

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 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

GENERAL INFORMATION: For any general information please contact the Parish Office on enquiries@holytrinityweymouth.org or telephone 07554709236.

FOR ALL MATTERS RELATING to Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Confirmation and matters of pastoral care for the sick and dying as well as home visits, home communions and the Ministry of Reconciliation (Confession), please **telephone the church on 01305 562766 or 07729 505924**

Email: enquiries@holytrinityweymouth.org

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is perpetually reserved for the sick and infirm.

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Services at Holy Trinity

Sundays

8 a.m. Said Eucharist

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 3rd August

6.30 p.m. Open Table meeting with confirmation

Wednesdays

Midweek Eucharist at 10.00

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

Days of Yore

Clare Page

Ah, the summer of 1976... Tarmac melting on the roads, plagues of biting ladybirds, standpipes...good times! And in June 1976 here at Holy Trinity, parishioner Derek Smith was made a Deacon in Salisbury Cathedral.

The centenary year of the Mothers' Union was celebrated with a festival in the gardens of Wilton House with the Bishop of Salisbury in attendance and festivities included a mime, 'Mary Sumner at Home', an exhibition of needlework, tours of Wilton House, photographs of early Mothers' Union branches and a competition with the theme '5 objects of the Mothers' Union'.

Stalls were being prepared for the Holy Trinity school fete: groceries, needlework, cakes, teas, lucky dip, ice cream and soft drinks, horticulture and vegetables, 'Vicarage Allsorts' (bric a brac), Toys and the Youth Fellowship provided Sideshows. What an impressive amount of involvement!

A letter to the editor continued a debate from the previous issue about the teaching of Religious Education in schools, which was thought to be under existential threat – ultimately it survived, with changes in emphasis.

Finally, there is an urgent plea ("HELP!") for somebody to assist with the Holy Trinity girl guide troop based at Connaught House. If nobody comes forward, it is likely that no local girl will have the opportunity to enjoy guiding in future, says the piece. I'm assuming somebody was found, because I'm pretty sure this is the troop my sister-in-law joined a few years later in the early 1980s – well done, that woman!

St Boniface of Crediton

By Philippa Walker

A fascinating new series starts this month – churchwarden Philippa has been looking into the stories of some of the saints, both well-known and more obscure. If you have a favourite saint whose story you would like to see here, let us know – or write it for us. All contributions are very welcome at clare.page@outlook.com.

Boniface was an English Benedictine monk and leading figure in the Anglo Saxon Mission to the Germanic parts of Francia. He was born around 675 probably in Exeter or thereabouts. His title of Boniface of Crediton was first mentioned in the fourteenth century and he himself mentions that he was ‘born and reared’ in the synod of London. His English name was Winfrid.



As with all Saints he went against his father’s wishes and devoted himself to the monastic life at an early age. He furthered his theological training in the Benedictine monastery in Nursling (now home to a Tesco distribution centre!) He was a teacher and academic, writing books and riddles. In 716 he had clearly had enough of this calm and quiet life and set out on a missionary

expedition to Frisia (now the Dutch province of Friesland). This trip ended badly and he returned to England.

The following year Winfrid went to Rome where Pope Gregory II renamed him Boniface and appointed him missionary bishop for Germania. He became a bishop without a diocese for an area that lacked any church organisation!

St Boniface joined with the Christian Frankish leaders in their battle against the Pagan Saxons. One notable demonstration of God's power was Boniface's felling of the 'Donar's Oak', sometimes called Thor's Oak. This was a sacred tree of the Germanic pagans and story goes was the site of sacrifices and incantations. The felling of the tree was assisted by 'a blast from above' which brought it crashing to the ground and split the tree into four parts. As the pagan gods did not strike Boniface down the amazed people converted to Christianity.

Boniface went on to convert the people of Germania under the protection of Charles Martel, Duke and Prince of the Franks and later his son, Carloman. He was later appointed Archbishop of Germania by Carloman and Papal Legate.

In 754 Boniface set out again to try to convert the Frisians. He baptized a great number and summoned a general meeting for confirmation soon after. However instead of his converts, a group of armed robbers appeared and killed the archbishop. Boniface persuaded his armed comrades to lay down their arms saying 'Cease fighting. Lay down your arms, for we are told in Scripture not to render evil for evil but to overcome evil by good.' As he was attacked he held up a gospel as spiritual protection. This can still be seen in Fulda Cathedral showing axe and sword indentations.

The robbers ransacked Boniface's possessions and instead of finding gold and silver, found only books and sacred texts, which they then tried to destroy.

Bonifaces were removed first to Mainz and then on to the abbey church of Fulder where he was buried.

In 2019 Boniface became the Patron Saint of Devon and is credited as the invention of the Christmas Tree.



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

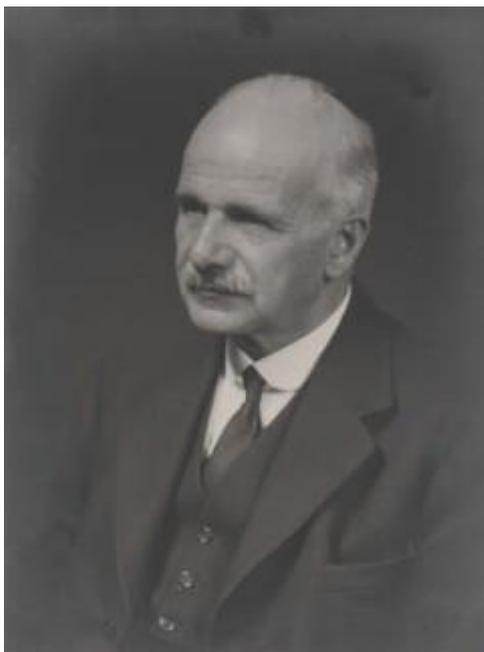
Bishop Joscelyne, who had been Bishop Coadjutor of Jamaica confirmed 37 candidates in this year one of whom was Eric Downton, who later became Reuter's Special Correspondent from Moscow during WWII.



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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