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Olympic Torch Relay: Roy Clarridge

Well, according to the newspapers and they should know of course, it is official, the Games have arrived! For those of you who are not 'games followers', I refer to the Olympic Games and the arrival of 'the Torch' on British soil.

Day 1 May 19 to Day 70 July 27, seventy days and 8,000 people each carrying the Torch 300m to relay the Torch throughout the British Isles from Land's end where it began the journey to John O'Groats taking in the Isle of Wight, Shetland Isles, Ireland, Wales and the length and breadth of England before arriving at the Olympic Stadium in Stratford. The aim of the Relay is that 95% of the population will have been within ten miles of the Torch so that everybody will feel themselves included and that the Olympic 2012 Games are not just the London Games. What a challenge.

The Torch itself just 10cms wide and less than a metre long is an important symbol of the Olympic Games. There were over 600 agencies who submitted a proposal to design it and the winners were Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby.

The Torch has already been nicknamed as London's 'cheesegrater' but compares favourably with previous torches, the 'jazz cigarette' (Beijing 2008), the 'unwanted gift' (Atlanta 1996) and the 'dumb-bell' (Berlin 1936) to name a few.

The Torch, according to its designers should "have a strong narrative and should use the latest manufacturing techniques" and so is made from recyclable aluminium and represents Britain as it is both "classic in its form but contemporary in its manufacturing".

The Torch made from aluminium alloy, originally created for the aerospace industry weighs just 800 grams, has 8,000 holes created with lasers which represents the number of people who will take part in the Relay, one of whom will be Roy.

People have already been asking Roy if he intends to sell his Torch on ebay but he assures anyone who asks not only would he not even consider it, but he is prevented from doing so by the people who purchased it on his behalf, Sport England who are sponsoring him.

The Torch is triangular rather than cylindrical as in previous Games. The designers made this decision because they felt there were "many trinities at work"; this is the third time the Games have been held in London; the Olympic motto is 'faster, higher, stronger'; and the vision of 2012 is to unite sport, education and culture.

How very appropriate for us too here at Holy Trinity that we have our very own Torch Bearer who will no doubt add his own 'trinity' when carrying the Torch, that of the Holy Trinity prayer.

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Many people have asked what happens if the flame is blown out but the answer to that is it is very unlikely. The flame is kept alive by a gas burner held in the centre of the Torch, dispensing a gas that optimises flame height, colour and luminosity. Additionally, the designers said that the Torch "has to be economical and sustainable as well as beautiful and strong. It also has to be light and functional because many different types of people will be carrying it". You might see Roy running around Ruislip woods carrying a piece of wood in preparation for the 'BIG DAY'.

Roy and 7,999 others have been chosen from over 70,000 nominated people and each one has a reason for their nomination, amazing stories. In an interview Roy was asked how he felt about having his 25 years of coaching young people in athletics recognised in this way and he said he was 'very proud' but felt that there are many others like him who are doing the same job as he does in all different sports, out in all weathers, encouraging youngsters. And his favourite moment in Olympic history "being in Rome in 1960 watching Herb Elliot in the 1500m win so easily, a fantastic achievement, a wonderful moment".

10th July is the day Roy carries the Torch, in Henley upon Thames at 9.07am! I have persuaded him to half walk, half jog rather than run the 300m so that we do not miss this wonderful moment. If you can be there too it would great.

We shall be having a celebration at the house on the day so please do join us anytime between 2pm and 4pm for a drink and nibbles.

In the meantime, Roy continues to prepare for his big day doing what he does best, out in all weather along with his fellow coaches encouraging youngsters to fulfil their potential in athletics.

Ann Clarridge

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July & August 2012 Calendar

Daily Prayer in the Church 9.00 - 9.15 am on Tuesday and Friday during term time.

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

Sunday 1 July	**Trinity 4**
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) followed by refreshments
10.00 am	**Parish Communion**
10.00 am	**Family Service in the Hall, Give Way Café**
11.45 am	Healing Service
6.00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday 4 July	
10.30 am	Holy Communion, Bible Study and Lunch
Friday 6 July	
12 noon	Marriage of Stuart Wilson and Rosemary Moore
Saturday 7 July	
2.00 pm	Marriage of Timothy Reid and Andrea Whitehead

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Sunday 8 July	**Trinity 5**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	**All Age First Communion Service**
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong - Chiltern Hundreds Bach Choir and Orchestra
Thursday 12 July	
9.00 am	Holy Trinity School Communion Service
2.45 pm	Pre-School Toddler Service
8.00 pm	Parochial Church Council
Saturday 14 July	
12.30 pm	Marriage of Matthew Nolepa and Claire Lawrence
Sunday 15 July	**Trinity 6**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	**Parish Communion**
10.00 am	**Encounter Communion**
6.00 pm	Evensong

6.00 pm at The Ascension Church Wembley. Induction of Rev Preb Olwen Field as Vicar of The Ascension Wembley. Minibus leaves Holy Trinity at 4.45 pm.

Friday 20th July	
9.00 am	Holy Trinity School Leavers' Service

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Sunday 22 July	**Trinity 7**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	**Parish Communion and**
10.00 am	**Crèche, Scramblers, Connect and Pathfinders**
11.45 am	Baptism
1.30 pm	Marriage of Chris Moyle and Hayley Allen
6.00 pm	Evensong
Monday 23 to Friday 27 July	
9.45 am to 1.00 pm	Holiday Club - On Your Marks
Saturday 28 July	
3.00 pm	Marriage of Sally Carter and Steven Roscoe
Sunday 29 July	**Trinity 8**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	**Olympic All Age Service followed by Picnic and Olympic Games on the Jubilee Field**
6.00 pm	Evensong
Tuesday 31 July	
2.30-4.00 pm	Parish Tea
Saturday 4 August	
3.00 pm	Marriage of James Went and Emma Worsley

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Sunday 5 August	**Trinity 9**
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) followed by refreshments
10.00 am	**Parish Communion**
10.00 am	**Family Service in the Church Hall**
11.45 am	Healing Service
6.00 pm	Evensong
Sunday 12 August	**Trinity 10**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	**Parish Communion**
10.00 am	**Children's Activities in the Church Hall**
12 noon	Baptism
6.00 pm	Evensong
Sunday 19 August	**Trinity 11**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	**Parish Communion**
10.00 am	**Children's Activities in the Church Hall**
6.00 pm	Evensong
Sunday 26 August	**Trinity 12**
8.00 am	Holy Communion in the Church Hall
10.00 am	Parish Communion in the Church Hall
10.00 am	Children's Activities in the Parish Rooms
6.00 pm	Evensong in the Parish Rooms

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July Quiz - *Mottos and Inscriptions*

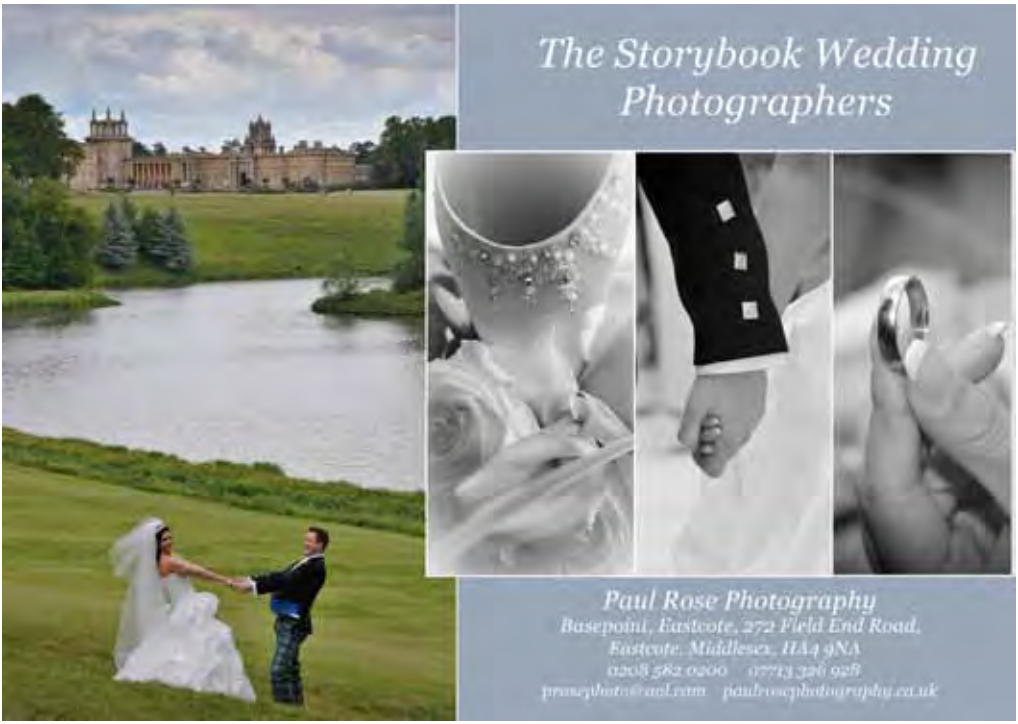
What is the motto of :

1. *The London Borough of Hillingdon?*
2. *The Salvation Army, the colours on its flag, and the name of its founder?*
3. *The Olympic Games, (and its meaning)? The date and venue of its first contest in this country?*
4. *Hogwarts?*
5. *The S.A.S?*
6. *MGM Films?*
7. *Liverpool F.C?*
8. *The BBC?*
9. *Tesco?*
10. *Audi?*

What is the meaning of the following inscriptions to be found around the edge of pound coins?

11. *'DECUS ET TUTAMEN'?*
12. *'NEMO ME IMPUNE LACESSIT'?*
13. *'PLEIDIOL WYF I'M GWLAD'?*

Answers Overleaf.



July Quiz Answers

1. 'Forward'.
2. 'Blood and Fire' Red, Yellow and Blue signifying the blood of Christ, fire of the Holy Spirit and Purity. William Booth in 1865.
3. 'Citius, Altius, Fortius', 'Swifter, Higher, Stronger'. Much Wenlock in Shropshire has held its annual Olympic games since 1850 and played a significant role in the revival of the Modern Olympic Games.
4. 'Draco dormiens nunquam titillandus'. 'A sleeping dragon is never to be tickled'.
5. 'Who Dares Wins'.
6. 'Ars Gratia Artis', 'Art for Art's Sake'.
7. 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.
8. 'Nation Shall Speak Peace Unto Nation'.
9. 'Every Little Helps'.
10. 'Vorsprung Durch Technik' , 'Progress Through Technology'.
11. 'A Decoration and a Safeguard', (from Virgil's 'Aeneid'). Referring to the milled edge being decorative and revealing if any (valuable) metal had been shaved off it!
12. 'No One Provokes Me With Impunity'. Motto of the Order Of The Thistle.
13. 'True I Am To My Country', a line from the Welsh National Anthem.

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Licensed Lay Ministry Training

End of My Second Year

Report at the end of the second year of training for Licensed Lay Ministry at St Mellitus College London.

Training for Licensed Lay Ministry takes the form of a three year course. As my second year draws to a close, it seems important to write a report for you. My threefold purpose in writing remains unchanged from the purpose set out in the report written at the end of my first year:

First, Holy Trinity has graciously made a significant financial contribution towards my training for Licensed Lay Ministry [LLM]. I want to offer my thanks for your generosity and provide some information about how your money has been used.

Second, I want to thank all those who have asked me about the course at St Mellitus College, prayed for me and encouraged me to keep studying.

Third, I want to encourage you to consider training for LLM and becoming a student on the excellent course at St Mellitus.

Most of the students, on the course, have found the second year to be much more demanding than the first year.

On Wednesday evenings, in the first and second terms of the second year, we studied "Systematic Theology". This difficult module was assessed through two essays: one on atonement, which was a difficult subject and another on the Trinity, which I fared much better on. In the third term, we have been studying "The Church in the World". This module has felt much more accessible. It will be assessed through an essay looking at the ways that congregations may be changing from gathered congregation to less formal networks of communication, which has to be submitted in early September. The quality of the teaching and tutorials has continued to be excellent. Lectures by theologian Jane Williams (wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury) on the "Theology of the Church" and "Anglican Ecclesiology" were particularly memorable, partly because of quality in content and presentation but also because of the quality of Jane's personality and character.

On the two Saturdays, in the first term, we studied "Preaching and Communication".

On the Saturday, in the second term, we presented, discussed and assessed our "Home Church Projects".

On the two Saturdays, in the third term, we have been studying key theologians. This module will be assessed through a 45 minute group presentation about Thomas Aquinas, which has to be presented on a Saturday in October.

Ann and Graham Kentfield have kindly read all my essays and have unfailingly offered detailed, constructive and perceptive

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comments. On occasions, they have also averted significant heresies, "Do you really mean that?" I am very grateful to them for all their help.

However, I believe this is very significant; my two highest marks have come from assignments which were completed with the help of many people at Holy Trinity. First, the "Preach Assignment", thank you so much to everyone who has come to the Sunday 8am Communion Service and, once a month, has listened to my short sermons. Thank you for your warm welcome and constant encouragement. Second, the "Home Church Project", thank you so much to everyone who, back in February, completed a questionnaire. Thank you for your interest and ideas.

Several students have left the course this year. Each one of them would have been an excellent LLM and a much better LLM than I will ever be. The students on the course have grown to be a close community and the realisation that some would not be completing the course has caused both concern and some distress. It is my personal view, that the single factor that changes the course, from being impossible, to being possible, is the level of encouragement, interest and support offered to students by their incumbent and home church. I continue to be blessed by all the help that is given to me by Richard and by everyone at Holy Trinity and I remain very grateful.

Gerry Edwardson

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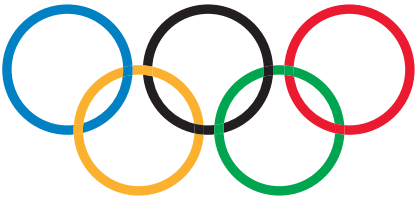
The Mystery & the Activity of God

We recently welcomed one of our former curates, Canon David Knight back to Holy Trinity, and as author of our Holy Trinity Prayer, who better to preach at our Patronal Festival Service?

It is something of a challenge for a preacher to link all the many themes and concerns, which are, associated with today in this place; Trinity Sunday, the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee weekend. It is very hard to escape, given the magnificent variety of pictures and setting for our celebration here today in church.

Let me start with some symbols and then get down to the texts. All of us recognise the five coloured interlocking circles.



They have become a symbol of the Olympic Games ever since the modern Olympics were first revived in the 19th century. They are expressive of the rich diversity of our global community and the human links within that community. We are inextricably linked together in the common human sporting endeavour, which is the Olympic Games – though some of you may come to value an Olympic free zone later in July! Even I have competed and run at Olympia and earned the original Olympic crown of olive leaves – not, I hasten to add, from the chairman of the Olympic Committee – but from our Greek tour guide of Olympia! Nevertheless, it is a good experience of joining in the action and linking into history. I was far better able to appreciate a little of the vision of what the Olympic Games should be about.

When it comes to symbols in Church, the Trinity can be symbolised by three interlocking circles – or more beautifully with the figure called the Triquetra, which is made up of three interlinked ellipses. You can see this on your parish website and parish literature. Here we try to express something of God in his internal relationships – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. However, the problem with a diagram, a symbol, even a map of God, is that it cannot do justice to our dynamic, active, living God. It is just a static abstract model – rather like our 5 Olympic circles. With God we would do better to describe him in terms of story or activity – where we as people are involved with a living relationship with him. This is exactly what the Bible is all about in both Old and New Testaments. Symbols or models have their uses, but they are no use unless they promote a vision of a living relationship or activity, a sense of belonging and identifying with what is being symbolised. The five colourful Olympic circles are not much use without the training and the activity of the Olympic Games. We need to be drawn into the activity and into the circles of the Games in order really to appreciate them. We need to see the possibilities; we need to appreciate the vision behind the symbol.

When it comes to God, we heard this morning the Vision of the prophet Isaiah.

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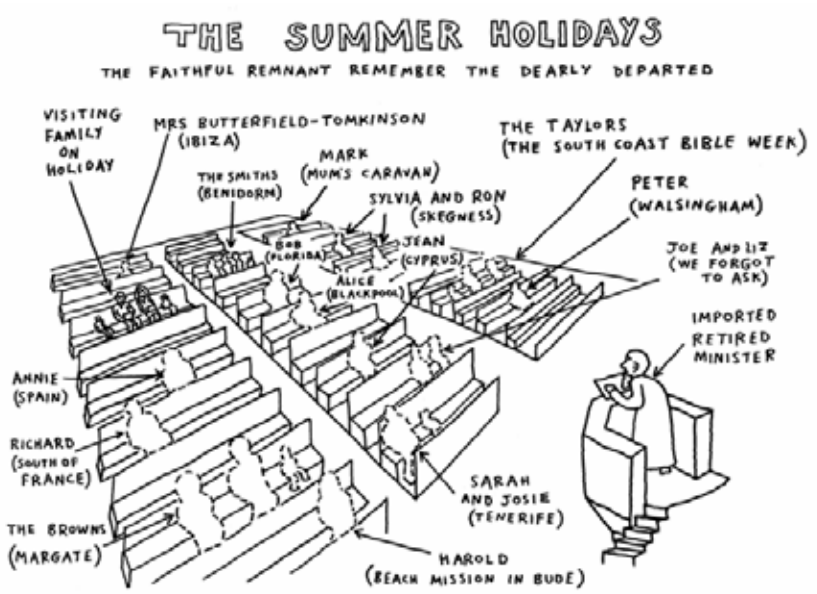

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For him the clouds of incense in the Temple pointed to the glory of God. As he offers incense he senses the presence of God in the midst of the carved Seraphim, the so-called "burning ones". It has echoes of the clouds of glory, which filled the Tabernacle on the People of Israel's journey through the wilderness. Here was an experience of the activity of God as they wondered on their pilgrimage and an opportunity of entering into a close relationship through that activity, through their worship. Here Isaiah renews his ongoing relationship with the living God and is sent out on active mission with renewed vision. He renews his sense of being part of and belonging to the tradition of the People of God in worship and service. He is changed by the experience. Something we do or should feel Sunday by Sunday.

Jesus also takes up the challenge this morning as he tries to give Nicodemus, the Pharisee, a broader vision of God's activity. Nicodemus must be born "from above". He must realise the eternal Godly significance of Jesus and his actions. If Nicodemus is truly to belong to the kingdom of God he must be born of water and the Spirit. Those who heard John's Gospel realised that their life in Christ began as they took the plunge and were born anew in the waters of baptism and received the empowering Spirit of God. Their lives were thus drawn into the life and activity of God – creative Father, redeeming Son and strengthening Holy Spirit. And even if we do not consciously remember our baptism, it's the same with us….

And that is the purpose of the Parish Prayer which I wrote way back in 1971 and which you continue to use. Prayer is activity and relationship with God, who himself is living action. We are drawn into that action, all the time, whether we are met together or are separately pursuing our work or leisure. The whole of life is an opportunity to show God's worth or worthship – his worship. It is not only for our time in church. The Holy Trinity is not just to be confined to our church life. Laborare est orare – to work is to pray as St Benedict suggested and to pray is to work in with God's activity, to cooperate with him, to co-labour/work with him. Our parish prayer is that alone or together, today and everyday, we may reflect the action of the Holy Trinity; that action, that relationship is traditionally summed up in the word Love. Self-giving, self-sacrificing Love which is the motivation of all God's actions, reflected most fully in the Holy Trinity but also to be reflected in our lives as Christians who also happen to come to a church under the patronage of the Holy Trinity.

This leads me on to our final area of consideration – The Queen's Diamond

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Jubilee; at the centre of this weekend's celebration. Jubilee as you may be well aware is a biblical idea. Every 50 years there was to be a Jubilee Year when debts were to be cancelled and the slate wiped clean. Its aim was to bring the whole community back to square one, to the original visions of justice, peace and reconciliation. Unfortunately it tended to be observed in the breech rather than the observance. Nevertheless, the power of the Jubilee is one of reconciliation and forgiveness – that is the vision. As we have our celebration of a fantastic 60 years of an Elizabethan reign let us also include that message of forgiveness and acceptance in our observance of the Jubilee. It is at the heart of the Christian Gospel. It is reflected in the Queen's own approach to life and activity. It is at the heart, for example of the Maundy Ceremony.

So where does all this get us? Vision, activity, relationship, reconciliation – these are the words from Isaiah to Jesus to take away and to apply them not just to God, but to everything we do. For everything is to reflect the life and activity of God the Holy Trinity. We are to live that life as best we may as individuals and as a church. May God encourage us as we pray our prayers and particularly that parish prayer….

Holy Trinity,
in whose name we worship,
give us such love,
that alone and together,
today and everyday,
we may reverence the Father,
radiate the presence of the Son,
and live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

To him [God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit] be glory, honour and praise, now and unto eternity. Amen.

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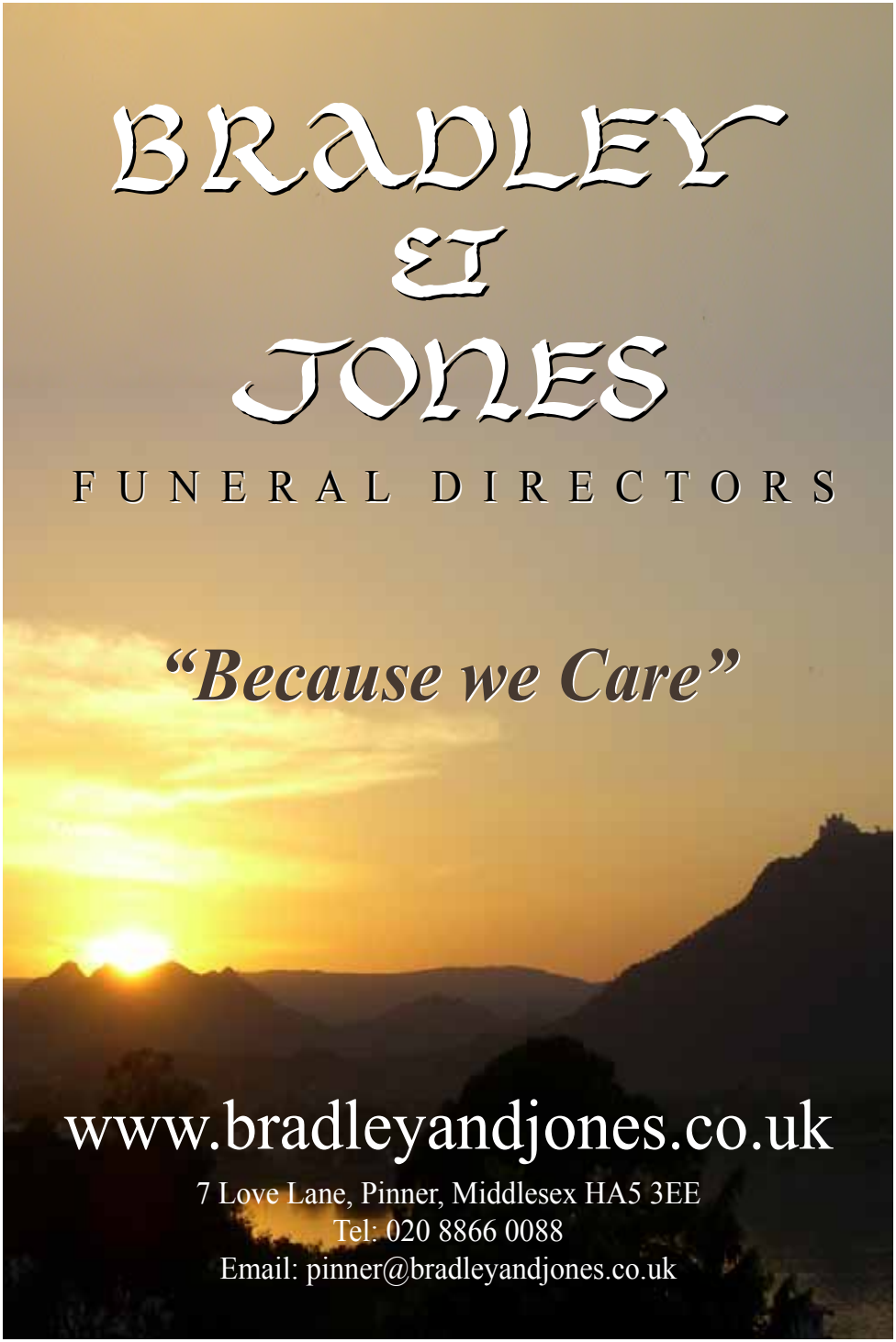
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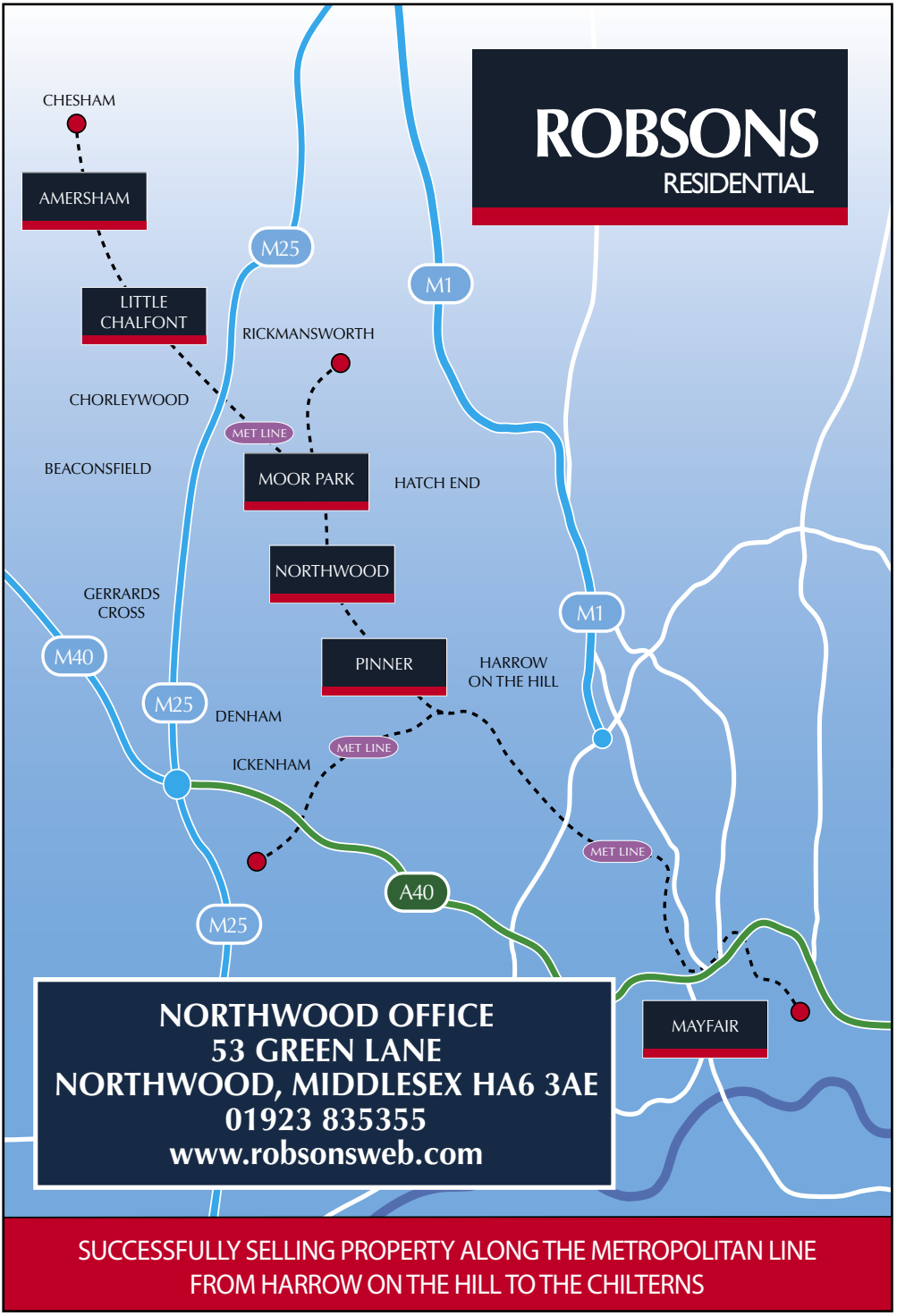
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