

HOLY TRINITY TAUNTON

OUTLOOK



May 2023

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Sunday

8.00am, 10.00am & 6.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am
Friday 12.30pm

Saturday

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MAY



2023

FR JULIAN WRITES...

It's been a busy time in the parish recently! It's good to note that at Easter and since numbers attending have increased and we've been delighted to welcome new people into our family.

After quite some time, progress is being made on the purchase of a property to replace the old verger's house in Trinity St. It's all a bit complicated! Over 60 years ago, the Searles, who lived there, left the property to the diocese of Bath and Wells for the exclusive benefit of Holy Trinity. It was used after its being left for various successive vergers. In recent years, the church council have poured £thousands into the property, and it was becoming a liability rather than an asset.

Due to the hard work of David Lovelock, the charitable deed was altered, making the use of the legacy far more flexible and in HT's favour. Towards the end of April, an offer made by the PCC on the diocese's behalf, was accepted on a modern first-floor flat a few hundred yards away from the church. It is hoped, that were all to go well, that the property would initially continue to be rented, as it is at present, and provide a boost to our finances. Here's hoping!

This is one example of great generosity in the past, and we have an opportunity to give thanks for a far more recent act of generosity: the refurbishment of the bells at HT. An anonymous donor has paid for the entire work (with the exception of a grant) which has resulted in the bells being completely restored, and rehung on a modern frame.

On Sunday June 11th, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and many guests and visitors from the bell-ringing fraternity, will be attending a service of thanksgiving for, and rededication of, the bells, at a service at 6.30pm, followed afterwards by light refreshments in the church. Please make every effort to attend – and bring your friends!

Before that event, we will be holding our Summer Fair on June 3rd between 11am and 2pm in the church grounds. Raffle tickets will be available for sale in good time, and Cheryl Grindle and John Godley will be very pleased to receive any offers of help, as will the stallholders, without doubt. This is always a happy occasion, even if it is hard work.

After Easter, we have been hearing in the gospel readings how the fledgeling church came into being, culminating in its formation by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (28th May this year). I've often heard, especially outside the church community, grumbling that the church always seems to be after money. It seems a far cry from the Early Church.

But then the Early Church did not have the responsibility for preserving and maintaining heritage buildings! And we seem to forget that those early followers of the risen Christ actually sold all they had and gave it into a Common Fund administered by the apostles. Whereas I recognise that it is not likely that this is going to happen today, people like the Searles have left there all to churches such as ours. If it weren't for such generosity and foresight, I doubt whether HT would be here today as we know it.

I also know that many of you continue to be very generous in your regular giving to the church, despite all the financial pressures that have been exerted on us in the year or so. Thank you. It is good to say that we have not only paid ALL our parish share of the Common Fund once again, but even achieved a very small surplus in our financial accounts. Frankly, I am disgusted that we, and many others in the same position, make every effort to pay, whereas, for instance, a certain Abbey in the north of the diocese (beginning with 'B' if that's not clear enough!) has not paid a single penny of their Parish Share. I don't want to be sour grapes, but I feel for you and all in a similar position.

In conclusion, please pray for the completion of the purchase of the flat, the success of the Summer Fair, and for those parishes who are struggling financially.

With my prayers and good wishes

Fr Julian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Confirmation

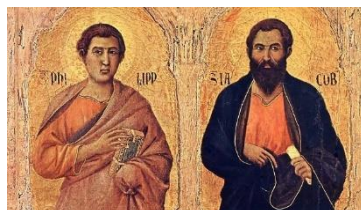
Alys Williams, confirmed at Holy Trinity on Saturday 29th April, by Paul, Bishop of Oswestry. Please pray for her in her continuing Christian Pilgrimage.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 7th May at 11.30am after the Parish Mass. Do please make every effort to attend – set the oven timer back by 45 minutes!

MAY SAINTS - Fr Julian's selection of this month's saints

1st St Philip and St James Informally known as Pip'n'Jim, Philip was born in Bethsaida in Galilee and was one of the 12 Apostles that Jesus called. Immediately, Philip began to convert others, finding his friend Nathaniel and telling him that Jesus was the one whom Moses and the other prophets had foretold. James the Lesser is called "Lesser" because he was younger than the other Apostle by the same name, James the Great. James the less was related in some way to Jesus, and after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, he became the head of the Church in Jerusalem. He was martyred in the year 62.



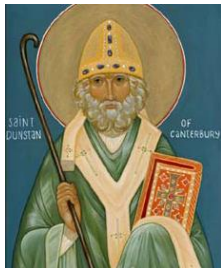
2nd St Athanasius (c.296–298 – 2 May 373), was a church father and the 20th pope of Alexandria. His intermittent episcopacy spanned 45 years (c. 8 June 328 – 2 May 373), of which over 17 encompassed five exiles, when he was replaced on the order of four different Roman emperors. Athanasius was a Christian theologian, a Church Father, the chief defender of Trinitarianism against Arianism, and a noted Egyptian Christian leader of the fourth century.

5th St Asaph was, in the second half of the 6th century, the first Bishop of St Asaph, i.e. bishop of the diocese of Saint Asaph. A bit of an enigma, more is learnt about him from a 'Life of St Kentigern'; no 'life' was written about Asaph.

10th St John of Ávila (6 Jan 1499–10 May 1569) was a Spanish priest, preacher, scholastic author, and religious mystic, who has been declared a saint and Doctor of the Church by the Catholic Church. He is called the 'Apostle of Andalusia', for his extensive ministry in that region.

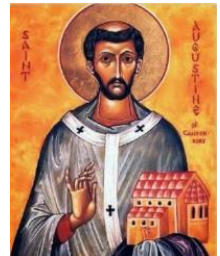


19th St Dunstan (c. 909 – 19 May 988) He was successively Abbot of Glastonbury Abbey, Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury, later canonised as a saint. His work restored monastic life in England and reformed the English Church. His 11th-century biographer Osborn, states that Dunstan was skilled in 'making a picture and forming letters'. He was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries, having gained fame for the many stories of his greatness, not least among which were those concerning his famed cunning in defeating the Devil.



25th St Bede – the Venerable (672/3 – 26 May 735), was an English monk at the monastery of St Peter and its companion monastery of St Paul in the Kingdom of Northumbria of the Angles. He is primarily remembered for his seminal work, 'The Ecclesiastical History of the English People.'

27th St Augustine of Canterbury (early 6th century – ?26 May 604) was a monk who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597. He is considered the "Apostle to the English" and a founding figure of the Church of England. A Somerset boy, he was born in Weston, Bath. He was Bishop of Winchester before coming Archbishop of Canterbury. He was captured by Viking raiders, and killed a year later as he refused to be ransomed. Thomas Becket (1170), a successor, prayed to him before his own martyrdom.



CALENDAR FOR MAY

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

1 Mon SS. Philip & James, Apostles

2 Tue S. Athanasius, Bishop, Teacher (373)

6 CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

7 EASTER 5 *Theme: Our Royal Priesthood*

Readings: Acts 7.55-60; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

8 Mon Mother Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer (1416)

12 Fri S. Pancras, Martyr (4th C)

14 EASTER 6 *Theme: The Spirit of Truth*

Readings: Acts 17.22-31; 1 Peter 3.13-21; John 14.15-21

18 ASCENSION DAY *Theme: The Ascension of Our Lord*

Readings: Acts 1.1-11; Ephesians 1. 15-23; Luke 24.4-53

19 Fri S. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury (988)

20 Sat S. Alcuin of York, Deacon (804)

21 EASTER 7 *Theme: The Spirit of Prayer*

Readings: Acts 2.6-14; 1 Peter 4.12-14 & 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

24 Wed John & Charles Wesley, Evangelists (1791/1788)

25 Thu S. Bede the Venerable, Monk, 1st English historian (735)

27 Sat S. Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury (604)

28 PENTECOST *Theme: Come, Holy Spirit*

Readings: Acts 2.1-11; Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23

31 Wed Visit of Our Lady to Elizabeth

EASTER PRAYER

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SUMMER FAIR

3rd June 2023, 11am-2pm



A gentle reminder.....

All our usual stalls will be there and we hope you will be able to help in any way you can to make this a successful fundraiser for our Church.

A list is at the back of the Church of the Stalls and Stall holders if you wish to donate something or offer your help. Behind the scenes a lot of work goes on, not only on the day but leading up to the event itself, so any help is much appreciated.

Raffle tickets are available to purchase, please let us know if you would like to take some tickets to sell to your friends and family before the day. Also please take a poster (or 3) to display to advertise this event.

If you require any further information please contact John Godley, or Cheryl Grindle. Thank you

Cheryl Grindle



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| 11th June | Rededication of the church bells by the Bishop of Bath & Wells |
| 8th July | Glastonbury Pilgrimage |
| 6th August | Furnham Garden Party at Upton Barn, Seavington |
| 19th August | Church Barbecue |
| 30th September | Harvest Supper |
| 2nd December | Christmas Fair |

A RECIPE FOR MAY

KIPPER PASTE

Any kippers can be used to make this inexpensive and delicious paste which is a worthy alternative to the usual smoked mackerel.

Ingredients

1 pair undyed kippers
Salted butter
Salt
Cayenne pepper
Mace or nutmeg
Lemon juice



Method

- Put the kippers into a roasting tin long enough to accommodate them or stand tails upward in a tall heatproof jug and completely cover with boiling water. Leave for ten minutes.
- Drain well and carefully remove bones and skin.
- Weigh the resulting flesh and take half of this weight of butter. Pound or process the flesh with the butter to a very smooth paste.
- Add pepper, a tiny amount of cayenne plus lemon juice, taste for salt and add cautiously if you feel the mixture requires it.
- Pack into a pot and cover tightly. This will keep well in the fridge for several days.
- Serve with hot toast fingers and extra lemon to squeeze over.

Alys Williams

FROM THE SACRISTY

Easter is over for another year - or is it? It surprises many people to learn that it lasts until Pentecost (or Whitsunday!). It is the second longest liturgical season. Ordinary time (the green season) is longer. So we stay White until Pentecost when the rich red hangings will grace the altars.

Not only do the colours change but the incense too. For the main Easter services of Maundy Thursday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Day we used Rosa Mystica, a lovely light perfume produced at Alton Abbey. Why do we use incense? The principal reason is the smoke, it is symbolic of purification and sanctification. Also it symbolises the prayers - an outward sign of spiritual realities.



The realities in the Sanctuary are everyday preparation for the Mass and the 'washing up' afterwards. Washing the linens. Changing the colours according to the Liturgical season. Serving at the altar is a huge privilege but it is also enjoyable.

We have had an offer to help with washing the linens for which we are very grateful but we could do with more people to serve. It is not an onerous role and when one of us is away for whatever reason it leaves a gap, be it acolyte or Chalice Assistant. Then we do a 'shuffle around' of roles - you may have noticed! Could God be calling you to offer to serve? Maybe only occasionally. Perhaps you have served before,,,,,, is God calling you again? Whether new or experienced you will be very welcome.

Jenni Llewellyn

HOLY TRINITY 200 Club WINNERS

March 2023

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| 1st | David Gill | £52.00 |
| 2nd | Andrew Puckett | £31.20 |
| 3rd | Aart Dourleyn | £20.80 |

UNITED

I was struck by the symbolism of the fact that the Stone of Scone is to come back from Edinburgh to be placed under the Coronation Throne, and by the graffiti on the throne left by people in the 18th and 19th centuries, one of whom, named P. Abbott, claimed to have slept on it on 5/6 July 1800!

An ancient ornate wooden seat
And an historic stone
Shall once again be joined and meet
To form a royal throne.

Our kings and queens, anointed there
O'er seven hundred years.
Upon this Anglo-Scottish chair
They heard their people's cheers!

The throne was formed of English Oak
And gilded with fine gold
It bears the marks of common folk –
Who slept there, so we're told.

The stone was used by Scottish kings.
Upon the Stone of Scone
Was marked the destiny it brings
In time-eroded rune.

And now, united once again
As royal anthems ring;
We sing, united just like them
Our hymn 'God save the King!'



By Nigel Beeton from the *Parish Pump*

PRAYER FOR KING CHARLES 111

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER RAFFLE



Many thanks for all the support given in purchasing squares on our Easter Pick a Square. The amazing amount of £92 was made for church funds.

Special thanks to Cheryl Grindle for having the idea, and for all her help. Perhaps next year we can beat this amount!

Liz Hathway

NEWS FROM THE CRAFTERS

Our Thursday afternoon craft sessions are still going strong.

Currently we are working on a knitted bed throw which we hope to raffle, the design is based on a Victorian pattern picked up in the Tintagel National Trust shop.

Apart from individual items made for ourselves we are intending to make slippers for sale at the fete also hand painted coasters.

Our next project is to make kneelers for the lady chapel, but these are expensive so we are hoping that some of you might like to make a donation. Each kneeler kit costs between £62 and £78 and we would like to purchase the kits as one order hopefully representing the 12 Apostles.



If you can help with a donation or would like to make one, please contact myself or Jenni Llewellyn.

We are always happy to welcome new crafters and if it's not your thing you are welcome to come for a chat and a cuppa.

Margaret Jordan

MEMORIES OF TWO CORONATIONS

In this Coronation month I have vague memories of the Coronation of George VI. In May 1937 I was a four year old in the infants class at school and we children were each given a small Union Jack flag, a beaker and two shiny new pennies. I remember being seated at my desk with these gifts upon it. Later I was intrigued by all the items being put on the great bonfire on Plymouth Hoe to celebrate the Coronation on 12th May 1937.

Next my thoughts turn to June 2nd 1953 when our late Queen Elizabeth was crowned in Westminster Abbey.



Four days before, I had said farewell to RAF Innsworth, between Gloucester and Cheltenham, where I had just completed two years of National Service and was now home in Plymouth. As we didn't have television at that time, I decided to listen to the Coronation Service and Procession broadcast on the radio, while redecorating my bedroom at the same time. The rest of the family were downstairs also listening to the radio.

In the evening I went with my parents and brother to Plymouth Hoe to join in the Coronation celebrations. We saw a display by commandos jumping off Smeaton Tower. When it grew dark, there was a parade of decorated boats, a mock battle including a mock air attack in Plymouth Sound. The ships in the Sound were outlined with innumerable light bulbs and there was a beautiful illuminated crown shining out on Drakes Island. The celebrations went on until after 1am on Wednesday and finished with a magnificent display of fireworks and the lighting of a huge bonfire between Smeaton Tower and the Citadel.

We missed the last bus so we had to walk the few miles home, but it was worth it after experiencing such celebrations.

George Coles

MAGAZINE DEADLINE: Wednesday 17th May 2023

ASCENSION by Malcolm Guite

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.



Contributed by Jane Laurence

SMILE LINES

Mark

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"

Eve and leaves

Adam bit the apple and, feeling great shame, covered himself with a fig leaf. Eve, too, felt shame and covered herself with a fig leaf. Then she went behind the bush to try on a maple leaf, a sycamore, and an oak.

Church notices that didn't quite get it right...!

- Children are normally collected during the Offertory Hymn.
- Tuesday at 4 pm there will be an ice cream social. Ladies giving milk should come early.

From the Parish Pump

ALL IN THE MONTH OF MAY

It was:

- 250 years ago, on 10th May 1773 that Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies, which led to the Boston Tea Party, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA.
- 150 years ago, on 1st May 1873 that David Livingstone, Scottish missionary and explorer, died. Best known for his search for the sources of the Nile.
- 100 years ago, on 26th-27th May 1923 that the first Le Mans 24 hours endurance motor race was held.
- 90 years ago, on 2nd May 1933 that the first modern sighting of the Loch Ness monster was reported in the Inverness Chronicle.
- 80 years ago, on 16th-17th May 1943 that the RAF launched Operation Chastise, also known as the 'Dambusters' Raid'. Bouncing bombs were used to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, which caused catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.
- 75 years ago, on 14th-15th May 1948 that Israel was declared an independent state as the British mandate in Palestine came to an end. Next day the Arab-Israeli War began with the invasion of Israel by Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq.
- 70 years ago, on 29th May 1953 that New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- 50 years ago, on 17th May 1973 that the Watergate hearings began in the US Senate and were televised nationally.
- 40 years ago, on 20th May 1983 that the journal Science reported the discovery of the HIV virus that causes AIDS.
- 25 years ago, on 23rd May 1998 that in a referendum, the people of Northern Ireland voted to accept the Good Friday Agreement. 75% were in favour of a Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 15 years ago, on 12th May 2008 that the Sichuan earthquake took place in China. More than 69,000 people were killed, over 370,000 injured, and nearly five million made homeless.
- 10 years ago, on 27th May 2013 that Bill Pertwee, British comedy actor best known for his role as the Chief ARP air raid warden William Hodges in Dad's Army, died.

From the Parish Pump



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| 9 July | The Orchard, Hillcommon |
| 13 August | The Maypole, Thurloxtton |
| 10 September | Hankridge Arms, Taunton |
| 8 October | Pickeridge Golf Club |
| 12 November | Oake Manor Golf Club |
| 10 December | The Maypole, Thurloxtton |

All bookings are for 12.15. Please let me know if you would like to go to any of the venues at least *1 week prior to the date of the meal* so that I can confirm numbers with the venue.

Wendy Burge

IN MAY

In May, sweet roses scent the air,
And glistening insects dart and blare.
Sweet springtime blossoms far and wide.
Dame Nature leaves stern tasks aside,
To garnish earth with tender care.



This happy month is ever fair;
As all things take the utmost care
To honour God's own Virgin Bride
In May.

At dusk, sweet Aves, heavenly prayer,
Attest men's love and are their share
In praising her, while side by side
Their voices sound to show their pride
In Mary, Queen of all that's fair
In May.



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