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FR JULIAN WRITES...



February 2025

We are celebrating Candlemass at the beginning of February (2nd). This marks the end of Christmas and Epiphany, 40 days after Christmas day. It is like a cross roads. One last back at the crib (which is now removed) and then we turn our attention to the cross, as we begin to think about Lent.

Although we're in a funny sort of church season, in a sense neither one thing nor another, it's not a reason to coast along. There is always something that we can do to further our faith, and to prepare for the festivals. For a few weeks, until Ash Wednesday on the 5th March, we shall be fully in 'Ordinary Time'. The vestments, hangings and even service books return to green. However, we might be wrong to think of 'Ordinary Time' as being humdrum, the usual, same old same old.

We no longer have the dramatic events of Christmas as we celebrate the birth of God's Son. We no longer have that's Son's revelation to the nations and to God's people as an adult. Instead, we can focus on what it means to be a Christian today, how we practise our faith, and how we can bring good influence to those around us and the society in which we live.

Because there isn't that immediate sense of purpose that we have in the seasons of the Church, we might think 'ordinary' means nothing exciting, nothing to do, nothing even to look forward to. Yet even when we are faced with the ordinary in our daily, physical, lives, there is always something extraordinary, as we rejoice in creation all around us, the love of family and friends, our comfort and blessings. These may all seem 'ordinary', but are they really? Just because we take them for granted, expect them to be, shouldn't mean we become complacent or unthankful.

In these 4 or 5 weeks before Lent, when we prepare ourselves for the great events of Holy Week and Easter, I think it would be a good idea for all of us to reflect upon where we are, both in physical and spiritual respects. Life is always changing (and so therefore never ordinary!) and we have to change with those circumstances which are unique to us. Health, finance, friendship, love. We might have to think about practical things, especially those we've been putting off: home maintenance, managing the garden, travelling.

Jesus promised us that he would be with us to the end of time, and commissioned us to act in his name, in his person. Too often, I believe we try to personalise our faith, making out that it is ours, and for us alone. That's not the case. We are Christians for a purpose. Throughout the Church's seasons, we may have a particular focus and message to proclaim and to bear witness, but for most of the time we 'merely' live as Christians, and try to draw closer to Christ.

I put 'merely' in inverted commas, as it is ordinary, everyday. But then so is eating, drinking, loving, living. These are 'ordinary' but they can achieve extraordinary results. So can our Christian faith. We may think that we are not able or called to do anything brave and bold because of our faith, but God would beg to differ! It is by the way we live, the witness of our worship, the way we try to know more about Christ, that we will be most effective witnesses – evangelists for Christ.

It is in the ordinary that God achieves the most. In the ordinary, a human life, he showed how the world might be transformed, and justice and mercy universally established. In the ordinary, he revealed the extraordinary in the resurrection, the defeat of sin and the gift of eternal life.

Don't knock the ordinary, because really there is no such thing!

With my prayers and all good wishes

Fr Julian

PETER DEAL RIP

It was so good to see so many people at Peter's funeral on the 28th January. The nave was pretty well filled as people came to remember Peter who had been so much part of the community. With his love of tennis, and his work in the emergency planning office at County Hall, many people came to know Peter well.

At Holy Trinity, we remember him for his work as a server, chalice assistant and, of course, as sacristan for so many years. Indeed Peter and Pat have always been associated with Holy Trinity, beginning their married lives over 59 years ago in a flat in the former Vicarage at the end of Trinity Road.

Among his many talents, Peter was a gifted artist and painted many pictures in and around Padstow, where he and Pat had a static caravan, where in more recent years they would entertain some of their 3 grandsons.

Our sympathy goes to Pat, their children, Jonathan and Paul, their partners and children. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

FEBRUARY SAINTS

Fr Julian's idiosyncratic selection of saints

3rd: St Anskar (801-865) Anskar, or Ansgar was created the first Archbishop of Hamburg-Bremen. Born in Amiens (France) he was brought up with the Benedictines, and as Archbishop was charged with converting northern Europe, being nicknamed 'the Apostle to the North'.

4th: St Gilbert of Sempringham (1804-1185) St Gilbert was the only Medieval Englishman to found a conventual order, mainly because the

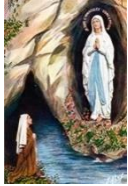


Abbot of Cîteaux declined his request to assist him in organising a group of women who wanted to live as nuns, living with lay brothers and sisters, in 1148. He founded a double monastery of canons regular and nuns in spite of such a foundation being contrary to canonical practice, although common in Celtic Christianity.

5th: St Agatha (c231-251) Born in Catania (Sicily), she refused to marry the local Governor because of her faith, and was tortured to death. One of the aspects of her physical suffering resulted in her being the patron of breast cancer victims and bell-ringers, and there is a local dish, cassetelle di sant'agata, the shape and decoration of which you can probably imagine...



11th: Our Lady of Lourdes On this day in 1858, Bernadette de Soubirous (aged 14) and two other girls saw an apparition of Our Lady, who after 18 appearances announced herself to be 'the immaculate conception'. The site became a place of pilgrimage, and still is today, where miraculous healings are still reported to take place.



14th: St Cyril and St Methodius Originally called Constantine (826-869) and Michael (815-885), the two brothers were called the 'apostles to the Slavs', considered by the Orthodox Church as equal to **the** Apostles. In 1980, the first Slavic pope (John Paul II) declared them co-patrons of Europe.

15th: St Sigfrid (C10-C11) Although born in England, Sigfrid was a missionary in Scandinavia, traditionally continuing the work of Anskar (see above). Based in Norway, he furthered the Christianisation of Sweden, and may have been made a saint as early as 1158.

21st: St Peter Damian 1007-1072/3) was an Italian reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal in the circle of Pope Leo IX. Dante placed him in one of the highest circles of *Paradiso* as a great predecessor of Francis of Assisi and he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.



27th: St Gregory of Narek (c945/951 – 1003 or 1010/11) Grigor Narekatsi was an Armenian mystical and lyrical poet, monk, and theologian. He is venerated as a saint in the Armenian Apostolic and Catholic Churches and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015.



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

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

- 1 Sat S. Brigid, Abbess of Kildare (525)
- 2 CANDLEMASS *Theme: The Light of the Gentiles*
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40
- 3 Mon S. Anskar, Archbishop, Missionary (865)
- 4 Tue S. Gilbert of Sempringham (1189)
- 5 Wed S. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (251)
- 6 Thu S. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs in Japan (1597)
- 8 Sat S. Jerome Emiliani, Priest, Patron of Orphans (1537)
- 9 4TH BEFORE LENT *Theme: Blessed are Those*
Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26
- 10 Mon S. Scholastica, Abbess (543)
- 11 Tue Our Lady of Lourdes
- 12 Wed S. Ethelwold, Monk, Bishop of Lindisfarne (740)
- 14 Fri SS. Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries (869 & 565)
- 15 Sat S. Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden (1045)
- 16 3RD BEFORE LENT *Theme: Love your Enemies*
Readings: Genesis 45.3-11; 1 Corinthians 15.35-38; Luke 6.27-38
- 17 Mon Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr (1977)
- 21 Fri S. Peter Damian, Benedictine Monk, Reformer (1072)
- 23 2ND BEFORE LENT *Theme: Where is your Faith?*
Readings: Genesis 2.4-9 & 15-25; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25
- 25 Tue S. Ethelbert of Kent, 1st Christian Anglo-Saxon King (616)
- 27 Thu S. Gregory of Narek, Monk, Mystical Poet (1003-1011)
George Herbert, Priest, Poet (1633)
- 28 Fri S. Oswald, Benedictine Monk, Archbishop of York (992)



Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 5th March
7.30pm
Mass and Imposition of Ashes



EVENTS IN LENT

Holy Trinity's programme for Lent is as follows:

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays, from 7th March, 6.00pm. A simple devotion as we follow the journey of Jesus from his trial to his burial.

Compline:

Tuesdays from 11th March, 8.00pm. The traditional version of the service will be used.

Discussion Group:

Thursdays, 7.30pm, at the Vicarage.

2025 is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, at which the main creed, statement of faith, of the Church was agreed. To mark this anniversary, the Lent groups will be based around the 'Nicene' creed looking at what is a creed, and the four marks of the Church as declared in the creed.

- 13th March: What is a 'creed'?
- 20th March: What do we mean by 'one'?
- 27th March: Can the Church be called 'holy' today?
- 3rd April: What is 'catholic'?
- 10th April: Is the Church 'apostolic'?

Chrism Mass

10th April, Exeter Cathedral

11am Mass, followed by a buffet lunch

2.15pm Catechesis, 3pm Benediction



Seder Meal

Saturday 12th April, 7pm. A traditional Passover meal such as Jesus might have shared with his disciples at the Last Supper

EASTER LILIES

There will be an opportunity as usual to remember loved ones through Easter lilies this year. Forms will be available shortly. Please return forms by Mothering Sunday, 30th March.



Spotlight on...



David Gill

I have had a treat this month, speaking to David Gill about his life and learning about all the different charitable organisations in Taunton has been enlightening to a grockle like me!



Thank you so very much for speaking with me today David, I am privileged to speak to yet another true Tauntonian! Whereabouts in Taunton were you born, do you have any family and what did you do for a living?

I was born in Winchester Street on 27th August 1937, to parents Bill and Connie Gill. I was baptised and confirmed at Holy Trinity where I have worshipped for sixty-seven years (I also worshipped and was actively involved for a number of years at St Johns). Both my parents were staunch Holy Trinity members and sang in the choir. I am the fourth generation of the Gill family to worship at Holy Trinity, but as a bachelor, I am the last! Over the many years, beautiful gifts have been presented to the church in memory of my family, including the statue of Our Lady, the font cover, processional cross, acolytes' candlesticks, incense thurible and boat.

I was educated at North Town junior and the former Huish's Grammar School (where I later became a school governor). I was a member of The Old Huish Association for seventy years and Chairman or President for thirty years. Interested in education I was Chairman of Governors at Priory Boys Secondary School and later as Chairman at Heathfield School where I held the post for twelve years.

On leaving Huish's' School, I became an Articled Clerk to Mr Arthur Parker, a local auctioneer and estate agent. My commencing weekly wage was £1 (only 14s 7d after deductions!). Over the years I worked very hard and loved my work. Consequently, I ended up owning the business and the East Street offices and retired in 1989.

I have tried hard to serve the community in numerous and varied ways including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, The International Friendship League and as a member for many years of Taunton Vale Rotary Club where the erection of the Abbeyfield Extra Care Home at Bishops Hull was one of our projects. I was a founder member of Taunton Abbeyfield (Defendamus) Society for thirty-three years and served as Chairman of Woodstock House in Staplegrove Road, the Society's home for the active elderly, for the whole of that period.

In 1971 I became Chairman of The Chestnut Tree, a centre for senior citizens and built in Canon Street car park. Here food and entertainment were provided and many friendships made. On one occasion, when the centre was short of funds, I organised a massive coffee morning with stalls, a mini auction and Chairman's gift day. I was thrilled at the profit for the day amounting to £12,000.

For thirty-three years I was Chairman (and President) of Rowbarton Friendship Association, a thriving retirement club which at one time had a waiting list to join! I served the club in a very active capacity until its closure post Covid.

From a young age I became actively involved in politics. First elected in 1967 I became a Borough Councillor and served for eighteen years. I was privileged to be elected Mayor of Taunton Deane in 1978/9. Our vicar at Holy Trinity, Fr Ian Seward, was my Mayor's Chaplain and my civic service was held here at our church with a capacity congregation! During my year of office, I organised a Mayors' Charity Fund, which raised £5000 for the local St John Ambulance HQ.

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

A great interest of mine is music. I am still, in my capacity as proud President (first elected 1981), regularly supporting Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir in their concerts, committee meetings and other efforts.

I retired from business in 1989 and live happily with my longstanding friend Aart Dourleyn in our Mount Nebo home. Whenever possible we gain much enjoyment and relaxation in my Sidmouth apartment.

What would you say is important to you and what does your faith and Holy Trinity mean to you?

My close family and friends mean a great deal to me as does the ability to help others less fortunate than myself. I was privileged to be brought up in a sound Christian family, first serving as a Boat Boy at eight years of age. Fr Davison was our vicar and I was happy to attend four services every Sunday. I am very grateful for my Christian Faith, which means so much to me, and also for the Anglo Catholic tradition to which I have been accustomed and especially for Fr Julian who so faithfully continues this tradition.

Thank you, David, you have had an interesting life and I have learned a lot, not only about you but also about Taunton!

Pauline Holt

HOLY TRINITY ²⁰⁰ Club WINNERS

December 2024

1st	Aart Dourleyn	£55.00
2nd	Aart Dourleyn	£33.00
3rd	Pat Franklin	£22.00

POTS AND PLANTERS

Thinking of buying pots or planters for the Spring? Please don't, until you have seen mine. I need to clear a quantity of pots of varying sizes in ceramic, terracotta and plastic. Some of the largest have never been used.



Contact me on 01823 275528. I don't want anything for them but perhaps you could put a little extra in the collection one Sunday.

Rose Fisher

A RECIPE FOR FEBRUARY

C'EST MAGNIFIQUICHE

C'est Magnifiquiche is a tasty leek and bacon quiche which is easy to make.

Ingredients

24cm Ready-made savoury shortcrust pastry base
(or make your own pastry)

40g Butter

1 Leek, thinly sliced

4 Bacon rashers, finely chopped

3 Eggs

2 tbl Maille Dijon mustard

80ml Cream

150g Gruyere cheese, grated



Method

- Gently fry leek and bacon in butter until leek softens. Spoon into the bottom of the pastry case.
- Whisk eggs, mustard and cream together.
- Add the cheese and season.
- Pour over leek and bacon into the pastry case.
- Bake at 160° C for 20-25 minutes or until set and serve warm.

Mary Patey

SHROVE TUESDAY PARTY

Tuesday 4th March, 7pm, in the church hall

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 14 June	Summer Fair
Saturday 16 August	Barbecue
Saturday 6 September	Glastonbury Pilgrimage
Saturday 4 October	Harvest Supper
Saturday 6 December	Christmas Fair

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2025



Holy Trinity's annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will this year be from 16th to 20th June.

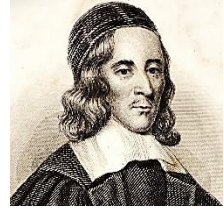
A visit to Walsingham is always an enjoyable and uplifting experience and pilgrims are made very welcome physically and spiritually.

As usual we have reserved a number of places. To secure your place please let me have your £40 (non-refundable) deposit. Or, if you would like to know more please see me.

Jane Laurence

GEORGE HERBERT - PRIEST & POET

If you were to name someone prominent from the 17th century, you might think of Rembrandt or Shakespeare, however, it is unlikely that George Herbert's name would come to mind.



On 27th February the Church Calendar celebrates George Herbert. He was a prolific writer, a gifted speaker and musician, a much loved parish priest, a poet and hymn writer. If you haven't heard of George Herbert you will know of him through his hymns, many of which we still sing today. His most well-known hymns include *Teach me my God and King*, *Let all the world in every corner sing* and *King of glory, king of peace*.

Herbert was born into a wealthy family in Mid-Wales on 3rd April 1593. His father was a Member of Parliament who died when Herbert was three years old. His mother moved the family to London where, aged 12, Herbert entered Westminster School. In 1609, he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where aged 23, he graduated with two degrees.

As a student Herbert felt called to ordination, but when he had graduated, he was drawn instead into the government of the time and for a short time was MP in his hometown in Wales. He became a favoured politician of King James 1, but when the King died in 1625, Herbert decided to give up his secular ambitions and turned instead to ministry in the Church of England.

He married in 1629 and became a priest in a small Anglican church in Bemerton in Wiltshire where he was much loved. The whole of his ministry was undertaken in Bemerton until he died aged 39 from what we would now call tuberculosis.

George Herbert is chiefly remembered for his hymns today, though his poetry is also well known and he is considered to be one of the great poets of the so-called 'metaphysical' school, with other well known poets of the period such as John Donne and Andrew Marvell.

Jane Laurence and the *Parish Pump*



THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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9 February	The Royal Oak, Hillcommon
9 March	The Hankridge Arms
13 April	The Anchor, Hillfarrance (£10 deposit)
11 May	Pickeridge Golf Club
8 June	The Maypole, Thurloxtton (£5 deposit)

All bookings are for 12.15. Please let me know if you want to come along to any of the lunch club outings on the previous Sunday so that numbers can be confirmed with the venue.

If you need a lift please make sure you arrange transport beforehand with one of the drivers.

Wendy Burge

UNDERSTAND CHURCH LANGUAGE



PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of the Service, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of the Service, led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the carpark.

RELICS: People who have been going to church for so long that they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

USHERS: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

From the *Parish Pump*

MAGAZINE DEADLINE: Wednesday 19th February 2025
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ALL IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

It was:

- 125 years ago, on 27th Feb 1900 that the Labour Party was founded in the UK.
- 90 years ago, on 22nd Feb 1935 that US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House - because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly now for security reasons.
- 80 years ago, on 6th Feb 1945 that Bob Marley, the Jamaican reggae/ska/rock steady singer, songwriter was born (died 1981).
- Also 80 years ago, on 21st Feb 1945 that Eric Liddell, Scottish athlete, died. An Olympic 400m gold medallist in 1924, he withdrew from the 100m heat because it was on a Sunday and entered the 400m instead. (Died in a WWII internment camp in China, aged 43.)
- 75 years ago, on 8th Feb 1950 that the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.
- 70 years ago, from 24th Feb 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off.
- 50 years ago, on 11th Feb 1975 that Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party. She became Britain's first female Prime Minister in 1979.
- Also 50 years ago, on 14th Feb 1975 that P G Wodehouse died. This well-loved British-born American comic novelist, short story writer, lyricist and playwright is best known as the creator of Jeeves.
- 40 years ago, on 16th Feb 1985 that the Islamic militant group and political party Hezbollah was founded in Lebanon.
- 30 years ago, on 2nd Feb 1995 that the leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation held an emergency summit in Cairo, where they reaffirmed their commitment to the Middle East peace process.
- Also 30 years ago, on 23rd Feb 1995 that James Herriot, veterinary surgeon and best-selling author, died. Best known for his autobiographical book *All Creature Great and Small*.

- 20 years ago, on 7th Feb 2005 that yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur broke the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe.
- Also 20 years ago, on 14th Feb 2005 that YouTube, the online video sharing service, was founded. It was purchased by Google in 2006.
- 10 years ago, on 27th Feb 2015 that Leonard Nimroy, actor and film director, died. Best known for his role as Spock in Star Trek.

From the *Parish Pump*

God's Valentine

For God so lo **V** ed the world
 that He g **A** ve
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 So **N**
 tha **T** whoever
 believes **I** n Him
 should **N** ot parish
 but have **E** ternal life

TRUE LOVE

(Lk2:22-35)



*Broken world,
 Broken lives,
 Broken hearts
 Without hope
 Until there, in the Temple,
 In that bundle of a baby,
 Love provides
 Restoration,
 According to His word.*

By Daphne Kitching from the *Parish Pump*

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