



Every year our family walk to one of our favourite places; 'Bluebell Woods' near our hometown in Littlehampton. My first visit was shortly after Caitlin was born. Nicky's Dad invited us to see the Bluebells he had discovered on a bike ride a few days earlier. I remember looking out in amazement at the never ending carpet of violet-blue as far as the eye could see, their sweet scent filling the air as deer pranced between the tall thin trees. We found a nice spot for a family photo and we return to the same spot every spring to do the same. It isn't just the beauty of the place, but the presence of new life. It is a great place to look back on how we as a family have grown and to thank God for all that he has blessed us with

over the year.

And this year (photos shown) was especially poignant, as we begin to prepare for our new life with you all in Fareham.

If you ask nicely, I might just divulge the secret location of my favourite place so that you can enjoy it too!

Garry Roberts



Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution for this issue with the theme of *Special Places*

If you have a contribution that you would like to be considered for a future magazine article, limiting it to 150 words, please email ideas to:
htmagazine@htscf.org.uk

Our September issue will be called *Special Places continued...*

Future Events

JUNE

- PraiseMakers Sunday 1st June 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea and cakes)
- Solent Fellowship Band Friday 13th June 7.30pm Free entry with a collection to High Time Appeal
- Salvation Army Fairtrade stall Sunday 15th June after 9.30am service
- Lunchtime Concert Tuesday 24th June 1.05pm - 2.00pm
- Karen Taylor and Friends (bring lunch, tea and coffee available)

JULY

- PraiseMakers Sunday 6th July 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea and cakes)
- Fairtrade stall Sunday 20th July after 9.30am service
- Lunchtime Concert Tuesday 29th July 1.05pm - 2.00pm
- Duo Kyiv Classic Accordion (bring lunch, tea and coffee available)

AUGUST

- PraiseMakers Sunday 3rd August 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea and cakes)
- Fairtrade stall Sunday 17th August after 9.30am
- Lunchtime Concert Tuesday 26th August 1.05pm - 2.00pm
- Continuum (bring lunch, tea and coffee available)

Friends of Fareham Community Hospital AGM

To enable more people to come, this year's AGM will be held in the evening, at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th June, in the Tom Smith Room at Fareham Community Hospital, Brook Lane, Sarisbury, SO31 7DQ. At this meeting Dr Alan McFarlane, of the Fareham &

Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group, will talk to us about the Group's plans for future community health services in our area and the impact they could have on the work of the Hospital. Members of the public are very welcome to come to this event.

Two Days in the Holy Land

Day One – Nazareth and Galilee

We had arrived at Haifa on our Mediterranean cruise on March 25th. Going eastwards by coach across a hilly, tree filled landscape, our guide, an Israeli Jew called Josey, explained the 20th century history of Israel, proudly talking of his Grandfather arriving in 1918 and the years of early Kibbutz settlements. We arrived in Nazareth, a nondescript town, but suddenly we were outside the magnificent Church of the Assumption. The festival service was just starting in the main church but we were taken down to the crypt where the Angel had appeared to Mary. This was indeed a moving experience; March 25th in Nazareth.



On then towards the Sea of Galilee and a baptismal site on the Jordan, surrounded by eucalyptus trees! Here visiting Russian Orthodox Christians were baptising themselves by full immersion. It didn't seem quite right though. Josey explained that it is thought that Jesus was probably baptised further south nearer the Dead Sea.

Off we went to the shores of Galilee to the Primacy Church at the site where Jesus is said to have prepared breakfast



for Peter after the resurrection. This beach and the great sea, although now prepared for pilgrims and tourists, really gave the feeling that 'this is the area of Jesus' ministry'. Nearby we visited Capernaum, to Peter's house, where Jesus probably stayed during the years of his ministry. The foundations are still there, marred by the recent construction of a church suspended above. The ruins of a synagogue, although a Roman version is there, built above the foundations of the original - the one which would have been known to Jesus.

So on to the Mount and Church of the Beatitudes in the same region, a worthy place, again overlooking Galilee. This all remains a rural region - olives, vines, sea for fishing and far from the powers in Jerusalem.

This was an inspiring day to see the landscapes of the Galilee, familiar to Jesus, probably little changed. Here one can contemplate, pray and be inspired.

Day 2 of our visit will follow in the next Holy Trinity Magazine...

Paul and Brenda Leece

Parish Register

Baptisms

Daniel Richardson

Weddings

16th May 2014 • Stephen Ashton & Samantha Thorne

Renewal of Vows

10th May 2014 • Donna-Marie & David Sharpe

Those who have recently died

Bettina Healey

Eileen Mondey

Harry Gair

Robert Allen

Sau-Lan Tottle

Ronald Eley

Ruth Simpson

Sandie (Violet) Wagener

Sidney Adams

If you would like to arrange a Baptism, Confirmation or Funeral please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Special Places



When asked about cruising we reply “It’s so easy!!”. Our holiday begins when we put our luggage into the ‘hole in the wall’ at Southampton and see it again in our cabin.

We often have our son and his family with us — each of us enjoying a different aspect. For Jonathan and Wendy, it is a time of complete relaxation away from the pressures of work and for Geoff and I it is the joy of having our family together and excitement of visiting new

places. Our grandchildren love it all! There are a variety of daytime and evening activities available - talks, shows, films etc. We have visited the cold, gloomy North Cape (we briefly saw the midnight sun) and in sharp contrast the warm and friendly Caribbean. On a Sunday at sea, we attend the interdenominational service and sing “For those in peril on the sea”.



Hazel and Geoff Morgan

Parish People

The Jupp Family



photo by ILTO photography

Emma, originally from Yorkshire and Rob, who is from Hampshire, moved to Fareham in 2007. They needed to find a church that suited them both as they were from different church backgrounds and became regular attendees at Holy Trinity when Joshua was born in December 2012. They found that Holy Trinity was very welcoming and they liked the area at the back of the church where Joshua is free to move around and play with the toys without disturbing the service.

After completing a BTEC in Building Construction, Emma went to University in Birmingham where she completed a degree in Architecture. One of her first jobs was project managing for Airbus and in Toulouse learnt how to change aircraft tyres - in fact any tyres so if you ever have a puncture, you know who to call! She is now a Construction Project

Manager based in Fareham. At church, Emma is involved with the High Time Project and also helps with the Sunday lunch project

Rob studied for a degree in Building Surveying at the University of the West of England in Bristol. He is a Chartered Surveyor and now has his own business in Southampton. Rob is a school governor of Orchard Lea Infant School and chairs the buildings committee.

Emma and Rob met at Rob's work Christmas party in 2005 and married in Frome in 2007. They have since renovated their house in Fareham with the help of Rob's dad who had just retired from the building trade. Emma, of course, was project manager and was keen on sustainability so made sure they sorted and reused as much building material as possible.

Away from work, Emma is learning Sabre and enjoys cake decorating and Rob a game of cricket. Joshua has a willow tree planted for him that will make him 10 cricket bats in 15 years time and is already a dab hand at throwing a ball. It will not be long before he joins in with family cricket sessions! <http://kippaxcricket.co.uk> for cricket enthusiasts or those of you interested in an unusual investment or baptism gift!

Donna Irving

Thoughts from our Priest-in-Charge

Special Places



There are special places and special places. Some places we return to time and again; for me, that's the seaside – I'm guessing this is true for lots of us, living within easy reach of the coast. Then there are other places we return to in our 'mind's eye'. One such place for me is Highdown Hill, in Worthing where I grew up. It's changed a lot but, in my mind, it's the same as ever it was.

Another special place is Israel-Palestine. I remember my first trip - many years ago I was living in Jordan and went there by bus. We had to disembark and walk across the Allenby Bridge but not before being detained for several hours without water and having our belongings thoroughly searched. I recall, a day or so later, hearing the guide telling us about the disputes between various Christian denominations over some sites and thinking "I'm glad I'm not a Christian!"

Many years later, I returned but as a pilgrim. Israel-Palestine has become for me a special place. It is a wonder and a great privilege to be able to walk in the Land of the Holy One. To encounter today's reality blew apart the more cosy scenes conjured up in my mind through the scriptures. Even so, once reconciled, reality has added to the richness and mystery for Christ is still present in the mess, the confusion, the hypocrisy. He has never left the place of his birth. I am immensely grateful to the strange and rather exasperating people who keep watch over the sites of great spiritual significance.

Before the tragic civil war, Chris and I were privileged to visit some of the ancient, holy sites in Syria – special places as well as human life, which have since been eradicated forever – on account of human beings' inability to listen to one another. There's a tension in the Holy Land too - all the more reason for pilgrims to make the journey if they can. If you're cynical, you could say it helps keep the economy afloat. True but I'd say something more profound happens in this special land - it's to do with hope, sharing in the suffering of others and persevering with a vision of humanity glimpsed but not yet fully known; something that draws together people from all corners of the world. It goes beyond politics and history.

A special place indeed.

Services

Regular services at Holy Trinity

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Communion
MONDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer @ the Highlands Hub
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Little Fishes
	10.30am	Holy Communion
THURSDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer @ the Highlands Hub

We look forward to welcoming you to our church community

Just for FUN

Answer to the April
Just for FUN
Well done
if you said the logo was for

We are a Fairtrade Town



This month we have

Two Questions

What is the project for
restoration and
improvement called?
How much needs to be
raised?

Answer in our
September issue

Church Groups

There are many groups at Holy Trinity, if you would like to find out more, please contact the group leader or the Parish Office

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Circle Dancing • [Trisha Prosser](#) • 01329 235381 • patpro@talktalk.net

Flower Arrangers • [Sue Purcell](#) • 01329 280472 • spurcell@btopenworld.com

Gardeners • [Ed and Margaret Pearce](#) • 01329 238068

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House Group • [Sue Craft](#) • 01329 220021 • scraft@btinternet.com

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PAC (People Alone Circle) • [Beulah Brewer](#) • 01329 233236

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