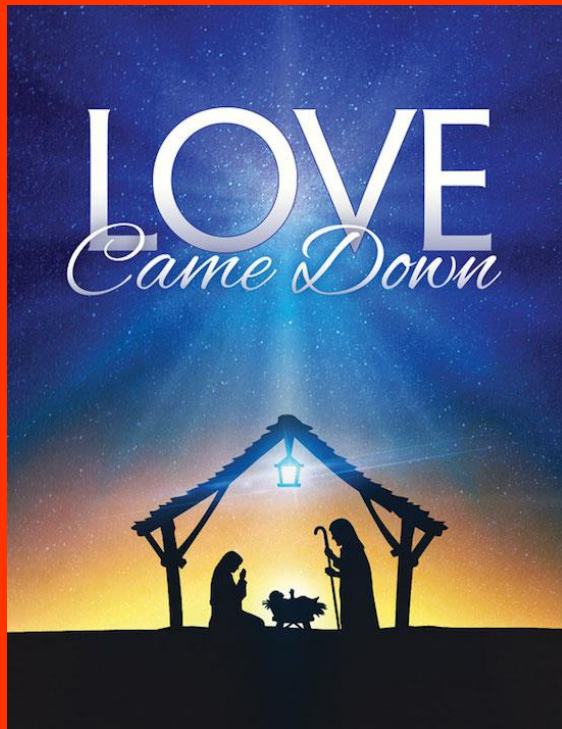


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## A Christmas Message from Barrie

Dear Trinity friends,

No doubt quite soon we shall be singing –

*Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth . . .*

Have you ever been called **"An Angel"**? Now, don't smile, because I'm sure you have. It really is a wonderful compliment, though if you're like me, I suspect you weren't exactly sure what it meant.

When I was a teenager, I didn't care too much for angels (as a concept) because first, I wasn't sure what sex they were – male or female(!) and secondly, being politically quite radical (it was the early 1960s, remember) I didn't like the idea of a 'hierarchy in heaven' (!!). A little later, when I took the trouble to look up the word 'angel' and study the subject, I came to a somewhat different conclusion.

In the Old Testament, we find angels being thought of as supernatural beings who attended upon God. And since in Hebrew thought, humans were not seen just as individuals, but as part of a corporate personality (hence the emphasis upon words like 'family', 'people', and 'nation') – in the same way, God was not conceived as a lonely individual. Read the call of Isaiah in Chapter 6, vs. 1 – 9, and you'll see what I mean. Later on, the Jews regarded angels as intermediaries between God and humans, and this is where the subject comes to the very heart of where you and I are at in 2018.

Now, here's the Greek lesson for a moment! The word for 'angel' is **'angelos'** (ἄγγελος) which means **'messenger'**. In the New Testament accounts of Jesus' nativity, angels figure quite prominently – visiting Zechariah (Elizabeth's

husband), Mary (Luke 1:12 and 26) and Joseph too (Matt. 1:20), as well as the shepherds (Luke 2:9). The angels also sang at our Lord's birth, of course.

Most of you will know all that – but did you know that we get our word 'Gospel' or 'Good News' from the same word? The Greek is '**evangelion**' (εὐαγγέλιον) that literally means 'message'.

Now here's a thought! We're not all called to be evangelists, but we all have a message to convey – whether by word, or deed, or character – or even simply a smile and a handshake. So this Christmas, my friends, let's all be angels!!

Every blessing for Christmas and the New Year

**Barrie Tabraham**



During the current inter-regnum we are being cared for by our Superintendent Minister, Revd Keith Beckingham along with Revds Barrie Tabraham and Allan Taylor.

We are grateful to Barrie for contributing this message to TNV and also for his leadership of worship at Trinity. Similarly we thank Allan for his time and especially his contribution to the pastoral life of Trinity.



## Dates for your diary

(See page 34 for regular weekly and monthly activities)

December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm Advent Course (week 2)
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Advent Course (week 3)
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Nativity Service 2pm Advent Course (week 4) 6.30pm Carol Service
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.45am Early Communion 10.30am Morning Service 1.30pm Special Christmas Service led by our Chinese congregation to which the whole Trinity family is invited
Christmas Eve	5pm Christingle Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion Service
Christmas Day	10am Family Service
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Circuit Service at Merrow. <u>No service at Trinity</u>
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Covenant Service
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am Early Communion
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Circuit Mission Supper – details to follow
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am Early Communion





## You are invited to join us for our 4 week Advent Course

**A child is born.** The impact on earth is like a stone dropped into water, making waves forwards and backwards through time.

**Starting on Sunday 25th November  
2pm at Trinity**



***Come  
and see  
our  
Advent  
Pots and  
Stable...***

One pot  
per day  
added  
outside the  
front of  
the Church  
as an  
Advent

Calendar - finishing with the crib in the stable and a special arrival early on Christmas morning. The pots tell the story of Christmas in words and plants. The texts and photos of the pots will also be on our website if you cannot get to see them. *[See also page 23]*

**Trinity Garden Team**

## Las Posadas

Las Posadas (in Spanish meaning 'The Inns') is a religious festival celebrated in Mexico and some parts of the United States between December 16 and 24. Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. When they were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable, where the Christ Child was born.

This year Trinity is having its own Posada where Joseph, Mary and the donkey will travel from home to home during December seeking refuge for one, two or three nights, before finishing at the Christingle Service. Will you offer them safe refuge? ***Please sign up on the sheet in the East Entrance or see Helen Bowerman.***



Congratulations to **Barbara Phillips**, one of TNV's regular contributors, who will be 80 on 13<sup>th</sup> January.



Congratulations and thanks to Sue Waddington and everyone involved in the **Noah's Ark Holiday Club** at half term. An average of over 65 children attended each day – plus about 40 adults and helpers.



**Hi! I'm Tiffany.** I started as your administrator at the beginning of October. I am a member of Weybridge Methodist Church where I made my debut at 10 days old. Growing up in Weybridge and attending school in Chertsey, I spent a lot of time in

Woking when I was younger, however the move to Kent for University saw an end to this. Working at Trinity (and at Westfield Football Club – I'm their physio) is giving me a chance to get to know the area again, bringing back memories of being allowed my first unsupervised trips out to the cinema and shops! Along with working here at Trinity I am also studying for a Master's degree in Sports Rehabilitation, from which I hope to graduate this coming year! Please stop by and say hello if you haven't already!



## Beyond Trinity – Charities of the Month

Here is a summary of the amounts raised for our monthly charities so far during 2018.

January	CWR (Bible reading notes for prisoners)	£105
February	St Mungo's	£100
March	Smile train	£90
April	Kent and Surrey Air Ambulances	£120
May	Christian Aid	£155
June	Wheels for all	£100
July /August	Age Concern Woking	£180
September	Citizens Advice Woking	£120
October and Harvest Appeal	York Road Project	£670 (approx.)

The charities we are supporting over the next few months are:

**December - All We Can** helps find solutions to poverty by engaging with local people and organisations in some of the world's poorest communities to end the suffering caused by inequality and injustice. All We Can is an international development and emergency relief organisation. Focusing on those in greatest need, it is inspired by Christian principles, with its roots in the British Methodist Church. (More information is in the previous issue of TNV.)







**SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES**  
A loving home for every child

**January - SOS  
Children's Villages** is  
the world's largest charity  
working with orphaned

and abandoned children. The first SOS Children's Village was founded in 1949 in Austria and today the charity is active in 135 countries worldwide. There are usually 6 to 15 houses in a typical SOS Village. In addition the organization runs a whole range of educational, youth and medical programmes to support socially disadvantaged and impoverished families.

Their aim is that every child grows up in a loving family home, whether it is with the child's biological family or a new SOS family, so that they flourish and reach their full potential. Many of the children they support would live only a moribund life with no hope and nothing to contribute to their community or future generations without the help and love they get from SOS mothers.

**February - The RNLI** was founded in 1824 as the National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck and was granted a Royal Charter in 1860. It is the largest charity saving lives at sea around the British Isles as well as on some inland waterways, where their work includes flood rescue.



**Lifeboats**

There are 237 lifeboat stations around the coast of the UK, the Irish Republic, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands; and 444 lifeboats. Considerable effort is put into training and education, particularly for young people.

The RNLI has saved some 140,000 lives since its foundation, at a cost of more than 600 lives lost in service. It is principally funded by legacies and donations. Most of the members of its lifeboat crews are unpaid volunteers.

## Charles Cooke

*[Many friends in the Trinity family were privileged to attend the Thanksgiving Service for Charles on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Kevin Page, whose family have been close friends with Charles & Deidre for many years, has provided this tribute.]*

I'm honoured to have been asked to put some words together about Charles Cooke who very sadly passed away recently after a short spell in Moorlands Nursing Home.



Caroline & I have known Charles (& Deidre) for 50+ years having grown up with their sons Timothy & Simon in Christ Church, Woking & subsequently at Trinity where we worshipped together.

I'm not sure where to start really as there are so many fond memories of this wonderful man. I put out a few feelers to some other close friends and the overwhelming consensus was of Charles being highly gifted, modest, a sincere & dedicated Christian, a family man & friend to everyone.

It was Charles' work in the electronics industry that brought him to Surrey (Plessey if my memory serves me correctly), and it was in Surbiton where he met and married Deidre. They then moved to Woking where he lived for the rest of his life, bringing up two sons who do them so much credit. Early memories of Charles were summed up beautifully by Timothy at Charles' recent Thanksgiving Service... that of Charles floating majestically down the aisles at high speed in order to tweak the sound system or discreetly change the batteries in a radio mic! He had everything totally under control and so there was no surprise when he was appointed Centre Manager for Christ Church some years later.

To sum up, Charles was a loving, kind & gentle man - unassuming but helpful, a team player who led from behind. He will be sorely missed but will live on – a good example

coming from an article I fell upon recently from the December 2005 edition of TLT (forerunner to TNV) where he shared some key findings of a UK church survey report which concluded that the churches' general decline was due in part to 'lack of vision for the future' ... which got me thinking about how supportive he would be of the new Trinity Foundry initiative and its potential for impacting the local community.

So, my heartfelt thanks, Charles, for all you did for me (& Caroline) over so many years – God bless you, Charles; always.

**Kevin Page**

### **Praying Together The Lord's Prayer part 4**

*Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,*

*Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours*

*Now and for ever. Amen.*

The words to ponder in this issue are: ***Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*** In the NIV Bible the words are written that, as Jesus was dying on the cross, he said "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing*". (Luke Chapter 23: 34)

These words seem to challenge me to think about how I need to forgive. I need to forgive even when it seems impossible to do so. I well remember feeling shocked by news items that declare someone has forgiven the killer of a family member even when the person who has hurt the family beyond imagination has not even said sorry or repented.

Older versions of the Lord's Prayer use the word 'trespass' which carries the idea of something being owed. The parable in Matthew 18: 24-27 tells of the man pleading for time to pay off what he owes and the debt is written off. The master forgives and gives us a picture of a generous, loving, forgiving Father God. There is another part to the story (verses 28-30) where the man who had owed the debt walks off and meets someone who owed him some money and this was a smaller amount and he reacts by offering no space to repay. The forgiveness received is not passed on at all. In the Lord's Prayer forgiveness cannot be requested of God and yet denied to other people. We need to forgive as we are forgiven.

R D Laing, a psychoanalyst and psychiatrist writing in a book called *Sonnets*, writes that we may try very hard not to feel we are trespassed against. This is because we can be frightened about forgiveness and feeling we cannot forgive, and so if we cannot forgive others how can God forgive us.

Maybe this forgiveness needs honesty with God and an ability to ask God to help us forgive where we need to forgive and be forgiven in our turn - not always easy, as Jesus points out in a discussion with Peter before telling the parable about the unmerciful servant. We need to be generous in forgiveness and go beyond what actually seems possible: and forgive not just seven times but seventy times seven.

*"<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' <sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven". (Matthew 18:21- 22)*

So, some things to think and pray about: what do we need to ask forgiveness for from God? Who do we need to forgive?

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The image on the next page of a Christmas Tree is taken from '*12 Christmas Prayers – Experience Joy*' ©

Crosswalk.com. Please pray and use it to offer Christmas additions as we pray The Lord's Prayer:



**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.**

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—hallowed be your name. Christ our Lord, you descended to earth, came to earth to a simple manger to bring all nations under your rule and draw us into your holy and perfect presence.

We bow at your manger in awe and wonder at your great might.

We bow beside the manger of Jesus Immanuel, God with us — Hallowed be your name.

Come to us Saviour of the world.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Prince of Peace, make your kingdom complete. Come to us Saviour of the world.

May we prepare a way for your kingdom wherever there is violence and hatred wherever there is oppression and injustice wherever there is quarrelling and alienation.

May we prepare a way for your kingdom of peace, where the wolf will live with the lamb and the leopard will lie down with the kid goat.

In us, through us, and around us, your kingdom come.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

Bread of life, feed us with your truth.

Bread of life feed us body, mind and spirit.

In a season of greed and selfish desires may we see that we are sustained by your providence. May we be eager to receive the gift of the Saviour. May room be found in our lives for the Christ Child in the busyness of Advent and the Christmas season.

Come to us Saviour of the world. Be born in us, Jesus. May our eagerness to open our gifts pale in comparison to our joy to receive the gift of the Saviour. May our discontent disappear as we approach the day of your coming.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.

We need a Saviour to come to us.

For our worry and our scurrying this Advent season, forgive us.

For the way we make this a season of shopping rather than waiting for Jesus to come, forgive us.

For the security and comfort, we seek from sources other than you, forgive us.

For our indifference to the wonder of your coming, forgive us.

Come to us, Saviour of the world.

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

Protect us from the constant dangers and enticing temptations we face each day.

Deliver us from the oppressive evils of apathy, addiction, and abuse.

Strengthen your church when it faces persecution for announcing the coming of your kingdom.

Comfort all who are suffering in their hearts or in their bodies; give them health and peace to sing of your power.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Word who became flesh and lived among us, we have seen your glory, full of grace and truth. You come to us now, and you will come to us again in glory, when we will join all heaven and earth in giving you blessing and honour and glory and might forever!

Come to us Saviour of the world.

Until that glorious day, we praise you for becoming

one of us, and we long for your glory to be fully revealed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Ann Dawson**

*(Based on a prayer written by Calvin Institute)*



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Epworth choir

# Family Christmas Concert

a celebration of Christmas with carols old and new

**EPWORTH CHOIR**  
Choir of Greenfield School, Woking

**10 December 2018**  
**7.30pm**  
**Christ Church, Woking**

Tickets: £15 / £5  
Box Office: 01483 768136  
Online: [epworthchoir.org](http://epworthchoir.org)

Epworth Brass  
Laurence Williams organ  
Michael Waldron *conductor*







# *Christmas*

GREETINGS

....to all our friends at Trinity from

<i>Kevin Bown</i>	<i>Liz &amp; Glen Penfold</i>
<i>Peggy Windsor</i>	<i>Sue, Chris &amp; Jess Waddington</i>
<i>John &amp; Joyce Nelson</i>	<i>Lyn &amp; David Lorberg</i>
<i>Elaine &amp; Lee Slatter</i>	<i>Ann &amp; Jeff Dawson</i>
<i>David &amp; Daphne Lander</i>	<i>Enid &amp; David Pullen</i>
<i>Jean Normington</i>	<i>Wendy &amp; Geoff Eaton</i>
<i>Ruth Taylor</i>	<i>Barbara Jones</i>
<i>Samantha Cudby</i>	<i>Gill Hockley</i>
<i>Leonora Salter</i>	<i>Pam McCallum</i>
<i>Lorna Fry</i>	<i>Deidre Cooke</i>
<i>Margaret Davies</i>	<i>Margaret &amp; Jim Chisholm</i>
<i>Henk &amp; Gerda Innemee</i>	<i>David Emmerson &amp; Ruth</i>
<i>David Reeve</i>	<i>Valerie &amp; Basil Slyfield</i>
<i>Sue Wetherell</i>	<i>Shirley Turner</i>
<i>Ian McIntosh</i>	<i>Helen &amp; Stuart Best, Adam &amp; Paul</i>
<i>Gill, Roman, Anna, Elizabeth &amp; Sophie Kozłowski</i>	<i>Gareth &amp; Sheila Davies &amp; family</i>
<i>Allison Jackson</i>	<i>Hugh &amp; Helen Bowerman</i>
<i>Sue Waddell</i>	<i>Mike &amp; Sue Tozer</i>
<i>Jenny &amp; David Broadley</i>	<i>Janet Atterbury</i>
<i>Val Napier</i>	<i>Jill Macmillen</i>

## Christmas past and present

The Puritan revolution in the mid-1600s resulted in laws being passed that attempted to prohibit the celebration of Christmas. On Christmas Eve some towns sent criers to call out, "No Christmas! No Christmas!" Even in the Wesley's time Christmas was not celebrated by much more than a special service. John Wesley never published a Christmas sermon.

The resurgence of Christmas in the mid-1800s had much to do with Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Whilst the frippery which has (for many of us) now got out of hand can be traced back to those days, so too can our concern for the less fortunate. Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* published in 1843 is testament to that.



As we prepare for Christmas 2018-style Archbishop John Sentamu has written this message: *"I love to gather round the table and share good food, conversation and laughter with loved ones – what a privilege! So why not share our celebrations with others, with people who are hungry, or lonely, or fearful and who need our support this Christmas? May God give us all grateful and generous hearts!"*

So in this spirit let us keep in mind any in our church family who may be alone or lonely over the festive season; any who are separated from their loved ones by ill health, distance or other circumstances. We thank God for all the charities, other organisations and individuals who will be working over the Christmas period to give food and shelter to the homeless, and to bring respite and care to those in need.

## Serious conversations!

A lot to ponder.....



But for some it's all black and white.....



## A memorable service in Westminster Abbey

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Glen and I travelled to London to attend a very special service in Westminster Abbey. I had been invited to a National Scout and Guide Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving after receiving my 40 year award for service in girl guiding. I was able to take a guest so I was very pleased to take Glen with me, who has supported me during my years at 8<sup>th</sup> Woking Guide Unit and also now as a Mentor and the Training Coordinator in Woking East Division.



We walked across Westminster Bridge in bright sunshine and then watched the Abbey grounds being prepared with poppies for Remembrance Sunday the following week. We were surprised to find a queue already forming at the Great West door so decided to join it rather than find a cup of coffee which we had planned to do! We met Guide and Scout leaders from all over the country. Some, who had travelled a long way for the service, were enjoying a weekend in London going to the theatre and seeing the sights. While we were waiting, the Deputy Chief Guide, Assistant Chief Guide and the Scouts Chief Commissioner of England walked along the line of people queueing and we were privileged to speak to them.

We were just beginning to feel the cold when the doors opened and we went into the Abbey. The wait was worth it because, to our surprise, we were taken past the Grave of the Unknown Warrior, along the Nave past the choir stalls and up to the steps to the altar. We sat in the second row, next to the pulpit and had a really good view of the beautiful Abbey and all that was happening. We were on the black and

white tiled floor we had seen so many times on the television on Royal occasions.

The Dean, Dr John Hall, spoke and amused everyone by saying that he liked to relax on a Saturday evening and watch Strictly Come Dancing. He said how he was disappointed how the programme had portrayed Halloween the previous weekend. He commended the Guide and Scout movements for giving youngsters such exciting, challenging and interesting activities and that they had fun without resorting to trick or treating. A Scout and Young Leader from the Guides told the congregation about all that they had enjoyed, experienced and achieved through Scouting and Guiding.

It was a great privilege to attend this service and Glen and I both enjoyed being with people associated with Guides and Scouts from around the country. It was a very special occasion.

**Liz Penfold**

## **Discovering ArtServe**

*[ArtServe is a creative arts movement which evolved out of the former Methodist Church Music Society. It encompasses music, drama, dance, visual art and creative writing.]*

In recent years there have been significant changes and evolutions in ways of worshipping. As a preacher and teacher for nearly fifty years I have always tried to keep up to date with changes and new ideas, new songs and styles. It has been a concern for a couple of years but I have never been able to find a way in. That is until the formation of our Wey Valley Circuit.

It was here I met Lyn McKay our Local Preachers' Secretary. We both responded to a request to try a joint service. We

were planned to team preach at Trinity. As we worked on the service Lyn introduced me to the hymn-writings of Marjorie Dobson who Lyn had met at ArtServe. It became clear to me that Lyn had gained some real insights from ArtServe Magazines and the Annual Conference. As we had similar musical tastes and an interest in developing Creative Worship she suggested I might enjoy going to the next conference in October this year.

After some thought and exploring the material that came out of their quarterly publication I decided, somewhat nervously,



to go and give it a try. I had been led to believe it was for highly competent musicians – singers and instrumentalists – particularly organists, but now had expanded to cover many other denominations and was looking at ways to worship through creative arts. 'Wow!' What an experience. The friendship and fellowship from a variety of Christians from different churches and denominations; the open support for those, like me, who were doing things for the first time; the quality and immense spirituality of the various worship opportunities was astounding. The accommodation and food at High Leigh, Hoddesdon was good too!

The first event was a get together and a concert from the Christian flautist Simeon Wood whose outstanding talent was revealed through playing classical, folk, modern, worship and fun music on a variety of flutes and whistles, and unforgettably, on an NHS metal walking stick and an old-fashioned bicycle pump. This was followed by evening prayers; the tone was set for the rest of the weekend.

Saturday morning prayers were focussed on 'The Cross around the World'. This was thought provoking and challenging, prompting positive discussion over breakfast. We were then to meet the various leaders of the workshops available. We could choose three sessions from, various forms of Dance, Drama, Creative Arts to Psalms, Stone Painting/prayers, Music, Singing, Journalling, Prayer Walk or

Song Writing. For me Dance of any kind was not on, I know my limitations! The first session I chose was to explore creative responses to the Psalms. Art is another subject where I have, according to my School Report when I was twelve, 'no aptitude for this subject'. I didn't know what to expect and I was stirred by the opportunity to produce a Lindisfarne style illustration. I chose the first few verses of Psalm 24. It was a very challenging experience but there was lots of advice and support. However, if I had been an Anglo-Saxon Monk I don't think I would have made the Scriptorium, more likely in the kitchen preparing vegetables!

The second workshop was one that interested me as I had heard of a Prayer Walk but never been on one. We spent about an hour and a half following a two-and-a-half-mile route around Hoddesdon stopping at salient points to read prayers about the location eg Town Centre, School, Churches, Industry, Allotments, River etc. It was an interesting and informative session. Spiritually I could see ways in which a Prayer Walk could be used at Trinity around the local area eg Horsell, Goldsworth Park, Woking town centre and local churches.

As for my third option, I have harboured a secret ambition to write a hymn/song but I am not competent enough as a musician to be able to compose a tune. When I heard of the Hymn/Song writing workshop I was very interested. Having heard the leaders give their synopsis of the content I still felt unsure. Consequently, I went to speak to them and explained that I have good skills in drama, preaching, public speaking and storytelling but am not a natural writer. I have tried to write poetry and only really produced something for my Teacher Training induction course and very little else. But

I had a real desire to have a go. They joyfully informed me that I was the type of person they were looking for. So, I signed up. Within five minutes I knew God wanted me to be



there. The first hour was about the music and the metre, it was totally absorbing. Then we were put into groups of three; a musician leader and two prospective writers. There were three groups of us and we had to choose a theme each from 'The World around Us,' 'The Beatitudes' or the 'Emmaus Road'. Within seconds a rhyming couplet came into my mind: '*Lost and confused. Distraught and bemused.*' I immediately volunteered our trio to write a song about the Emmaus Road, and the other two members of the group readily agreed. We went away for forty-five minutes and came up with lyrics, largely provided by me, from the Holy Spirit, with key suggestions and encouragement from Jenny and Rob and a tune from Rob. The experience was amazing. Saturday Evenings' Prayers were based on the Office of Compline. I had not experienced this since attending Bishop Otter College between 1970 and 1973. In its simplicity it was calming after the excitement of the day, spiritually comforting and renewing.

Sunday morning's prayers were on the theme of Healing with lots of time for quiet reflection. The rest of the morning was set aside for preparing the closing worship after lunch. At the service each Workshop presented or performed their results in a dynamic, sensitive and spiritually rewarding act of worship closing with Communion. The experience of singing a song you have written as part of that worship was thrilling, spiritually uplifting and humbling. God had led me there and I felt renewed.

Before leaving I joined Art Serve and am looking forward to next year's conference at Swanwick, Derbyshire. I would thoroughly recommend others, not just preachers, worship leaders and musicians, to come and join us.

**Graham Warr**

[For more information visit [www.artserve.org.uk](http://www.artserve.org.uk)]

**Inspired by the recent works in the east garden, here is a look back to the start of the Trinity Garden Project in 2011**



## It's Quiz Season!

Solutions on pages 31/32

There are 15 books of the Bible hidden in the following paragraph [Caution - this originated in the USA!]

*This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a man in an aeroplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One worked on it while fishing from his Johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing the banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving the puzzle so involving, she brews tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That is a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam; especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst.*



Here are ten questions with not so obvious answers:

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country originally made Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?



- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution of 1917?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 9) What colour is a purple finch?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aeroplane?



All the following can be unscrambled to find words associated with Christmas:

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2. ISENTPIOTA	12. TENESSRP
3. CLEAND	13. DRANLAG
4. GIGABRNDEER	14. SOTTLEMIE
5. TEWHAR	15. FITG
6. SCRALO	16. LEGAN
7. EDINERER	17. LENO
8. GOSTINCK	18. STRANEMON
9. ESOKOCI	19. WOMANNS
10. GLISEH	20. SLITEN



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## A delightful and memorable day

*[Alfred Vice was one of several RAF veterans invited to attend the June 'RAF 100' celebrations in London, and was interviewed by the BBC in Westminster Abbey shortly before its Service of Thanksgiving. This article first appeared in Horsell Matters and is reproduced with permission. (Ed.)]*

It was my great good fortune to get three tickets for the RAF's celebration of its 100th birthday on 10 July. I went with my wife, Joan, and our daughter, Amanda. Somehow I was selected to do an interview for BBC TV.

This meant I had to be at Westminster Abbey at 8.20am – an hour and a half before the other two. Road closures for the event caused severe traffic congestion but fortunately my taxi driver was able to circumvent it and get me there just in time.

The suspense and hurried walk from rendezvous to Abbey did not bring me to the studio in one of the chapels in best form for an unrehearsed interview.

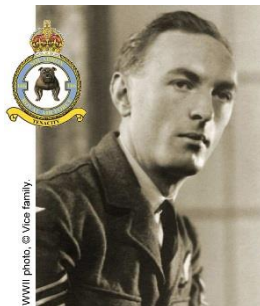


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Following that, there was a long wait while the Abbey gradually filled. I was able to speak to some interesting people including an air chief marshal who doubtless would normally speak only to God, and a young lady with black head-dress and in an unusual RAF uniform. She told me she was a Sikh serving as an RAF chaplain.

Our seats were in the second row in the aisle along which came a host of VIPs including the Queen isolated within her privacy zone. The theme of the service was thanks for the courage and commitment of the RAF during its 100 years of life and particularly at the Battle of Britain, and prayers for its good fortune in the future.

We were then driven in a golf buggy the few hundred yards to Horse Guards Parade. I was dreading the prospect of sitting in the blazing sunshine of the prevailing heatwave. Happily on this day the air was temperate and the lightly overcast sky was the perfect background against which to see the dark aircraft, one hundred in number, as they thundered overhead in Fly Past formation on the way to the Mall and Buckingham Palace. Everyone clapped at each flight and I raised my hat to the dear old Lancaster, the type which had brought me back from 35 targets in Germany.



It was a magnificent garden party – chairs and tables for all, a big TV screen showing the parades in front of the Palace, generous free refreshments and ten or so aircraft, ancient and modern, on the ground open for inspection. I was able to go into a Dakota once more – the sturdy long-living old bus in which I spent more flying time than in any other. The proceedings wound down at around 4pm and, being joined by other family members, six of us closed the day with supper at the RAF Club in Piccadilly.

It had been a delightful and memorable day. I must confess that I felt pleased with myself for having in my small way at least done something to secure that the Fly Past was of RAF aircraft proceeding to greet the Queen and not the Luftwaffe storming along to salute the Gauleiter.

**Alfred Vice**



## **My Life beyond Trinity**

When I was a little girl I could hardly believe that my teachers had a life beyond the classroom. Even though my father was a teacher and came home from school each day, part of me still thought my teachers stayed at school all night and emerged from the staffroom fresh and ready for the day ahead. Maybe we do not know much about the lives of our congregation away from church, so this article is designed to give an insight into a piece of my life and I hope it encourages others to put pen to paper in TNV in future.

For me, part of the answer involves giving and receiving spiritual direction. I visit Mary, a lady living and working in a village on the Hogs Back. I have a generally pleasant drive along the ridge top about every eight weeks and talk about prayer and the difficulties I might be having listening to and communicating with God, and we pray together. I come away refreshed, restored, feeling listened to and ready to pray again.

I am also a spiritual director and offer to be alongside people as they seek to explore their relationship with God. Direction is not coaching or counselling. Maybe, a better word to describe it is 'spiritual accompanying'. I am alongside someone as they explore their life.

I was trained at the "The London Centre for Spiritual Direction" in Lombard Street EC3. My course involved looking at the art and skill of spiritual direction and also the thinking and spiritual exercises of St Ignatius. These look at ways to pray and draw closer to God by exploring the life of Jesus. Learning to listen is at the core of the training: listening to self, to others, the world and to God. So, I listen to the directees who come to me and work alongside them as they

explore their prayer life. I may ask them what has helped them to pray. Also, I challenge them by getting them to reflect on what they are saying and thinking. I hope by listening and challenging them I can help them see more clearly their own experience of God, how it can be strengthened and their prayer time deepened.

The reason for wanting to come to spiritual direction can vary from person to person. Some may want to discern God's calling to a possible change in their life; others have lost their former comfortable way with God and want to explore what their faith means now. Some have a long story of God's love in their lives; others have never put their prayer and life with God into words with a stranger. I wanted to explore prayer more and get beyond the prayers we say as part of the Sunday service and grace at meal times.

Within the Church of England, the Guildford diocese group of spiritual directees all have to abide by a set of guidelines which include having safeguarding training, seeing a supervisor regularly and attending training sessions each year. Recent sessions have included using a labyrinth in spiritual direction, facing paradox and change, and looking at Christian mindfulness.

If you are interested in finding out more about spiritual direction a good place to start is the Guildford Diocese website under Spiritual Direction. The London Centre for Spiritual Direction offers lots more information, including details of the spiritual exercises which St Ignatius wrote and used.

You are welcome to chat with me and I can put you in touch with Andrew Tuck ([andrew.tuck@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:andrew.tuck@cofeguildford.org.uk) Tel: 01252 716119) who is the spiritual direction coordinator for Guildford Diocese. He has a list of spiritual directors in the Guildford area and so can help you find a suitable one to work with you in your search for God and an enriched prayer life.

**Ann Dawson**

## Quiz answers

### HIDDEN BOOKS

This is **A MOST** re**MARK**able puzzle. It was found by a man in an aeroplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolu**LU**, **KEE**ping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One worked on it while fishing from his **JOHN**boat. Another friend studied it while playing the ban**JO**. **EL**aine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **JUDGES** the **JOB** of solving the puzzle so involving, **SHE BREWS** tea to help her nerv**ES**. **THERE** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That is a **FACT**. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a **JAM**; **ES**pecially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **TRUTH**fully, **FROM ANSWERS** we get, we are forced to admi**T IT** **US**ually takes a minister or scholar to see some of the**M AT THE** **W**orst.

### TEN QUESTIONS

1. 116 years  
back
2. Ecuador
3. Sheep and goat usually
4. November
5. Squirrel fur
6. Dogs
7. Albert
8. New Zealand
9. Pinky red head, brown  
back and white  
underside
10. Orange



## SCRAMBLED WORDS

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. BELLS       | 11. ELVES     |
| 2. POINSETTIA  | 12. PRESENTS  |
| 3. CANDLE      | 13. GARLAND   |
| 4. GINGERBREAD | 14. MISTLETOE |
| 5. WREATH      | 15. GIFT      |
| 6. CAROLS      | 16. ANGEL     |
| 7. REINDEER    | 17. NOEL      |
| 8. STOCKING    | 18. ORNAMENTS |
| 9. COOKIES     | 19. SNOWMAN   |
| 10. SLEIGH     | 20. TINSEL    |

## DINGBATS

1. It will all end up in tears
2. Full of praise
3. Spread a little happiness
4. Run up a debt
5. Foregone conclusion
6. Peace be with you
7. Tennis shoes
8. Once upon a time
9. A blessing in disguise
10. From top to bottom
11. Hot under the collar
12. More in it than meets the eye



## What's on at Trinity

Prayer Group	Sunday (weekly) 9.45am Friday (weekly) 9.45am	Ann, W 770400
Y-Group	Monday (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 8pm	Allison, W 725439
Coffee & Chat	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Margot, W 762059
Bible Study Fellowship	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Sarah Jo, W 892067
Bible Study	Friday (monthly) 10.30am	Peggy, W 763605
Phoenix	Friday (fortnightly) 8pm	Joyce, W 722457
Quest Group	Sat (monthly) 9.30 am	John, W 762059
Family Club	Friday 5.00pm	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Junior Church	Sunday 10.30am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Messy Church	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Trinity Toddlers	Friday 9.30am	Kim Wilson, 07791763241



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## **From the Editor**

Thanks to all who have helped with the preparation and distribution of this issue of TNV. To the envy of many editors I received more material than could be accommodated in this issue. I hope those contributors whose items have not appeared will understand and hopefully we can include it next time. The next issue will be edited by Jean Normington.

**David Lander**

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