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# Vicar's Letter

Dear friends

The Taizé community in Burgundy, France, has just celebrated its 70th anniversary. On August 20, 1940, as World War II was raging, Brother Roger arrived alone in the village of Taizé, with the idea of founding a community. He had a conviction that he should come to the assistance of people going through terrible ordeals at that time of war, and try to help with reconciliation. The small village of Taizé, where he settled, was quite close to the demarcation line dividing France in two: hence it was a good place to begin such a ministry. There, with the help of his sister, he sheltered refugees from the war, including many Jews.

In the autumn of 1942, they were warned that their activities had been found out and that everyone should leave at once. So until the end of the war Brother Roger continued this ministry in Geneva. It was there that he began a common life with his first brothers of the community. They were able to return to Taizé in 1944. Gradually other young men came to join the original group, and on Easter Day 1949 seven of them who committed themselves together to a monastic style life of celibacy and simplicity.

Since those humble beginnings the Taizé community has grown enormously. It has developed a spirituality based around prayer three times a day, and has composed beautiful chanting music. Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred



brothers, both Catholics and Protestants alike, and from some thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

A number of brothers live in some of the disadvantaged places in the world, to be witnesses of peace there, alongside people who are suffering. These small groups of brothers, in Asia, Africa and South America, share the living conditions of the people around them. I had the privilege of spending a few days with their community in Brazil a few years ago. They strive to be a presence of love among the very poorest of the poor.

Over the years, pilgrims, especially young adults, have been coming to Taizé in France in ever greater numbers; they come from every continent to take part in weekly meetings. Church leaders also come to Taizé, including all of the Archbishops of Canterbury over the last 70 years.

Tragically Brother Roger died on 16 August 2005, at the age of 90, killed during the evening prayer on almost the exact date of the 65th anniversary of his starting this ministry there. A special pilgrimage there was held this August to commemorate and celebrate his life and ministry. If you would like to read more of this special commemoration, please see:

[http://www.taize.fr/en\\_article11166.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_article11166.html)

All over the world the music, silence, readings and spirituality of Taizé have been taken back by pilgrims to churches and used by local communities to help deepen their own spiritualities. Here at Holy Trinity we have held Taizé Style Evening Services for a few years now, and will continue to

do so this autumn season on Sundays 19th September and 7th November at 6 pm. I find this style of worship immensely helpful, and commend it to you. Please feel very welcome to join us, and make time through silence, prayer and music to come closer to God.

With prayers and very best wishes as we move into the autumn season.

Your friend and Vicar



*Taizé brothers with pilgrims at the Church of the Reconciliation, Taizé, France.*

# September 2010 Calendar

**Daily Prayer in the Church 9.00 - 9.15 am - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**

*Holy Communion is celebrated Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am followed by refreshments in the Green Lounge.*

## Sunday 5 September

8.00 am	<b>Trinity 14</b> Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Family Service and Give Way Café
11.45 am	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Evensong

## Sunday 12 September

8.00 am	<b>Trinity 15</b> Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Crèche, Scramblers, Connect and Pathfinders
12 noon	Baptism
6.00 pm	Evensong

## Sunday 19 September

8.00 am	<b>Trinity 16</b> Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Encounter Communion Service in Hall
11.45 am	Healing Service
6.00 pm	Taizé Evensong

## Tuesday 21 September

2.45 pm	Pre-School Toddler Service
7.30 pm	CCJ - "Faith and the Police" at Holy Trinity

## Wednesday 22 September

8.00 pm	PCC
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## Friday 24 September

10.30 am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
8.00 pm	Costa Church in Northwood

## Sunday 26 September

8.00 am	<b>Trinity 17</b> Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Crèche, Scramblers, Connect and Pathfinders
12 noon	Baptism
Afternoon	Moor Park 10km Fun Run
6.00 pm	Evensong

# Charity & Social Events

## Autumn 2010

<b>Sunday 19 September</b>	10 am - Encounter Service – Shooting Star Hospice Appeal
<b>Friday 24 September</b>	10.30 am - Macmillan Coffee Morning *
<b>Saturday 2 October</b>	7.00 pm - Harvest Supper *
<b>Sunday 3 October</b>	10.00 am - Harvest Festival Service
<b>Tuesday 5 October</b>	School Harvest Festival <i>Followed by sorting and distributing</i> *
<b>Thursday 7 October</b>	8.30 pm - Brazilian Evening
<b>Sunday 17 October</b>	10.00 am - Encounter Service – Shooting Star Hospice Appeal
<b>Friday 29 October</b>	6.00 pm - Preparing Hall for Bazaar *
<b>Saturday 30 October</b>	10.30 am - Autumn Bazaar *
<b>Sunday 31 October</b>	4.00 pm - All Souls Service – followed by refreshments *
<b>Friday 19 November</b>	10.30 am - Coffee Morning for Children's Society *
<b>Sunday 12 December</b>	10.00 am - Christingle Service
<b>Sunday 19 December</b>	6.00 pm - Carol Service, wine and mince pies to follow *

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# Marie-Jo Brown

*This is an abridged version of the address given by  
Rev Peter Hancock at her funeral service on 1 July 2010.*

Marie-Jo was very special. We have come here today to celebrate her life & give thanks to God for all that she was - and is - and all that she meant - and means to us. She was a truly remarkable woman, gifted with many talents; first as a daughter and sister; then as a wife, a mother and recently - happily - a grand-mother!

Marie-Jo was fiercely intelligent. To give you some examples, she was a member of Mensa; this means she had an incredibly high IQ. She spoke Spanish and Italian, and her command of English grammar was better than most of the natives! She decided to learn Classical Greek via the Open University, as Simon had done it at school, and she didn't like to be left behind. She was a whizz on the computer, and she could even do English crosswords!

When I wanted a leader for our Mums & Toddlers group which met weekly, I asked Marie-Jo, as I knew she would do it brilliantly. So I invited her, and she declined. I asked her again, and she declined. Finally she gave in: 'All right', she said, 'I will do it, provided that it becomes a Pram Service in Church.' That was clever. I think she knew that I really didn't like taking our monthly Pram Service; it was too noisy and chaotic. She won, of course. Game, set & match. France 5, England nil!

Her intelligence didn't mean she was not practical; in fact she was both practical and creative. The domestic scene came easily to her; she knew how to run a home; she could cook, sew, arrange flowers, prune shrubs.

Then she was musical; she learned the violin from the age of four, and soon became proficient; she could transpose in her head. For many years she sang alto in the Trinity Music Society - she was the Secretary - and she and Aurie Anderson ruled it with rods of iron! On social occasions when the Trinity Musical Society let its hair down, so to speak, she could do a wonderful 'Edith Piaf' cabaret act.

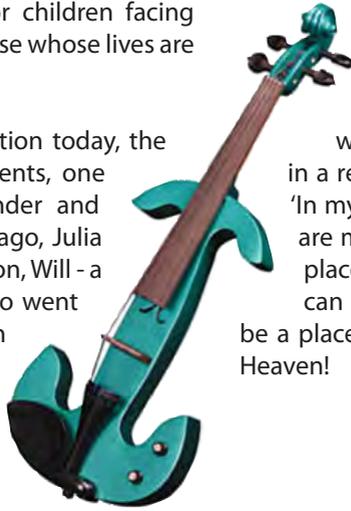
She helped Simon to appreciate and to love choral music. She in turn came to appreciate his blues and rock music, and even, loyally, bought an electric violin, when she made guest appearances with Simon's rock'n'roll band. She and Simon played together in the Holy Trinity family service band for which she taught herself to abandon the music and improvise - no mean feat for a classically trained musician.

She proved to be a very loving and capable mother for Julia and Gregory.

Marie-Jo wasn't a saint; she wouldn't want to be artificially sanctified; she was 100% human - and lovely with it. 'Joie de vivre' is a phrase we all know, and use, but is there an English equivalent? Vivante! She really did enjoy living; then, last year lung cancer was diagnosed, she didn't gnash her teeth & wail; she just got on with it. She refused to regard it as a tragedy for a 60-year old woman, with two grown-up children, married, or shortly to be married, to splendidly supportive spouses, to have to live with a fatal disease. The word tragedy she felt should be reserved for people a generation younger,

mothers with toddlers, or children facing the same diagnosis, or those whose lives are cut short by accident.

Though tears are our portion today, the family does have two events, one past, one future, to ponder and enjoy. Only eight weeks ago, Julia presented Gareth with a son, Will - a joy in any family. Marie-Jo went to spend three days with them when she came out of hospital. And just two days from now, the family will be able



to hide their tears and rejoice as Gregory & Naomi exchange their vows in the Church where her parents were married. And who can say that Marie-Jo will not in a real sense be rejoicing with them? 'In my Father's house,' said Jesus, 'there are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you.' We can be sure, and we can be glad, that there will not only be a place for her, but also much music in Heaven!

# stewartslaw

## Moor Park 10k & Junior Fun Runs

in aid of the **Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre**  
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**Sunday 26th September** - Merchant Taylors' School, Moor Park

Once again many of us from Holy Trinity will be running in this event. It's not too late to sign up and join in - go to:

<http://www.moorpark10k.org.uk/>

If you can't or won't run, then please support those that are on the day by sponsoring the team members and cheering them on.

The junior races start at 12 noon and the main 10K run starts at 3.00 pm.

If you are not running - there is plenty to do while you cheer the runners including:

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- Bouncy castles
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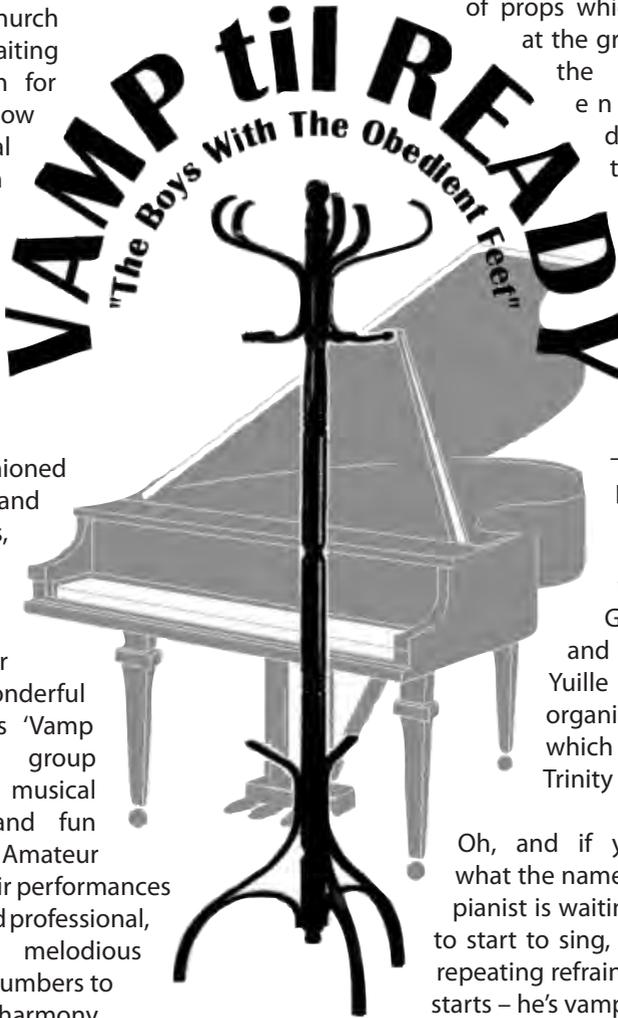
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# Vamp 'til Ready Review

*Playing to a packed church hall on 17 July, "The Boys With The Obedient Feet" entertained many including our reviewer!*

Imagine a full church hall, a crowd waiting with anticipation for what they know will be a musical evening, but with little other idea of what form that it will take. The next thing that they know is that there are 6 men dancing across the stage wearing old fashioned bathing suits and rubber rings, singing 'I love to go swimming with women', amongst other weird and wonderful things! This was 'Vamp 'till Ready', a group who provide musical entertainment and fun solely for charity. Amateur only in name, their performances were polished and professional, ranging from melodious musical theatre numbers to a capella six part harmony a la The Flying Pickets. Humour was key, with a witty compère, not to mention the range



of props which I'm sure came at the greatest expense..... the AED's (audible enhancement devices) looked like they were made of the highest grade rolled up cardboard. All in all it was a great evening with lots of music, laughter and surprises – quite unlike any performance I have seen before. Thanks must go to Tim and Sue Gwynne-Evans and Tom and Felicity Yuille for enabling and organising the event which raised £800 for the Trinity Corner Appeal.

Oh, and if you're wondering what the name means..... when a pianist is waiting for a performer to start to sing, and has to play a repeating refrain till the main tune starts – he's vamping 'till ready!

*Jenny Bartlett*

# Ian Carr

*This is an abridged version of the tribute given by his son Andy at the funeral on 7 July*

## **Footprints in the Sand**

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.  
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.  
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.  
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,  
other times there were one set of footprints.*

*This bothered me because I noticed  
that during the low periods of my life,  
when I was suffering from  
anguish, sorrow or defeat,  
I could see only one set of footprints.*

*So I said to the Lord,  
"You promised me Lord,  
that if I followed you,  
you would walk with me always.  
But I have noticed that during  
the most trying periods of my life  
there have only been one  
set of footprints in the sand.  
Why, when I needed you most,  
you have not been there for me?"*

*The Lord replied,  
"The times when you have  
seen only one set of footprints  
is when I carried you."*

Excuse me for my indulgence - that is of course a very famous passage called Footprints in the Sand by Mary Stevenson.

As a member of Ian's family replacing the word "Lord" in this passage with the word "Ian" or "Father" or "Daddy" .....or even "Grandpa" .....would in a small way explain how he has carried us through our lives, and hence why we will all miss him so dearly.

The cancer he had was a little known, rare but voracious cancer, called Merkel cell carcinoma. Ian was given 3 to 9 months life expectancy when diagnosed with secondaries - and he took his full allocation of months. His commitment to Margs was that he would stay with her for as long as he possibly could. He was so brave through it all, always putting on a very brave face, even though inside he was burning up. He cried with my mother, not because he was afraid to die (he never had been), but because he

didn't want to leave her on her own. You see, he always put others ahead of himself; always had done; and he did it, even in his own mortality - a truly brave but modest man.

Of course after Ian retired, he joined Northwood golf club and became an active member of the Wednesday four-ball and the Friday Fiddle, the latter for which he used to be the official scorer. He was fanatical for the rules of golf and the etiquette of the game.

You didn't have to spend much time with Ian before you realised that he was very clear what he liked and what he didn't like - he was very black and white on most things;

- He liked a drink
- Definitely liked a laugh
- Loved having his family around him
- While he wouldn't admit to it he liked his laptop
- Didn't like music generally - never had a music system or even a CD player in the house
- Hated **my** music - which he had a choice derogatory description for concerning horses and their natural effluent
- Hated barbeques, especially if he was cooking them
- Liked a vindaloo curry
- Liked a pint of bitter, not lager, and liked a malt whisky with water (not ice)
- Liked pink shirts
- Always liked to be busy - unless he was busy reading the paper
- Loved Cornwall, in particular Trevone where we have spent many, many happy times as a family
- Loved surfing
- Hated fishing, but liked eating fish
- Loved his golf
- Liked reading factual books about the

- 1st and 2nd World Wars
- Hated fictional books
- Liked cooking,
- Liked Cornish pasties from Padstow, but didn't like Rick Stein's pasties.....too greasy
- Didn't like champagne
- But loved getting his guests tiddly on champagne cocktails and other things from his drinks cabinet
- Didn't like dentists
- Didn't like jeans
- Didn't like "Trick or treaters"
- Didn't like flying long distances
- Liked watching the cricket and rugby
- Liked peanut butter and bovril sandwiches
- Loved France - the French got in the way a bit
- Loved Moules and frites
- Loved "fruits de mer"
- My mother aside for the moment, he loved "old cars"
- Loved good wine and home brew
- Didn't like strong coffee - instant was good enough
- Hated being fussed over
- Liked doing the crossword with Margs over a cup of coffee. The Saturday Telegraph one in particular.
- Loved Tansy our Dachsund dog and Twiggy - Sue's Dachsund
- Loved a dry sherry before supper
- But above all .....he loved his wife Margs and his kids. In fact his very last words to us were "I love you".

So I hope I have reminded you, that for all his "black and whiteness", what he did manage to bring to us was glorious colour, and it is those colourful happy memories that will be with us for ever more, and certainly what we should be enjoying and reflecting on today.

God speed Ian.

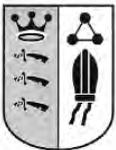


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# September Quiz - About Britain

1. Which British Cities (apart from London), have underground railway systems?
2. Name three UK airports named after people (real or fictitious).
3. Which English city has always had its own independent telephone network?
4. Apart from London what other English city levies a traffic congestion charge?
5. Temperature-wise, what links the following places : Stoney Middleton, and Matlock Bath, Derbyshire; Tunbridge Wells, Buxton, Bristol and Rhondda Cynon, Taf, S. Wales.

For questions 6 - 9, what products have been extracted from the ground in the following locations :-

6. Dolaucothi, Pumsaint, Carmarthenshire and Clogau, St David's Mine Gwynedd Wales. Who owns the product?
7. At Seathwaite, Borrowdale, Cumbria, this product (mined since 1565) is the only type to be extracted in the world! The less pure mineral is in general use worldwide.
8. Now only mined at Winsford, Cheshire, Boulby, N. Yorks and Kilroot, N. Ireland. Mined since 1600. A rock essential to life. The first mine named has 140 miles of tunnels.
9. The only site for this mineral in the world, is at Castleton, in the Derbyshire National park and the product is much prized worldwide.
10. What connects Singleton, W. Sussex, Wych Farm, Purbeck Peninsula, Dorset, Stockbridge, Hants.

*Answers overleaf*



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# September Quiz Answers

1. (a) Glasgow : since 1896; narrow 4ft gauge; 15 stations; a circle. (b) Newcastle (Tyne and Wear Metro) has a repeater network allowing mobile phone use; Wallsend Station has signs in Latin. (c) Liverpool : Pretzel configuration passing thro' same station twice.
2. Belfast City = George Best (from 2006). Liverpool Airport = John Lennon (from 2002). Doncaster = Robin Hood Airport (2005) built 1915 to intercept German Zeppelins.
3. Hull is the only City with its own independent telephone company established in 1902.
4. Durham introduced a charge in 2002 for 1,000yr. old Sadler St leading to the Cathedral.
5. All have natural hot springs with water temp. ranging from 17°C (63°F) to 28°C (82°F).
6. Gold since at least Roman times. All gold mined belongs to the Queen who wears a Welsh gold wedding ring (as does Prince Charles and his wife, and Catherine Zeta Jones and her husband). As it is no longer mined it is becoming scarce and very valuable
7. Rods of Graphite, elsewhere the graphite exist in powder form. Originally thought to be lead ( thus called Plumbago Mines, Plumbago is Latin for lead) and so 'lead pencil'.
8. Rock Salt : Mined since 1670 as opposed to ordinary salt which was concentrated by boiling brine springs in salt houses (wyches), thus Northwich, Nantwich, Droitwich. Because of subsidence, light timber framed houses were constructed able to be moved.
9. Blue John Gemstone ( Bleu Jaune : found in either colour) Romans once mined it (now the mine produces 500kg/ year), a form of Calcium Fluorite
10. All have Oil Wells drilling horizontally up to ten miles away from the oil to minimise environmental impact. Onshore drilling = 2% of Britain's total oil (98% from N. Sea).

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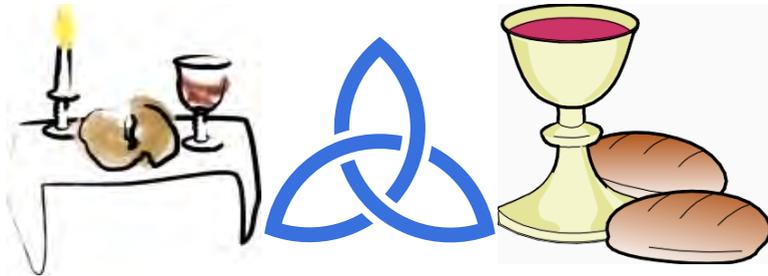
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# Thoughts from a Wheelchair

*“God Almighty first planted a garden; and, indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures.”*

*Francis Bacon (1561-1626), essay “of gardens”*

May I share my thoughts with you.

As I am unable to move of my own volition, I am dependent upon the availability of others to help. So, not being able to participate in the rushing world, I have spent the whole summer long sitting by a mostly open window looking out on to the garden.

Although small and compact, I believe it is what is described in the best garden magazines as ‘mature’. Therefore I have watched with more interest than usual the changing of the plants.

I observed, somewhat in awe, the bare branches against the wood of the fence suddenly spring into life – the birds began singing early each morning, leaves were appearing, then the delicate colouring of the clematis.

A little while later, summer was appearing in all her glory. The clear blue sky seemed to me to be a deeper perfect blue than I had ever observed before. The fresh green on the leaves of the trees shone out as I do not recall.

Just lately, due mainly to lack of rain, the flowers in their pots seem not to be wilting but standing still. Summer is moving inexorably towards autumn. People speak of an early autumn – a lovely time of year.

However, I have been given the chance to observe the passing of the seasons from my wheelchair just inside the mainly open window. I have, perforce, had time to watch these changes and realise that we are all part of that change. God’s world is truly wonderful and especially so in a garden that is well tended and nurtured, as observed by Francis Bacon long ago.

*Joan Harrison*

*Gally Darvill*

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*1st Sunday*

*3rd Sunday*

*2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays*

*Festivals and Specials*

Parish Communion in Church

Family Service in Hall

Encounter Communion in Hall

Activities (including Crèche) for Young People

All Age Worship in Church

11.45 am

*1st Sunday*

*3rd Sunday*

*2nd & 4th Sundays*

Holy Communion in Lady Chapel

Healing Service in Lady Chapel

Baptisms

6.00 pm

*Every Sunday*

Evensong

## Weekdays

9.00 am *Tuesday, Thursday & Friday*

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10.30 am *Wednesday*

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It is also helpful know when new people come to live in our Parish, so please make us aware of your presence.



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# holy trinity who's who



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## Weekday Clubs

<p><b>FRIES</b>          For school years 6 - 11 and meets 7.30 pm - 9.45 pm on Fridays in the Church Hall and for trips out  <a href="mailto:youth@htnorthwood.co.uk">Contact Kevin Draper, youth@htnorthwood.co.uk</a></p> 	<p><b>SATURDAY FOOTBALL</b>          A fun football club meeting at Jubilee Field during term time for training and practice matches for children and young people.  <i>Year 1 - 6 : 9 - 10 am • Year 7 - 9 : 10 - 11 am</i>  <a href="tel:07904298793">Contact Kevin Draper (07904 298793)</a></p>
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# Kate Blake

*Kate joins us for the Autumn term  
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I'm really looking forward to spending the autumn term at Holy Trinity. I'm just about to start my final year of training to be a priest at Westcott House in Cambridge, and

although we've done a lot of theoretical work, I think you only really learn a job by doing it. So I'm very excited and grateful, particularly to Richard, to be able to spend time with you as part of my training.

Northwood is fairly close to home ground for me. I grew up in Harrow Weald and Ruislip, where my parents still live. Before I started training, I was for twenty years a civil servant in the Department for Education; I enjoy singing in choirs, though there's not time for very much of that any more. I'm married to Tony, who is not a Christian but has been more supportive of my vocation than I would have thought possible.

We live in Stanmore, so I think the thing I'm least looking forward to about my time at Holy Trinity is the bus commute (I can't drive). But I'm very much hoping to get to know people while I'm with you, so if you see me looking vague (which I'm afraid is all too likely!), do come up and say hello.

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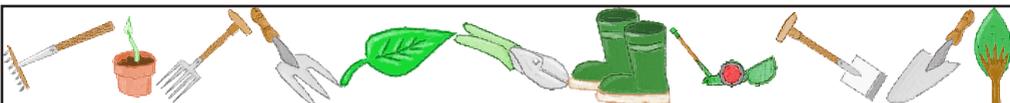


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# My Pills

## A Poem by Gary Hamilton

*A row of bottles on my shelf  
Cause me to analyse myself.  
One yellow pill I have to pop  
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.*

*A little white one that I take  
Goes to my hands so they won't shake.  
The blue ones that I use a lot  
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.*

*The purple pill goes to my brain  
And tells me that I have no pain.  
Pink capsules tell me not to wheeze  
Or cough or choke or even sneeze.*

*The red ones, smallest of them all,  
Go to my blood so I won't fall.  
The orange ones, so big and bright,  
Prevent my leg cramps in the night.*

*Such an array of coloured pills  
Trying to cure all kinds of ills.  
But what I'd really like to know  
Is what tells each one where to go?*

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# Kelsey Hanf

*Our 2010-11 Youth Assistant comes from overseas*



I am moving to Holy Trinity from the great state of Massachusetts in the USA to assist with the church's youth work. I've spent my first year out of university working for the Episcopal Church as part of the young adult internship program. As a religion and anthropology major, I am very interested in the ways religion intersects society and am especially interested in modern trends within Christianity and interfaith relationships. I am excited for the challenges and opportunities of this year and look forward to the chance to further explore my calling within the church.

## Harvest Festival Donations

*For quite a few years we have collected a variety of goods for WNHT for which they have been very grateful, as they have been able to meet the needs of the many people who apply to them for help. Our donations have helped to keep the food bills low – as an example it only costs 24p each day to provide breakfast and lunch for one person at the Day Centre.*

The Trust has limited storage space – this year they have forwarded a list of the Priority Needs as listed below.

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26 September sees Cathy Frankis and Paul Malloy running the Berlin marathon to raise money for Parkinson's UK and the Alzheimer's society, causes that are dear to both their hearts. If you would like to sponsor them please visit their fund-raising website at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/PaulandCathy>

News reaches us that Mary Chesterman is once again proud to welcome yet another great-grandson into the world.

Congratulations to all of our students who have just received their examination results. Good luck to all of those who have gained the exceptional grades they needed to move to either sixth form or to university.

And finally good luck to all those parents who will be waving goodbye to the little Johnnies and Janets at the gates for the first day at Holy Trinity school!



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# Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

*29 Adventurous Holy Trinity Pilgrims undertook the ultimate coach trip.*

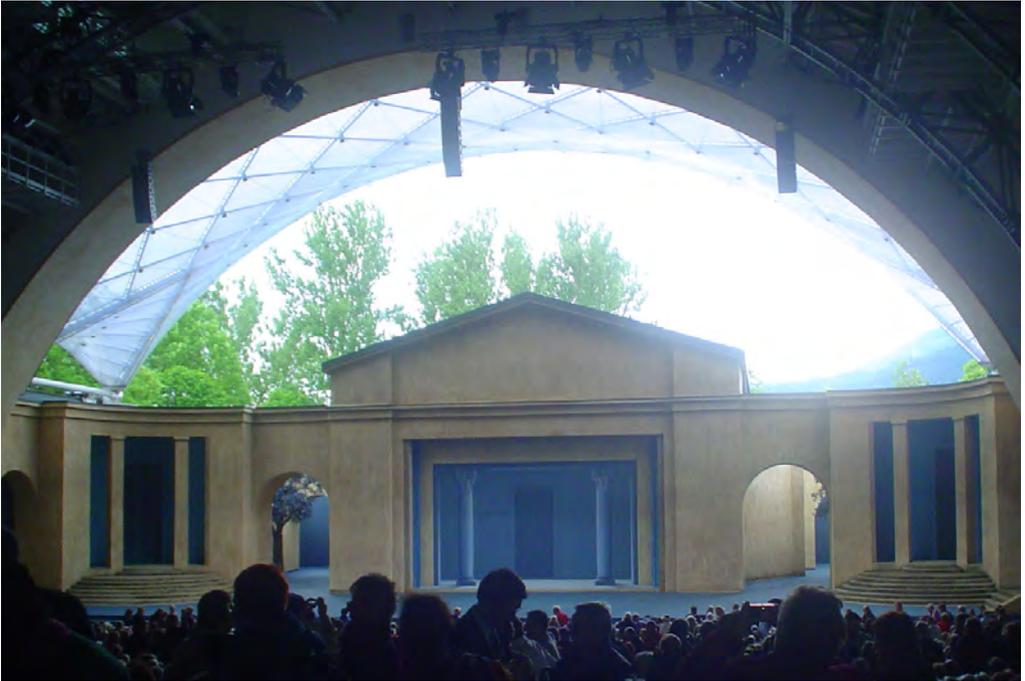


*The intrepid Holy Trinity Pilgrims*

Twenty-eight members of our Parish set out on our Pilgrimage to Oberammergau at a very early hour on Thursday 17th June. We flew to Munich where we were met by our Pax travel representative. We spent the first three nights at Bad Reichenhall, a beautiful spa town in Southern Bavaria where there are a number of rehabilitation clinics. From there we visited Salzburg, and a very damp Munich where some of us enjoyed wursts, the local sausages before going on to Innsbruck for one night. Some of us took

the new train and cable car up a mountain and enjoyed a walk in the snow with a spectacular view. Our Vicar, Richard, even reached the summit.

Our Pilgrimage culminated in our arrival at Oberammergau itself. Groups of us were allocated to stay as guests in the homes of local people – many of whom had been involved with the production of the Passion Play for generations.



For those who don't know, the Passion Play has been performed every ten years since 1634 following the death of eighty villagers in a serious outbreak of the plague in 1633. We were surprised to learn that women have only performed in the play since 1984. We were indeed fortunate this year to see new staging and the addition of some very colourful tableaux vivants.

More than two thousand amateur actors, singers and musicians from the village have rehearsed since last November and were later joined by donkeys, horses, sheep, goats and camels to produce a very moving and disciplined performance beginning with Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and ending with

the Resurrection. This takes place in two performances on the same day and for the first time this year, the play was performed in the afternoon and the evening. As there is a currently an open gap between the audience and the stage, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection took place in the dark – which was all the more poignant.

We had a Eucharist Service in a nearby Church in the morning before we went to the play which was very special.

We are extremely grateful to Richard for leading this Pilgrimage and for giving us all the opportunity to experience this very special play and to strengthen our fellowship and forge stronger links within our own congregation.

*Sally Rogers*

## As off to Oberamm

As off to Oberamm we go  
 Anticipatory juices flow.  
 Pax Travel cares at every stage  
 Of our exciting pilgrimage.

No shuffling on arthritic knees,  
 An angry, scary god to appease,  
 No sack cloth in this present age.  
 It is a modern pilgrimage.

Bad Reichenhall was first in store:  
 A grand hotel allowing for  
 Friendships to nurture and engage  
 With others on our pilgrimage

And in the evening when we'd fed,  
 Richard, our simple worship led.  
 Ensuring that at every stage  
 We were involved in pilgrimage.

Salzburg was lovely and quite old  
 Its Baroque churches caked in gold  
 Respect shown by a different age  
 Another kind of pilgrimage.

We saw where Mozart was brought up  
 And where he filled his absynth cup.  
 No saint they thought him in his time,  
 And yet his music is sublime.  
 Reaching men's souls at every age  
 And lifting them in pilgrimage.

In Innsbruck, evidence was proof  
 That Maximilian's golden roof  
 Would not dissolve in all that rain  
 Our umbrellas were up again!



Richard and Kate climbed up to know  
 If Heav'n was closer in the snow  
 But there're no short cuts to assuage  
 The real demand of pilgrimage.

To Oberammergau at last  
 We saw its contract with the past.  
 The plague in 1663  
 Was killing with ferocity.

And so the people made a pact.  
 God's Passion they would re-enact  
 Before the world at each decade  
 If sickness by His hand was stayed.  
 And there we saw upon the stage  
 The focus of our pilgrimage

We saw Christ's cup of suffering filled;  
 Also that goodness can't be killed.  
 For love o'ercomes the cruellest sin  
 And still invites us to come in age  
 And share with Him in every age  
 His resurrection pilgrimage.

So thank you Richard for your care.  
 Your inspiration drew us there:  
 Your sense of humour made it fun:  
 Your spirituality made us one:  
 Melding a motley personage  
 United into pilgrimage.

*Hazel Gammage*

People often complain that there is no good news on television or on the newspapers so here is some. The Oberammergau trip was wonderful! It was cheerfully led by our Vicar and the performance of the Passion Play itself was truly memorable and will remain with us for the rest of our lives. The downside was the rain which fell bountifully in Munich, Salzburg and Innsbruck but, just in time, the sun shone on the delightful village of Oberammergau.

Each day started with the Holy Trinity Prayer and ended with an act of worship and during the week Richard celebrated Communion twice, firstly in our hotel in Innsbruck and secondly in the lovely little Lutheran church in Oberammergau where Glyn even played the organ for the service - a great privilege. The company was excellent and Richard's patience knew no bounds! Well done and thanks for a great and happy experience!

*Glyn and Mary Martin*

"It was part of my mission to lead a pilgrimage to Oberammergau and I was delighted to take 28 pilgrims from Holy Trinity."

*Richard Bartlett*

"An experience of a lifetime."

*George Johnson.*

"A truly memorable experience."

*Hazel Paterson*

"Just wonderful."

*Hilary Walmsley*



Oberammergau is a small village where it seems as if time has stood still.... the houses with their balconies and flower boxes, some with murals depicting different scenes. There are of course plenty of gift shops, restaurants and a Lutheran Church where we celebrated communion. The passion play is performed by the villagers themselves; it starts on Palm Sunday....it is spoken and sung in German, with a choir dressed in white. This year the actors chose blue for their costumes. The last part of the play, after we had had supper, included the Last Supper, Jesus' trial and the crucifixion. The orchestra conjured up a terrific storm and the play finished with the resurrection.

*Ann Goodall*

# Biblical Cricket Quotations

*With the end of the cricket season and the prospect of an exciting Ashes clash Down Under, Gary Hamilton has compiled a humorous collection of bible references.*

Bowling coach advises bowler on how to avoid bowling no-balls	<b>"Don't delay in following through"</b>	<i>Ecclesiastes 5:4</i>
Fielding coach advises on qualities required to excel	<b>"A strong hand and powerful arm"</b>	<i>Deuteronomy 7:19</i>
Coach's advice on how best to catch the ball	<b>"You open your hands"</b>	<i>Psalms 145:6</i>
Geoff Boycott's words on how best to play before lunch in a Test	<b>"Urging you to defend"</b>	<i>Jude 3</i>
Advice on why it is important to stay fit	<b>"They will run and not grow weary"</b>	<i>Isaiah 46:31</i>
The coach promises improved catching with practice	<b>"From now on you will be catchers of men"</b>	<i>Luke 5:10</i>
A cricket fan wonders why it rains when his side is winning	<b>"God did send plentiful rain"</b>	<i>Psalms 63:9</i>
Bad light is imminent	<b>"The brightness was fading away"</b>	<i>2 Corinthians 3:7</i>
A player comments on his return to the home of cricket	<b>"Day of the Lord's return"</b>	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:2</i>
A bowler volunteers to be night-watchman at a crucial time	<b>"Here I am. Send me"</b>	<i>Isaiah 6:8</i>
That same night-watchman fails first ball	<b>"Hold the watchman responsible"</b>	<i>Ezekiel 33:6</i>
Another consistent batting performance from Australia	<b>"Not a single one of them has failed"</b>	<i>Joshua 23:4</i>
A captain telling a new player he will be playing for his country	<b>"You have been tested"</b>	<i>James 1:13</i>
The twelfth man was a poor batsman	<b>"Peter went out with the eleven and was bold"</b>	<i>Acts 2:14</i>
When a player must perform well	<b>"In the beginning"</b>	<i>Genesis 1:1</i>

# Holy Humour

**A vicar announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our building works. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."**

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the post office clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

**Our vicar's going green! He now travels around the parish in a horse and carriage. He has a sign to go with it: "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."**

A vicar parked his car on a double yellow line in a large town because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a parking meter. Then he put a note under the windscreen wiper that read: "I have gone round the area 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a Penalty Notice from a traffic warden along with this note "I've been going round this area for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

**A precocious toddler in church watched as the sidesmen passed the collection plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear; "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."**

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the centre of attention.

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

**A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.' "**

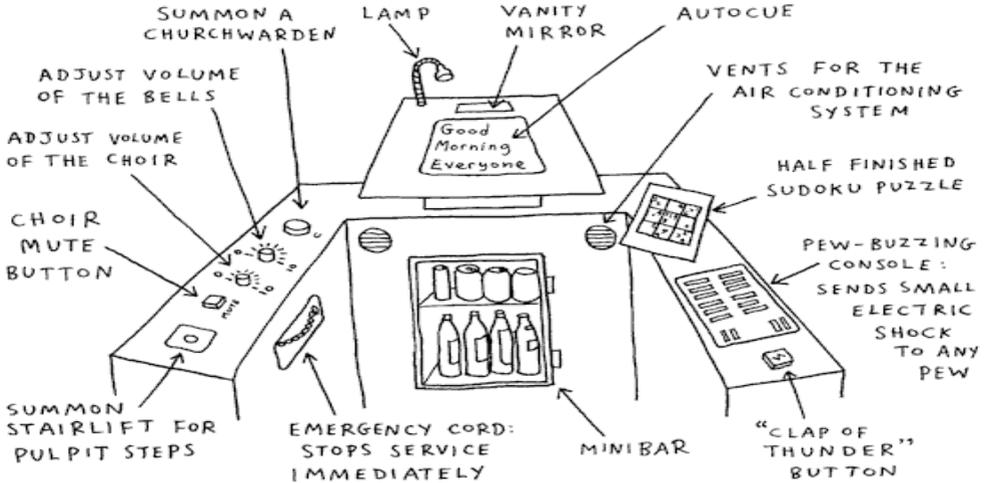
A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said a little boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. The boy replied "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..." "



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# NORTHWOOD CHORAL SOCIETY

## Arundel Concert

Fourteen members of Northwood Choral Society joined the Sussex Festival Choir for their annual charity concert in aid of St. Wilfred and St. Catherine's Hospices. The concert was held in the beautiful setting of Arundel Cathedral. In all there was a total of 163 singing in the choir and an orchestra of 85 who all gave their services free. As a result we raised over £4,200 for the two Hospices. We were fortunate to have Sir Willard White Bass-Baritone and Rory Walder Treble as our Soloists.

The programmed consisted of Parry's I was Glad, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and Walton's Belshazzar's Feast – which is probably one of the most challenging pieces we have sung to date. However, it was well worth the effort - the volume of sound produced was truly memorable.



*For their next concert, Northwood Choral Society will sing Messiah at Holy Trinity Church in November. Why don't you come and join us – new members are very welcome. We rehearse on Sunday evenings at 7.15 pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall. For more details consult the website: [www.northwoodchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.northwoodchoralsociety.org.uk)*

# TV Review - Rev.

*a BBC Two Comedy Drama*

Co-created by and starring Tom Hollander, it followed Rev. Adam Smallbone, a vicar who moves with his wife Alex (Olivia Colman) from their small parish in Suffolk to St. Stephen's, a church in East London that's seen better days. Throughout the series Adam had to deal with; a lack of funding, homophobia, hypocrites, his marriage, unruly youths, Islamophobia, his own faith, an uncaring archdeacon (a devilish Simon McBurney), pedantic reader Nigel (Balamory's Miles Jupp), and lovable but troublesome tramp Colin (played by Looking for Eric's Steve Evets). Rev. has earned positive reviews and approval from the Church of England, including Rowan Williams. Its droll, topical humour distinguishes it from The Vicar of Dibley, and it somehow manages to be irreverent and respectful at the same time.

The first episode dealt with Adam having an influx of worshippers trying to get into their school. Alexander Armstrong was particularly memorable as an MP trying to get his bratty son into the school ("On your knees, avoid the fees.") The next episode revolved around an Evangelical using the church for his massive youth-oriented congregation, only for Adam to have to force him - and his money - out when he realises the preacher is a hypocritical, unforgiving homophobe and sexist. Less successful was a subplot where Alex tries to spice up their love life. The third episode dealt with Adam and the headmistress Ellie (Lucy Liemann) preventing a strip club from opening opposite the school, while he allows a Muslim children's prayer group to use the church. Particularly insightful was Adam's comment that Muslims are unashamed of their religion because it's so integrated into



their life, unlike the parishioner who just treats it as a weekly event if they can be bothered to get up.

The fourth episode, where Adam embarrasses himself on television because of his jealousy of an old classmate's newfound fame preaching. In episode five, he befriends a laddish fiancé (Colin Salmon), who turns out to have dated Alex and embarrasses her at the dinner table.

In the finale, after fighting off chavs at a Remembrance Day service and earning a negative review for a rushed sermon, Adam loses his faith, not in God, but in His plan for him. Taking days off, he drinks, lazes and overeats, offending Colin and letting his attraction to Ellie get the better of him at a party, before being thrown out by Alex. Picking a fight with the chavs who know nothing of the sacrifices made in the World Wars, Adam is arrested, but is taken to give the last rites to a dying old woman: a truly moving ending, in which Adam realises that no one wants to be called by God, none of us wanted to be born into his harsh world and learn from it, to be God's servants, but here we are. In Smallbone, we have a flawed, forgivable character, and I pray we see him again soon.

*Chris Chiu*

# Word Search Answers

*These are the answers to the summer themed word search in the last issue of the magazine.*



The top two entries resulted in a tie, both finding 16 words and the phrase each.

For the £15 iTunes Card, Gary Hamilton was drawn at random as winner, but has graciously given his prize to the other tied entry from Sally Boulton.

The phrase was:  
AREWENEARLYTHEREYET

The 24 words to find were:

AEROPLANE	RAINY
AIRPORT	REST
ARGUMENTS	SAILBOAT
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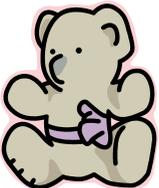
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At the end of June, a small group from Holy Trinity joined an audience in St. Andrew's Church, Fulham Fields, to hear the first performance of Richard Bates' setting of the Tenebrae Responsories given by The Platinum Consort, an octet of young professional singers directed by Scott Inglis-Kidger.

In an inspired piece of programme planning, the new work was placed between two major examples of renaissance contrapuntal writing, the "Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera" by Orlando Lassus and the "Stabat Mater" by Palestrina. The contrast of musical styles between these 16th C pieces and the stark,

modern musical language of the "Tenebrae Responsories" made for a most satisfying evening's listening. Richard Bates captures well the feeling of what he refers to as 'the Lenten, shadowy text 'The part writing of all six movements makes considerable demands of the singers and they rose to the challenge magnificently. This was a cappella singing of the highest order. Many congratulations to Richard Bates for this distinguished addition to the repertoire of music for Passion Week. It would be good to hear this concert repeated in Holy Trinity with a full house to appreciate it.

*Glyn Martin*



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# PCC Meeting 7 July 2010

The PCC met on Wednesday 7 July 2010, the main areas of discussion were as follows: -

- The PCC were advised that **Gerry Edwardson** has been successful in his application to be trained as a Licensed Lay Minister and will commence his 3 year training course at St Mellitus in September 2010, the PCC wish Gerry every success in this ministry;
- Richard Bartlett reported on a successful pilgrimage to **Oberammergau** to see the Passion Play, and that Chris and Sally Rogers are holding a re-union on 31st July to share photographs and recollections. It is intended to include a fuller article in the September Parish News on the pilgrimage;
- The **Fete and Garden Party** had both been blessed with fine weather and had again both proved a huge success. Richard Bartlett thanked all who had worked on the Fete Committee and Barry and Lesley Southcott for hosting the Garden Party. The two events had raised around £7k which was in line with the previous year;
- The **First Communion** continues to grow and this year there was a record 15 candidates who had successfully completed the 10 week course and the First Communion service on 4 July was very well attended;



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- The PCC considered a paper on **Climate Action Plans**, which is an initiative by the Church of England to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of the Church as a whole. The intention is for the Church to become carbon neutral. The PCC will need to work up our own action plans as to how this can be achieved at Holy Trinity, and if there are members of the congregation with a real passion for environmental matters their participation in development of these plans would be welcomed. Any one interested should speak to the Churchwardens or the Vicar;
- The **Plant & Hall Committee** are intending to undertake a flush through of the heating system before next Winter, and efforts are continuing to resolve the path lighting down to Kewferry Road. Further reports are to be commissioned on 3 trees in the Churchyard, and estimates are being sought for the remedial work to the large oak tree on Kewferry Road. Estimates for the re-sealing of the Hall Floor have been obtained but the PCC have asked for alternatives to be explored further;
- Brian Watkins reported that up to the end of May, the **General Finances** were around £1.8k below budget, and given that the first half of the year included the Fete income he was concerned that the full year outcome would deteriorate further. The PCC are planning a Stewardship Campaign in the Autumn which will be based upon the "Giving for Life" theme which has been developed by the CofE.
- The PCC approved a £3k increase in our **Common Fund** contribution for 2011, which equates to an increase of 3.26% on the current year.
- The PCC received a report on progress with **Trinity Corner**. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) have indicated they are willing to issue a certificate to proceed subject to two outstanding points. One of these was felt to be a misunderstanding, which would be easily resolved, the other related to the proposed doors in the South Porch where the DAC would prefer a simpler modern design (similar to the doors in the North Porch). Following significant debate it was decided that we should go back to the DAC and re-iterate our preference to utilise the more ornate design already submitted. The DAC have also asked for more work to be done on the lighting and the PCC agreed that we should remove the lighting proposals from the current application and deal with this as a separate faculty so that there was not an undue delay in progressing the Trinity Corner proposals. DAC have also advised that the external changes to the South Porch may need Local Authority Planning Permission, and John Barraclough was asked to investigate this aspect. Further consultation with the Victorian Society and English Heritage are also being progressed;
- The PCC undertook an annual review of the **Child Protection Policy** and approved the policy;
- **Harvest Supper** to be held on 2 October 2010 and the Harvest service on the 3rd October;
- **Future Meetings** – The next PCC is scheduled for 22 September.

*Andrew Newell*  
Churchwarden

# The Parish Registers

## BAPTISMS

11 July	William Alfie Revell
25 July	Thomas James Bradshaw
22 August	Evie May Hodder
	Tigerlily Horsfall
	Camille Florence Batchelor-Walters

## MARRIAGES

7 August	James Harman and Gemma Caines
27 August	Grant Byatt and Maxine Rudall

## FUNERALS

9 July	Maisey Somerville
16 July	John Sabatini
19 July	Honor Bache
20 July	Frances Jefferies
21 July	Percy Howard
22 July	James Warne
22 July	Colin Reed
30 July	Elizabeth Scadden
10 August	Mona Woodman
19 August	Carrida Clarke
20 August	Robert Sharples

*"Make me understand, for then I shall see your miracles."  
Psalms 119.27*



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