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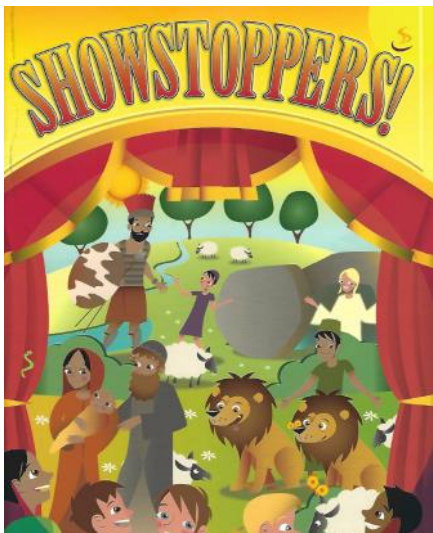
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## Father Nick writes: Rest . . .

It's that time of year again when many of us are thinking about our summer holidays. The children break up from school towards the end of this month, and we are looking forward to welcoming some of them to the Cookham Kids Holiday Club, which runs from 24-28 July. Some of us are lucky enough to be going away – for us it will probably be the last time we will do so as a family. Josh has already left home, and Jamie will be off to university in the autumn (all being well), but they have allowed us to take them away to Italy for a few days. I'm sure it's nothing to do with Mum and Dad paying for it. . .

I know we will cherish the time we are able to spend together as a family. For me, that is very important.

It doesn't take long, however, for all of us to be back in the thick of things. How soon we all will have forgotten our holidays, that time of recharging the batteries, as we go back to work – perhaps even feeling guilty that we have had any sort of break at all. We all work far too hard – the to-do list gets longer, deadlines have to be met, and none of us is ever off duty thanks to emails, smartphones and tablet devices. (So, do look out for our next Soul Service in October – which will help you to unwind and switch off for an hour or so.)

The Bible speaks highly of rest. It is a repeated theme throughout Scripture, beginning with the creation story in Genesis. God created for six days; then he rested, not because he was tired, but to set a standard for us to follow. The Ten Commandments made resting on the Sabbath a requirement of the Law. Notice that God said, 'Remember the Sabbath'. It wasn't something new; it had been around since creation. All God's people and their servants and the animals were to have one day in seven to rest. The command to rest was not an excuse to be lazy. You had to work for six days to get to the Sabbath. God is very serious about rest.

God desires rest for us because it doesn't come naturally to us. To rest, we have to trust that God will take care of things for us. We have to trust that, if we take a day off, the world will not stop turning on its axis. Relaxing our grip on our own lives, careers, studies, families, or whatever, and giving them over to God in faith is the best way to relax.

For the Christian, the ultimate rest is found in Christ. He invites all who are weary and burdened to come to him and cast our cares on him. It is only in Jesus that we find

our complete rest – from the cares of the world, from the sorrows that plague us, and from the need to work to make ourselves acceptable to him. In Jesus we find complete rest from our labours, because He alone is holy and righteous. 'God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God' (2 Corinthians 5:21). We can now cease from our spiritual labours and rest in him, not just one day a week, but always.

I'm sure when you return from your holiday, you will enjoy looking at all those photos and souvenirs you have to remind you of it, and be ready to start work again – hopefully refreshed and recharged. But don't forget to keep taking the odd break from work from time to time – and if you're able to spend some of that time resting in God, so much the better.

Fr Nick

## MINISTRY TEAM CHANGES

As you will have seen in last month's magazine, John Ainslie will be joining us in July as curate following his ordination as Deacon on 1st July. He will be receiving his three year training with us which will include his being ordained priest this time next year. Please give John a big welcome to The Cookhams.

We won't be seeing as much of Rev Jo Ellington for the next 6 months because, although she continues to live in Cookham Dean, she is now assisting at St Peter's and St Mark's, Furze Platt.

Fr Nick

## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

If you are old or young, new to the village or lived here for some time, and have a question about any aspect of church or our activities, or if you need help or comfort, please contact one of us:

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**Junior Praise** welcomes young people aged 7 to 11. We meet every Sunday during term time, in the Parish Centre from 10:45 am and then join the congregation in church during the Offertory.

**Sunday Club** is designed for younger children also meets at the same time and place.

**Junior Praise and Sunday Club** often combine for Godly Play presentations. On these occasions the children will remain in the Parish Centre for the whole of the Service.  
Christine Taylor 628829

### Boys' Choir and Girls' Choir

The **Boys' Choir** (for boys aged 7+) sings for a service each Sunday. Practice is on a Wednesday, 6.45 - 7.30pm.

The **Girls' Choir** (for girls aged 10+) sings for two Sunday morning services a month and for other special services. Practice is on a Tuesday, 7.15 - 8.00pm.

Children wishing to join either choir are invited to attend a choir practice during which they are auditioned.

Director of Music - Sara Wood: 01628 522593

### Trinity Nippers

Babies and pre-school children meet with their mums, dads or carers on Tuesdays at 10.15 am in Holy Trinity Church, followed by coffee, snacks and play in the Parish Centre.

Contact: Stella Fairlie 01628 532926

### St John the Baptist, Cookham Dean

**Junior Choir** meets on Fridays from 5.30 - 6.45 for practice and sings at the 9.15 service each Sunday and at evensong on the third Sunday of the month.

David Colthup 529861

**"Sunbeams"** is open to all ages. We have two groups, one for older children that meets in the Jubilee Vestry, and the other for younger children that goes through to the Vestry following the start of the 9.15 service. Both groups then re-join the service at "The Peace".

Jacquie Rollett 486533 and Gerry Thwaites 486628



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**8<sup>th</sup> July; 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

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If you can't make these dates but would be prepared to undertake to mow a section of the churchyard on a regular basis, please contact the churchwardens.

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For more information, please contact  
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## Friendship Lunch



We are taking our summer break at the moment.

Dates for the second half of this year are:-

17 September (Marion)

22 October (Lorna)

12 November (Marion)

10 December (Christmas Lunch)

Please ring Lorna 486874 or Marion 482637 to confirm your place. Lunch starts at 12.45.

## Bishop Steven at Cookham Dean

Appointed as Bishop of Oxford last year, Bishop Steven visited Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery on 6 June as part of his programme to visit all 29 deaneries in the Oxford Diocese.

The visit started with a gathering at Cookham Dean of all the clergy in the Maidenhead and Windsor area. Bishop Steven presided at a service of Holy Communion assisted by Fr Nick, which was followed by a discussion over a buffet lunch in the Jubilee Vestry.

He then went on to St Luke's Primary School in Maidenhead, a Church of England school which provides education to children from a wide range of ethnic origins.

On then to Windsor Town Centre, where he met the Manager of the Windsor Homeless Project and the Community Police Officer closely associated with the work that goes on there in association with the Windsor churches, Foodshare and Street Angels.

Bishop Steven then met a group of about 15 lay people from the various parishes, at which the work of the church from a lay perspective was discussed over a supper of curry and rice from a local takeaway. Charles Walmsley represented The Cookhams.

In the evening an open meeting was attended by around 100 people at which Bishop Steven outlined his vision of "What kind of a church is God calling us to be?"

Please pray for Bishop Steven as he seeks to listen and formulate his vision for our ministry in the Diocese of Oxford over the coming years.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017

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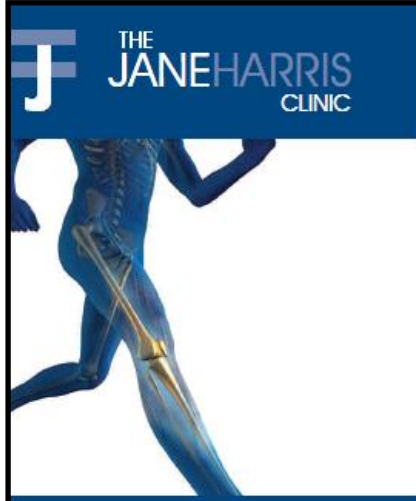
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## MUSIC at HOLY TRINITY

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

11am: **PARISH EUCHARIST** (*Girls' Choir*)  
*Anthems:* Prayer of Richard of Chichester – White  
 Day by day – How  
 The Call – Vaughan Williams  
*Organ Voluntary:* Choral Song – Wesley

6.30pm: **REJOICE IN THE LORD** (*Boys' & Men's Choir*)  
*Anthems:* What a friend we have in Jesus – Converse  
 To thy cross I come, Lord – Bosanko  
 Irish Blessing – Chilcott  
*Organ Voluntary:* Menuet – Boellmann

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

11am: **PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM**  
*Organ Voluntary:* Arrival of the Queen of Sheba – Handel

6.30pm: **"BYRD IS THE WORD" CHORAL EVENSONG**  
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*Responses:* Tallis  
*Psalm:* 45 v.10-17 (chant: Tallis)  
*Canticles:* Gibbons  
*Anthems:* Ego sum panis vivus – Byrd  
 Emendemus in melius – Byrd  
 Non vos relinquam orphanos – Byrd  
*Organ Voluntary:* Pavan (Earle of Salisbury) – Byrd

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

11am: **PARISH EUCHARIST** (*Boys' Choir, Girls' Choir & Choristers' Mum's Choir*)  
*Anthems:* And they shall protect thee – Nardone  
 Ave Maria – Caccini  
 Wind beneath my wings – Henley & Silbar  
*Organ Voluntary:* Liberty Bell – Sousa

6.30pm: **COMPLINE** (*Men's Choir*)  
***A short, contemplative plainchant service for the last part of the day.***  
***The final choral evening service of term.***

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

11am: **PARISH EUCHARIST** (*Men's Choir*)  
*Anthems:* Rock of ages – Maunder  
 Verily I say unto you – Tallis  
 Waiting for the word – Skellern  
 Rejoice in the Lord – Tambling  
*Organ Voluntary:* Toccata – Widor

6.30pm: **SAID EVENING PRAYER**

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July

The choirs begin their holiday from Sunday services until September, following a hard working term covering a wealth of choral music.

## Ladies Group Meeting

Our speaker in May was Andy Thomas, who made us think about a variety of odd happenings. Crop Circle stories aren't so fashionable now, but some incredible geometric shapes are still being made, and nobody reports on seeing how this happens. Pyramids are intriguing, they have been built in several places, and old ideas of how this was done are proved wrong by modern technology, so we still don't know. In 2009 an event happened which none of us recalled, when several countries saw a huge spiral coming down from the sky. Most suggestions were that it was a missile that had exploded, but no evidence could be found.

Mysterious creatures are common to many folk lore traditions, some may even be based on truth, as DNA tests on some odd tufts of fur suggest that creatures such as Big Foot and the Yeti are hybrids of different bears. The idea of a Loch Ness "monster" is appealing, and it could be that a strain of some prehistoric underwater creature manages to survive, for the coelacanth was long called extinct and then it has been found in more than one location, which makes you think!

The Roswell incident in the USA could have been a cover up for very secret work on new airborne weapons, with one lot of people saying aliens had landed and others thinking it was a hoax, and the military keeping quiet.

Sometimes serious and rational people have doubts raised, such as a man who hypnotised people to tell the truth, as they remembered it, of some seemingly impossible event. From what they said, he felt that at some time they had heard or seen things from which they were making predictions.



We had some fun with the question "Have men really landed on the Moon?", looking at photos which did not seem quite right, or were they faked after their return when they saw the ones they had taken were not very good?

We were left with the thought that Galileo and Copernicus were not believed by their contemporaries, so could we not be seeing the truth now???

The Ladies group, as so many other sections of the Church, will miss Christine Taylor's cheerful leadership and enthusiasm, in fact we shall miss her very much, but we hope she soon finds another community worthy of her.

Pat Middleton



## Parish Register

Baptisms: Genevieve Gilmore, Harrison Hillard  
 Wedding: Adam Ray & Sophie Bay  
 Funeral: Jan Pinkney

# CHURCH NEWS and EVENTS



## Men's Breakfast

Come along and enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast and listen to an interesting talk on a variety of topics.

The next 'Men's breakfast and discussion group' will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 8:30am lasting approx. 1.5 hours. It is held on every second Saturday in the month at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre in Churchgate, Cookham.

The speaker planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> is Richard Kellaway who will be talking about his exploits in Cookham – which are many and varied: member of Shirt Lifters, local councillor, former mayor of the Borough etc. The cost will be £5 and if you plan to join us, please email

[revdavidjoynes@gmail.com](mailto:revdavidjoynes@gmail.com) so we know how many to cater for. We look forward to seeing you.

## Open Minds



### The Teenagers' Debating Group

Come along and join in a debate on a topical subject with the Open Minds teenagers debating group. We meet on the third Thursday evening in the month at Pizza Dreams (back room) at 7:00pm; where we also enjoy a couple of slices of pizza and a drink. There is no charge.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Come along and share your thoughts. If you would like to join us please email [revdavidjoynes@gmail.com](mailto:revdavidjoynes@gmail.com) so we can plan for the food. Bring your friends; we look forward to welcoming you.

Fr David

## Elvis is back!

Keep the date free -  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Yes, Elvis is on his way back for another evening of brilliant music, scrummy food and lots of dancing and generally having a great night.

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of August so all enquiries to Val Eckett on 01628524561 or [val.eckett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:val.eckett@hotmail.co.uk)



## What to do with your old £1 coins?

You have until 15<sup>th</sup> October to dispose of your 'old' £1 coins. What will you do with them? Many charities are hoping that as you find the old coins, you will donate them. Even the Royal Mint is telling charities to increase their presence on the streets this summer with collection buckets, where people are likely to have their purses out. It is thought that there are millions of old £1 coins out there, lurking in jam jars and piggy banks and pockets and drawers...



## Soul Service



As a regular person living in Cookham, I have a busy family life, a very busy job and there always seems to be maintenance work to be done on the house. Every spare moment seems to be occupied with some job or other and I sometimes wonder where to find the time to just reflect and have a few quiet moments to myself.

The Soul Service, hosted at Holy Trinity Church in Cookham Village, was a fantastic opportunity to break away from it all. Unlike a traditional church service, this event was designed to allow you to connect with yourself. Father Nick made everyone feel welcome in the Church building, stressing the point that the building is there for the community and that you do not need to be a regular attendee at church in order to feel welcome at the Soul Service. The service is designed to be an open session to all faiths or people with no religious affiliation at all.

Throughout the hour, there was time to enjoy beautiful music by Steve and Renee and to be inspired by a collection of readings. The first 15 minutes though were spent on mindfulness, led by Emily Tomalin. The idea is to spend the time in complete silence, relaxing those tense neck muscles and just enjoying the brief moment of peace and quiet. Being fully present in the moment and not worrying about 'life' is a rare opportunity to connect with yourself and one I thoroughly enjoyed.

If you are in any doubt about being in a church, don't be, as this was an experience I can wholeheartedly recommend to anyone.

Johann Alberts

## Eric Knowles

Eric Knowles will be visiting Cookham and lecturing on Rene Lalique glassware and jewellery

Eric has very kindly agreed to visit Holy Trinity Church in Cookham and to give a talk on one of his passions – Lalique glassware and jewellery. Eric is probably best known for his appearances as a porcelain and glassware expert on the Antiques Road Show. All of the proceeds from this event will go towards the renovation of Holy Trinity Church – thank you Eric.



He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and has been the resident Sunday Times Antiques Expert since 2005. He remains a frequent contributor to the Homes & Antiques magazine and has written several articles for The Sunday Times newspaper. He has written numerous books and articles on Victoriana, Art Nouveau and Art Deco and has been with the Antiques Roadshow since 1981. Eric is also a long time ambassador for the Prince's Trust.

We will be holding this event in Holy Trinity Church on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm. Admission is by ticket only which will be on sale for £10. Refreshments will also be on sale afterwards in the Parish Centre.

**A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - 25<sup>th</sup> Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018 - see Page 20**

## CHURCH NEWS and EVENTS



**Thy  
Kingdom  
Come**



### PENTECOST PICNIC - 4 June

Despite the threatening sky, around 35 members from both congregations gathered on the banks of the Thames for a Bring Your Own Picnic and Bring and Share Cake. Not just any old cake, but Holy Spirit cake! And what is Holy Spirit cake? Well, not what you might think or had hoped for, but cakes coloured **RED** to represent the flames of fire that accompanied the rushing wind when the Holy Spirit descended on the first disciples of Jesus. Thanks to all those who experimented with the cake baking, and all those who came, especially the ones who also remembered to dress in red!

Revd Helen

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**COOKHAM KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB**



Actress Sally Phillips' moving BBC Two documentary about Down's Syndrome, ***A World Without Down's Syndrome?***, has picked up two awards at the **Sandford St Martin Awards** for religious broadcasting it was announced at a ceremony at London's Lambeth Palace.

Made by Dragonfly Film and Television and shown on BBC Two to public and critical acclaim in October 2016, the film saw Sally Phillips examine the implications for society of a new 99% accurate test for Down's syndrome. The programme won not only the award for best TV but also beat an eclectic list of nominations to snap up the Radio Times Readers' Award, voted for by readers of the magazine.

Chair of the TV judging jury Daniel Pearl, Deputy Head of News and Current Affairs, Channel 4, said: "The judges found this deeply personal programme genuinely revelatory. It was a fresh approach to a subject we all thought we understood and both moved the judges and left us all feeling very different about the subject. It was beautifully made with wit and a lightness of touch."

Tom Loxley, Executive Editor, Radio Times added: 'This year's Radio Times Readers' shortlist tackled the fun, farce, fear and facts of human life in all its variety, complexity and ordinariness. But Sally Phillips' one-off documentary stood out as a powerful and personal programme that demonstrated that ethical issues are never abstract, as she explored them through her relationship with her son, Olly.'

In the Radio category the winning programme was BBC Radio Wales' ***All Things Considered – Aberfan 50 Year Anniversary***. Made by BBC Wales, Religious Programmes Team, the show saw Roy Jenkins examine how the disaster affected the lives and faith of the people in the small mining community of Aberfan.

From the Radio jury, journalist and editor Nicola Meyrick, said: "In the midst of so much coverage of the fiftieth anniversary, this beautifully-constructed, moving programme was all the more powerful for its thoughtful, quiet approach."

Triumphing in the Interview category was BBC News' Home Affairs Correspondent Dominic Casciani for ***An Extremist in the Family***. Chair of the Interview jury, award-winning broadcaster Aasmah Mir, said: "The winning entry really made us all sit up and pay attention. It was original. Moving. Important. It drew us in and kept us listening. Another story of radicalisation but one that was told in an empathetic and engaging way while still remaining impartial and detached."

The prestigious Trustees' Award was presented to BBC Radio 4's long-running discussion programme ***The Moral Maze***. James Purnell, the BBC's Director of Radio and Education presented the award to the programme team and presenter Michael Buerk sent this message: "*The Moral Maze* is a very special part of the BBC. It's a highest common factor programme in an increasingly lowest common denominator world. It's a cockpit for live argument about the rights and the wrong of the burning issue of the week. There's nothing quite like it even on marvellous Radio 4. I'm very proud of it."

Commenting on the night, Rt. Rev Nick Baines, Lord Bishop of Leeds, the Trust's Chairman said: "These winners emerge from a very strong field this year. They explore a range of matters of huge importance in how we want to shape and order our society. I am delighted that these winners do not close down an issue, but, rather, open up a much wider debate."

The Sandford St Martin Awards are designed to promote excellence in religious broadcasting, and to champion distinctive journalism and programming that intelligently interprets the world through a religious lens. The Trust encourages and advocates for religious literacy by researching current trends and attitudes as well as providing training throughout the year.

## THE 2017 AWARD RESULTS

### TV Award:

**Winner: *A World Without Down's Syndrome?*** – Dragonfly Film and Television for BBC 2

**Runner Up: *Life and Death the Pentecostal Way*** – BBC Studios (Religion & Ethics) for BBC 2

### Radio Award:

**Winner: *All Things Considered – Aberfan 50 year anniversary***: BBC Wales, Religious Programmes Team for BBC Radio Wales

**Runner Up: *Canada's Atheist Minister***: BBC Radio Production North for BBC World Service

### Interview Award:

**Winner: *An Extremist in the Family*** – Dominic Casciani, Home Affairs Correspondent for BBC News

**Runner Up: *Out of the Silence*** - BBC Radio Production North for BBC World Service

### Children's Award:

**Winner: *Refugee*** - CTVC Ltd for TrueTube.co.uk

**Runner up: *Some Father's Son*** – duckrabbit for Youtube/Facebook/Extreme Dialogue website

### Radio Times Readers' Award:

**Winner: *A World Without Down's Syndrome?*** – Dragonfly Film and Television for BBC 2

### Trustees' Award:

**Winner:** BBC Radio 4's *The Moral Maze*

## About the Sandford St Martin Trust

The Sandford St Martin Trust is an independent, non-profit organisation. It has been making annual awards for the best programmes about religion, ethics and spirituality since 1978.

The Trust engages with a wide range of media organisations and individual journalists, filmmakers, broadcasters and other media figures, many of whom give their time and expertise voluntarily to support the Trust's work. The Trust believes the media can be a powerful tool to increase understanding of different perspectives and beliefs in our world, helping create greater understanding, tolerance and thoughtfulness.

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## Fun in the Sun dates

Cookham Parish Council are pleased to announce that we will be repeating last year's successful Fun-in-the-Sun days on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The events provided by RBWM will take part on the Alfred Major Recreation Ground between 11am-3pm each day and are aimed at 8-16 year olds. Activities include Inflatables, Team Games, Arts & Crafts and Sports, with a small inflatable available for under 8 year olds.

## Mobile CAB

We have been asked to publicise that Maidenhead & Windsor Citizen's Advice Bureau now offer a home visits to provide free advice for isolated, elderly or housebound people on matters such as welfare benefits, debt, housing and a range of other issues. Contact 03444 111 444 for appointments or advice.

## Road Safety / Speedwatch

RBWM are scheduled to re-line the central markings and zebra crossing in the Pound by mid-July to improve road safety. Clerk to the Council, Mark Hollands and Community Warden, Ela Debska-Sarwar, carried out a community Speedwatch session in Sutton Road in mid-

May, along with 2 local PCSO's. Six drivers were recorded exceeding the speed limit by up to 30% and reported to police.

## Cookham Moor

Parish Councillors were active in contacting Anthony Stansfeld, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, and supporting fellow Borough Councillors and the Copas family (landowners) in calls for Thames Valley Police to use their powers to move travellers off Cookham Moor, following their incursion at the end of May.

## Cookham Welfare Trust - 2017 Applications

This local charity has for many years offered financial grants to young people who have been accepted for a University course or a recognised Apprenticeship scheme. Applications are now invited for those starting in 2017 who have been Cookham residents for at least 8 years and are aged under 25. The Grants are intended to cover educational materials, books and essential tools or equipment for Apprentices. Interviews will be held in Cookham in August or early September. Application forms from the office (details above).

## COOKHAM COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Five years ago the seeds of an idea for the Community Allotment were sown. The soil was dry and stony and it was difficult for the seed to germinate. The gardeners persevered and eventually three years ago the seed began to put down roots. Permission was kindly given by the Parish Council for a group-run project, and so we began.

As is usual when an allotment is taken on by anyone, the Council had the ground rotavated. It was June 2014. There was a lot of insidious couch grass, small leaved (but intractable ) Lesser Bindweed and other unwelcome invaders such as Dock, Nettle and Dandelions. The battle was on, for that is how it felt at first. In June everything grows well, including the weeds, and it was a question of getting something into a cleared area of ground and suppressing the march of the perennial and annual weeds as quickly as possible. Cardboard, black membrane and wood chip were our defences and large forks our weapon of choice. Potatoes were the first crop to be planted (rather late but nevertheless productive)...our Community Allotment had begun! Shortly after our initial weeding and planting sessions the Community project was formally opened by Councillor Gordon Harris, now sadly deceased. We are sure he would have been impressed with the progress of the Community Project. He planted a gooseberry bush to mark the occasion. The bush is flourishing and the birds have been very appreciative of the fruit-but this year we intend to harvest the crop ourselves! (it is secure under netting!)

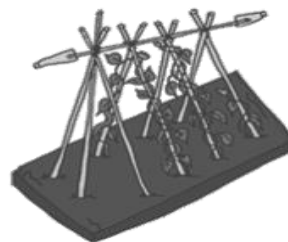
Our initial group of gardeners has gradually grown along with the size of the allotment, and the number of crops grown. Today it is flourishing and we hope any doubters

that we would persevere and keep on with the Community Allotment are reassured.

We harvested a bumper crop of strawberries this week, everyone managed to take home a small box of them, and we picked the first sweet peas. The garlic has been harvested, and the new crop of chard is ready for picking. The wildflower edging looks a picture and attracts an assortment of wildlife including butterflies, moths, bees, ladybirds and their larvae.

We all manage to take home a selection of our produce each visit, but more important we take home the benefits of being with like-minded people, in a wonderful setting enjoying some physical exercise and gooseberry crumble cake.

Do come and join us any Tuesday and Saturday 11.00-1.00, no experience required. New allotmentees will also be very welcome so we can share our experience, tools and anything else required.



We will be celebrating our third anniversary on Saturday 15th July from 12.00 onwards, with a celebratory lunch. All supporters and anyone interested are very welcome to join us.

Becky Pinniger

**Local gardening experts Red Kite Consulting have their Gardening Tips feature on page 16**

# Cookham Rise Methodist Church

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## Sunday worship during July:

2 July	10.30 a.m.	Mrs Lyn Packer
9 July	10.30 a.m.	Rev Malcolm White ( <b>Church Anniversary</b> )*
	6.30 p.m.	Rev Sonia Hicks (Holy Communion)
16 July	10.30 a.m.	Mr Henry Mensah-Brown
23 July	10.30 a.m.	Rev Sonia Hicks (Holy Communion)
30 July	10.30 a.m.	Mr Dave Tottingham



\* **Church Anniversary** – we celebrate the opening of the church over 110 years ago and give thanks for the faithfulness witness of those who have worshipped at the church and served the community over the years. It will also be the occasion of our **Gift Day** – birthday gifts to the church to enable it to continue to be a place of hospitality and hope in Cookham Rise. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the work of the church then please contact the Senior Steward Kathy Rickman on 01628 522797

Thank you to all those who supported our Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Big Brekkie or gave through the House to House Collection. The money raised will go towards Christian Aid's work with refugees.

## Other dates:

Thu 6th	3.15 p.m.	Ladies' Circle Summer Garden Party at the home of Brenda 23 Southwood Gardens
Sun 9th	12.30 p.m.	Church Lunch. All welcome. To book phone Kathy Rickman on 01628 522797.
Sat 15th	10-11.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning for MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged)

## Regular meetings:

Come & Play for under-fives and their carers: Tues 9.15 – 11.15 and Fri 10.00 – 12.00 (01628 522797)

Rainbow Guides: Mon 5.40-6.40 (01628 532279)

Yoga: Mon 7.00 – 8.30 pm (07931 995409)

Bump Camp: Weds 9.30-10.30 (07811 868611); creche available and coffee afterwards

Boot Camp: Wed 7.30-8.30 (07811 868611)

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# Services Calendar for July

HTC = Holy Trinity, Cookham

SJB = St John Baptist, Cookham Dean

## July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

HTC 08.00 Holy Communion (1662)

11.00 Parish Eucharist  
*Romans 6:12-end; Matthew 10:40-end*

18.30 Rejoice in the Lord  
*1 Samuel 28:3-19; Luke 17:20-end*

SJB 09.15 Parish Eucharist  
*Romans 6:12-end; Matthew 10:40-end*

11.00 Matins  
*Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Acts 27:13-end*

## July 5<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday

SJB 10.00 Holy Communion

## July 6<sup>th</sup> - Thursday

HTC 07.30 Holy Communion

## July 9<sup>th</sup> - 4th Sunday after Trinity

HTC 11.00 Parish Eucharist & Baptism  
*Matthew 11:16-19,25-end*

18:30 Choral Evensong - 'Byrd is the Word'  
*2 Samuel 2:1-11,3:1; Luke 18:31-19:10*

SJB 08.00 Holy Communion

09.15 Parish Eucharist  
*Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-end*

## July 10<sup>th</sup> - Monday

HTC 19.30 Healing Eucharist

## July 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday

SJB 10.00 Holy Communion

## July 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday

HTC 07.30 Holy Communion

## July 16<sup>th</sup> - 5th Sunday after Trinity

HTC 08.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Parish Eucharist  
*Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23*

18.30 Compline  
*2 Samuel 7:18-end; Luke 19:41-20:8*

SJB 09.15 Parish Eucharist and Baptism  
*Matthew 13:1-9,18-23*

18.30 Choral Evensong  
*2 Samuel 7:18-end; Luke 19:41-20:8*

## July 19<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday

SJB 10.00 Holy Communion

## July 20<sup>th</sup> - Thursday

HTC 07.30 Holy Communion

## July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6th Sunday after Trinity

HTC 11.00 Parish Eucharist  
*Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

18.30 Evening Prayer (said)  
*1 Kings 2:10-12,3:16-end; Acts 4:1-22*

SJB 08.00 Holy Communion

09.15 Parish Eucharist  
*Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

## July 26<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday

SJB 10.00 Holy Communion

# Services Calendar for July

## July 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday

HTC 07.30 Holy Communion

## July 30<sup>th</sup> - 7th Sunday after Trinity

HTC 08.00 Holy Communion

11.00 All Age Service  
*To celebrate Cookham Kids Holiday Club*

18.30 Evening Prayer (said)  
*1 Kings 6:11-14,23-end; Acts12:1-17*

SJB 09.15 Parish Eucharist  
*Romans 8:26-end;  
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

## July 31<sup>st</sup> - Monday

HTC 20.00 Soul Space

## August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday

SJB 10.00 Holy Communion

## August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday

HTC 07.30 Holy Communion

## August 6<sup>th</sup> - Transfiguration of Our Lord

HTC 08.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Parish Eucharist  
*2 Peter 1:16-10; Luke 9:28-36*

18.30 Evening Prayer (said)  
*Exodus 34:29-end; 2 Corinthians 3*

SJB 09.15 Parish Eucharist  
*2 Peter 1:16-10; Luke 9:28-36*

11.00 Matins  
*1 Kings 19:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3*

## Prayer Diary - July 2017

1	Saturday	All those who are to be ordained
2	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Our Churches
3	Thomas; apostle	Archbishop Justin and his family
4	Tuesday	Trinity Nippers
5	Wednesday	Local businesses
6	Thomas More & John Fisher; martyrs	Our Mums and Toddlers group
7	Friday	Our organists
8	Saturday	The work of Re:Charge and FoodShare
9	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Our Churches
10	Monday	Our ministry to young people
11	Benedict; abbot	Our Ministry Team
12	Wednesday	Elizabeth House
13	Thursday	Bishop Andrew and his family
14	John Keble; priest, poet	Local scouts and guides
15	Swithin; bishop	The sisters at Burnham Abbey
16	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Our Churches
17	Monday	Darby pensioners
18	Elizabeth Ferard; deaconess	Our schools
19	Gregory of Nyssa and Macrina; teachers	Holy Trinity Ladies' Group
20	Margaret of Antioch; martyr	the Rendezvous project
21	Friday	Our Choirs
22	Mary Magdalene	Our wedding ministry
23	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Our Churches
24	Monday	Cookham Kids Holiday Club
25	James; apostle	Our bellringers
26	Anne and Joachim; parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Our baptism ministry
27	Thursday	Cookham Voluntary Services
28	Friday	Our local surgery
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Workers' Educational Association

## Film course in Cookham Dean

The WEA is continuing its successful film course at Cookham Dean Village Hall. From Thursday 21 September for seven weeks, we will run a film course, *Hidden Gems by Major Filmmakers*, at 7.30pm, with tutor Wickham Clayton III, a lecturer in film theory.

The course explores the lesser-known works of six highly esteemed filmmakers from a range of different countries and throughout film history. The aim is to introduce students to these films that are often overlooked for more popular offerings, and to analyse what we can learn about the work of these filmmakers with this new understanding.

We begin by watching Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's *The Tales of Hoffmann* (1951, Great Britain), before looking at a strong but lesser-known offering from the French New Wave, Francois Truffaut's *Shoot the Piano Player!* (1960, France). We then discuss Roman Polanski's first film, *Knife in the Water* (1962, Poland), before looking at two films from respected American filmmakers; first, Woody Allen's *Stardust Memories* (1980, USA), then Martin Scorsese's *Kundun* (1997, USA).

In our penultimate lesson, we discuss Ang Lee's first film back in China after working in Hollywood, *Lust, Caution* (2006, China/Taiwan/USA). In the final week we review what we have learned, and Wickham screens a film of his choice.

For more information about this and other WEA courses in Maidenhead and Marlow, look for the 2017-18 brochure online at [cookham.com](http://cookham.com), pick up a brochure at Cookham Station or Cookham Library or contact Liz Crathorne tel 01608 632208 / email [weamaidenhead@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:weamaidenhead@hotmail.co.uk)

## Garden Tips - July 2017

Summer is here and hopefully all your hard work in earlier months is paying off. A few jobs to keep on top of in July include:

Thin out apples and pears. After the "June drop", there may still be clusters of fruit that are too numerous. Thin out to two or three per cluster to ensure good air movement and give the fruits room to swell.

Early flowering shrubs (like Forsythia and Weigela) can be pruned back to give a good shape for next season.

Keep dead-heading to prolong the flowering of your shrubs and bedding plants, and bring some of the garden into the house by "live – heading" your favourites to make indoor displays. Flowers like sweet peas, Dahlias and Gaillardia will all keep flowering if you stop them setting seed.

Make sure you pinch out side shoots on cordon tomatoes to keep the plant's energy focused. If you are growing in a greenhouse, pinch out the main shoot just before it gets to the roof, making sure you have at least two leaves after a flower truss so that the plant will pull nutrients up to the last truss.

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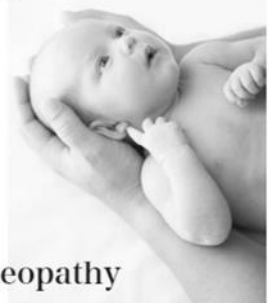
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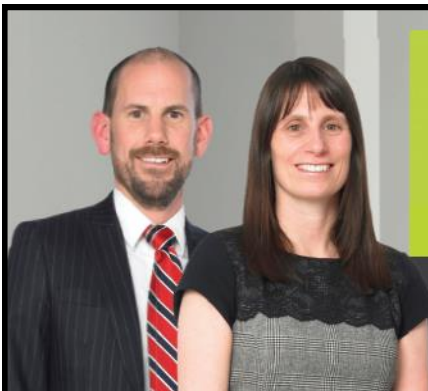
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The talks take a summer break and return in September:

- 11 September – Kevin Brooke, General manager, Cliveden
- 09 October – Tom Copas, turkey farmer
- 13 November – Derek Always, adventuring aviator
- 11 December – Brian Clews, local wildlife expert

Stephanie Diggon

### London Welsh Male Voice Choir at Taplow Court

Sunday 1 October

Tickets (£20) for the concert, presented by The Cookham Bridge Rotary Club, are available at Elizabeth House and The Stationery Depot in Cookham. Doors open at 4.30pm and the concert starts at 5pm.

Elizabeth House is organising transport departing Station Parade (subject to availability) for tickets bought from there.



### All Aboard!

39 members of Elizabeth House, staff and volunteers braved the rain for a Thames boat trip between Runnymede and Windsor, with cream tea on board. Some went by coach and some on a People to Places minibus.

On the boat, the sun shone and members listened to a commentary about the river and the houses on its banks. They passed through Old Windsor lock, through Datchet and up to the castle.



When they were ready to disembark, the heavens opened and although some got caught in the downpour, everyone was smiling on the coach going home - and still talking about the trip the next day.

“Our thanks to French Brothers, People to Places and PPH coaches, and also to generous benefactors who donate to Elizabeth House specifically for trips like this”, said manager Miriam

## the Gallery AT ELIZABETH HOUSE

### Home and Away

Local artist Nick Kennedy is returning to the Gallery at Elizabeth House in July with his 2017 series of stunningly colourful paintings entitled "Home & Away". It's an exhibition combining his most recent paintings from travels abroad to Prague, Budapest and Vienna and local scenes by the Thames, focusing on the balance of light and colour.

There will be an open day with refreshments on Saturday 1st July from 10am to 5pm, to which all are welcome, and the gallery will also be open each Saturday in July between 10am and 4pm.

Nick studied Art and Design at Amersham College and Bristol University, then taught Art at secondary schools before moving on to his current vocation as Art Lecturer for East Berkshire College. Past Exhibitions include Wolfson College, Oxford; Windsor and Norden Farm Arts Centres; Maidenhead Art on the Street; Cookham Festivals and South Bucks Art Week.

The exhibition opens on Saturday 1st July and continues to Friday 28th July. The Gallery - on Station Hill, Cookham Rise, SL6 9BS - is open weekdays 9am to 3pm. Elizabeth House benefits from a commission on all works sold. More gallery details, including past exhibitors, are at <http://www.elizabethhousecookham.org/services/the-gallery/>

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Cookham Regatta is on Saturday 2 September this year.

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### Volunteering Opportunities

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## THE FINAL WORD

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The Gala concert that concluded this year's Festival on the 21<sup>st</sup> May was a perfect way to end, what had been a very successful and memorable Festival. Alexandra Wood and the Albrecht Ensemble produced a performance of wonderful artistry and one would have had to visit the most famous concert halls across Europe to hear playing of such virtuosity and musicality. The following is the event review reproduced with kind permission of Michael Johnson.

The pews of Holy Trinity Church in Cookham were filled with local people who had come to enjoy this final concert in the 2017 Festival. Some of them might have been in the audience 50 years ago when the Festival series started, and they certainly included the Wood family, who had heard the Mozart piece performed at the first ever such event, in which they took a creative part. I suspect then they were not expecting to listen to their own daughter perform with such grace and skill fifty years on.

Alexandra Wood's violin was already 200 years old when the first Festival took place. On this occasion she played solo on that instrument and directed the Albrecht Ensemble, as they performed with disciplined exuberance, standing as they played to allow their freedom and sense of togetherness to come across. The church was filled with engaging, and largely familiar, music and there seemed to be a tangible bridge created between the players and the rapt and attentive audience. Between them they built a notable contribution to the overall enjoyment of the evening.

The familiar and graceful bridge at Maidenhead was built just five years after Mozart wrote his Divertimento in D, an orchestral work well known and well loved by many who heard it on both Festival occasions. It was followed by Elgar's lovely Serenade Op20 and, by contrast to Elgar's photographed appearance of Victorian aloofness, the central Larghetto movement exuded Elgar at his most poignant and heartfelt, filled with traces of themes and harmonies which his enthusiasts would feel they recognised in other later works.

Into this familiar musical landscape the Estonian composer Arvo Part was introduced through his work entitled Fratres. Alexandra described it as an arc of sound, and it ended with a brilliant filigree of notes, high on the solo violin strings accompanied by the other players, their music dying to the solemnity of a deep bass drum. It was written ten years after the first Festival in Cookham, and it was fully appreciated in this new context.

The final work, after a voluble and sociable interval, was Tchaikovsky's Serenade in C Major. A delightful piece throughout, but with an enchanting and deservedly well known waltz movement which would send the audience dancing to their homes, having shared the feeling of privilege to have been able to listen to music of such depth, delivered with sustained enthusiasm and technical brilliance, here in the midst of their own local community.

For more reviews of this year's events visit [www.cookhamfestival.org.uk](http://www.cookhamfestival.org.uk)

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### RIDE+STRIDE 2017

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Ride+Stride takes place all over the country. In Berkshire, we are incredibly fortunate to have a huge variety of churches in a huge variety of places. You can choose from the rural Downlands in the west right through to historic towns such as Windsor in the east. You don't have to start or finish at your local church and you can plan your own route to suit you, but half of what you raise from sponsorship will come back to the church of your choice.

This is an event which appeals to churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike, anyone in fact who enjoys a good walk or a cycle ride. Local schools might like to take part or, perhaps, get involved in drawing up cycling and walking routes around the local area. Youth groups or walking groups or exercise classes or cycling groups all might enjoy the challenge so do spread the word and encourage everyone to take part.

Last year, thousands of participants battled the rain to support Ride+Stride. They cycled, walked, pushed buggies, rode horses and even drove vintage tractors between churches and raised thousands of pounds in the process. And equally important to the success of the event were the teams of stalwart volunteers who manned many of the churches, offering a friendly welcome and quantities of refreshments.

Some of the more unusual participants included the 'all cycling all singing' quartet who sang all 150 Psalms en route around Brentwood in Essex, while 90 year old cyclist Bill Hone in Norfolk took part on his static bike, 'cycling' the estimated distance around his chosen churches.

The Berkshire Churches Trust website is having a makeover and should be up and running soon and there will be a link to the national Ride+Stride website, [www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org). You can get inspiration from others by following Ride+Stride on Twitter @RideStrideUK or facebook, [facebook.com/RideandStrideUK](https://www.facebook.com/RideandStrideUK).

Good luck and we look forward to hearing your stories!

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## Cookham Voluntary Service AGM

Cookham Voluntary Service (CVS) provides transport for patients of the Cookham Medical Centre to reach medical appointments at hospitals, surgeries and clinics. It is run entirely by community volunteers and is funded by voluntary contributions from its clients.

At the recent AGM of CVS, the Chair, the Revd Nick Plant, was delighted to note that the organisation had again met its objectives to provide a reliable and user-friendly service and that the accounts showed that it had again covered its costs for the year. He thanked all the volunteers working for CVS for providing what he was happy to describe as "an amazing community asset."

Speaking on behalf of the Medical Centre, Practice Manager, Jill Stinchcombe, thanked CVS for the tremendous service they give to the local community, stressing the great benefit it provided to the Cookham Medical Centre.

CVS are always looking for new volunteers and, following a number of retirements, are particularly on the look-out for volunteer drivers. To learn more about CVS, as a potential volunteer or client, phone 01628 523839 or e-mail: [pefc@tapestryoflife.co.uk](mailto:pefc@tapestryoflife.co.uk).

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## Cookham Dean WI

Our speaker this month was George Street talking to us about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. George also brought along his own Hearing Dog Jake, who proved a very popular addition to the meeting!



George explained that each Hearing Dog wears a maroon visibility sash which is very useful in alerting people that the person with the dog has a problem hearing. These dogs provide companionship to the owner and assist with much needed independence and confidence.

1 in 6 people in the population have some hearing loss and 900,000 are profoundly deaf. George himself began to lose hearing at the age of 30 due to a

disease and now has only 25% hearing. Hearing Dogs are working dogs and are permitted to go everywhere with their owner – on buses, restaurants, shops and even on some aircraft. Jake is now 10 years old and has a working life of about 11 years but when "retired" can be kept by the owner, alongside a new dog.

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf is a charity started about 35 years ago, originally based only in High Wycombe, but now with a second centre in Yorkshire. The 2,014th dog was given to the recipient in 2014 and there are currently about 1,000 dogs in the community. The charity has about 100 paid staff and 2,000 volunteers.

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Video clips enabled us to see how much these dogs help people. Finally, George demonstrated what Jake could do to alert him of different sounds – e.g. a door bell then a fire alarm, which requires a different reaction from the dog otherwise they could be leading the person into a dangerous situation.

Lorna Sykes

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We are extremely proud of our British and Christian Values at Cookham Dean Primary School. These values underpin all that we do in terms of how we behave towards one another – adults and children alike – as well as what we personally hold dear to us. I would hope that this is evident all around our school – in the classroom, on the playground, in the dining room and in the staff room. We are reminded of these values by our display board in our lobby area – which now displays the wonderful crosses used at the re-dedication of the War Memorial in Cookham Dean. We are thoughtful, especially at this time, of people who have died during world-wide conflicts.

What a wonderful week the Year 6 had at Rhosy-Gualia, an outdoor education centre in North Wales. The week was jam-packed full of activities that really pushed them to their limits : canoeing across Bala Lake, abseiling and rock climbing in Snowdonia National Park, mining, gorge-walking and sailing. All with the sun shining and lots of smiling faces. Of course, it was also a magnificent time with friends and staff alike. Some wonderful memories were formed that week that will last a lifetime.

Preparing now for the last half term of this academic year, the children are busy practising for our Sports Games Day at the end of this month. We are tying this in with a whole week of thinking about how we keep ourselves healthy : body and mind. We will launch our week with a presentation from one of our parents who ran the London marathon; we will have taster sessions for the children in yoga, Bollywood dance as well as street dance. The children will be learning about healthy eating with some cooking with our lunchtime cook and of course, the now traditional run of 1000m around our school field. The week will culminate in our Sports Games Day – the end to what we hope will be a fabulous learning experience for the children.



Fenella Reekie  
Headteacher

Some of the values on our display

## Noah's Ark Pre-school

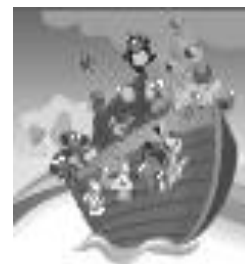
Four small boys who had acquired a very large cardboard box were completely responsible for making the decision what it should be, without any help from adults, (a pirate ship). What a great idea we all agreed, but what would be needed? Such excitement, lots of different coloured paint, glue, newspaper, sticks, kitchen rolls and more. The floor was covered with suitable protection for obvious reasons and it was time to get on with the job. It was created with great enthusiasm and truly looked amazing, complete with flag (skull and crossbones), a plank to walk if needed, swords, hats and telescopes. The sea was full of sharks so it was important to keep constant watch. It was delightful listening to pirate songs and to the children trying to speak like a pirate. Children have such wonderful imaginations and to be allowed to observe them without interruption was a pleasure.

Life at Noah's Ark is hectic at the moment. So much to do and not always enough time to do it. We still have a couple of trips to look forward to including a nature walk. The weather has allowed us to make lots of use of our paddling pool. Children love having water play and getting wet. Being allowed to get soaked adds to the fun, which includes the staff, much to the children's amusement.

Rehearsals for sports day take place daily, every child takes part and receives a medal, no winners or losers. I have been teaching the children to sing our national anthem and we all join together accompanied by Nicky playing her trumpet. It sounds wonderful, guaranteed to bring a tear to the eye. A performance will take place before races start.

We are hoping for good weather on the day that we go strawberry picking, not too hot and a gentle breeze would be ideal. How fortunate we are that Copas Bros allow this. It is definitely something that we look forward to and what child does not like strawberries.

Noah's Ark is actively seeking non-parent committee members to join our volunteer Management Committee. If you feel that you could contribute your time and experience, please contact Iris Elton on 01628 485708, term time only, or Louise on [admin@noahsarkschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@noahsarkschool.co.uk)



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## Holy Trinity School

My report this month focuses entirely on a major event which took place at Holy Trinity for the first time ever, that some of you may have read about in the Maidenhead Advertiser-our 'Arts and Culture Week'.

Throughout Term 5 each class learnt about the culture, traditions, geography, food and history of a particular country they had chosen to study. Our youngest children found out about Kenya, China and India while Key Stage Two concentrated on Canada, Mexico, Australia and Greece! As well as writing enticing holiday brochures and compiling biographies of famous people to have originated from the country, the children studied different art forms and learnt traditional dances! During Arts and Culture Week which fell in the last week of term, we invited many visitors into school to run workshops for the children which took them to other countries around the globe and gave them new experiences. Several spent time in the kitchen trying out recipes from around the world while others worked with a resident artist who taught printing techniques and textile skills. The sound of music filled our school as Mauri songs and African chants were sung and one class gave Bhangra dancing a try! A totem pole, constructed during the week, graced our hall, aboriginal clay pots were fired in our kiln and using wire and mud rock, the older children sculpted three dimensional figures appearing to be competing in ancient Greek Olympic events. We even welcomed an actor to school who had everyone transported to a Rio carnival and back in time to ancient Greek myths.

On the Thursday we invited parents in to see an exhibition of the children's writing and art work which filled the hall. They were also treated to presentations delivered by each class during which songs, poems and dances were performed. The week ended with a very special classical music concert in which members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra performed alongside one of our very talented teachers, Miss Davies on her cello. It was a terrific week which we hope the children will remember for some time to come.



Anna Smith  
Head of School



## PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

### PACT calls for caring professionals to consider adoption

FAMILY support charity Parents And Children Together (PACT) is appealing for people from caring professions to consider adoption.

PACT offers outstanding adoption services to families across the South East. Last year it placed 87 children with 62 families through its adoption services. There are currently more than 2,000 children waiting to be adopted in England.

PACT is particularly looking for couples or single people, including those from the LGBT community, who can consider adopting children over four years old, those with BME heritage or who have additional needs, and sibling groups of two or more children.

The agency would really like to hear from anyone from the caring professions such as nurses, teachers, police officers, childminders and those in the care sector, as given their professional experience and skills they typically make strong adopters, and they are particularly valued by local authorities looking to place a child.

PACT Chief Executive Jan Fishwick said: "While there is no such thing as a typical adopter we know from our many years' experience of matching children with forever families that people who work in a caring profession very often have the experience, skills and qualities to make excellent adopters.

"Having said that we are always very happy to hear from anyone, whatever their profession, who can offer love, stability and security to a child who needs this – this is always what matters most. At PACT we work with adopters who are single and married, people who have birth or step-children, or don't have children, as well as those of different sexualities and religions."

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## THE WAY I SEE IT :

*Canon David Winter considers the merits of getting away, and looks at the faith of St Thomas.*

### There's No Place Like Home

July and August – the British holiday season really takes off. Literally, for those who are flying to warmer or more exotic climes. The full-colour ads still promise their annual delights, whether it's a cottage for four in Wales or a fancy hotel on the Boulevard des Anglais in Nice. Others of us will simply load the caravan, or pack the boot of the car, and set off for, well, 'somewhere else'. Holidays, which were originally holy days spent in church or at home, have become the great evacuation. "Going anywhere nice for your holidays?" asks my neighbour. My truthful answer would be "Yes, I'm staying here."

But that's more my age than a judgment on holidays. My mind can re-run so many, without any need of an album of old photos: the kids knee-deep in a rushing Welsh stream, or having pedalo races off a Spanish beach. A couple of cappuccinos in the piazza in Capri. The beauty and holiness of Assisi. And far back memories as a child myself, the boarding house, the beach, the sand in the sandwiches.

But still it's true. Every single time it was nice to see the key go in the lock and to know we were home.

### Not Much of a Doubter, Really

It's a strange nickname for a man whose burning faith in Jesus took him, so some accounts say, all the way to India to found a Christian Church there (*Mar Thoma*). But 'Doubting Thomas' he is, and in one way it's good to have someone in the early band of disciples who represents all those of us who tend to find unquestioning faith difficult.

His tendency to ask the searching, even perhaps sarcastic question, can be found in the Gospel (see John 14:6), but his reputation was set for ever on the first Easter night. Thomas was not in the Upper Room when the risen Jesus appeared for the first time to the apostles, and when they told him what had happened he was unimpressed. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my fingers in his wounds I will not believe."

A week later Jesus appeared again, and this time not only was Thomas there, but Jesus singled him out for special attention. "Come on," he said, "here are the wounds. Do not doubt, but believe." That was the end of the Doubter, who fell to his knees to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus observed that he had seen and believed. There would be many in the future, He said, who would not have such evidence set before them, but yet would believe.



Among them, I like to think, are many Thomases, people for whom faith (in the sense of believing propositions) is seldom easy. I suspect Thomas's favourite saying of Jesus was "Seek and you will find." It's not a bad one to have in mind this year on St Thomas's Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

David Winter

## What do we really know about Mary Magdalene?

Fake news is not new. Perhaps one old example is the assertion that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute. Back in the 6th Century, Pope Gregory is said to have confused her with two other women in the Bible. Medieval Bible scholars also attempted to name an unidentified sinful woman who had washed and anointed the feet of Jesus. As Mary Magdalene is mentioned in the next chapter they regarded her as the same person! After this, many classical artists painted Mary in various states of undress, perpetuating a falsehood.

So what do we really know about Mary? The Gospels tell us that she came from Magdala, a town in Galilee, and Jesus healed her by casting out seven evil spirits. After this she followed Jesus, with other women, on His ministry providing resources. Later, Mary watched Jesus die on the cross, and having cared for His needs while He was alive, wanted to care for Him after His death.

It was when Mary went to anoint the body of Jesus at the tomb that the risen Jesus appeared to her. He told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them about His return to Heaven. She was obedient and became the first emissary of the resurrection. In those days, the witness of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the courage to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief. We have to ask ourselves do we have the same courage as Mary? How prepared are we to stand our ground to share Jesus with others in the face of those who mock and scoff at us?



Although we usually associate Mary with the Easter story, this month on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the Church celebrates her Feast Day. In this snapshot of Mary's life we know she had experienced great distress and suffering. After Jesus healed her, Mary expressed her gratitude by being utterly committed and devoted to Him.

Jesus can give everyone a new start; a new purpose and direction in life. Like Mary we can thank Him for blessing us, loving us and forgiving us and moving into practical forms of service. Only Jesus can transform our lives so that we can glorify God in all that we do.

*By Lester Amann*

## Church Commissioners announce 2016 financial results

The Church Commissioners for England recently announced the publication of their 2016 financial results. The total return on its investments in 2016 was 17.1%, compared with the previous year's return of 8.2%. Over the past 30 years the fund has achieved an average return of 9.6% per annum.

In 2016 disbursements by the Commissioners totalled £230.7 million, accounting for approximately 15% of the Church's overall mission and ministry costs. This represents an increase in church expenditure of 5.6% from the previous year.

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