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# Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution for this issue  
with the theme of *Easter at Holy Trinity*

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 June issue will be called *Families*

## Future Events

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> 7.30pm	Lent Meditation with Holy Communion	St Columba Church
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm	Commemoration of the Last Supper Holy Communion with foot washing	Holy Trinity Church
<b>Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> 10.30am	CTiF Walk of Witness for Good Friday	Fareham Town Centre, meet at the bandstand
11.30am -12.30pm	PraiseMakers service with craft activities - suitable for families with young children	Holy Trinity Church
12.30-1.35pm	Prayer stations for individual prayer	Holy Trinity Church
1.45-3pm	Way of the Cross with the choir of Holy Trinity	Holy Trinity Church
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> 7.30pm	The Vigil and Service of Light	Holy Trinity Church
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> 8am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
8.30-9.30am	Breakfast	Holy Trinity Parish Hall
9.45am	Easter Family Service with Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church



### APRIL

Fairtrade stall Sunday 19th April after 9.30am  
People Alone Circle - Outing Tuesday 28th April  
Lunchtime Concert Tuesday 28th April 1.05-1.50pm  
*Baroque Ad Hoc* (bring lunch, tea and coffee available)

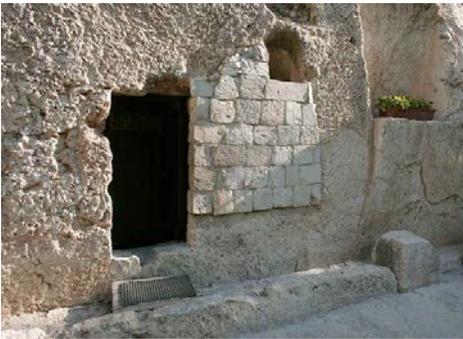
### MAY

PraiseMakers Sunday 3rd May 4-5pm  
(25 minute service followed by tea)  
Fairtrade stall Sunday 17th May after 9.30am  
People Alone Circle - Over 50's Choir Tuesday 26th May  
Little Fishes Go BIG Wednesday 27th May at 10.30-12.30  
Lunchtime Concert Tuesday 26th May 1.05-1.50pm  
*Baroque Ad Hoc* (bring lunch, tea and coffee available)

# Pilgrimage

**“The [Garden] tomb is one of a number of ancient sepulchres in the area, but sadly there is no historical or archaeological evidence to support the validity of the site.”**

This quote is taken from a guidebook that I took on my recent Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine. It is in reference to a place in Jerusalem known as ‘The Garden Tomb’. As the guidebook says, there is little evidence to support its validity as the actual tomb from which Jesus rose on that first Easter day. And perhaps, for this reason, it was not a place that we visited as part of the ‘official’ Pilgrimage. But it was so close to our hotel that I and two of my fellow pilgrims did take the short walk before we left to travel back to the UK.



After a rather non-stop week, it was nice to enjoy the peaceful haven that it offers amongst the bustling city of Jerusalem. A week in which we had visited many sites such as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in which is the shrine which is more historically and archeologically supported as the site of the Resurrection. This tomb flanked by enormous candle sticks and numerous

hanging lights where people queue for up to 3 hours to enter, where many light more candles and stay for long periods of time praying.



As I stood at the Garden tomb, I could not help but compare these two tombs. One decked out with numerous trinkets and the other a simple tomb carved into a rock.

Kneeling at the tomb in the Holy Sepulchre was an emotional experience as I considered the evidence to suggest that this very place was where the body of our Lord was laid in the tomb and I am glad to have visited it. The Garden tomb, however, may not be the very place the Resurrection happened but the lack of queues, lamps and candles and the very simple wooden cross on the tomb spoke to me much more powerfully.

I do not ever want to forget the sacrifice that Jesus made for me, but for me, my visit to the Garden Tomb offered me something that the Holy Sepulchre didn't; that important reminder that **'He is not here; he has risen, just as he said'** (Matthew. 28:6)

Rev'd Garry Roberts

# Parish Register

## Baptisms

Caitlin Tower  
Harvey Bradbury  
Lee Bradbury  
Millie Bradbury  
Ruby-Bow Leung  
Scarlett Miller



## Those who have recently died

Bessie Price  
David Elms  
David Judd  
Edgar Day  
Frank Hope  
Gillian Harris

Jill Hansford  
Joan Freake  
John Watson  
Mabel Gibson  
Renee Lea  
Roy Bevis

Ronald Kelsey  
Raymond Payne  
Sylvia Whiteley  
Stuart Sandford  
Nellie Barrett

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

Organised by Christians Together in Fareham

Public meeting open to all

## Election Hustings

Your chance to

### Question the Candidates

Standing for election in the Parliamentary  
Constituency of Fareham on 7<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015

6.00pm – 8.00pm

Chair: Mr Ossie Ellis

Venue: Holy Trinity, West Street, Fareham

Questions must be submitted prior to the event to  
[secretary@farehamurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@farehamurc.org.uk)



**30th April**  
**Fashion show in Fareham**  
Shopping Centre

**30th May**  
**High Time for a Fayre**  
All the fun of the fair  
in the grounds of  
Holy Trinity,  
with good food  
and a beer tent

# Parish People

## The Wharton Family



Julie and Richard Wharton have been worshippers at Holy Trinity since their eldest son, Calum (now 20) asked to be baptised at the age of 7.

Julie grew up in Fareham and was a member of the congregation at St Peter and St Paul until she moved away to art college.

Richard's childhood was spent in Easington Colliery (the location for Billy Elliot) and when he left school he worked for a year as a garage mechanic. He spent five years as a fire fighter in the North East before returning to education. He graduated from Durham University in 1993 with a First in Theology.

In the meantime, Julie had graduated from Nottingham Polytechnic with a First in Information Graphic Design and having worked as a freelance artist, undertook a year's post-graduate course to become a primary teacher at Durham too.

Julie and Richard moved to Fareham in 1993 so Julie could take up her

first teaching job at Harrison Primary, the school she had attended as a child. During her newly-qualified teacher year, Richard went to King Alfred's College where he completed his Post-Graduate Certificate in Education. He moved into Julie's classroom at Harrison as she left to go on maternity leave.

Julie and Richard have three sons, Calum, Aidan (18) and Ewan (14). Calum is in his second year at Warwick University where he is studying for a degree in

Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics (MORSE). Sue Hall (from our congregation) is one of the teachers that instilled a love of maths in him! Aidan is finishing his studies at Barton Peveril College and is hoping to go to university to become a Paramedic. Ewan is at Cams Hill School and loves being on stage. Most recently he has been in Oliver! with Fareham Musical Society along with Sylvia Coghlan's grandson, Dan, and Paul Catcheside in the choir.

Julie and Richard have continued to work in education. Julie now works as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Winchester. She has a particular interest in inclusion and is about to embark on her PhD. Richard works for the Dioceses of Portsmouth and Winchester as a schools' advisor. He has been accepted to begin training for ordination this September but is still trying to work out whether his vocation lies in full-time ministry or alongside his current role.

# Visit to Ephesus and Mary's House



Whilst on holiday in Turkey, I took the opportunity to visit Ephesus. I was impressed with the site, the restoration and information available that provided a significant impression of what the city would have been like during the time that Paul visited there. It was explained that the size of the population was very significant for that age and it would have been one of the largest cities in the known world. In addition, there would have been people from a variety of countries, cultures and faiths and would have provided a great opportunity for evangelism.

Although in Acts it talks of Paul preaching in the synagogue, I found that in visiting the theatre building and the square outside the library, you could envisage Paul taking advantage of the elevated positions in these structures. It would have helped to encourage a significant gathering of people to listen to his message. You can also see in the layout of the city how, if Paul created a stir, word of this would have quickly spread up and down the streets. It felt very exciting treading the places that Paul was likely to have trod.

The House of Mary is located on the top of a mountain 9 km outside of Ephesus and contains the tomb and

shrine of the Virgin Mary. It is claimed that it is the place where Mary may have spent her last days and she came to the area together with Saint John the Evangelist. He spent several years in the area spreading the Christian message and wrote his Gospel there. It is suggested that John brought Mary there because of the persecution of the Christians in Jerusalem. It has been visited by 2 Popes and is a place of pilgrimage for both Christians and Muslims, with Christian Services being held at the site.

I came to the house with some degree of excitement, but also wondering about how authentic the claims were. To my amazement I found, as I approached the threshold of the house, I felt reluctant to go in. It is hard to explain but it was as if I could sense something much bigger and more powerful than me in the building. When I stepped over the threshold, I was filled with a feeling of power and awe and truly uplifted. I could physically feel the Holy Spirit in that place.

I followed the other visitors through and quickly found myself outside and as I left the building the intensity of the feelings declined. Fortunately, you could go around again so I went back in to see if it would have the same effect and to my amazement it did. Second time around, I was able to take the time to stop and enjoy the experience and pray. This convinced me that this was a place where Mary had spent significant time and because the Holy Spirit was so powerful in her that the effect of that power remains today.

Rev'd Keith Wickert

# 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	8.30am	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

## YOUR PRAYERS

We have decided to change this section to a prayer section in future.

Would you like to write a prayer to be included in the next issue of this magazine?



If so please send your prayers to

[htmagazine@htscf.org.uk](mailto:htmagazine@htscf.org.uk)



We will aim to include as many prayers as we can.

# 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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