

# Trinity Voice

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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 Reverend Juliet Stephenson, Vicar, 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 6<sup>th</sup> July

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.

# A Farewell to Juliet

## By Clare Page and contributors

Holy Trinity parish says goodbye this month to our vicar for the last twenty-two months, the Reverend Juliet Stephenson – and what a twenty-two months it has been!

I came back to church in Juliet's first month of ministry here, back in September 2024. I remember at the time not being sure what to expect and thinking, 'This is my local church but if it doesn't suit me, I can always try one of the others'. I didn't have to go any further – from my first Sunday service, hiding myself in the back row, I felt completely at home, and Juliet's warmth and the inspiring tone of her sermon welcomed me back into the faith family I had been missing. When I think of Juliet, I think of three things, two of which – faith and family – I have just mentioned. But the third is one I wasn't really expecting but which has been a sparkling thread running through Juliet's time here – fun!



*'We'll always remember our wedding day not just for the vows and the love – but for the Curly Wurllys! That small, sweet surprise said everything about Juliet: thoughtful, joyful and a little bit unexpected. To us she's always been a perfect mix of chocolates and lightning bolts – comforting and kind, with a spark that lights up the room. We're so grateful for her role in such an important chapter of our lives.'*

Emma and Martin Brinsley

I can think of so many fun things Juliet brought to our parish life, from the Vicar's Knickers guessing game at the Christmas Fayre to the Candlemas Fish Supper, with a generous helping of sequins, folk music and pint-pulling. Who can forget Bring Your Vicar to Work Day at The Swan?



Underpinning all of these fun times, though, was a foundation of faith. The laughter, companionship and enjoyment were an integral part of Juliet's expression of Christian worship and she understood that an entertaining sermon – and how many of those we were treated to – is a memorable sermon. Juliet took the church out into the community, and she took the community into her home – from the Easter procession to her Lent Lunches at the vicarage, everything flowed from the need to communicate and celebrate the teachings of Christ in any way she could think of.

*'Is God boring?*

*My God isn't. Mine is dynamic, fun, creative, wonder-full, surprising, compassionate, supportive, nurturing, etc, etc. Certainly not boring. So why did I find Church so uninspiring?*

*Then Juliet arrived and showed a different church. A church which, for me, reflected God's love and so many exciting possibilities.*

*Not boring at all!*

*Thank you, Juliet, for showing me what is possible.'*

Tricia Donovan



And then there's family. Juliet brought a sense of familial belonging and welcome with her wherever she went. Her own family became familiar to us, both as members of the parish and the stars of funny stories in many a sermon – with Chief Brodie every bit as important as any of the humans (if not more so). She brought the love and joy of faith to the children of Holy Trinity primary school and the older people at Anning House. Her unique energy was a particular hit with the young and the school trips to church were a treat to be looked forward to. It has always been very clear that Juliet has a particular passion for reaching people who have in the past been marginalised by or excluded from the church, and her monthly Open Table meetings for LGBTQ+ parishioners were an expression of one of her dearest missions.

*'Juliet has a special gift of relationship, enabling her to communicate with anyone and everyone on their own level.'*

Rev. Liz Smith



So it's a very reluctant goodbye to an extraordinary parish priest – our loss is Edinburgh's gain. We have been blessed and lucky to have you – and we will be praying for you and your family as you approach a new challenge. Thank you for everything.



*'JULIET*

*J - joyful and jolly*

*U - unbounded and understanding*

*L - lovely and loving*

*I - inimitable and inspirational*

*E - energetic and enthusiastic*

*T - tremendous and thrilling*

*Thank you for everything!*

*God bless!'*

Christine Buffrey

## Days of Yore

Clare Page

It is April 1976 and Eastertide is here. The palm crosses for Palm Sunday are from the Diocese of Zululand, with proceeds from their purchase going to help Anglicans in that part of Africa.

The St Mark Passion is sung at Palm Sunday Evensong and – a perennial issue – more tenors and basses are needed for the choir. Parish wives are advised to recruit their husbands next time they hear them singing in the bath.

At the parish meeting it is decided that a sound amplification system for the church will not be purchased due to prohibitive costs and more involvement in services by lay parishioners is discussed. The issue ends with the following letter, on that very subject:

‘Dear Sir

In this year of equal opportunities, is it not time that the Parish of Holy Trinity woke up to the fact that the ladies of the congregation could play a greater part in the service of the Church? Not especially cleaning brasses and such like jobs but in being servers at the Communion, reading lessons and carrying candles in the procession.

Not that I am a particular ‘women’s Libber’ but it has been pointed out time and again that the majority of the congregation are female!

I remain yours sincerely

Linda Evans.’

I think Linda Evans had seen some writing on the wall...



# Celebrations

By Clare Page

The patronal festival of Holy Trinity fell last month and a parish lunch was held after the Sunday sung service, and very much enjoyed by all. Everybody contributed food and the wine (and fruit juice) flowed.









We were also blessed last month to host not one but two weddings! And one of them was a complete surprise to everyone except the family involved and Juliet – who had sneaked the banns past everyone, leaving us stunned and very moved when the baptism of our lovely altar server, Evie, turned into the wedding of her parents. What a wonderful shock – God’s blessings on everybody concerned and all best wishes for the future.

Less surprising, but no less wonderful, was the wedding of Martin and Emma – a beautiful day for everyone and much love and prayers to the happy couple, who honeymooned on Skomer Island in Pembrokeshire.



## Thoughts & Prayers for July 2025

By Christine Buffrey

I think that hymns used as prayers can be very effective. As we look forward to the vacancy (interregnum) this hymn could be our constant prayer.

Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt His name;  
When in distress to Him I called,  
He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around  
The dwellings of the just;  
Deliverance He affords to all  
Who on His succour trust.

Oh, make but trial of His love:  
Experience will decide  
How blest are they, and only they,  
Who in His truth confide.

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you His service your delight,  
Your wants shall be His care.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

The God whom we adore,  
Be glory as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore Amen

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*Contributions to the August magazine will be gratefully received. Please let me have articles or ideas by **July 15<sup>th</sup>***

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