

Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution for this issue with the theme of *The Bible*. If you have a contribution that you would like to be considered for a future magazine article, limiting it to 250 words, please email ideas to: htmazine@htscf.org.uk
Our June issue will be called *Healing*

Future Events

APRIL

	Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 1st April at 8.30am
	PraiseMakers	Sunday 2nd April 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea)
		Sunday 2nd April at 6pm
	Passion Sunday - <i>Service of Readings and Meditations with choirs</i>	
	Prayers and Lent Lunch	Tuesday 4th April at 12pm
	Who Let the Dads Out?	Saturday 8th April at 10am
	Palm Sunday Godly Play	Sunday 9th April at 9.30am service
	YOUTH Group - Parent Free Zone	Sunday 9th April 5pm-7pm (URC)
K	Holy Communion with Meditation	Sunday 10th April at 7pm at St Columba
	Prayers and Lent Lunch	Tuesday 11th April at 12pm
E	Holy Communion with Meditation	Tuesday 11th April at 7pm at St Columba
	Holy Communion with Meditation	Wednes 12th April at 7pm at St Columba
E	Maundy Thursday - <i>Commemoration of the Last Supper with foodwashing</i>	Thursday 13th April at 7pm at Holy Trinity
W	Good Friday	
		Friday 14th April at 9.45am Meet at Holy Trinity walk together to Town Centre
		10am Walk of Witness followed by the distribution of hot cross buns
		1.45pm Stainer's Crucifixion with choirs
Y		Sunday 16th April 8am Holy Communion
		8.30am Contionental Breakfast
		9.30am Family Communion (3rd Sunday service)
		Sunday 16th April after 9.30am service
		Tuesday 18th April 2pm
		Tuesday 25th April at 2pm
		Tuesday 25th April at 7pm
	Easter Sunday	
	Fairtrade stall	
	Mothers' Union - <i>Rev'd Ann Burr</i>	
	People Alone Circle	
	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	

MAY

	Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 6th May at 8.30am
	PraiseMakers	Sunday 7th March 4-5pm
	Godly Play	Sunday 14th May at 9.30am service
	YOUTH Group - Parent Free Zone	Sunday 14th March 5pm-7pm (URC)
	Fairtrade stall	Sunday 21st May after 9.30am service
	People Alone Circle	Tuesday 30th May at 2pm
	Little Fishes Go BIG	Wednesday 31st May 10.30-12.30

Past Events



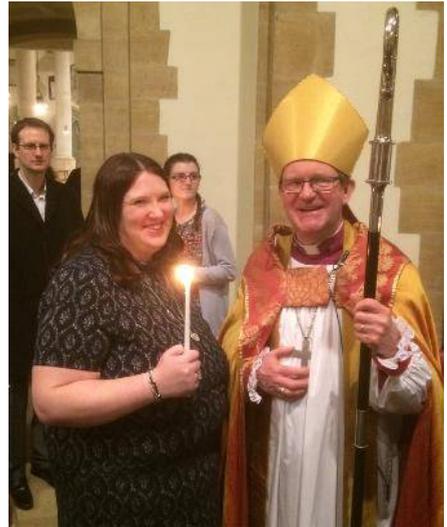
Messy Church
*Mothers
and others*



Saying Goodbye to Ruth

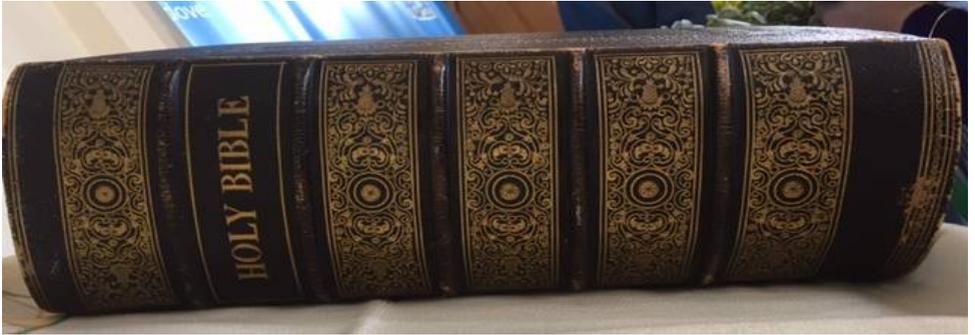


First all Men's Coffee Rota



**Becky and Bishop Christopher
after Confirmation in the
Cathedral on 4th February**

Bible Quiz



- 1) About how many languages has the Bible been translated into?
400 800 1500 3000
- 2) Who was responsible for producing the first printed version of the Bible?
Johann Gutenberg King James of England
John Wycliffe Pope Gregory the Great
- 3) When was the whole Bible first translated into English?
973 A.D. 1102 A.D. 1380 A.D. 1580 A.D.
- 4) The New testament was originally written in what language?
Latin Hebrew Greek Aramaic
- 5) How many books are in the New Testament?
4 13 22 27
- 6) The Old testament was originally written in what language?
Latin Hebrew Greek Aramaic
- 7) Of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, which is the oldest?
Matthew Mark Luke John
- 8) Of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, which is the newest?
Matthew Mark Luke John
- 9) The King James Version of the Bible was published in what year?
1384 1611 1758 1903
- 10) Of the books of the New testament, which was the first to be written?
Matthew Mark
Luke First Thessalonians

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Steve Ellis

What is your passion?

Circle Dancing



Everyone is Welcome!

As the name suggests, Circle Dancing is danced, usually holding hands, in a circle around a centrepiece of a candle, flowers or plant and a decorative square of cloth, providing a focus. The dances are like a moving meditation, so after each one we may pause and absorb the feeling of the dance. This may be a different experience for each of us.

Some comments made by dancers include that it is calming and soothing; can have a meditative spiritual element; relaxing but at the same time good exercise.

At the end of each session, we join together sending the light of the candle to any person in need of healing and comfort or to a part of the world in need of positive thought.

The idea for circle dancing initially came from Ann Easton and Elizabeth Fullarton when they were introduced to it on a spirituality course in 2004. Ann then started dancing with a group from Wickham and soon I joined her. Then the idea came - could we start

our own group at Holy Trinity? To this end, Ann and I obtained music and a copy of steps from Joan, our Wickham leader.

Ann, Elizabeth, Pat Prosser and I met in my house to practise steps, not easy in my small lounge! We found Ann had the gift for knowing when to come in after the music started and also to talk us through the steps. Most are not able to do this, so she became our leader.

So it was in 2005 we started a circle dancing group in Holy Trinity Hall with Ann leading us and I took charge of playing the music. Gradually, we increased our repertoire of dances and Ann even made up steps to some lovely Swedish music. Most of the music comes from Israeli, Greek, Romanian or Hungarian folk songs and one or two African ones.

In 2015, Ann felt she was unable to continue to lead the group. We all wanted to continue and one of our colleagues Gill, from the Wickham group, agreed to take over as our leader. Gill also leads groups at Wickham and Winchester.

We do need more members so why not give it a try? The steps are easy and few, being repetitive, just in a different order, for each dance! No previous experience is needed, but a sense of rhythm is helpful.

It's fun too!

We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 1.30pm until 3pm in Holy Trinity Hall.

Katharine Lancey

Mothers' Union and the Bible



As Christians, the Bible is central to our faith. As a Christian organisation, the Bible is central to the life and work of the Mothers' Union (MU). Indeed, when we become members we promise to read our Bible daily. So obviously reading and studying the Bible are part of MU meetings and services. The Bible is the inspiration for much of the Mothers' Union's work with families. Here's how it's influencing MU work in three different countries.

In Baghdad, Iraq, life is uncertain, even dangerous, with the constant threat of bomb attacks. Nevertheless, at St George's Church in the city, the MU branch is thriving with over three thousand members. Despite the risks, they meet each week to pray, study the Bible and discuss the problems families are facing. Members see their main role as giving support to communities outside the Church. They do this by providing food for those who can't afford it or for those who can't find food to buy. Not only do MU members go out visiting families to see their living conditions and giving help where it's needed, but they also organise training courses to enable women to earn a living and thus support their own

families. As well as all this, MU members run a Sunday School to educate young children about the Bible.

Similarly in the Seychelles, the sixty-three members there hold Bible studies and teach in Sunday School. They visit people at home, in hospital and in prison. People in need often go the churches seeking support from the Mothers' Union and members help whenever they can. With the assistance of their parishes, the MU provides hampers of goods, which are given out to these families at the end of each month.

In North Ankole in Uganda, communities are often cut off because of poor roads or bad weather. In Madi and West Nile Diocese, the St Thomas's Church community were unable to access health and education services on the other side of a river because there wasn't a reliable bridge. Following Bible studies and prayer, the Mothers' Union contacted local people and government officials, persuading them that they themselves could build a bridge. The community supplied stone and labour while the government provided cement and a road grader. Today the community boasts a well-built bridge, giving everyone access to all the services they need and greatly improving life for everybody.

It's amazing what studying the Bible can lead to especially with the Mothers' Union!

Do come and join us at our meeting at 2.00pm on 18th April in Holy Trinity Hall when the Reverend Ann Burr will be talking to us.

Read the Scriptures every day

I write this only a few days into Lent, the 40 days of restraint and reflection - the model for which is Jesus in the desert overcoming temptation. The time when, as St Matthews Gospel tells us, "The Devil came to Jesus and said if you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread", but Jesus resists. The Devil tries again; "If you are the Son of God, jump off the Temple, for the scriptures say God will order his angels to protect you...so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone", but Jesus resists. The Devil's third attempt was to show Jesus all the Kingdoms of the world and says "I will give it all to you, if you kneel down and worship me".

What interests me about this account of Jesus' temptation are his responses. To the first temptation, he says; "No! The scriptures say, People do not live on bread alone". To the second, "The Scriptures also say, you must not test the Lord your God". Thirdly, "Get out of here Satan, for the Scriptures say, you must worship the Lord your God and serve only him."

I imagine on all three occasions possible doubts made the Devil's temptations feel very real. Would God provide food in the desert? Would God protect him in the wilderness? Would God come to ultimate rule? Jesus' response is based on Scripture; he counteracts trials and temptations with God's word of truth. Is that any surprise?

I sometimes wish I could quote scripture verbatim like Jesus appears to (or Dot Cotton from EastEnders!) but I can't always. Those of you who know me may have heard me say "It

says something like [insert phrase] somewhere in the Bible".

What I find most interesting is where in the Hebrew Scriptures (what we call the Old Testament) Jesus' responses come from. They come from the book of Deuteronomy 8:3, 6:16 and 6:13, all three quotes from a very small section of 3 verses of one book. Could it be that Jesus' as a good Jewish man had spent a few minutes that morning reading his Scriptures, perhaps just that small section? Well from my personal experience, I would say yes - quite possibly.

I try to begin every day with reading a small section of Scripture - be it the readings from Morning Prayer, last year I used a Scripture Union that emailed daily readings, I've used daily Bible notes (such as Katharine Lancey provides). This year, I am using www.bibleinoneyear.org. I am always amazed how the few words I read each morning come back to my mind during the day when I experience trials or am talking with someone else going through a tough time. It's almost like God gives me the words he knows I will need later that day. One day at a time, he gives me my Daily Bread that we ask for in the Lord's Prayer. Not plates full of scripture, just what I need to sustain me that day.

I commend to you - find a way that works and read just a few words of Scripture every day. You will be surprised at how they may be the very words you, or someone you meet, will need later in that day.

Garry Roberts

Parish Register

Baptisms

Amelia Vadis
Ava Edwards
Elsie-Mai Edwards
Ernie Edwards



Francesca Nossum
Harley Linford
Mya Edwards
Samantha Edwards

Those who have recently died

Arthur Hicks
Beryl Pumfrey
George Clarkson
John Cocker
Joan Knight
Leslie Farman

Muriel Raglass
Nigel Dean
Norma Hartridge
Pamela Bailey
Philip Riley

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

Answers to Bible Quiz

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| 1) | 1500 | 6) | Hebrew |
| 2) | Johann Gutenberg | 7) | Mark |
| 3) | 1380 A.D. | 8) | John |
| 4) | Greek | 9) | 1611 |
| 5) | 27 | 10) | First Thessalonians |



Parish People



Ann, the youngest of three children, was born in Radlett near Elstree, Hertfordshire. Her dad was a naval officer in the hydrographic unit and he met her Mum whilst surveying Loch Fyne on the west coast of Scotland. Ann had a happy, Christian childhood and was confirmed at St Alban's Abbey. She remembers the sense of mystery when being allowed into the vestry as a young child and maybe the seeds of her calling were being sown during those early years. Ann's brother is also a priest living in Cornwall.

On leaving school, Ann attended Pitmans College in London prior to joining the WRNS. Whilst being based at HMS Mercury, Ann met Geoff who was based at HMS Collingwood. A few years after leaving the WRNS (prematurely as a result of her father's death), Ann travelled to Canada, where she lived and worked for two years whilst Geoff was away at sea.

Ann and Geoff were married at Radlett in January 1963 and moved to Weymouth during the worst winter on record. On moving to Portland, Clive was born. Two years later, the family moved to Malaysia where Philip was born and

finally to Fareham where Malcolm was born. Ann and Geoff settled into their life in Fareham and Ann joined the Holy Trinity Young Wives group. Geoff was working for IBM and once again the family were on the move - this time to the USA for six months.

Before becoming a priest, Ann had worked as school secretary at various Fareham schools and then as a Youth Training Scheme Tutor. The life changing effects of Geoff being diagnosed with cancer in 1976 resulted in Ann feeling called by God to some form of ministry. With the encouragement of the parish clergy and after much reading, discussion and prayer, Ann responded to her calling and was put forward for selection. Geoff was fully supportive and Ann completed her training at Salisbury. She became a Deaconess in 1986 and was one of the first women to become a Deacon the following year. Priesthood followed in 1994.

Ann's main focus in ministry has always been in chaplaincy. First at Knowle Psychiatric Hospital and then Blackbrook Maternity Home and Portsmouth Hospitals. She has also helped out across the diocese, conducting services in a variety of churches.

Ann sadly lost Geoff in 2012 when he suddenly became ill after a trip to India. She nursed him at home for 5 months and is very grateful for those precious final months.

Ann's family spans four generations, the latest being born on Boxing Day this year and she enjoys spending time with them when she can. Ann continues to enjoy life and has taken on roles that Geoff used to have such as gardening and cooking. I can highly recommend her homemade honey biscuits!

Donna Irving

Thoughts from our Rector

A word for all seasons!

I am sometimes asked what my favourite bible verse is. Well, I don't have one – I have several! I find that at certain times of my life, particular verses have been very helpful. I think this is what is meant when the prophet Isaiah speaks God's words to the exiled Israelites: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth..... so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10-11). Sometimes we need reassurance, other times to be challenged, by what is written in the Bible. I've had more than a few of the latter over the years!

A particular favourite verse from Proverbs (always a fascinating read!) is: It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of Kings. (25:2) I've puzzled over this for a long time - I never get tired of thinking about it. I'm not sure what it means, so if you've got some insights, let me know please! What is it that God has concealed that points to his glorious nature? When a scientific insight is uncovered - in our world, our DNA, our universe – that leads to greater understanding and alleviating human suffering or repairing something we've torn in creation, then I think of this verse. It's as if God has embedded in creation many 'secrets' for humanity to uncover. More recently, I've seen another side to this verse as I happened across a sermon written in 1877 by Charles Spurgeon, Baptist minister and great expounder of the scriptures.

He speaks of God concealing our confessed sins, he covers them over and doesn't hold them against us - the grace of God saves us and this glory should be transforming. "This spirit of forgiveness keeps us always in a state of love." he writes and so we should aim to cover up the sins of friends and neighbours with the spirit of love and gentleness. Mmm... more to think about there!



A friend of ours loves antiques and was downsizing some years ago. He had acquired a number of Victorian cross-stitch samplers with Bible or hymn verses, like this one with a verse from the popular hymn penned by The Rev'd Augustus Toplady so of course they came our way! I'm not greatly taken with them but they are effective in keeping scripture in the mind and we have a lot of walls to cover! They also harken back to the days when people in this country knew a lot more scripture than they do now.

A scripture I do very much hold onto when I wonder whether I can possibly fulfil this calling to be a Christian are Paul's final words in I Thessalonians 5:23 "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls is faithful and he will do it."

Amen to that!

Reverend Sally

Services

Regular services at Holy Trinity

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Communion
MONDAY	8.30am	Holy Communion
TUESDAY	8.45am	Morning Prayer @ at St Columba Church
WEDNESDAY	9.00am	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

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PARENT FREE ZONE

YOUTH GROUP

BADMINTON TABLE TENNIS SNOOKER
BOARD GAMES QUIET AREA
SAFE AND SUPERVISED ENVIRONMENT
FOOD FRIENDSHIP

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PART OF CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN FAREHAM

**2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 5-7PM
INCLUDING FOOD
AGE 8 TO 15 YEARS**

**Fareham United Reformed Church
Osborn Road South
Fareham
PO16 7DG**

UPCOMING DATES

**12th February
12th March
9th April
14th May
11th June**

Sunday 25th June
10.30am Family Celebration at the URC
with The Holy Family - Jesus His and Mary Dany

**9th July
10th September
8th October
12th November**

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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