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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 7th September

6.30 p.m. Open Table Agape service

Sunday 28th September

Harvest services

Sunday 28th September

6.30 p.m. BCP Evensong for Harvest

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,

Allana

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 Swithun

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 mainly 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 by 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 concerning 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 Swithun's day if thou dost rain

For forty days it will remain

St Swithun'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, where Stavanger Cathedral is dedicated to him.



Holy Trinity Seafront Stall

By Alyson Brinsley

For those that don't know, on the seafront, beach side just by the bus shelters, there is a square area marked out with the words "charity stall" painted in it. The Council have put this there and any charity can apply to have a stall for fund raising purposes. The Council don't charge charities for this.

So we applied - everything had been planned - a date had been chosen (to take advantage of the summer holidays and lots of holiday makers) and booked with the Council, donations had been collected, sorted and priced, raffle tickets had been stuck on tombola items, tables and the gazebo had been arranged to be collected and vans had been loaded ready for the off. The sun had been shining all week - what more could we ask for?



Well, certainly not the weather that had been forecast – the mini heatwave was about to end (typical), the forecast for Thursday 31st July, our chosen date, was winds, rain and thunder and lightning – wonderful!

But we weren't going to be put off, people would still come (wouldn't they!) and buy things from our stall. If the sun wasn't out then perhaps the people wouldn't be on the beach and in the sea.

We needn't have worried, someone was definitely looking down on us, we had a brilliant day, the rain didn't come, but people did and lots of them. We had a steady stream of people buying items from the minute we got there (just after 8 am) until we were packing away (5 pm) and even then there were still people rummaging through the boxes we were packing. It was a really good day and we raised over £700 for Church funds.



A big thank you to everyone that was involved from those who donated items to those who gave their time on the stall. It was a real team effort and a great day was had by everyone. The amount raised goes to show what we can do when we all pull together. Events like this are crucial to expanding the Holy Trinity Church community and raising funds. If you have any ideas for future events or can give any time to fund raise please let me know.

Many thanks – Alyson



Our trip to Edinburgh

By Philippa Walker



On 22nd July, four of us set off at 9.30 am to fly to Edinburgh to attend Rev Juliet's Licensing service at St Columba's by the castle and what a wonderful occasion it was.

We flew from Bristol and although it felt as if we were driving up and down the hills of the Cheddar Gorge we arrived safe and sound (and very early) at Bristol Airport. The excitement was rising as we landed at Edinburgh airport, catching a very convenient tram to the city centre where we were all staying.

That evening we took the steep walk up to the castle. We met Phill outside the church (no Brodie) and met Juliet at the door. It was lovely to see her again in her new church.



The service was very beautiful with all the frills we are used to: incense, beautiful music, a bishop and a dean!

We were all invited to a wonderful buffet after the service which **almost** matched Holy Trinity's own.

The next day, Juliet and Phill invited us to their lovely new flat. Chief Brody was very pleased to see Mary and a wonderful cake was baked especially for us.

We are all very sad to see Reverend Juliet go, but we wish her every happiness in her new job and home.



Jen's Christmas Pudding

Is this the first mention of Christmas this year? No apologies, and stop groaning at the back! Jen has kindly given us her Christmas pudding recipe and it seems a shame to have to wait four months for it...but it'll be here before we know it. Please do contribute any recipes of your own, seasonal or not, by emailing me at clare.page@outlook.com.

Christmas Pudding Ingredients

450g mixed dried fruit (I tend to substitute some of this weight with quartered glace cherries)

1 large cooking apple, grated

115g plain flour

25g self raising flour

115g breadcrumbs

115g dark brown sugar

225g shredded suet

225g cooking dates

225g grated carrots

1 lemon, rind and juice

1 tablespoon black treacle

2 teaspoons mixed spice

1 teaspoon nutmeg

1 egg (if it needs to be kept)

300ml stout (or beer, or milk)

Instructions

Put everything together in a large mixing bowl and mix it until it's soft but not sloppy (just drops off the spoon). Leave for at least 24 hours before cooking – this allows the fruit to absorb all of the moisture.

Put mixture into covered pudding basins – this recipe makes two good sized puddings – at least 20 portions altogether.

Steam for 4 hours – be careful not to let them boil dry. You can half steam them, then store, then finish the steaming time when you're going to eat them.

Brandy Butter

Ingredients

85g block butter

170g icing sugar

1 tablespoon brandy (or rum, or sherry)

Can add some flour if it curdles

Instructions

Mix then allow to set (I keep mine in the freezer until serving time)

Have a great Christmas and New Year!



Holy Trinity and our Choral Tradition

Philippa Walker

A Year in the life of Holy Trinity Church - Weymouth 1933

Worryingly, the Reverend Ricketts continues to lose items dear to him, first of all his Mirfield Hymn Book (with tunes) and a pair of brown gloves. (The gloves return in April but the Mirfield is not seen again!)

The 16th April sees the start of the 'Holy Trinity Young Men's Club' for servers, young choirmen and ex-choristers.

Mr Mitchell, a member of the choir and scoutmaster was presented with a book on behalf of the Church Council in gratitude for his work with the Choir and the Scouts. It was later announced that he had been accepted as a member of the St Michael's Cornhill Singers, based in the City of London and conducted by Dr Darke.



Harold Darke

The Choirmen had an outing to Minehead in May, whilst the boys spent Whitsun at camp with Mr Macshane



Minehead

The town planned an aeroplane display on Sunday 9th July that year. The church objected to this use of Sunday and the hospital refused to consider accepting any proceeds thereof. The Mayor (to whom the Vicar was Chaplain) wrote to say that this had no support from him: he did not even know that the display was scheduled to take place.

Another festival of church choirs was scheduled for December, fourteen choirs took part. Dr Armstrong rehearsed the choirs and conducted them at the service.

Thoughts and Prayers for September 2025

Christine Buffrey

Yesterday is a memory

Tomorrow is a mystery

Today is a gift – that's why we call it "the present"

Father, hear the prayer we offer

Not for ease that prayer should be

But for strength that we may ever

Live our lives courageously.

As I write these words on 10th August, the post communion prayer today was:

Strengthen for service, Lord,

the hands that have taken holy things;

may the ears which have heard your word

be deaf to clamour and dispute;

may the tongues which have sung your praise

be free from deceit;

may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love

shine with the light of your hope;

and may the bodies which have been fed with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of life;

glory to you forever. Amen

Heavenly Father, as we await a new Vicar, to continue Juliet's amazing ministry amongst us, give us the fruits of your Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Amen

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Contributions to the October magazine will be gratefully received. Please let me have articles or ideas by

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