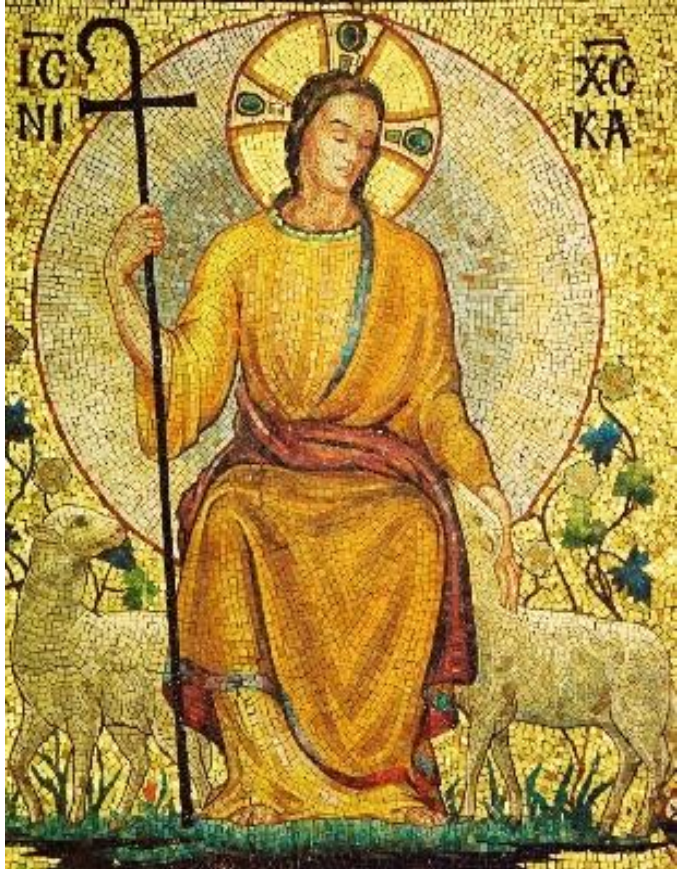


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July 2024

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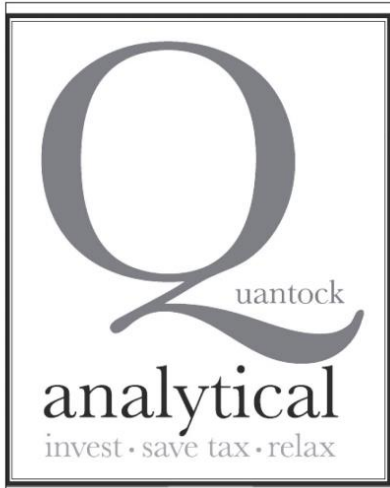
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JULY



2024

FR JULIAN WRITES...

I have been thinking about pilgrimages in the last few weeks. We (13 members of HT and The Good Shepherd and others!) have just returned from Walsingham, one of the foremost places of pilgrimage in England since Our Lady appeared to the lady of the manor, Richeldis, in 1061. Suppressed, along with all other abbeys under Henry VIII, the Anglican Shrine was refounded by Fr Hope Paten in 1922, and now is the main pilgrim destination in this country.

People have always gone on pilgrimages. Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' describe a group of disparate people travelling together from London to Thomas a'Becket's shrine in Canterbury Cathedral – now, of course, sadly no more. To entertain themselves, each pilgrim told a story in the inn after a day's travelling. In a way, although there may not be such a bawdy element in pilgrimage (!), the Tales convey the reality of the journey – a holiday atmosphere combined with a spiritual purpose. Certainly, I always say about the pilgrimage to Walsingham that we pray hard and play hard!

Places of pilgrimage are usually associated with a particular saint; their appearing, their martyrdom or burial. Mary appeared to Richeldis at Walsingham and to Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes in 1858, and in Medjugorje in Bosnia Herzegovina as recently as 1981. People still travel today along the 'Camino' to see St James' shrine and reputed place of burial at Compostella, or Assisi, where St Francis is buried. At Canterbury, a dramatic cross made of three swords with an altar below mark the place of Thomas' murder. And, top of the list, is the Holy Land itself, with all the sites associated with Our Lord's life and ministry around Galilee and Jerusalem. I'm sure you can think of many others, and have been to some yourselves.

Pilgrimage is a means by which we can deepen our spiritual life. The act of 'getting away from it all' can be a tremendous help in itself. It may be easier to travel with others in a relaxed atmosphere rather than going on a personal retreat. It gives pilgrims a chance to review their lives, renew their faith, and to be strengthened by the prayers of those saints in whose steps they are treading, and the prayers of all other pilgrims, past and present. Yes, it is time-consuming and disruptive to the daily round, but that is its point.

We have two particular places of pilgrimage on our doorstep. The first is Glastonbury, overrun, sadly by the 'mad, bad and dangerous to know'; its Christian ethos is greatly diminished. Yet tradition has it that Joseph of Arimathea visited Glastonbury with the child, Jesus. It was Joseph who buried Jesus after his crucifixion. Legend has it that Joseph planted his staff in the ground, and it flowered, leaving the 'holy thorn' tree for us today.

On Saturday 13 July the Glastonbury Pilgrimage will take place for the 100th time. This is a national 'do' where pilgrims come from all over the SW and beyond, and when the non-Christians in the town's influence is severely challenged. As in medieval pilgrimages, it is a time of fun and worship, as well as encouragement and strengthening. As well as acts of worship, it is an act of witness, with a procession of robed representatives of attending parishes walking down the High St in front of the Blessed Sacrament. If you haven't come before, do so! The main service is at 12 noon, and the day ends with Benediction at 3pm. Sign the list at the back of the church, and lifts can be co-ordinated.

The second 'local' place couldn't be nearer. It's Holy Trinity itself. Every time we come to Mass, making our offering to God and receiving the Body and Blood of his blessed Son, we are making a pilgrimage. We are stepping out of the everyday and into the extraordinary. We are moving from this physical world into the heavenly realms. We have fun and enjoy worship. So take advantage of God coming to us, and not take things for granted.

With my prayers and all good wishes

Fr Julian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism: Austin James Marlborough (2 June). Please pray for him, her parents and godparents as we welcome him into the Christian family. Also Daniel Abimbola (5 June).

Holy Confirmation: Abel Johnson, Ruby Otemade, Jude Otemade, Samuel Abimbola, Daniel Abimbola.

JULY SAINTS – Fr Julian’s idiosyncratic selection of saints

As many of July’s saints have been written about before, I’m taking some lesser-known ones this month.

4th: St Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336) Elizabeth (or Isabel) was born into the Portuguese royal family and was Queen Consort from 1282-1325. Despite her status, she was a devout woman, who prayed the Offices daily and fasted. After being widowed she became a Franciscan nun, and was buried in the convent, not with her husband in a royal tomb. She was made a saint in 1626.



13th: St Henry (973-1024) Henry packed a lot into his 51-year life: Holy Roman Emperor, King of Italy and Germany, Duke of Bavaria, he also contributed to the ‘Great Schism’ when the Western (Catholic) and Eastern (Orthodox) churches split in 1054. He persuaded Pope Benedict VII to insert the ‘filioque’ (‘and the Son’) into the Nicene Creed, making it an article of faith that the Holy Spirit emanated from both the Father and Son. He was a humble man, and became a monk, although his abbot told him to continue with his ‘day job’.



15th: St Bonaventure (1221-1274) St Bonaventure was an Italian Franciscan Bishop, cardinal, scholastic theologian and philosopher. He was Minister General of the Franciscan Order. Ordered to attend the Council of Lyon, he died ‘suddenly’ and was buried there. His funerary urn was lost in the French Revolution, but his arm and hand which had penned his works, is now in St Nicholas’ church, Bagnoregio (Italy). He

was made a saint in 1482. Brother Athelstan's great one-eyed tomcat in the series of medieval murder mysteries is named after him!

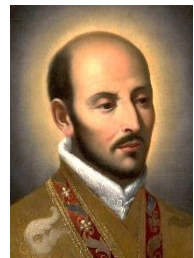
19th: St Macrina (c. 327-359) Macrina the younger (confusingly) was the elder sister to St Gregory of Nyssa, as well as other saintly siblings: Basil the Great, Naucratius and Peter of Sebaste. She was born in Cappadocia and died in Pontus (both in Turkey). Gregory wrote a work entitled *Life of Macrina* in which he describes her sanctity and asceticism throughout her life. Macrina lived a chaste and humble life, devoting her time to prayer and the spiritual education of another younger brother Peter.



23rd: St Bridget (c. 1303-1373) Bridget was a Swedish widow, mystic, saint, and the founder of the Bridgettines. Bridget is one of the six patron saints of Europe, together with Benedict of Nursia, Cyril and Methodius, Catherine of Siena and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. She was canonized in 1391 just 18 years after her death.

26th: SS Anne and Joachim (1st C) St. Anne is one of the patron saints of Brittany and Canada and of women in labour. As the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Anne and Joachim are also considered the patron saints of grandparents. Joachim was reproached at the Temple, his ignominy shared by Anne (or, in Hebrew, Hannah). An angel appeared to both of them in answer to their prayers. Anne promised to give her child to the Temple in thanksgiving, and so that daughter, Mary, went when she was 3 years old. Accounts of the couple date from writings of the 2nd and 3rd centuries.

31st: St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) He was a Spanish Basque Catholic priest and theologian, who, with six companions, founded the religious order of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and became its first Superior General, in Paris in 1541. As well as the traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, the Jesuits added obedience to the Pope. A former soldier, he was concerned with the spiritual formation of recruits, and instituted a programme now called his 'Spiritual Exercises'. He was declared the patron saint of all spiritual retreats by Pope Pius XI in 1922.



CALENDAR FOR JULY

The Sundays, readings and themes, and Saints days for July are listed below.

3 Wed S. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

4 Thu S. Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen (1336)

5 Fri S. Antony Zaccaria, Doctor & Priest (1539)

7 TRINITY 6 *Theme: I Send You as a Prophet*

Readings: Ezekiel 2.1-5; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

11 Thu S. Benedict, Abbot of Monte Cassino (550)

13 Sat S. Henry, Holy Roman Emperor (1024)

14 TRINITY 7 *Theme: The Beheading of John*

Readings: Amos 7.7-15; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29

15 Mon S. Swithun, Bishop of Winchester (862)

S. Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop (1274)

16 Tue S. Helier, Martyr, First Saint of Jersey (6th Cent.)

19 Fri S. Macrina, Sister of S. Gregory of Nyssa (379)

20 Sat S. Margaret of Antioch, Martyr (4th C)

21 TRINITY 8 *Theme: Christ the Shepherd*

Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34 & 53-56

22 Mon S. MARY MAGDALENE

23 Tue S. Bridget, Patron of Sweden (1373)

25 Mon S. JAMES THE APOSTLE

26 Wed SS. Joachim & Anna, Parents of Our Lady

28 TRINITY 9 *Theme: Christ feeds us*

Readings: 2 Kings 4.42-44; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21

29 Mon Mary, Martha & Lazarus, Companions of Jesus

30 Tue S. Peter Chrysologus, Archbishop of Ravenna (c. 450)

31 Wed Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of Society of Jesus (1556)

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IS ALWAYS PRESENT.
IT’S LIKE A RIVER THAT
ENDLESSLY FLOWS.”**

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 9 June there was a confirmation by Bishop Michael Langrish at Holy Trinity. The five young people confirmed were: Abel Johnson, Ruby Otemade, Jude Otemade, Samuel Abimbola and Daniel Abimbola.



L to R Ruby, Abel, Jude, Daniel, Samuel

In the hall after the service as well as the usual coffee and biscuits there was prosecco and fruit juice. There was also a wonderful cake which



had been specially made for the occasion by Cheryl Grindle which the newly confirmed helped Bishop Michael to cut.



We welcome these young people into full membership of our church family.

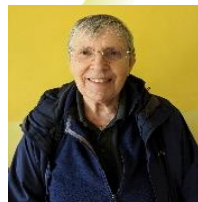
Jane Laurence

Spotlight on...



Jenni Llewellyn

Last month we talked to John Godley, one of our churchwardens. This time we get to know a little more about Jenni Llewellyn our other churchwarden.



Hi Jenni, it is lovely to be talking to you today, tell me, how long have you lived in Taunton, do you have any family and what did you do for a living?

I came to Taunton in 1995. I live with my husband Bob and I have two sons. I was a nurse by profession following a year as a cadet. I did my general training in Epsom and in May 1964 I did my part 1 midwifery but it soon became very clear that midwifery was not for me. So instead of taking my part two Midwifery I decided to specialise in Orthopaedics and loved it, I felt completely at home and it fascinated me. I am happy and proud to say that I worked at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore.

Following my marriage to Peter we lived in Pinner and moved to South Wales as my husband's job took him to Barry. I became a Ward Sister on the male Orthopaedic ward at Bridgend. My sons were born in 1971 and 1972 and Nursing took a back seat for a while. Initially I did some part time work with Peter and myself 'coxing and boxing' the care of Owen and Rhys.

We moved to Somerset in 1983 and I worked at Butleigh Community Hospital and the Priory in Wells. When the latter closed, the staff and myself were made redundant. I found a second specialty in Palliative care and worked for the Hospice until I retired. From 1993 my role was a specialist nurse at Musgrove Park Hospital. Part of a nurse's role is teaching and we were responsible for educating the staff in communication skills - especially in breaking bad news. This led me to a City and Guilds course and finally a Master's degree in teaching at Exeter. I became the person to deliver the Mental Capacity Act 2005 to MPH and the Community Hospitals in Somerset.

What do you do in your spare time, what are your hobbies?

In 1992 I became a Magistrate. This had a hugely complicated interview process involving a visit to my home and a large panel interview. I must have said something right because I did that until 2012 and I am now on the Supplemental list. I enjoyed the work but sometimes it could be very frustrating!

I have several hobbies, bell ringing, crafts, walking (particularly on Dartmoor) but I don't do as much of that now and of course I am Churchwarden and assistant Sacristan, these things keep me busy. Something I love is genealogy. I do my own family history and am happy to help others with theirs.

I researched St Mary Magdalene's WW1 memorial and I am currently researching Horton Cemetery in Epsom. The cemetery land had been sold when the five (psychiatric) hospitals in the cluster closed and the new owner wanted to build upon it. The latest burials being only 1955, it caused quite a storm and a group got together to research the people buried there. We don't like the idea that the memories of those buried just being lost in time - having no voice. It is the intention to produce a memorial book. A like situation is at the old Mendip Hospital site in Wells and worth a visit.

What would you say is important to you?

(Here might I add that Jenni answered this question without as much as a blink) she said 'the sanctity of life', that is what is important to me.

What does your faith and Holy Trinity mean to you?

Holy Trinity is my main reason for being. I have the huge privilege of serving and I love doing it. I am serving God and my community in a small way; I like to be there, in the background just doing. Holy Trinity has a heart and I belong.

Pauline Holt

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A RECIPE FOR JULY

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80g butter
80g brown sugar
3 tbl Golden syrup
½ tsp salt
130g porridge oats
35g chopped dried apple
35g chopped dried apricots
25g dried cranberries
25g pumpkin seeds
2 tbl sunflower seeds
25g desiccated coconut



Method

- Line and grease a 20cm square baking tin.
- In a saucepan, melt together the butter, sugar, syrup and salt.
- Mix all the dry ingredients in a bowl and stir in the butter/syrup mixture and mix well.
- Spoon mixture into the tin and press down with a potato masher to level the surface.
- Bake in an oven at 180° C for 18-20 minutes.
- Store in fridge when cool and cut into bars before serving.
Makes 10 bars.

Mary Patey

GLASTONBURY CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE 2024

Our Lady and the Communion of Saints

Saturday 13th July

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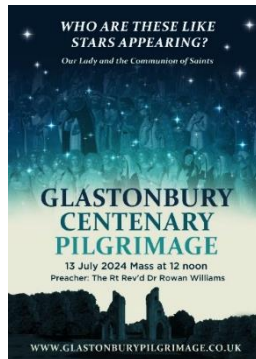
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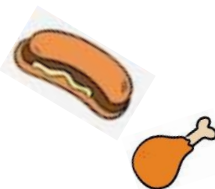
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Wendy Burge

RETURN TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS 8 -17 May 2024

Part 1

Some weeks ago, during coffee after Parish Mass, Gervas mentioned to Fr Julian that he was returning to the Falkland Islands for 9 days to be present at the dedication of a memorial to those who had died and had been wounded when the logistics base at Ajax Bay had been bombed. Fr Julian asked Gervas to write an article for the Outlook on his return. Part 1 looks at Gervas' role in the Falklands during the Falklands War. Part 2 (next month) is about his return visit.



Gervas by the newly dedicated memorial

In 1982 at the time of the Falklands War, I was serving in Headquarters 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines, based in Plymouth. The Brigade was commanded by Brigadier Julian Thompson and I was his Deputy Chief of Staff. My job included operational personnel matters such as the control of medical assets, burial of the dead, prisoners of war, keeping records of all personnel and land force logistics such as the offloading of supplies from the shipping at San Carlos, the resupply of ammunition, fuel, rations, clothing and engineer equipment etc. It was a hugely busy job.

Prior to this, between January and March 1982, I had been in North Norway carrying out arctic warfare training and in the last week of March, I was in Denmark carrying out an exercise reconnaissance. We were recalled to Plymouth, our base, and then spent 4 days planning frantically. We left Plymouth on 6 April and I was flown out to HMS Fearless which was then proceeding down the channel. Having reached Ascension Island we then re-stowed the shipping in a balanced way prior to the landing. We also carried out a series of military appreciations, based on intelligence, as to where we might land on the Falkland Islands and selected San Carlos Water.

We landed almost unopposed within San Carlos water on 21 May 1982. That said, almost from Day One the Argentinean air force attacked shipping in San Carlos. At the same time we landed a proportion of our

logistic supplies into the area of an old refrigeration plant at Ajax Bay. From then on I had to travel from the Brigade HQ, initially across the water in San Carlos settlement and later at Teal Inlet, to Ajax Bay to co-chair a meeting with the Commanding



Old Refrigeration building at Ajax Bay

Officer of the Commando Logistic Regiment Royal Marines. The purpose of the daily meeting was to pass on the resupply plan to all units at sub unit representatives. Resupply was a real problem as a large proportion of our stocks were on ships which due to the air threat could only be brought into San Carlos water and offloaded at night. Further there were no roads so all resupply had to be done by Landing Craft, helicopter or BV 202



*Field Hospital entrance,
the Red and Green Life Machine
at Ajax Bay*

Oversnow vehicles. Fortunately local farmers with their tractors helped us a lot.

The main purpose of our return visit was to dedicate a memorial at Ajax Bay, the main logistics base during the war in 1982, to the 6 who were killed and the 30 or so wounded when the base was bombed. We had tried on 3 previous occasions in 2021, 2022 and 2023 to get down to the Falkland Islands to dedicate this memorial so this was 4th time lucky!

Gervas Wells-Cole

SUMMER FAIR

Thank you everyone who was involved in this year's Summer Fair at Holy Trinity. Fortunately the weather was kind, if a little breezy, but this made for a good attendance overall. All the hard work and effort put in, leading up to, during and after the event is very much appreciated and a magnificent total of over £1800 was raised.

Thanks again for all your time, hard work and support.

John Godley and Cheryl Grindle

ALL IN THE MONTH OF JULY

It was:

- 750 years ago, on 11th July 1272 that Robert I (Robert the Bruce) was born. He was King of Scotland 1306-29.
- 125 years ago, on 1st July 1899 that the Gideons International was founded. The Christian association places free Bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, schools, military bases & prisons around the world.
- 100 years ago, on 11th July 1924 that British sprinter Eric Liddell won the men's 400 metres gold medal at the 1924 Olympics in Paris. He preferred the 100 metres, but the heats were held on a Sunday, and he refused to run in them.
- 90 years ago, on 4th July 1934 that Marie Curie, Polish-born French physicist died. She was the first woman to win a Nobel prize.
- 80 years ago, on 20th July 1944 that the so-called 20th July Plot failed. The German Resistance Movement attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler in Berlin and remove the Nazi Party from power. The attempt failed, and the conspirators were executed next day.
- 75 years ago, on 27th July 1949 the first successful test flight of the de Havilland Comet, the first commercial passenger jet, took place.
- Also 75 years ago, on 29th July 1949 that the BBC began broadcasting regular weather forecasts on TV.
- 70 years ago, on 21st July 1954 that the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings* was published.
- 65 years ago, on 25th July 1959 that the first hovercraft crossed the English Channel.
- 50 years ago, on 4th July 1974 that Georgette Heyer, best-selling historical romance novelist, died.
- 40 years ago, on 9th July 1984 that York Minster in England was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.
- 30 years ago, on 15 July 1994, that the Rwandan genocide ended. Up to 1.1 million people were killed by the Hutu-led government and other militias between April and July.
- 15 years ago, on 5th July 2009 that the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered by a metal detectorist in Hammerwich. It is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found, and consists of around 4,600 items dating from the 7th century.

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All bookings are for 12.15. Please let me know if you want to come along, on the previous Sunday. If you have booked a space but are unable to attend please let me know as soon as possible.

Wendy Burge

MEN OF THE SEA

As Sea Sunday falls this month on 14 July here is a prayer for those at sea.



Your first disciples, Lord, were men of the sea:
Hardy fishermen from the shores of Galilee.
They knew from experience the perils of the deep...
They also knew Your presence with them in their darkest hours.
We pray for those who face like hazards today...
Lord of the sea, be near to guard them in every danger...
And let them hear Your voice above the tempest,
‘It is I, be not afraid’
So bring them to their haven in peace.

From a prayer by Frank Colquhoun

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