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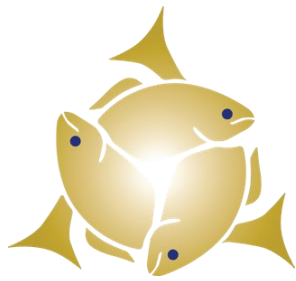
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STRATFORD AND THE MOP FAIR



I have just come back from the opening of the Stratford upon Avon mop fair. For someone who's been a city dweller for most of my adult life, it was quite an introduction to life in an English market town. The mayor and various councils leaders, along with a troupe of Morris dancers process from the Town Council offices to Bridge Street. As the vicar of the parish, Patrick is asked each year to bless the mop. He stands on a platform alongside the gathered dignitaries of the town in front of a crowd of people and prays for God's blessing on the fair. It is a very visible example of the role of clergy as public Christians and also seemed to illustrate something of Holy Trinity's role as a civic church – not just a church in the town but a church for the town.

Being a public Christian is something surprising I am having to get used to since my ordination in July. Wearing a clerical collar marks you out in some way as different. It seems to provoke an interesting mix of responses. Many people are very friendly and I am often greeted with, "Morning, Reverend," with one gentleman this summer even tipping his hat to me. Some people regard me slightly suspiciously and prefer to avoid eye contact. The collar seems to have a remarkable effect on people who are cycling across the tramway footbridge. They see me and suddenly decide to start pushing their bikes as if I were some sort of enforcement officer.



A mentor once described wearing his collar in public as being an invitation to a conversation. I have particularly found this to be true among the hundreds of tourists that I encountered in church over the summer. Wherever they are from in the world, my "uniform" seems to be understood as someone with whom they can talk about matters of faith. I have had some wonderful discussions about the words of the Creeds, the structures of the Church of England and the protestant understanding of the Virgin Mary as well as the theological conundrums of the nature of God and the purpose of evil and suffering. It has also been a joy to confound some of the expectations of visitors, particularly those from Roman Catholic countries, about the roles open to women in the church. And this in turn reminds me that, whilst we may not see these visitors again, something of what they have experienced in the sacred space of Holy Trinity will remain with them. My prayer is that all who come into this place may encounter God's presence and experience something of God's love. This may be in the words of the conversations they have with people they meet here, but as often it will be through elements of the building itself, the continuation of witnessing to God's faithfulness to God's people across many generations.

Many who visit the church choose to leave prayers and we offer them to God as part of Morning Prayer each day. There is also something about the peace and holiness of church that causes people to bring to mind those loved ones who have died. Regardless of their faith or beliefs, people often find that lighting a candle is a beautiful way of marking those memories. November is a month full of remembrance, not only in the form of Remembrance Sunday but also the season of All Saints and All Souls.

As our daily church opening season comes to an end, our encounters with people might move from the building out into the world. Let us not stop issuing those invitations to conversations about the big things in life. Whether we are marked out by what we wear or not, we are all ambassadors for God's kingdom.

Emma Harrington



FOREST CHURCH IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH YARD



I'm very excited to announce that our first Forest Church service will be on Wednesday **8 November 4:15pm** in **Holy Trinity Churchyard**. The service is a partnership between us and the Methodist Circuit. It will take place every other week (not during school holidays).

This service is open to anyone who wants to engage and worship God outside, and there is no minimum or maximum age. Whatever the weather we'll still be meeting so, if damp, don't forget a coat or umbrella.

For our first session we'll be using our senses in God's creation to explore our churchyard – what can we see, what can we feel. Hopefully we will finish with a marshmallow treat.

Forest Church isn't doing outside a service that would normally take place in church. It's about spending time together in nature, seeing how God may speak to us through his creation, how we may become closer to God and explore our faith. We achieve this



through activities, games, prayers, times of quiet and reflection.

Medical research shows the benefits of spending time outside, especially for people's mental health. Green plants make us calmer and slow our heart rate. Flowing water soothes our minds. Looking up at a huge tree or a wide horizon sparks awe and wonder.



Worshipping outside is not a new thing, but a return to our Christian origins and embracing the Celtic spirituality. A great deal of the Bible happened outdoors, and it is filled with references to nature and natural things.

If you're interested or just intrigued to see what happens please come along. All are welcome. Dates for our upcoming services, all at 4:15pm:

8 Nov

22 Nov

6 Dec

20 Dec

I realise this time may be difficult for some. We are also planning a slightly different version of outdoor church to begin in the new year on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, more details to follow.

If you'd like more information please email phil@stratford-upon-avon.org

Christingle

A date for everyone's diary for this year. Our **Christingle Service** is on **10 December at 5pm** in **Holy Trinity Church**. This service gives us the opportunity to support the work of the Children's Society, as well as having the wonderful moment of Holy Trinity lit only by the candles in the Christingles. We'll be making the Christingles on Sat 9 December 1:30pm in the Parish Centre, anyone welcome to help and to test the sweets to go on the Christingles(!!!)



Phil Harper

Worship Notes



On 5 November we celebrate the feast of All Saints'

At 9.30am All Saints', Luddington will celebrate their patronal festival. There will be a special service at 5pm at Holy Trinity to mark All Souls' Tide and remember those whom we have loved but who have died. We will be offering an invitation to those families who have had a funeral through this parish in the past year, but the service is open to anyone who would like to come to light a candle to remember a loved one.

Remembrance Sunday, 12 November

At Holy Trinity at 10am there will be a short All Age Remembrance Sunday Service without Holy Communion, lasting about 40 minutes. This is followed by the Act of Remembrance and two minutes silence in the Garden of Remembrance, which begins at 10.55am. The 5pm service at Holy Trinity will be Holy Communion (Traditional).

At All Saints' Luddington there is a 9.30am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist and at St. Helen's Clifford Chamber's a special Remembrance Sunday service starting at the war memorial (situated on the edge of the churchyard) at 10.45am.

Advanced notice of Advent and Christmas Services

Full details will be printed in the December edition, but to help you with your plans for the season, here is the schedule:

3 December Advent Sunday

5pm Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity

Sunday 10 December

5pm Christingle Holy Trinity

Sunday 17 December

3.30pm Carol Service All Saints'

6.30pm Carol Service St Helen's

Saturday 23 December

7pm Lessons and Carols Holy Trinity

Sunday 24 Christmas Eve

10am Parish Eucharist for Advent 4

3.30pm Christingle All Saints'

3.30-5.30pm Walk-through Carol service Holy Trinity

5pm Christingle St Helen's

11.30pm Midnight Mass Holy Trinity

Monday 25 Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion Holy Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion St. Helen's

9.30am Holy Communion All Saints'

10am Parish Eucharist Holy Trinity

There will not be a 5pm service on Christmas Day.

The above list does not include all regular weekly services.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon

5 November - All Saints' Day

10am - Parish Eucharist - All Saints'

5pm - All Souls' Departed

12 November - Remembrance Sunday

10am - Parish Eucharist - Remembrance

5pm - Holy Communion - Traditional

19 November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

10am - Parish Eucharist - Stewardship

5pm - Taize

26 November - Christ the King

10am - Parish Eucharist - Christ the King

5pm - Choral Evensong

St Helen's Church, Clifford Chambers

5 November - All Saints' Day

9.30am - Morning Praise

12 November - Remembrance Sunday

10.45am - Remembrance Service

19 November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30am - Holy Communion

All Saints' Church, Luddington

5 November - All Saints' Day

9.30am - Patronal Festival

12 November - Remembrance Sunday

9.30am - Holy Communion

19 November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30am - Holy Communion

26 November - Christ the King

9.30am - Holy Communion



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
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6 OCTOBER 2023**

*Worship the Lord
in the beauty
of holiness.*

Psalm 96:9
King James Bible



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made the church look so
beautiful**



**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
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24 SEPTEMBER 2023**



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**ST HELEN'S CHURCH
CLIFFORD CHAMBERS
30 SEPTEMBER 2023**



**Thank you to everyone who made
the church look so beautiful**



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS AT HOLY TRINITY 8 OCTOBER

The Harvest Festival this year at Holy Trinity began with an inspiring All Age Eucharist Service of Thanksgiving. The choir were followed in by a large contingent of the congregation bearing gifts for the Stratford foodbank. A mixture of traditional and contemporary music was brought right up to date with the Autumn Samba, performed by Trinity Voices, supported by the younger members of the choir. It was a joy to see the creative corner filled to overflowing with families and to welcome the youngest member of our church family, Nicholas, who received his christening candle. As Phil reminded us in his talk, we can always find something to thank God for every day.



Harvest Bring and Share Lunch

After sharing coffee together, fifty of the church family continued the celebration with a Bring and Share Lunch in the Parish Centre. This is an ideal opportunity for us to meet newer members of all ages and we were particularly pleased to welcome some singers from Trinity Voices and their families.



An impressive and varied array of savoury items, organised by members of the Social Team, awaited us followed by a choice of delicious home-made desserts and cakes. In between the courses, a hush fell over the room as brains were tested with a harvest-based quiz and wordsearch.

Many continued to enjoy fellowship and stayed to chat over tea and coffee. Many thanks to all who attended and shared their culinary delights. Thanks also to those who helped with the organisation, before, during and after the lunch.

Chris Cottrell



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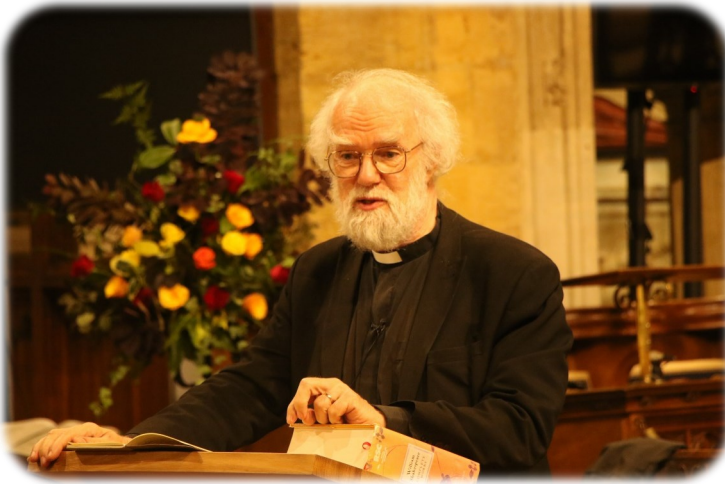


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GOOD KINGS, BAD KINGS SHAKESPEARE ON POWER AND AUTHORITY



This fascinating title was the subject of the Friends of Shakespeare’s Church Annual Lecture. It was given to a packed audience by Dr Rowan Williams, Baron Williams of Oystermouth, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 to 2012.

Dr Williams introduced his lecture by saying that this lecture was particularly appropriate today, with conflicts both in Ukraine and in Israel and Palestine. He suggested that the aims of national leaders

should not be for short-term performance or for the popular vote, but should push for changes for their community.

In the history play “Henry V”, Shakespeare shows a monarch, initially behaving like a simple soldier keen to please the crowd. However when in disguise, he meets the ordinary soldiers on the eve of the Battle of Agincourt, these men query his royal authority and his moral responsibility, wondering if he is just a monarch seeking glory. The king replies that their cause is a just one but a soldier says that if the cause is not good, the King himself will have a “heavy reckoning” on his conscience because of loss of life. Henry V says “Let us our lives, our souls, our debts, our careful wives, our children and our sins lay on the King!” Henry V has to accept the moral responsibility and the burden of his power, but he also repents for his actions, imploring pardon from God by saying “more will I do” before his soldiers go into battle.

Shakespeare’s King Henry IV famously says “uneasy lies the head that wears the crown” as he understands both the responsibility and the fragility of his position.

Shakespeare himself lived in unstable times in the 16th and 17th centuries, with Henry VII’s dubious claim to the throne (having forced Richard III to relinquish power), Elizabeth I refusing to name her successor and James VI of Scotland claiming the throne on her death, so he would have been well aware of royal power struggles and the authority that a monarch wields.

“King Lear” is a powerful example of a King who renounces his authority, but then expects to maintain his powers throughout his kingdom – only to find that he has lost them all! Perhaps his motive was to find contentment and peace, as he “unburdened, crawls towards death”, but ultimately he had to obtain self-knowledge and to understand humanity. Looking back at his action, Lear says “I have taken too little care of this”.

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“The Tempest” is another play in which Prospero (the magician and ruler of the island) has to renounce magic and accept humanity. In a moving scene towards the end of the play, he asks Ariel, his spirit, if he should forgive the people who betrayed him, and Ariel replies “I would, sir, were I human”. Ultimately Prospero becomes aware of the fragility of others and as he rejoins the human race, he begs the audience for their prayers in his epilogue.

Shakespeare was fascinated by the interlocking themes of the burden and powers of the monarch, and their awareness of human frailty. Each king needed to accept his powers but also accept the fragility of human life he shared with his community. If the king used his powers for violent ends, he would need to repent and embrace humanity. Dr Williams suggested that a good king would understand his moral responsibilities and embrace his power, but would let it go to give his people liberty, while a bad king would imagine that his powers absolved him from any responsibilities. A king’s role should be of continuity of service not of continuity of command.

Dr Williams spoke for 45 minutes with no notes and his fascinating talk was followed by questions, ably opened by Revd Dr Paul Edmondson who made the audience laugh by asking “Why can’t bad kings sleep?”

The audience was grateful for such a fascinating lecture by our eminent retired Archbishop and will await with excitement next year’s event.

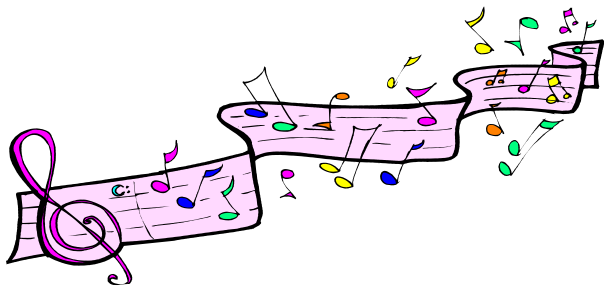
Judith Dorricott



Paul Edmondson, Patrick Taylor, Diana Owen and Rowan Williams.



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SOUNDBITES

1 November - RBC - Piano and Violin
8 November - RBC - Clarinet Quartet
15 November - RBC - Organ - Colin Lapus
22 November - KES Senior Musicians
29 November - U3A Orchestra

Sandwiches and drinks available to purchase from 12.15pm
Recital starts at 1pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our Coffee morning on 29 September in Holy Trinity Church. An extra BIG Thank You to Diane, Brenda and the rest of the team who did all the hard work on the day. I am pleased to advise that the event raised a total of £670 towards the work of Macmillan Cancer Support.



The All Souls' Service of the Departed on Sunday 5 November at 17.00 will feature the "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré.

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alone**

This year's box opening will take place between 10am and 12 Noon on Saturday 4 November in the Holy Trinity Parish Centre. You are invited to stay and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and refreshments whilst your box is being opened and counted. Alternatively, if you would prefer not to wait, you can simply leave your box and it will be returned to you at a later date.

If you are unable to come to the Parish Centre on the 4 November, you can hand your box in at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, during opening hours, or to any of our Churchwardens. If none of these times are convenient for you then please do not hesitate to contact me so alternative arrangements can be made.

Any help you are able to offer on 4 November, with counting the box contents or serving refreshments, would be most welcome. Please let me know if you would like to help.

With the effects of inflation and fuel prices, your donation is even more important this year, to enable the Society to effectively meet the demands on its services. Some of you may find that your boxes are not quite as full this year, as we have moved increasingly towards a cashless society. Please bear in mind that we are more than happy to accept notes, as well as coins, and cheques (made payable to The Children's Society).

You might also like to consider setting up a direct debit to make regular contributions to the Society's invaluable work. This can be done easily through the Society's website www.childrenssociety.org.uk. For more information about the Society's work then please visit their website.



Best wishes
Paul Lageu
Box Co-Ordinator

Finally, you are cordially invited to attend one of our wonderfully uplifting Christingle services, a highlight of the church year. All proceeds go to The Children's Society.

Holy Trinity at 5pm on Sunday 10 December
All Saints', Luddington at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve



MUNICIPAL CHARITIES OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

For the past year I have been a trustee of the Municipal Charities of Stratford-upon-Avon. The name may sound rather dull and suggest it is linked to the council but in fact it is the amalgamation of eight different charities, some with historic connections with different churches in the town principally involved in providing almshouses.



The oldest and most well-known of these are those in Church Street which were built by the Guild of the Holy Cross in the fifteenth century but now house eighteen residents in a range of bedsit, studio apartments and bungalows. Hidden from the street view, there is a lovely communal garden where we held a summer fete which, unfortunately, was curtailed by a serious storm.



St Joseph's Homestead is a set of four maisonettes in Albany Road. They are for single Roman Catholic or Protestant ladies who live in Stratford, Leamington or either in the archdiocese of Birmingham or in Leek in Staffordshire to fulfil the intentions of sisters Agnes and Rose Edith Carr-Smith who established it in 1911. This too

has lovely gardens at the rear.



In Brookvale Road you find the six John Roberts Almshouses named after a local builder who left a bequest that they be built to house members of what is now the United Reformed Church, although members of the other churches which are part of Stratford Churches Together can also be considered.

In Guild Street there are two sets of almshouses. Just along from KwikFit there are the four Mary Newland's Almshouses, each one of which has its own small garden.



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Further along the street are the most modern residences we have are at Shakespeare Court under the auspices of the Emily Payne and Elizabeth Saunders Homes charity where there are twelve flats. These are for poor, elderly people from anywhere in the Stratford-on-Avon district.

As soon as I had been appointed as a trustee I went to see all these sites as part of my comprehensive induction programme. I was thus able to see how well the charity maintains them for the residents. Not surprisingly, although none the less perhaps shocking in this modern age, all the properties are fully occupied and there is clearly the need for more. As such, we are actively looking to develop the Georgian property next to Shakespeare Court to provide three flats and four bungalows. I am on the development committee, which is chaired by Mark Sayers (who many people will know as one of our church bellringers) and things are progressing well, with initial plans having been drawn up and discussed with the local planning department prior to formal submission. One of the advantage of these new almshouses is that there will be no age, gender or Christian denomination restrictions on their occupancy, which means we will be able to help people who currently wouldn't qualify. Long-term there are hopes that even more almshouses can be added somewhere in the town.



The other very important aspect of the Municipal Charities is to administer the historic charities of John Combe (a friend of William Shakespeare's whose own tomb is in the chancel, as illustrated) , Thomas Combe, Richard Smith for Bread, Thomas Durant, Hubert Gibbs and Annie Justins under the collected umbrella name of the Relief in Need Charity. This gives grants to individuals both directly and through agencies like Citizens Advice. It also supports the Foodbank and other such charities. Each year it has tens of thousands of pounds to use in this way and, for a charity that makes such an important difference in the town, it is perhaps strange that it is not better known.

Tim Raistrick





Many of us have been affected by what seem to be endless strikes in our public services, especially the NHS and the railways. It is not for me to comment on the rights and wrongs of such strikes. But I cannot help feeling that something called “the Hawthorne effect” may have a lot to do with them.

About a century ago, sociologists in the USA began a series of studies into what really motivated workers to give of their best. They focused on a factory in a place called Hawthorne in the Midwest. They experimented with changes in pay and working conditions, not only “up” but “down”. Some of their findings, which are described in a long article on Wikipedia, have been contested. But the general impression given was that not only improvements but even the less favourable changes could result in better performance! How can that be?

Most sociologists now define “the Hawthorne effect” as meaning that the simple act of investigating workers’ well-being and taking a genuine interest in it, pretty much irrespective of how this is shown, can have a dramatic impact on that well-being and hence on performance. Actually (as usual) Shakespeare knew all about that! Remember in *Henry V*, before Agincourt, the effect of “a little touch of Harry in the night” as the King went round and took an interest in all his soldiers and their hopes and fears? That resulted in the soldiers giving of their best and achieving a great victory against the odds. They were not offered any performance bonuses or suchlike; but they felt profoundly valued.

Maybe it is not surprising that, after Covid and the “clap for carers”, some NHS staff and other essential workers now feel that they are just not valued in the same way as they were a couple of years ago. I repeat, I am not judging whether some particular level of pay rise is the right solution; in fact I am rather wondering whether other public and Government indications of “caring” might be more effective to end the current level of dissatisfaction.

I don’t want to go too far down that line of argument, which could lead me into inappropriate reflections of a political nature. But I do think that there are lessons to be learnt in our everyday lives, even our church life. We in this parish have experienced the exhilarations of a successful fete, and many other good things in recent months; those in some other parishes (and maybe a few in our own congregation) may not be in such a happy place and may feel neglected, notably by the Church centrally and by the Diocese. There must be so many parallels in other organisations and communities, including workplaces and maybe even families.

“A little touch of Harry in the night” - constant appreciation of and interest in those with whom we share our common life, and particularly those who look to us for leadership - could work wonders in all these places and at all levels. I would even say that it is one of the main ways in which, through us, lives are changed by God’s love - whether the “Harry” in question is a Christian or not. Whether it will solve the public service strikes, or the deep national governance problems of which they may be a symptom, I do not know. But all of us, even those who do not think of ourselves as leaders, might do well to try more of that little touch in our everyday lives.

FROM THE REGISTERS - OCTOBER

CHRISTENINGS

8 October Emilia Hughes

22 October Carter Perry

WEDDINGS

7 October Paul and Frederica Martin (blessing)

28 October Rhys Hutchinson and Megan Shemmell

FUNERALS

20 October Lorna Millward



HOLY TRINITY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Wednesday **1 November**. If you think it would help to meet with other people who are in a similar position at this difficult time in your life please come and join us. Just come to the Parish Centre at 2pm and we will finish at about 3.30pm.

There is no need to make an appointment; we shall be delighted to see you. Come and join us in the lounge area of the Parish Centre.

David Harrison
Bereavement Co-ordinator

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TRINITY FELLOWSHIP

I am very pleased to be able to report that we had four men join Trinity Fellowship in September and they seemed to enjoy the meeting. I am hoping that by the time we meet in October we will have even more men.

November is our AGM so please come to the meeting on Wednesday 15 November and let us know how we are doing. We realise that the AGM is not the most exciting meeting to attend in our calendar but so necessary for the future well being of the Fellowship as we take into consideration your views and opinions. We are not sending out a questionnaire like so many organisations do these days but we still need to know your thoughts on our programme etc. At our last Committee meeting it was decided that we will give £300 to charity this year and so we would like to know which charities the majority of you would like to support.

Following the AGM there will be some light entertainment followed by tea and cake and of course the raffle.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible in November Men and Ladies.

Our meetings start at 2pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to join us please come along; we shall be delighted to see you.

Gina Lodge
Chair.

PCC MEETING



The session was led in opening prayers by Tim Raistrick.

The PCC was given a Safeguarding update by Lynn and Paul Suter and made aware on the current Safeguarding Regulations and the Parish compliance. Specific items were the Approval of Procedures for Ex Offenders, presentation of an Action Plan produced by the Safeguarding Dashboards and approval of a Safeguarding Policy for the use of the Parish.

Emma Harrington gave a presentation on Future Opportunities for the Parish, using the statistics provided by the latest National Census.

The selection of the Christmas Charities was referred to the Standing Committee for further options and a decision in early October.

The Disability Group was asked to provide a more itemized work list for the next meeting.

St Helen's has installed LED lighting with some initial problems which needed resolving.

A Faculty was approved for permanent AV Lighting wiring and a Faculty was also approved for the provision on the necessary scaffolding for the Organ Refurbishment.

The current Financial Position was reviewed and the Treasurer responded to questions.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES AND CHRISTMAS CARD AMNESTY 2023

Once again, the PCC wish to continue in the tradition of donating the income received from our Christmas Services across the whole Parish to three charities – an international, a national and a local one. All three are new for this year.

Our “international” charity for 2023 will be **Embrace the Middle East**. It supports the life and work of Christian partners of all denominations from Egypt to Syria, where many of them are tiny minorities facing considerable threats to their very survival. The choice of this charity was made before the latest terrible conflict in Israel/Palestine which will cause extra suffering for these communities. Although an international charity, we feel we have a local link through Revd Su McClellan, who was a former Ordinand in our Parish. Su is now based at Coventry Cathedral but continues to lead the Church Engagement Team with this organisation.

Our “national” charity is a rather better known one - **Alzheimer’s Society** - offering support for the increasing numbers of people suffering this affliction and furthering research into its causes, alleviation and possible cures. This is a charity close to the heart of many in our congregation.

Finally, our “local” charity is **Clapa, the Cleft Lip and Palate Association**. Based in Birmingham, it has given much support to at least one family in our congregation. About three babies per day are born with a cleft, often diagnosed in the womb. These children can face many years of corrective surgery and every case is different. **Clapa** aims to make sure no family goes through this journey alone.

And so, to the Christmas Card Amnesty.....

As a further contribution towards the charities, we also invite readers to take part in a Christmas Card Amnesty. In return for a donation (suggested minimum of £10), their name will be printed in the next issue of Trinity Times, sending an all-inclusive Christmas greeting to their fellow members of the congregation. What better way to start the ‘Season of Goodwill’!

Donations should be made in one of two ways

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Please, if you can, send your names to me digitally by the Trinity Times website:

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for inclusion in the December/January edition of the Trinity Times. Any names reaching me after 12 November will not be included in the magazine.

Social Events Programme 2024

Burns Supper Jan 20th



Pancake Party Feb 13th

Luddington Walk Apr 13th



Greek Evening Jun 22nd

Parish Picnic July 14th



**Treasure Hunt &
Cream Tea Sept 7th**



**SOCIAL
EVENTS**

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**HOLY TRINITY
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BRAVERY AND WOMANHOOD

In 2020, Person Irresponsible (fat, funny, forty-sob-sob-sob-something female) walked from Mexico to Canada alone for reasons she still doesn't really understand. Upon her return she wrote a book called 'Everything You Ever Taught Me' reflecting on what gave her the mental fortitude to complete the 2,653 mile journey.

In the process of writing that book, she took a deep dive in to women's fears and anxieties - how and why they differ from men's, and how to tackle them. This talk uses anecdotes from her epic adventure to illustrate her points, which are guaranteed to make you laugh or cringe

CONQUERING BRAVERY FOR TEENAGE GIRLS

Having delivered her talk all over England, audience's most common feedback was "I wish my daughters could have come". In response, PI has devised a talk specifically focuses on why and how teenage girls are three times more likely to struggle with anxiety than boys drawing on research inspired by her forthcoming book "Everywhere I Never Wanted To Go".

In doing so, she'll help teenagers understand what is the arch-nemesis of self-esteem. Full of some of the really useful ideas that can raise up one's self of self - that are workable, appealing and routed in good science. There's also a fantastic exam-boosting technique included.

Her only request is that attendees should bring their mobile phones with them! Parents/ Carers go free if accompanied by a teenage girl!

These talks are being delivered across Warwickshire in November, but specifically at **Holy Trinity Parish Centre** on **9 November (Bravery & Womanhood)** and **23 November (Conquering Bravery for teenage girls)**. Both events start at 7pm and finish at 8:30pm.

Karen Hollis

FROM PSALM 150

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord'

Praise the Lord.

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HOLY TRINITY'S COMMUNITY FETE - 23 SEPTEMBER



It was a great success

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop with Florist Sally Welch

Saturday 25 November 2023

Two Sessions in the Parish Centre:
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30pm

Come and Join us, either in the morning or the afternoon for a fun session of wreath making.

Mulled wine, hot drinks, and mince pies on arrival.

All materials and decorations will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own suitable decorations if you wish.

Cost: £35 per wreath. Cost is the same as last year, this represents excellent value. Families and groups are invited to work together making a wreath or you may wish to arrange for someone to make a wreath on your behalf. Number of wreaths that can be made is limited to twenty.

EARLY sign up recommended, last date is Sunday 11 November 2023. For further information, or if you can offer help, please contact Marie Mcdougall on 07875018282 or email: mariemcdougall73@gmail.com Link for booking tickets: <https://bit.ly/46bmu7h>



Christmas Wreath Making
With Florist Sally Welch
Sat 25th November
10:30-12:30 or 13:30-15:30
at the Parish Centre
Sign up using this QR Code
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Booking closes 11th Nov (or fully booked)

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**Patrick blessing the Community Orchard after
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