the Westwood Summer Show on the August Bank Holiday Monday. Just as the Wingfield Jubilee Village Fête was a new joint venture with the school, so the Westwood event is a new joint venture between the two traditional occasions (both using the same site): the Church Summer Fête and the Flower & Vegetable Show. It has to be a win-win and it feels really good to pool resources and provide one joyous day of celebration, whilst also working together with the Parish Rooms who will offer delicious teas. And yes, you guessed it, the weekend will kick off with a wedding in Westwood Church on the Saturday afternoon, with the glorious flowers left for everyone to enjoy!

Winding back to the beginning of August, the fifteenth Lambeth Conference, a massive gathering of the bishops of the global Anglican Communion, will be in full swing as this issue is published. An enormous amount of thought, prayer and collaborative effort have gone into the planning, not least as it has been postponed twice from the original date

in 2020. And much of this has been about togetherness too: it is a hard and very disparate group to try and coalesce. The Archbishop of Canterbury has said this by way of a rallying cry, clearly from the heart: 'The Anglican Communion is a gift from God. Governed by Scripture, affirming the ancient creeds, sacramentally centred, and episcopally led – Anglicans seek to be faithful to God in their agreement and in their disagreements. Without ignoring those things on which we deeply disagree, I pray that we will approach this gathering with an even deeper sense of what unites us: the love of Jesus Christ and his calling to serve God's world.'

I could go on... not least as extended families will be getting together over the summer. But other big news is that we have a new Benefice Admin Team — as of the end of July! So you will hear from them in the October issue...

We opted for the team approach rather than sandwiching all the tasks onto



one or even two people. And I think that is going to be a win-win too! Aylene (Comms) will be focussing on PR, including website, social media, posters and Parish News; Klaus (Bookkeeper) will look after the delights of the Holy Trinity books and accounts; and Netty (Administrator) will cover all the rest! Klaus is also Warden of the Friends' Meeting House, and Netty also Administrator for the Melksham Team. They are most welcome!

With my love and prayers and every blessing for two wonderful months 'together'

Joans

THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS

facing a humanitarian crisis. Poverty and hunger are set to rise exponentially in some of the poorest parts of the world,' states Michael Mosselmans of Christian Aid, as they launch their 'East Africa Hunger Crisis' Appeal. Last year Ukrainian grain fed 400 million people.

Simultaneously, acknowledging that the blockade of Ukraine's grain has caused a global food crisis, a deal was brokered by the UN and Turkey and signed on 22 July to allow millions of tonnes of grain, currently trapped in Ukraine by the war, to be exported.

President Zelensky confirmed the country had about £8.3 billion worth of grain to sell. The UN Secretary General, António Guterres, called the deal a 'beacon of hope' and said that this was probably the most important thing he



had done in his time heading the UN. But it is not only East Africa who stand to benefit, the biggest importer of Ukrainian wheat is Egypt, and countries in the Far East such as Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Philippines are not far behind.

Nevertheless, the very next day two missiles hit the key port city of Odesa in the early hours... The UN Secretary General unequivocally condemned the attack, saying that full implementation of the grain deal was imperative. Our prayers are needed.

ORTHODOX CLERGY VISIT LAMBETH

n 6 July, the Archbishop of Canterbury received a special visitor, Metropolitan Epiphanius of Kyiv and All Ukraine, and he was accompanied by Yevstratiy Zoria, Archbishop of Chernihiv and Nizhyn.

Archbishop Justin wanted to express his solidarity with the people of Ukraine and to spend time in conversation, prayer and worship. The two leaders held a meeting with Archbishop Justin before



attending the midday Eucharist in the Crypt Chapel at Lambeth Palace. During the Eucharist, Archbishop Justin knelt to receive a blessing from Metropolitan Epiphanius.

CONTACTLESS GIVING RAISES THOUSANDS!

n the Diocese of Carlisle, almost £85,000 has been raised from a year-long national pilot scheme to encourage online and contactless giving in churches.

In May 2021, 110 contactless donation units were given to churches in the first of three pilot schemes, funded by a £1.25 million investment from the national Church. Most received either a wall

-mounted device or, where no WiFi or mobile signal was available, a hand-held one. Holy Trinity are now looking into the provision of a fixed device for boosting visitor donations.



ARCHBISHOP OF YORK SLOWS DOWN

he author of 'Do Nothing to Change Your Life: Discovering What Happens When You Stop' (2007), is now an archbishop!

In June, he switched everything off and went on a long walk along the St Cuthbert's Way from Melrose in the Scottish borders to Holy Island in Northumberland. And the world opened up – as he gazed in awe at orchids growing in the hedgerow, a hare racing up the path ahead, seals basking on the rocks. He slowed down to what he likes to think of as God's pace, walking speed, the speed of prayer.

For Jesus walked everywhere. And as he walked, he met people and listened to them and ministered to them and talked to them and changed them. And our feverish demand for speed, and for getting everything done yesterday, is also changing the world, but not necessarily for the better...

NET ZERO BY 2030

he July General Synod has endorsed detailed plans designed to help the Church to reach net zero carbon by 2030.

The approved Routemap encourages all church institutions to make simple changes to their day-to-day activities to reduce carbon emissions. Bishop Graham Usher said:

'The 2030 target is hugely ambitious, but the process is as important as the target. ... I see it as a key part of our obedience to God's call to be stewards of creation... If we think of reaching net zero as a list of ten things, eight of them are fairly straight forward and let's work together on the other two.'

SUPER SPECIAL SUMMER OUTING

fter three years, the mainly music team - helpers, children and caregivers, were once again able to enjoy a summer outing to the Hope Nature Centre at Southwick Country Park.

How kind the weather was to us! After worries that it may be too hot for the children, on Tuesday, 12 July, it was warm hazy sunshine and plenty of cloud - just ideal! After feeding some of the animals such as goats and rabbits, seeing sheep & others, the playground was much needed and very popular as you can see from the photos.

Many of our helpers came as well as it was a good excuse to visit there as most of our families now would rather go to a theme park. The most enjoyable morning ended with a picnic in the shade, of course. Next term begins on 7 September with all but one of our families returning as for Anika, it is time to start school!





mainly

STREET MARKET SUCCESS

his year, HolyTrinity's annual Street Market was held on Saturday, 2 July.

We were very grateful for our spacious and bright church building on what turned out to be about the only wet and cold day of the summer to date! So that enabled us to provide a happy, bustling, colourful and successful day. Here's the breakdown of the results

(some £600 up on 2021):

Cakes: £190.20

Bottles: £80.10 Books: £391.75

Plants: £213.60

Gifts: £100

Vintage: £519.55

Refreshments: £557.10

Donations: £20 Pitch Fees: £462 TOTAL: £2,534.30



ACROSS: 8, Prince of Peace. 9, INF. 10, Unmarried. 11, Gulag. 13, Treason. 16, In aid of. 19, Arena. 22, Calvinist. 24, Pad. 25, Moses and Aaron.

DOWN: 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian, 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.

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Street Market 2022

s events in the community in Bradford on Avon go, the annual Street Market is right there at the top, so when I was told by Judith that Holy Trinity was looking for someone to take it on this year, I just had to offer myself.

I am just so glad that I did, it was an absolute pleasure to work with members of the church community. Everyone was so very helpful, offering advice, being there to help with setting up on the Friday and on the day itself.

I don't want to mention names, there are too many and I am bound to miss someone. So thank you Holy Trinity, together we made a great event and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as me! So, here's to 2023!

John Potter

















Above far left: Stalls leading up to Holy Trinity Far left: A smiling David Milne despite the weather!

Bottom: Delicious food saw the café area bustling Centre: Stalls inside Left and top right: The catering dream team Above right: Graham and Elaine poised to shop or get stuck in as needed

A First Saturday in July

embers of Holy Trinity know the first Saturday in July is Street Market Saturday but there's always lots going on in BoA. Judith Holland tells us more...

This year, both John Potter, who took on the Street Market organis-

ing task for 2022 from
John Cox, and myself
were also involved
in the Bradfordians
production of Macbeth.
We were equally committed to the first Saturday in July with the church Street Market.
As time crept along...
April, May, June how shall we two septuagenarians cope with an extraordinarily long and

hectic day culminating in the final performance in the Tithe Barn? And most importantly would we still be standing at the after party? One week to go and John's refrain was: "Just imagine next week! It'll all be done!"

I found so many people ready to assist in the kitchen, plenty of cakes and bakes appeared on the day and the team sprang into action. Martin's willingness to battle the new technology in the form of a contactless card reader was most impressive. Coffee was drunk on a massive scale... I had to top up the four I brought with two more packets. Lindsay had been unwell just before the Saturday, but gallantly showed up to do the lunches and the afternoon shift with Deborah, Deirdre and Mavis. Deirdre came

with very popular sandwiches. I'm most grateful to these stalwarts for allowing me to go and rest for the afternoon before tackling my final performance in the coven of witches in Macbeth.

In the end, there were 17 witches including Michelle, Stevie and myself, and we formed a great coven. Witch

number 1, Freida, swept the stage every night to keep our bare feet safe. We were trained to be a cohesive group, building the energy and beguiling the ambitious king. I loved it. Luckily I had only one solo line. Stevie performed perfectly every night with a starring role at the front of the audience. And yes, John and I did make it to the after party... one soft drink and 10 minutes of conversation with a backstage stalwart and then home!

Judith Holland



Above: Judith & Stevie as witches in Macbeth

Aidan Dodson

Tutankhamun
King of Egypt

His Life & Afterlife



Aidan Dodson, honorary Professor of Egyptology at the University of Bristol, explores what we

know about the career of this young king of ancient Egypt, and how he became world-famous following the discovery of his almostuntouched tomb, a hundred years ago this November.



All proceeds to

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Wednesday 10 August 2022 7:30–9:00pm

Holy Trinity Church Bradford-on-Avon

£4.50 on the door

Weddings in the Benefice

eddings at Holy Trinity, Westwood & Wingfield seem to be something of a state secret! People have no idea how wonderful it is until the day...

Anyone can experience the amazing and uplifting music from the huge pipes of the Willis organ at Holy Trinity, the inspirational and incredibly beautiful medieval church interiors, the excitement

of the bells, and the stunning backdrop of the River Avon with its swans, or the more intimate feel and pastoral views at Westwood (WW) and Wingfield.

But for the couple it is, quite literally, a life-changing moment – and they often receive comments from others afterwards caught up in that too, and saying how very 'personal' it felt.









Above left & centre: Alasdair & Ness in HT Above right: Haken & Emma in WW Left: Clive & Stephanie's winter wedding Below: Alasdair & Ness' beautiful flowers







"We couldn't have wished for a better wedding day! Everything was perfect; from our lovely service performed by Joanna, to the amazing music by Martin on the organ. Thank you so much to everyone at HolyTrinity Church for making it happen." Emma & Gus, 2022











Top & top right: Gus & Emma taking their vows in Holy Trinity **Far Left x3:** Great ways to make an entrance or exit! **Centre:** Hakan & Emma in the doorway at Westwood **Centre right:** Hannah & Sam are showered with confetti after their wedding



Editors - If you'd like to find out more about getting married in HolyTrinity, Wingfield or Westwood please contact Revd Joanna - Joanna.abecassis@cantab.net



This year, the Flower Show & Church Fête have joined together for a fantastic afternoon's entertainment. You'll find refreshments, stalls, live music and, of course, the Flower & Vegetable Show exhibits!

Bank Holiday Monday, 29 August

Farleigh Lane, Westwood, BA15 2AF

2.30pm - 4.30pm

£2.50 Adults, accompanied children FREE!

Hymns: Music to Get Married to...

oly Trinity's Musical
Director Martin Cooke,
lets us in on some of his
favourite wedding music...

One of things I enjoy most about my role at Holy Trinity is the opportunity to help wedding couples choose their music. The first question is if the bride wants to come into church in a majestic fashion with the music alerting friends in the congregation to her arrival or does she want to 'float' in to something delicate. Johann Pachelbel's 'Canon in D' often comes into one's thinking here, and this has become a very popular option.

I do try to steer folk away from this - there are SO many gentle pieces from which to choose without having the same as lots of others, and actually, it starts so simply that brides easily reach the top of the aisle without anyone noticing! I often find myself leaning on graceful music by composers such as Mozart, Fauré, Satie, Bach and others. I began a list once but gave up after I had reached 90 options!

'Here comes the bride' is not often on the menu and those looking for a more arresting announcement of their bridal procession often go for the famous Trumpet Tunes of Purcell or Jeremiah Clarke.

The next opportunity for music in the service is what we now call 'The Signing' – there are no formal, legal registers any more, but there is still this moment in the service when the happy couple and their families go up to the High Altar... but I haven't really discovered what they do when they get there, yet! This is a moment for the choir or an invited soloist to sing or play something or for the organ to play. I always go for something thoughtful and melodious so that it is a 'thing of beauty' that people will remember as a lovely interlude in the service, even if they can't remember exactly what the music was.

MENDELSSOHN?

Music for the departure is often the easiest choice. 'Do you want the Mendelssohn?' I ask first. This makes a hugely 'convincing' finale with its dramatic opening fanfare and powerful chords. Then, of course, there is the good old 'Widor Toccata.' But, once again, there are dozens of great options.

If you're thinking of getting married at Holy Trinity do make contact and I shall be more than happy to play you lots of lovely music to choose from.

Martin Cooke.

Prayer Paths: Let us go forth in peace...

he summer season is often one of travel – it's when we take our holidays, or when others come to visit us. Travel is not such a rare or difficult matter as it used to be. Many of us travel daily, all at some time in our lives.

When journeys were infrequent and often dangerous it was usual in religious communities or elsewhere to offer prayers for a good

journey and a safe return. Although travel is generally safer today it is natural to pray for someone who is about to travel, and to commit the

journey into the hands of God.
There may still be a sense of
adventure and opportunity in
travelling, and it holds within it all
the excitement of discovering new
places and people.

There are many journeys in the Bible, often begun at the command of God: the story of Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1-4); Jonah the prophet and his journey to Nineveh (Jonah 1-4); the people of Israel searching for the Promised Land (Exodus 13:17-14:31, Joshua 3); the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12); and the journey of the Holy Family into

Egypt (Matthew 2:13-23). Paul was sent by God on several long missionary journeys, with friends to accompany and help him: Mark, Silas, Timothy and Barnabas (told in the Acts of the Apostles).

Many of us make pilgrimages which are a particular type of journey, alone or with others, in order to bring us closer to God. If we are able to look at the world as

we travel in a way which encourages us to see glimpses of joy in every encounter, it becomes a reflection of the goodness of God who is beyond all created things but is

encountered through them. All our journeys can be our pattern of obedience and trust as we travel, and a reminder that any journey is a small image of the whole journey of human life.

'May God, almighty and merciful, lead us by peaceful and secure paths, and may the angel Raphael be our companion on the way, that we may return home in safety and joy.'

(Antiphon to the itinerarium, an ancient Benedictine prayer for travellers before a pilgrimage).

Sarah Jackson





Weddings at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Church, at the heart of Bradford on Avon, is the ultimate venue for your wedding. Couples have been getting married here for some 800 years...

- Fantastic music on the mighty
 Willis organ
- Celebrate with the Holy Trinity bells
- Children very welcome

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Vocation: Willingness to Help

magine that it's a Sunday morning and think about your church and the churches nearby... Revd Sarah gives thanks for people's willingness to help!

On a Sunday morning, right across our Benefice, our Diocese and all over the country in Anglican churches and in the churches of all our ecumenical partners, people young and old are volunteering to help to ensure the smooth running of their church and, without the thousands of volunteer hours that they all put in, the church would look very different. Not everything would be done. But it is not just within our churches that congregation members are at work it is in their local communities and at their places of employment too. We are all involved together in sharing the Good News.

We give thanks for people's willingness to get involved and to help
each other and those around them.
There are so many things that
people have been involved in within our wider community: there are
the many food banks around our
Diocese, some linked to churches
or staffed at least in part by volunteers from our churches. There are
day care facilities, street pastors,
night shelters which are connected
to or run by our church networks,

and are helped to keep going by people from different churches banding together day by day and week by week in their local area. There are organisations which help refugees and asylum seekers.

CHAPLAINS

Then there are hospital chaplains and those who go into local hospices regularly or who are part of the pastoral care team in the parish who visit those who are unable to go out much. The list of caring and loving tasks is long. And it is all supported by prayer within and through our worshipping communities. During the time of the pandemic this has been especially important, and we have found new ways to support and keep in contact each other, and to share God's love through our own action and ministry.

Such are the works to which God calls us all; lay and ordained, working together. You may not think of the work that you do within the parish or in the local community as a calling or a ministry but everything that we do in our churches and communities is part of our work in the mission and ministry of God. The tasks which so many people undertake are important and are part of the ministries to

Right: Serving lunch for a church group **Below:** Volunteers carry bags of donated aid



which we are all called as disciples. It is important that we make sure that the work that everyone does is valued and recognised.

There are also a whole series of possible ministries: those which are affirmed (that is selected, trained and recognised locally, probably within parish settings), those which are commissioned (ministries which are selected, trained and recognised across the Diocese) and those which are Licensed ministries (selected and trained within or outside the Diocese and recognised nationally).

It might be that you feel called to do a little more – just a little nudge deep within you. It might be that exploring an affirmed, commissioned or licensed ministry is for you and this will help in getting some more training in the work that you feel called to do. There are systems within the local

areas and within our
Diocese that help us to
explore any kind of special
calling we might believe is
happening to us. We engage in discernment which

we might describe as 'the act or process of exhibiting keen insight and good judgment'. In spiritual terms, this is important because we are attempting to discern the will of God through the movement of the Holy Spirit. At this point, the individual offers, and the Church discerns. But we also need to recognise that everyone is called; and finding out what our vocation means for us takes time and work.

Of course, none of us need or have to be affirmed, commissioned or licensed to share God's love with those around us. We are all called in every area of our life to live lives that show that we are followers of Jesus. We can all celebrate everything that God has done for us in the lives of service that we live. We can rejoice in all that we do together as God's people to serve our communities.

Sarah Jackson

The Children's Society

ess Meale, Community
Relationships Manager for
the South West, talked to the
Parish News about The Children's
Society mission to improve the lives
of children and has some top tips on
how you can get involved

The Children's Society is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, neglect, and exploitation. We support them through their most serious life challenges, and we campaign

tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who

need hope most. We've been doing this for 140 years and we won't stop until we've built a society where hope is alive in every child.

From our research, we know that three in 10 children are currently living in poverty*, one in six children are likely to have a mental health condition, 4,000 teenagers are being criminally exploited in London alone and 144 children go missing or run away each day in the UK. Enough is enough. Society has failed children for too long.

As a charity, we run 81 direct services and six national pro-

grammes. We worked with 11,513 young people last year and 84% of them said their lives improved after working with us. In 2021, after seven years of campaigning, we changed the law to make sure that there is a price cap on all school uniforms. This will positively impact over eight million children across the country.

In the South-West, we have a Prevention Programme that works with professionals and the public to help them spot the signs of

Campaign to help them spot the signs of child exploitation. We also have Checkpoint, a service based in

Torbay that has been working directly with children and young people for over 20 years across Devon and also our National Young Carers programme based in Colden Common, Hampshire, who run the country's only young carers festival.

Our vision: A society built for all children

Our goal: By 2030 we will have overturned the damaging decline in children's wellbeing, setting a path for long lasting growth.

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More information?

If you'd like to know the issues facing children and young people in your Local Authority, please visit https://data.childrens society.org.uk. If you'd like any further information about our work, to enquire about volunteering or hosting a fundraising activity, or to book a speaker for your church or community groups, please get in contact!

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*Child poverty is defined as lacking 'the resources to obtain the types of diets, participate in the activities, and have the living conditions and amenities that are customary... in the societies to which they belong'

Eds - Don't miss Professor
Aidan Dodson giving a talk
on Tutankhamun on Wednesday, 10
August in Holy Trinity at 7.30pm.
Tickets £4.50 on the door and all
proceeds to The Children's Society.

Uranium: The Good, Bad & the Ugly

he development of ways of producing clean energy is of the greatest importance to us all. Hence the debate about the use of nuclear energy and building a new generation of nuclear power stations, like Hinkley Point C in Somerset.

Power stations like Hinkley Point C require the use of uranium to fuel them. While spending time recently in New Mexico, with Los Alamos just down the road, it was hard not to be aware of uranium's importance. It is found in many places, not only there but worldwide and mining it has been going on now for a long time. The nearest place to us here where it has been mined is the South Terras mine in Cornwall, from which 736 tonnes of uranium were extracted between 1873 and 1930.

Nearly half (43%) of all the uranium mined worldwide since 2019 has come from Kazakhstan. Before then Canada supplied most but now only 13% comes from there, closely followed by Australia (12%). The uranium found in the USA is of lower grade but even so 78.9 tonnes were mined in the western states in 2019. It was discovered in New Mexico in the 1940s and a survey in 1983 estimated there were 210,000 tonnes of it

in that state alone. It was mined there in significant quantities between 1950 and 1980, mostly in poorly ventilated underground mines. The effects of this on the health of the miners and their families who had been housed nearby were disastrous. Hence the title of this article, 'Uranium, the good, the bad and the ugly'.

We hear much of the good and we are pressing ahead with its use as a means of producing "clean energy". But we hear less of the bad and the ugly both in New Mexico, and also in many other places round the world. It is a sad fact that most of the serious harm done by mining uranium has been done to the health of indigenous populations who own the land where it has been mined and not to the people who have benefitted from it. But these indigenous people are no longer keeping silent. For example a most powerful exhibition of the work of indigenous artists from New Mexico, Canada and Australia is currently on display in Santa Fe, named 'Extraction: Art on the Edge of the Abyss'. This is in the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, which is described on their excellent website.

The US Environmental Protection agency has identified



Impact: In the past, mining uranium has had devastating impacts on the local populations affected

15,000 abandoned uranium mines in 14 western states. Of these about 75% are on federal and tribal lands with more than 1000 on land belonging to the Navajo nation more than 500 of these are in New Mexico. We in the UK cannot disassociate ourselves from this: in the 1950s we conducted 12 separate atomic bomb tests in central Australia, and between 1953 and 1963 there were also more than 100 minor test explosions on the Montebello islands and in Maralinga. Also the mining for uranium in Australia tells a similar story. Contamination from all this has poisoned Aboriginal people and the land. Those who were exposed suffered from miscarriages, disfigurement of children, cancer, lung disease, kidney damage or death. The same is true in Canada. This was a purely manmade disaster, and its effects are still being felt.

Uranium has just been discovered in Greenland where the

Greenland Parliament has recently voted by a majority of one to allow mining of it to begin - a problem for the Inuit and for Denmark. More happily, federal funding in the USA has been voted to clean up over 200 abandoned mines in a \$600 million programme which started in 2017. In New Mexico mining on Navajo land ceased in 2005. It is not easy to form an opinion about all this. But at the very least we should be aware of it. The use of the earth's resources can come with very mixed blessings and past injustices do not just go away of their own accord.

Happily lessons have been learned on how to mine and use uranium. But we should too be aware of the consequences of mining it in the past. For what has been done in the past has consequences that continue into the present and these will be there in the future, if no action is taken. That should concern us all.

Hugh Wright

Summer Book Reviews

ith summer beckoning, here are some great reads to keep you entertained through the long hot days!

'Several cups of tea'

By Muriel Freeborn Pegasus, £6.99 (available from Ex Libris) Muriel's fourth novel (with more to come) was published at the end of June days after her 95th birthday! It is a homely tale and you get caught up in the dramatic twists and turns of the lives of her characters. Freda is in her later years and struggling with the conflict between her inner desire to continue her busy life, and 'giving in' to a feeling that a woman of her age should retire gracefully. Family, friendships, beloved pets and community spirit all have their place - but how will this be resolved?

How Village Churches Thrive

Edited by Robert Atwell, Gill
Ambrose, and Helen Bent
Church House Publishing £9.99
This inspiring book is usefully
defined as a 'Practical Guide', even
though of course these things are

never easy. It draws on the wisdom of a wide variety of practitioners in ten key areas that enable village churches to flourish. But fundamentally the emphasis is on

extending a warm welcome and making the most of the rich variety of resources which are there – from celebrating heritage, to the green environment of the churchyard, to those core 'life events' of christenings, weddings and funerals.

Murder before Evensong:
A Canon Clement mystery
Richard Coles, Weidenfeld &
Nicolson £16.99
The first novel in the Rev.
Richard Coles' Canon Clement Mystery series and an instant No 1 Sunday Times
bestseller. It is the 1980s and

Canon Daniel Clement is

Rector of Champton – but all does not go smoothly and then the cousin to the Patron of Champton is found dead at the back of the church, stabbed in the neck with a pair of secateurs... As the police move in & the bodies start piling up, Daniel is the only one who can try and keep his fractured community together - and catch a killer.

View from the Allotment: Watering & Watching

here comes a time each year when the right levels of light, warmth and moisture combine to produce an explosion of growth in all the plants and vegetables in our gardens and allotments. This seemed to happen in the middle of June this year and suddenly all those plants you have carefully tended, and all those seeds you have sown, germinate and the whole place is a riot of colour

and produce.

Of course it is also a time for weeds to grow too, but at least my early efforts in controlling them seem to have worked and they are more manageable now. Not to mention attacks by pests and diseases, it seems to have been a good year for blackfly and also for black spot on the roses. However, there has also been an abundance of produce on my allotments, especially early potatoes, peas, kale and the inevitable courgettes. At least the courgettes make handy bartering items for friends and neighbours.

As there has been very little rain for much of June and July, the ground on my allotments is really dry. Which has meant some early morning visits, as I have been told that watering in the early morning

is better than late in the evening. I have even had to water my main crop potatoes to encourage growth, something I have never done before. It's a good job we have a tap & a very large water butt. But all in all it has been a very fruitful time and I am looking for-

ward to enjoying the fruits of my labour for many months to come.

Graham Dove

TOP TIPS

AUGUST

- Continue to sow salad crops, carrots, and other vegetables
- When harvesting cabbages, leave the stump in the ground and cut a shallow cross in the top of it. Small fresh leafy heads will emerge.

SEPTEMBER

- Overwintering turnips, onions, spinach, winter lettuces and oriental vegetables should now be sown.
- Dig over bare patches of soil and consider sowing green manures to help incorporate organic matter, when dug in, and boost soil fertility.

EDS - Contact Graham with your tips, queries & gardening wins! ht.parishnews@gmail.com

Nature Now: August/September

ast month I was writing about our experience of springtime in the Outer Hebrides, where the season is two or three weeks behind our more southerly latitude. This gave us a second chance to enjoy bluebells, primroses, violets and many other early wildflowers.

As we drove home through lowland Scotland and down to the Peak District, we were aware of the quickening pace and warmth of early summer. Grasses, from Buxton onwards, were at their height; pollen counts - not good for

hayfever sufferers - were high; and roadside grasses were beginning to brown off in the heat. Further south, the roadside view changed from pinkish-white May blossom to frothy white Elderflower, and pale cream Dogwood blooms were beginning to appear. From our car we started to notice the mauves and purples of Knapweed and Scabious taking over from the whites and yellows of Hedge Parsley and buttercups.

Back in Bradford-on-Avon, we found the nature conservation areas in Holy Trinity churchyard were at their peak, with the white Ox-eye Daisy heads all uniformly following the arc of the sun each day as it moved across the sky.



Left: The conservation area in front of Holy Trinity on the day of the Street Market **Above:** Dave Green at his table during the Street Market

These, together with the mixture of grasses, docks, plantains, clovers and other wildflowers created a dense sward that is a haven for a broad range of invertebrates that in turn provide a food source for small birds, mammals and reptiles.

On the day of the street market in early July, the waist-high Ox-eye daisies and other wildflowers were just beginning to seed and looked a little straggly, but formed an eyecatching backdrop for the outside stalls. Inside, I was at my table, where "On The Wild Side", the film John Potter and I had made for the Frome Film Festival, was running on a large screen. Visitors paused to talk, among other things, about the plants that appear on the road verges and walls around town, and in their own gardens.

POP-UP GARDEN

There is certainly something to be said for just waiting to see what nature will create of its own accord. Ali and I visited a couple of old friends who have an artist's workshop on a local small industrial estate. Their unit, when they bought it, had a back yard covered with an enormous bund of building spoil. Over a few years they re-profiled the mound, added topsoil and created a garden of



Above: The pretty purple flower of Goat's Rue peeking through a fence

bushes and annuals, most of which just popped up after they had added topsoil. When we visited, we found a delightful informal garden of Oxe-eye daisies, Evening Primrose, Buddlejas, willowherbs and other tall flowering plants, along with smaller species. The dominant plant here was Goat's Rue *Galega officinalis*, which had appeared spontaneously and had grown to about six foot in height.

Goat's Rue is a legume (from the pea family) that for centuries has been cultivated across Europe. It was valued as a herbal tonic in folk medicine and during medieval times was used to treat bubonic plague, worms and snake bites. Its

attractive flowers vary from white to pale mauve and purple. Like peas, they grow best where they have some sort of support. The plant has been extensively cultivated as a forage crop, and an ornamental bush in gardens, where it is good for attracting bees, and is planted for use as green manure. Its agricultural connections probably explain why it appeared in our friends' garden after they had added topsoil to their newly-profiled mound.

WELCOME VISITORS

It is always fascinating to watch migrating birds coming back to BoA each year to nest and start new families. This summer House Martins, as usual, have been raising their young around the Old Batch near St Laurence School, swifts have returned to their favourite haunts around Newtown and, in the town centre, they have been seen around the old Saxon Church.

Birdwatcher Rowena Quantrill said: "It has been exciting to see all the Swift activity around the Saxon church this year. There could be several pairs nesting under the roof tiles both in the front and the back. Swifts return to the same nesting space every year so it's

very important it is left free for them as they may not nest at all if they find it blocked. Imagine, maybe Swifts have been nesting under those same tiles since our little church was first built."

Rowena also mentioned to me that House Sparrow numbers have increased in our local area. These birds feed on the seeds of springblooming wild flowers and grasses. So maybe it's no coincidence that the rise in numbers of this bird has happened alongside the town policy of restricting the mowing of grassy verges and "tidying" of pavements and kerbs through the spring months.

NESTING NEWS

Back at home, female Leafcutter bees have been building nests in two of the four insect hotels in Nick's garden: "They have been sealing brood cells packed with pollen brought in on the bees' furry undersides with neat leaf circles they've cut." Nick also brings news of more developments around the highly contested large nestbox in his garden. He says...

"A male Tawny Owl took control of it from nesting Jackdaws in April after they'd spent a month chasing Grey squirrels from it every morning. When a female Tawny joined

Right: A Tawny Owl chick in the nestbox **Below:** A leafcutter bee in flight carrying a section of leaf



area since, as the parents continue to feed owlets for months after they leave the nest. The box is Photos © Nick Upton

empty now, though a pair of Stock doves have spent some time peering in recently, so it might have yet more tenants soon!

"Over the summer I'm continuing to photograph the intriguing behaviour of Wool carder bees I found visiting clumps of Lamb's ears in some local gardens. The aggressive males guard the plants doggedly, chasing off other insects including butterflies and large bumblebees, flying in to jab them with large spikes on the tips of their tails and mating with feeding female Wool carders. Nesting females collect pollen to stock their brood cells and also clumps of dense hairs from the plant's leaves to line and seal their nests with. A lot goes on in the insect world that we easily overlook!"

Dave Green

the male and was being fed with voles and mice at regular intervals in early May I wondered if there was a chance they might make a very late breeding attempt this year, around two months later than usual.

"My hopes grew as the male continued to bring food throughout May and early June, even during the day, and I often heard feeble calls from the box. Was this the female begging in a new way or a youngster? In mid June the answer was revealed when a large fluffy owlet appeared at the nestbox entrance at dusk. The chick became ever more alert and demanding over the next week, and my trail camera recorded it flying from the nestbox on June 20th. I've heard it calling in the



Wiltshire Butterflies: July 2022

hat an extraordinary butterfly season this is turning out to be. As I write, July temperatures are soaring towards the mid 30°C levels with unending sunshine and parched ground and vegetation. Even the butterflies can be seen seeking shade in the heat of the day.

The 'browns' – the Marbled Whites, Meadow Browns, Gate-keepers, Ringlets and Small Heaths have been in their 100s on many of the grassland sites. The so-called garden species are yet to appear in any numbers. In particular, Large and Small Whites, Red Admirals, Peacocks and Commas have still to reach their peaks. Small Tortoise-shells were common in the spring and their summer generation is

doing well.
Also, the immigrant moth the

Above:
The Purple
Emperor
Left: Emperor
gazing in
Savernake
Forest

Humming-bird Hawk has been widely reported and the offspring of the earlier Painted Ladies should be in large numbers in the next few weeks. So far, only a handful of the immigrant Clouded Yellow have been reported.

July is the month where the large and spectacular woodland species, the Silver-washed Fritillary, White Admiral and Purple Emperor appear. The Purple Emperor needs to be carefully searched for and was considered a great prize by Victorian butterfly collectors. Today it is much sort after by photographers and here in Wiltshire we have populations in several of our larger woodlands. The monument at the southern end of Savernake Forest near Marlborough is a favourite spot for 'Emperor watchers'.

Our largest wild area, the MoD training area on Salisbury Plain, supports large numbers of species and the current wildfires engulfing a large area are of concern. However, these are of a regular occurrence in hot summers and appear to have no long-term detrimental effect. Indeed, they suppress the growth of rank grass and allow the flowering plants to flourish.

Mike Fuller Wiltshire Butterfly Recorder

Saint for the Season: St Laurence, Deacon at Rome

e celebrate the Feast of St Laurence, Deacon at Rome, and Patron Saint of the Saxon Church (not to mention inspiration behind our Church of England Comprehensive St Laurence School), on 10 August.

Laurence was a Christian living under the Roman Empire and he was thought to have been born on

31 December 225 in Valencia, which was then part of the Roman province of Hispania. So he lived at about the same time as St Alban in this country, who was martyred in about 250 - clearly a very dangerous time for Christians.

Laurence encountered the future Pope Sixtus II in Spain, and when Sixtus became Pope in 257, he ordained Laurence as a deacon, and though still young, he was appointed as first among the seven deacons who served in the cathedral church. Laurence is therefore called 'archdeacon of Rome', a position of great trust that included the care of the treasury and riches of the church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. But both pope and deacons were

martyred in the persecution of the Christians that the Roman Emperor Valerian ordered the following year. The edict required all bishops, priests, and deacons to be denied trial and immediately put to death.

With the pope already martyred, Valerian's administrators came to Laurence and demanded access to the wealth of the church. He asked

> for a few days to assemble it and subsequently distributed much of the church's treasury to the poor. Laurence then led the prefect and quards to a room



of the church'. The room contained Rome's blind, poor, sick and maimed. Laurence was promptly ordered to be taken out and slowly martyred. On 10 August 258, he refused to renounce the Christian faith, and is said to have been roasted on a gridiron used for roasting beef. Legend says that he was of good humour to the very end, at one point saying to his executioners: 'I'm done on this side. You can turn me over now!'

Joanna Abecassis



Above: St Laurence distributing alms (Fra Angelico, 1449)

For Prayer and Reflection

August 2022

- The visit of Sudanese bishops to our deanery
- Our new Benefice Admin Team
- Peace in Ukraine & the resumption of grain exports
- Her Majesty the Queen having a well-earned holiday

September 2022

- The return to schools, colleges and universities
- Bishop Stephen
- Our farmers, here and abroad
- Climate change and its impact

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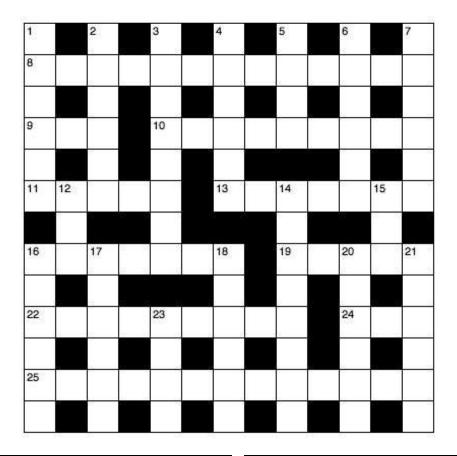
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Clues across

- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
- **9** International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
- 10 Single(1Corinthians7:27)(9)
- **11** Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The Archipelago (5)
- **13** Treachery(2Kings11:14)(7)
- 16 Of India(anag.)(2,3,2)
- **19** 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
- **22** Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)
- 24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)
- **25** They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Clues down

- 1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
- 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea o

- (**2contd**) Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a man' (Luke 5:8) (6)
- 3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)
- 4 'You shall not adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
- 5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
- **6** Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
- 7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
- **12** Run(anag.)(3)
- **14** Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
- **15** 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)
- 16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2)(6)
- 17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that—you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)
- 18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6)
- 20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4)(6)
- 21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6) 23 This month(abbrev.)(4)

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