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SUNDAY SERVICES

Weekly Services are detailed below.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP. Coffee and tea are served after our 10am Sunday service. **IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH** please introduce yourself to Trudi Shaw or Philippa Walker our Church Wardens.

If you are new to our Church Family and wish to join the Electoral Roll (another way of belonging) then please take one of the forms from the notice board at the back of the Church and give it to someone in Church or put it through my letterbox. Thank you! Christine Buffrey, 1 Portwey Close, DT4 8RF

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Services at Holy Trinity

Sundays

8 a.m. Said Eucharist

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 2nd September

6.30 p.m. Open Table meeting

Wednesdays

Midweek Eucharist at 10.00

The church is open at 8 a.m. most days for a morning prayer.

From the Bishop of Salisbury

September is always a month of endings, as well as new beginnings. As the bright colours of summer fade into the oranges and browns of autumn, shiny new school shoes make an appearance, along with fresh notebooks as we head back to our desks after a break over August. We start again, carrying with us the feeling of a new year beginning.

September then is always a month of change, and because of this it can be unsettling. We reflect on or maybe grieve for that which is drawing to a close, and can feel a mixture of anticipation about what is new or next. It is likely that we feel this even more acutely this September, living in a world which feels increasingly insecure from the perspective of fast-changing global politics and conflicts around the world that show no sign of abating. All is changing; all feels very fragile and deeply uncertain.

One of this country's much-loved hymns is 'Abide with Me', famous for being sung at every FA Cup Final since 1927. The words are based on Luke 24: 29 and were written by the Reverend Henry Francis Lyte, with one of the stories about this suggesting that he wrote them in September 1847 – just after he had conducted his final church service and when very ill with tuberculosis. He died two months later.

Putting aside questions of when Lyte wrote these words, the fact remains that they capture the constancy of God's presence and love, even as the seasons change, our lives change, our world changes; in life and in death:

Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

This then is a beautiful reminder that even though we, and indeed our world, pass through times of change and can feel unsettled as a result, God goes with us. God in Christ abides with us, his presence and love unchanging in our ever-changing world:

“Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.”
And He went in to stay with them. (Luke 24: 29)

God bless,

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Days of Yore

Clare Page

In the July 1976 issue, the Rev. Geoffrey Walton regrets the scale of corruption in public life, using as an example workers at a car plant who had been pilfering parts to sell on the black market. The days of the UK as a manufacturing powerhouse were still in full swing.

Some new appointments were announced – Mr John Butterworth as the new headteacher of Holy Trinity Junior School, and Rev. John Kirkham as the new bishop of Sherborne.

The March Airs were busy providing all kinds of summer entertainment and Archdeacon Sharp was on his way to present awards at the Junior School's Prize Day.

The garden fete had made a grand total of £453.43 and £233.31 had been collected in a house to house collection for Christian Aid.

The Mothers' Union celebrated their centenary at Wilton House in fine weather with a service and a picnic lunch. A mime show of the life of founder Mary Sumner went down well but there was some dismay at the loo provision – one for three thousand attendees!

Finally there is a plea to keep assemblies in primary schools, as presumably there must have been some debate on the issue at the time. The primary school assembly is still very much alive and kicking – the letter writer, Lesley Venner, would have been relieved to know.

St Boniface of Crediton

By Philippa Walker

Swithun who died in 863, was bishop of Winchester and is better known for his activities as a miracle-working saint than for his time as bishop. Little is known about his life other than his connections with the Anglo-Saxon royal family of Wessex which was based in Winchester. Before the reforms of the English church which took place in the 10th century, the church was many run by secular clerics not monks, one such cleric was Swithun. He was appointed Spiritual adviser to King Aethelwulf and tutor to his son King Alfred the Great. Aethelwulf appointed Swithun as Bishop of Winchester on 30th October 852. It appears that in this position Swithun repaired several dilapidated churches and built a bridge at the East Gate of Winchester.

With his dying breath Swithun is said to have requested that his burial place be outside where his grave could easily be reached by members of the parish and by raindrops falling from heaven'. He was duly placed in a sarcophagus on open ground between the western entrance to the Old Minster in Winchester and a stone cross dedicated to St Martin of Tours.

In life only one recorded miracle was performed Swithun This concerned an 'Egg Woman in Winchester. A poor old woman had set her eggs on a bridge and builders of a nearby church broke them. Whereupon St Swithun, a bishop of Winchester, made them whole once more.

Following his death St Swithun was given credit for hundreds of miracles, one concerned The Ordeal of Queen Emma by Fire at Winchester is a legend that seems to have originated in the 13th

century. Queen Emma was accused of unchastity with Bishop Ælfwine of Winchester. In order to prove her innocence, she was obliged to undergo the ordeal of walking over nine red-hot ploughshares placed on the pavement of the nave of Winchester Cathedral. Two bishops conducted the barefoot queen to the line of red-hot ploughshares. She walked over the red-hot ploughshares, but, having sought the protection of St Swithun, whose shrine is at Winchester, felt neither the naked iron nor the fire.

His prolific miracle working continued with 200 sick people being cured in the Old Minster in a ten day period. It was also reported that many redundant crutches and stools were left behind by those who had been cured.

It seems that three miracles were required to allow Swithun's remains to be moved from outside the minster to inside the minster.

The first of these miracles needed took place in 968 (105 years after St Swithun's death) when the bishop appeared as a vision to a blacksmith, whom he told to report his appearance to Aethelwold. The blacksmith carried out his wishes but not until 2 years later. The next miracle occurred in 969 when a man suffering from the pain of a hump-back lay down by St Swithun's tomb and fell asleep awaking fully cured. The third miracle is very bizarre and concerned a man who suffered paralysis after seeing the apparition of 'three terrifying and naked Ethiopian women' in Winchester's water meadows! He was told in a dread to go to Swithun's tomb where he was cured.

On the 15th July 971 St Swithun's remains were moved into the Old Minster and in the centuries that followed he became one of the best known of the Anglo-Saxon saints both in England and abroad.

According to legend, forty days of terrible weather followed this move suggesting that St Swithun was none too happy with the new arrangements. Ever since it has been said that the weather on 15th July supposedly determines the weather for the next 40 days as suggested in the popular Elizabethan verse:

St Swithin's day if thou dost rain

For forty days it will remain

St Swithin's day if thou be fair

For forty days will rain na mair.

At present, there are sixty-eight churches, ancient and modern, dedicated to St Swithun in England as well as in Western Norway Stavanger Cathedral is dedicated to him.

My Favourite Hymn

By Clare Page

At my Portsmouth primary school, the music teacher had a great enthusiasm for the hymns of Isaac Watts, the brilliant 17th/18th century Nonconformist minister, intellectual and writer of sacred verse – perhaps because they both came from Southampton.

Whatever the reason, his most famous hymn, ‘O God Our Help In Ages Past’ was sung so often in assembly and during worship that it has remained in my mind, and the older I get, the more majestic, moving and meaningful I find it.

The words are wonderful: just for starters, ‘O God, our help in ages past/Our hope for years to come/Our shelter from the stormy blast/And our eternal home’ sums up the past, present and future of Christian belief, tying all three together in an expression of eternal continuity.

Even as a child, there was something awe-inspiring about lines like ‘A thousand ages in your sight/Are like an evening gone’ and ‘Time like an ever-rolling stream/Bears all its sons away’. Concepts to stretch the childish imagination – and the image of time as a river flowing inexorably onwards and forever has always been strangely comforting to me. However choppy and rough it gets, it takes us onwards until we reach the open sea with the sun on its horizon.

Holy Trinity and our Choral Tradition

Philippa Walker

A Year in the life of Holy Trinity Church - Weymouth 1932

It appears that 1932 was a year somewhat lacking in news! The parish magazine reported that the Vicar lost a small black-board, recovered in March. The 1931 Christmas Services were reported as being 'memorable for some beautiful singing and for one of the largest congregations ever packed into Holy Trinity, many regretfully being turned away'!!

The Bishop of London preached at Holy Trinity and the collection of £17 was donated to the London Police Court

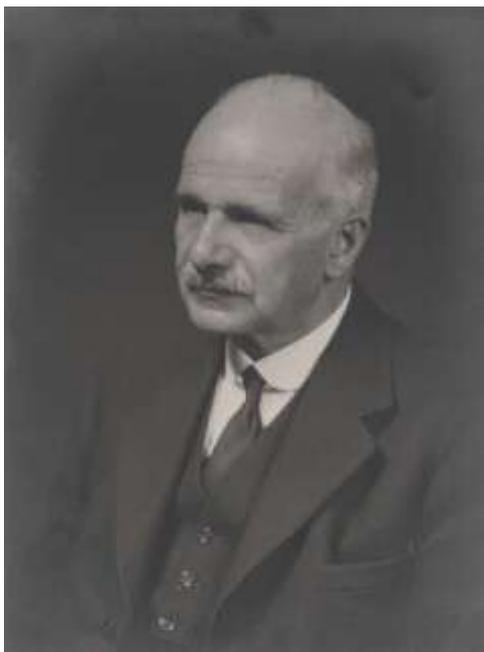
Bishop Joscelyne, who had been Bishop Coadjutor of Jamaica confirmed 37 candidates in this year one of whom was Eric Downton, who later became Reuter's Special Correspondent from Moscow during WWII.



Bishop Joscelyne

The magazine mentions the 'problem of Sunday Mornings' without being specific as to what those problems were. However the time of Sung Eucharist was thereafter changed.

Sir Campbell Rhodes, arrived in an aeroplane to address the Guides at a united service at Holy Trinity



Sir Campbell-Rhodes

In July 1932, the church began a Holidaymakers' Service on Sundays at 10.00 am and 'Sabbath Calm' was instituted by the laying of coconut matting the length of the central aisle of the Nave (at 12/3 per yard). It seems that people were leaving in the middle of the services to go home to 'cook the dinner'!

The church choir led the singing at the dedication by the Bishop of the new lifeboat the 'William and Clara Ryland', which was stationed in Weymouth from 1930 - 1957 and is a 53 foot Barnett class lifeboat.



The William and Clara Ryland - Lifeboat

The third annual Choirs' Festival took place at Holy Trinity on 3rd December with about 200 voices, mostly from the villages around Weymouth. The only church choirs from the Weymouth Rural

Deanery were Holy Trinity, Preston and All Saints, Portland. Dr Armstrong of Exeter Cathedral conducted the practice and the address on the subject of Music in Worship was given by Bishop Eden.

Thoughts and Prayers for August 2025

Christine Buffrey

Think of boats entering Weymouth Harbour
A prayer by Fr Patrick Sales

Like boats coming safely into harbour
steering clear of hidden rocks,
Keep us safe, Lord, from all the dangers
that can beset us as we journey to you.

Keep safe those who do not know you
but who live good lives with integrity.
Keep safe those who show kindness
to others with generosity of spirit.
Keep safe those who suffer in life
as they strive to help others.
Keep safe those who have turned away from you.
Help them to return.

Help us all, Lord, to trust in you,
that one day we may rejoice
safe in your heavenly harbour. Amen

Psalm 23 – with a difference

The Lord is my pace-setter;
I will not rush.
He makes me stop for quiet intervals.
He provides me with images of stillness
which restore my serenity.
He leads me in the ways of efficiency through
calmness of mind.
His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things
to accomplish each day, I will not fret.
for his presence is here.
His timelessness, his all-importance
will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the midst of my activity, by anointing
my mind with the oils of tranquillity.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Truly harmony and effectiveness
shall be the fruits of my hours,
for I walk in the peace of the Lord,
and dwell in his house forever. Amen

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