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September 2024

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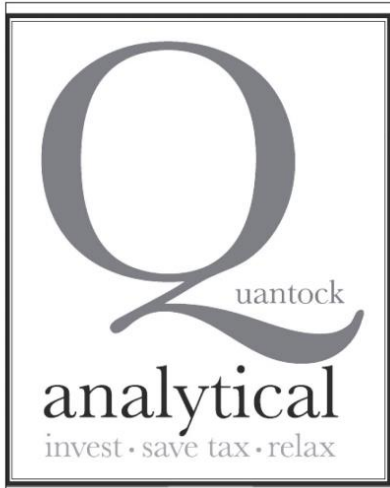
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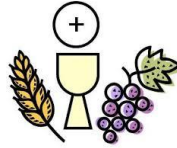
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SEPTEMBER



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FR JULIAN WRITES...

September seems to be a time of new beginnings. Across the country as well as at our three primary schools, anxious parents are preparing for their children's entry into school education; tears will be shed as they say goodbye to them at the school gate in their new smart school uniforms. Others may be beginning secondary or further/higher education or apprenticeships; others may be settling into new jobs. With the holidays largely behind us, many will begin (shock, horror!) looking towards Christmas, a task forced upon us by the retailers and consumer pressure (once Hallowe'en is over). It's all go.

Whereas the diocese largely seems to shut down in August, with its senior clergy and officers in Wells taking a well-earned break, parish churches like Holy Trinity keep on going, with the responsibilities of baptisms, weddings and sadly, funerals. There's the weekly cycle of services; at Holy Trinity we have more than most. I am not one who will drop services because 'they're not viable' – whatever that means! After all, when 'two or three are gathered...' However, it has been very good to see that attendance at weekday services has slowly increased in the last few months, and there are usually more than those 'two or three'.

So why make all this work for myself? Many churches manage with one weekday service, and a couple on Sundays – if that. It is because I believe that the offering of worship to God is not only a life-long obligation, but a daily one. George Herbert (C16th/17th), a priest and a metaphysical poet, stated in his hymn, King of glory, King of peace, 'Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise thee. Too often for many it is a case of 'One Church, one faith, one hour' to misquote another hymn (Thy hand O God has guided)!

The majority of our services is the Mass. This, after all, is the only service that Jesus himself commanded – ‘Do this in remembrance of me’ – and in which he assures us of his presence – ‘This is my Body, this is my Blood’. When we come to any Mass, it is not so that we can receive **my** Holy Communion, but so that we can bring to the Lord any specific or general intentions, or just the parish which we serve, especially in the offering of Christ’s sacrifice, in which we participate.

So why so often? Do you only eat once a week, or drink once a week? Of course not. The body depends on regular nourishment, and so we eat regularly, and to keep our bodies healthy, a proper balanced diet (so I’m told...!). That which is true of our bodies is also true for our souls. Unique of all God’s creation, humanity has been created in God’s likeness, in that we have a spiritual nature as we all as a physical one. And as it this which is eternal, perhaps we should give it more attention?

Holy Communion is the way by which we receive God’s life into ourselves. It is a sign of our fellowship, our communion, with one another, and as well as an act of worship, it is an act of witness, as we ‘proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again’. The Mass is not a cosy and exclusive activity for the chosen few, but the greatest act of evangelism that we can carry out.

In the midst of all the busyness all around us, perhaps we should look back to the 11th century and this prayer of St Anselm:

Come now, little one, turn aside for a while from your daily employment, escape for a moment from the tumult of your thoughts. Put aside your weighty cares, let your burdensome distractions wait, free yourself awhile for God and rest awhile in him. Enter the inner chamber of your soul, shut out everything except God and that which can help you in seeking him. And when you have shut the door, seek God. Now, my whole heart, say to God, 'I seek your face, Lord, it is your face I seek.'

Where better to find God than in his house and with his food?

With my prayers and all good wishes

Fr Julian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Joseph Alfred Cotton, baptised on Sunday 25th August. We welcome him into the family of Christ, and pray for him, his parents and Godparents.

Funerals

Shirley June Simmons (15th August) and Fr Kenneth Harry Gibbons (23rd). May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE VEN. KEN GIBBONS, RIP

Fr Ken died suddenly, but peacefully, at home on 1st August. He was 92. Ill-health prevented him from coming to church in recent years, but he always received Holy Communion at home every week. A proud man of Yorkshire, his parish ministry began and ended in London: St Martins-in-the-Fields, and in 'retirement' at St Magnus the Martyr. He served in Addington (Croydon), Portsea, and as Archdeacon of Lancaster, as Vicar of St Michaels on Wyre. He and Margaret fully retired to Croydon, but later moved to Taunton and found their spiritual home at Holy Trinity. Our love, prayers and sympathy go to Margaret and their children, Fr David (a priest in the US) and Andrew (a civil engineer) their wives and children – and grandchildren!

SEPTEMBER SAINTS – Fr Julian's idiosyncratic selection of saints

A selection of the known, modern and not so well-known home and abroad...

4th: St Birinus (c. 600–649/50) Birinius was a Benedictine monk who became known as the apostle to the West Saxons, for his work in converting the Kingdom of Wessex. Cygnegils, the King, wanted an alliance with Oswald of Northumbria, but Oswald would not ally himself to a pagan. Cygnegils converted, and gave permission for Birinus to found a See and become the first Bishop of Dorchester.



5th: St Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) Mother Teresa, as she is best known, was an Albanian-Indian nun, who founded the Missionaries of Charity. In addition to the usual three-fold vows of poverty, obedience and chastity, the Order had a 4th: to serve the poorest of the poor. Sometimes a controversial figure, she was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 1979, and was declared a saint in 2016.



11th: St Deiniol (d. 572) is thought to be the first Bishop of Bangor, and the cathedral, dedicated to him, is believed to be on the site of his monastery. St Deiniol's Library, a centre for thought and discussion in Hawarden in Flintshire is named after him, as is a shopping centre in Bangor, and possibly the tune to 'Immortal, invisible'.

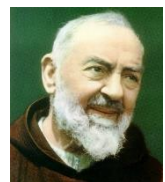
13th: St John Chrysostom (347-407) was a Father in the Early Church and was Archbishop of Constantinople. A prolific writer, he was also an eloquent and persuasive speaker. 'Chrysostom' refers to this, as it is the Greek for 'golden-mouthed', as he denounced the abuse of authority in both Church and State.

16th: St Ninian (d. 432) Ninian is first mentioned in the 8th century as being an early missionary among the Picts (Scots). Thus, he is known as the Apostle to the Southern Picts, and there are numerous dedications to him in those parts of Scotland, the Scottish Lowlands, and in parts of Northern England with Northumbrian heritage. He is also known as Ringan in Scotland, and as Trynnia in Northern England.



17th: St Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) Hildegard was a Benedictine Abbess of a convent on the Rhine. She was renowned as a mystic, philosopher, composer, visionary; a medical writer and practitioner, she is also considered the founder of the study of natural history in Germany. Her 'sacred monophony' is the most often-recorded music in the modern age.

23rd St Pius of Petrelcina (1887-1968) 'Padre Pio' was a Capuchin monk, priest, mystic and stigmatic. In 1918 he received the marks of the 'stigmata', the wounds of Christ. Although initially opposed by the Vatican, his following grew, and he was eventually declared a saint in 1999. Petrelcina is a town in Benevento, in Campania in southern Italy.



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

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

1 TRINITY 14 *Theme: The Commandments of Life*
Readings: Deut. 4.1-2 & 6-9; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8,14-15 & 21-23

3 Tue S. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher (604)
4 Wed S. Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester, Apostle of Wessex (650)
5 Thu S. Teresa of Calcutta, Nun, Missionary (1997)

8 TRINITY 15 *Theme: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Readings: Isaiah 61.10-11; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 1.46-55

9 Mon S. Peter Claver, Priest, New World Evangelist (1654)
11 Wed S. Deiniol, First Bishop of Bangor (6th C)
13 Fri S. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople (407)
14 Sat HOLY CROSS DAY



15 TRINITY 16 *Theme: The Confession of Peter*
Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-38

16 Mon SS. Cornelius (253) & Cyprian, Bp of Carthage (258) Martyrs
 S. Ninian, Bishop (432)
17 Tue S. Hildegard, Abbess of Bingham (1179)
19 Thu S. Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury (690)
20 Fri S. Andrew Kim Taegon (1846) & Martyrs of Korea
21 Sat S. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

22 TRINITY 17 *Theme: What They will Do to Him?*
Readings: Wis. 1.16–2.1 & 12-22; James 3.13-4.3 & 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

23 Mon S. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest & Capuchin Friar (1968)
24 Tue Our Lady of Walsingham
26 Thu SS. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs (4th C)
27 Fri S. Vincent de Paul, Founder of Lazarists (1660)
28 Sat S. Wenceslas, Duke of Bohemia & Martyr (929)

29 TRINITY 17 *Theme: Who is with the Lord?*
Readings: Num. 11.4-6,10-16 & 24-29; James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50

30 Mon S. Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures (420)

HARVEST AND GIFT DAY

As has been the custom for many years, we shall give thanks for God's creation by celebrating Harvest on Sunday 6th October. In a town, this is very different from parishes made up of farming communities, but just because we are further removed from the actual growth and harvesting of all that we enjoy and take for granted, doesn't mean that we can't or shouldn't celebrate. It would be good were there to be gifts given for that Sunday for the Taunton Foodbanks and Open Door – required items will be advised nearer the date.

Also, Harvest is the time when we have an opportunity to thank God for his goodness to us in this parish, as we hold the annual Gift Day. Any monetary gift – however large or small – will further Holy Trinity's work of mission and evangelism. Gift Day envelopes will be available at church, or donations may be made through the QR code available at church or by BACS (the latter referenced 'Gift Day'. And if you are able to Gift Aid, that will mean your gift is worth 25% more at no extra cost to yourselves, but only if you pay tax. Thank you so much.



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 5th October, 7pm

There will be a 3 course meal:
soup, ham salad, apple pie & cream/custard
with cider to drink.

Tickets £8, available from mid-September
(Please buy your ticket before 30th September)

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

As 29th September is the fifth Sunday of the month, we shall once again be joining the congregation at the Good Shepherd, Furnham at 9.45am.

Spotlight on...



Liz Hathway

Hello Liz, nearly everyone will know you from being welcomed by you when we come into Church. Being our assistant church warden, we would like to know a little more about you ... so here goes:



Tell me, how long have you lived in Taunton, do you have any family and what did you do for a living?

I was born in Bath and brought up in the village of Stoke St Michael near Shepton Mallet and moved to Bristol in 1966 to commence my nurse training, at the eye hospital and the BRI. I met Pete who worked at British Aerospace, and we were married in 1971, after our first son was born I became a stay-at-home mum.

In 1975 we had a complete change and moved to Devon near Axminster in a village called Smallridge, where we ran the village pub. Then, it was the heart of the village but now it is a country hotel. We had some real characters, one being the local GP who called in every single evening to partake of sherry but was insistent that we didn't tell his wife! It was through him that I started work at Axminster Community Hospital, initially for three days a week but stayed for twenty-five years as an Ophthalmic Sister. Our second son was born in 1976 and life was busy, being a mum, nursing and running the pub (we also built a skittle alley with the help of a local builder).

We sold the pub in 1980 and moved to Tatworth where, as a family, we played an active part in church life at St John the Evangelist. Pete was Church Warden; I was PCC Secretary and both boys were choir members.

In 2013 the boys were both married, Gareth in Lincolnshire and James in Canada but by then Pete's health was deteriorating so we came to Taunton.

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

I love gardening, knitting, reading and helping people. There are one or two older ladies I enjoy dropping in on; I still like to keep busy.

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

I am very proud of my children and my grandchildren. To me the important things are family, faith and friends.

When Pete and I first came to Taunton we looked for a church. St James didn't suit Pete and as we were walking past Holy Trinity a chap by the name of Ron was tending a grave in the grounds. He asked if we were looking for a church to attend on Sunday and when we said yes, he said that the sermon wasn't bad at Trinity and we might as well come along – so we did!

Trinity was and is, our church family. The people within it form an excellent support network and people understand and are always ready to listen to others. Since losing my husband that has become even more important. In particular Craft Group are my little family. I love Sundays.

Thank you Liz for talking to me today, I think it is lovely that we are getting to know just that little bit more about each other.

Pauline Holt

HOLY TRINITY WINNERS

July 2024

1st	David Gill	£52.50
2nd	Anne Kearle	£31.50
3rd	Jason Stevens	£21.00

CHURCH GARDENING

The gardening sessions on the 3rd Saturday each month will likely cease for winter in October, depending on the weather. You are of course always welcome to do work to the grounds at any time, please let the wardens know.

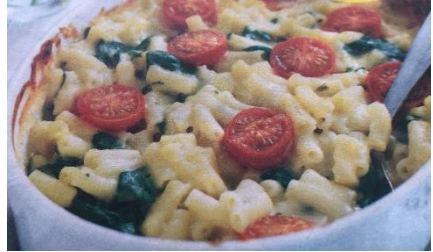


A RECIPE FOR SEPTEMBER

MAC 'N' CHEESE

Ingredients (Serves 4)

40g Unsalted butter
40g Plain flour
250ml Skimmed milk
1 tsp English mustard
250ml Vegetable stock
200g Extra mature cheddar
cheese
250g Macaroni
100g Spinach leaves
8 Cherry tomatoes, halved



Method

- Preheat oven at 190° C (fan).
- Melt butter in a saucepan and gradually stir in the flour over a moderate heat.
- Slowly whisk in the milk, pausing for the sauce to thicken between additions.
- Whisk in mustard and stock and stir in grated cheese.
- Cook the pasta in plenty of boiling water until al dente, drain and rinse under cool water.
- Wilt spinach in a pan with just the water it was washed in.
- Mix cheese sauce, macaroni and spinach together and pour into an ovenproof dish. Top with halved tomatoes.
- Bake for about 25 minutes until gold brown and bubbling. Serve with salad.

Mary Patey

lendwithcare

Commenting upon the display in the Hall, a wise lady asked if any of our new members of the Congregation knew about *Lendwithcare* - a good point! So ...

If you could help change lives for £1 - would you? This is the option you have!

Lendwithcare is a micro-finance charity organisation under the Care International umbrella. Small loans are requested by Entrepreneurs whose plans are checked for viability, then awarded the loan. *100% of the money* you loan, will go to low-income Entrepreneurs. Lendwithcare works in eleven countries around the world.

The beauty of this arrangement is that many people can contribute to one loan so the outlay for us is small but combined loans further expand anything from a lady's business selling energy - saving LED lamps to a men's group installing solar-powered water pumping equipment to reduce the costs of irrigating fields. From a lady who wants to buy another sewing machine to increase output and therefore profit, to farmers being able to hire more labour for the fields and increase the food supply and profit.

Improved income benefits not only the Lendwithcare entrepreneur but those they are able to employ, which in turn helps their families too. Many Entrepreneurs on the Lendwithcare website hope to improve the future of their children by being able to send them to school; this is not free in most countries.

The basic loan is £15. We at Holy Trinity are asked to contribute our £1 gift in the 'glamorous collecting box', i.e. a jam jar, available at every Service for a month during September. Gifts soon add up and we then choose another Lendwithcare entrepreneur to support. We usually send a Christmas present of funds from Holy Trinity too.

Did you know that we have supported a shepherd from Bethlehem? It seemed SO right!

The loans are repaid, sometimes only a few pennies at a time, but all of our Lendwithcare loans have been repaid, even following Covid. Then

you can have your £1 back or, we hope, we can reinvest it to help someone else. Interested?

Please read the display in the Hall which revisits some of our Lendwithcare history.

Thank you.

Trudi Watkins

Ref: lendwithcare.org/info/how-it-works and careinternational.org.uk

CHURCH EVENTS

Christmas Bazaar

This year's Christmas Bazaar is on *Saturday 30th November*. Draw tickets will be on sale from mid-September, please take as many books as you can to sell to friends, neighbours, colleagues.

From the beginning of September I will be contacting stallholders to see if they are still willing/able to run their usual stall, and if they need any items for their stall. New stalls always welcome please let me know.



Please also sign the list if you are able to provide an item for the grand draw hampers, please ensure the item is in date, sorry no homemade goods. Please place any hamper items in the gold box which will be at the back of Church from the beginning of October. Alternatively if you are unable to buy a hamper item, a donation would be appreciated and will be put towards purchase of a meat hamper.

Pantomime

The Brewhouse Panto this year is Beauty & The Beast. I will book tickets for the 7pm performance on Wednesday 15 January 2025. Tickets are £17.00, sorry no price reductions this year. Please sign the list at the back of Church by the 29 September if you would like to come. I will require payment as soon as the tickets have been purchased, sorry no refunds once you've paid.



Wendy Burge, Social Committee Chair

GLASTONBURY - July 2024

Another month another pilgrimage! Having had the pilgrimage in June to Walsingham, on 13th July a group of us went to Glastonbury for the annual pilgrimage. This year was a special one being the centenary of the Glastonbury Pilgrimage.

The first pilgrimage was held on 28th June 1924, following a proposal the previous year for a Bristol Anglo Catholic Glastonbury Pilgrimage together with a request for one from the Church Union in Salisbury. So pilgrims, mainly from Bristol but also from as far away as Salisbury converged in Glastonbury. After a blessing from Fr Arnold Pinchard, pilgrims had tea. Then there was a procession from St John's Church to the Abbey which newspaper reports said comprised some 30 priests, 400 vested, 1500 lay pilgrims. A service of Vespers was held, then the procession returned to St John's, where the Te Deum was sung

For many years following, a Pilgrimage Mass was held in St John's with Evensong in the Abbey. Permission was sought numerous times to hold the Mass in the abbey ruins but it wasn't until 1953 that consent was given to hold a Mass in the ruined Abbey Church and the pattern for subsequent pilgrimages was established.

This year's pilgrimage saw well over five hundred pilgrims converging on Glastonbury. As well as those of us who live more locally, pilgrims came from across the country including as far afield as Cornwall, the Midlands, Buckinghamshire and Wales.



The theme for this year's centenary pilgrimage was *Who are these like stars appearing? Our Lady and The Communion of Saints*. The celebrant at the Pilgrimage Mass was the Bishop of Oswestry who is now also Chairman of the Pilgrimage Association. The preacher was the Rt Revd Dr Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury). Lord Williams spoke of Glastonbury Pilgrimage's contribution to history, its past pilgrims, and the importance of Our Lady to them and to us still today.

In addition, fifty-five priests and five bishops concelebrated the Mass with the Bishop.



Concelebrants with the Bishop of Oswestry. Fr Julian is in front row on left.

After a picnic lunch, there was the usual Procession of Witness from St John's along Glastonbury High Street to the Abbey where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was held.



Holy Trinity's group in the procession coming into the Abbey grounds.

The Bishop of Oswestry and Lord Williams in the procession with the Blessed Sacrament.



All in all it was a wonderful day and this year even the weather was kind.

Jane Laurence



THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

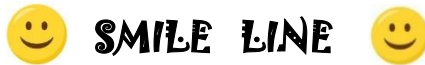
will be visiting the following:

- 8 September Oake Manor Golf Club
- 13 October The Swan, Kingston St Mary
- 10 November The Maypole, Thurloxton
- 8 December Pickering Golf Club

Please note change of venue for October. The lunch will be at The Swan at Kingston St Mary. Roast beef or pork £16.95, Roast lamb £17.95, puddings £6.50, ice cream £2.00 per scoop.

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

Wendy Burge



Yum Yum

A notice outside Chichester Cathedral advertised lunchtime concerts with the encouragement that 'Sandwiches may be eaten.' Someone had scribbled underneath: 'So if you are a sandwich, don't come!'

From the Parish Pump

BARBECUE

Thank you to all who helped in any way, whether by making a delicious pudding, laying tables, preparing the hall, washing up, clearing the hall, washing tea towels (where did they all come from!), preparing food and last but by no means least buying and preparing the meat. Even though it wasn't intended to be a fund raiser we actually made £147.00 and had an enjoyable evening.

Wendy Burge

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