

HOLY TRINITY TAUNTON

Including news from The Good Shepherd, Furnham

OUTLOOK



August 2025

Holy Trinity Service Times

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Sunday

8.00am, 10.00am & 6.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am

Friday 12.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm

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FR JULIAN WRITES...



August 2025

It was with a deep sigh and a sense of frustration that I responded to the diocese's 'invitation' to renew my safeguarding training. I didn't really have any choice; to allow my training to lapse would result in my being prohibited to minister. Like many others in leadership positions in this and every parish, I started to jump through the various hoops, only to find it wasn't possible to complete my re-training by the time I 'expired'. It's all under way now, and hopefully I should have completed everything by the beginning of August.

Am sure that I am not alone in being frustrated by all these demands that are being made. Being trained is a considerable commitment in terms of time and brain power! But then we just have to look back and see how many times the Church (not just the C of E) has failed her vulnerable members through 'ignorance, weakness and her own deliberate fault'. There always seems to be some scandal rumbling on at any time. To be inconvenienced personally is a very small price to pay.

The survival of the fittest is a principle within primitive societies, be it human or animal. As intelligent, as sentient (feeling) beings, we know all about pain, both its experience, and inflicting it. The RSPCA is one of the most highly supported charities in this country – more so than many others. Sometimes we feel more for animals than we do for humans, maybe because we recognise our responsibility, or maybe because of sentimentality. But if such compassion can reach out to animals, should it not also do so for our fellow human beings? Yet this is not always the case, and just as we abuse animals who are weaker, so we also abuse one another in a variety of ways.

I use the word 'abuse' deliberately' as it has specific relevance to safeguarding. Largely we consider abuse to be of a physical nature.

This we recognise and condemn – and rightly so. But abuse is more than just the headline definitions, but is far more subtle and invidious than that. Every time we use superior force, be it physical, mental or verbal, to enforce our will or opinions over another – that is a form of abuse. Victims could be those who are physically weaker, emotionally more fragile, less articulate or less dominant.

With a better understanding of what abuse is and at what level it is exhibited, is the first step towards providing a safe, secure and loving environment for all people. God willing, that is what the Church should be and is becoming. And it can only be so if we are all aware of safeguarding. What may seem to be a chore becomes an urgent necessity. What seems to be ‘out there’ can actually be ‘in here’.

Part of my writing about this sensitive subject is prompted by the need to have my training brought up to date, and also partly also due to the fact that we are presently a little weak in our safeguarding provision here at Holy Trinity. We are compliant in meeting our responsibilities, but our provision is need of being strengthened.

For some years, our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) has been Jo Bailey. She is having to step down from this role. Praise be, there have been no direct safeguarding incidents at HT, and the PSO’s role is largely that of liaising with the PCC, and keeping the ‘dashboard’ up to date, a diocesan register of people and their training, as well as other matters. We are truly most grateful to Jo for all she has done, but it does mean that we need to have someone to replace her, someone who themselves have received the necessary training, and has some computer skills. A full job description is available through the diocese: [ps0-role-description_revised_v0.6-final.pdf](#). Charis Cavaghan-Pack continues to cover the dedicated safeguarding phone line for us.

Safeguarding is not just the responsibility of some, but us all.

With my prayers and all good wishes

Fr Julian

WHY AND WHAT...?

In the Common Worship calendar, August 15th is designated as a feast of Mary – a special day. However, there are a number of special days for Mary – for she is a very special lady! There's the Annunciation, where she was told she would be Jesus' mother (March 25th), the Visitation, when pregnant herself, she visited her cousin Elizabeth (May 31st), There's her nativity, celebrating her birth (September 8th) and her immaculate conception, when she was conceived without sin so her Son had none (December 8th). There are also lesser festivals, and August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption.

From the 5th century in the East, and the 7th century in the West, the Assumption was an important festival. However, it was only in 1950 that its doctrine was formally defined by Pope Pius XII.

A tradition has it that Mary was bodily taken up into heaven in Ephesus, where she lived with the apostle John, but an even earlier tradition has it that this was actually in Jerusalem, where her tomb is located.

Although not recorded in Scripture, a history of Mary attributed to Joseph of Arimathea, relates how one of the apostles (Thomas?) was not present when Mary died, so they opened her tomb to show him. She wasn't there, and so it was believed that she had been 'assumed', taken up into heaven.



It was thought that such a holy body which had born Christ could not be subject to the process of decomposition such as for other human beings. The Assumption is an explanation of how Mary, body and soul, was taken up into heaven to be greeted by her Son, and crowned as Queen of Heaven

This may be a bit rich for C of E blood, but it is a belief held by countless Christians all over the world and for 1500 years. So, on August 15th, let us celebrate the Mother and Son's reunion.

Fr Julian

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Volunteers are needed to help on the Social Committee. You do not need to be a member of the PCC to join this committee, just a willingness to help organise church social events.

If you can help please see Liz Hathway (Chair of the Committee).

Holy Trinity's Church Barbecue



SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST

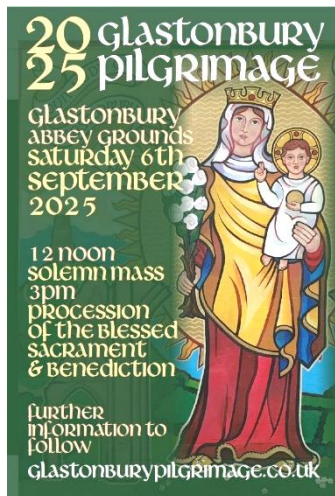
7pm at the Church Hall



Tickets £8.00 - available from Liz Hathway

If you are able to make a pudding
please sign the list at the back of Church.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE - Saturday 6th September



The pilgrimage this year has been put back a couple of months and will now take place on Saturday 6th September.

At the noon Solemn Mass, the preacher will be the Rt Revd Lindsay Urwin, well known to past pilgrims to Walsingham. This is an important act of witness, reclaiming the town for Christians (even if only for a day) and proclaiming the faith in which we believe. At 3pm there will be a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the High Street into the Abbey ruins for Solemn Benediction.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

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

1 Fri S. Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, Founder of Redemptorists (1787)

2 Sat S. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (371)

3 TRINITY 7 *Theme: The Vanity of Acquisition*

Readings: Eccles. 1.2, 12-14 & 2.18-23; Col. 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

4 Mon Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide (1859)

5 Tue S. Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr (642)

6 Wed TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

8 Fri S. Dominic, Priest, Founder of Black Friars (1221)

9 Sat S. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr (1942)

10 TRINITY 8 *Theme: The Lord our God*

Readings: Genesis 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32-40

11 Mon S. Clare of Assisi (1253)

14 Thu S. Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan Priest & Martyr (1941)

15 Fri ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

16 Sat S. Stephen of Hungary, King (1038)

17 TRINITY 9 *Theme: Victory with Christ*

Readings: Jeremiah 23.23-29; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56

18 Mon S. Helena, Mother of Emperor Constantine (330)

20 Wed S. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux (1153)

23 Sat S. Rose of Lima, Virgin (1617)

24 TRINITY 10 *Theme: God's New Gathered People*

Readings: Isaiah 58.9b-14; Hebrews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17

26 Tue S. Ninian, Bishop, Apostle of the Picts (432)

27 Wed S. Monica, Mother of S. Augustine of Hippo (387)

28 Thu S. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher (430)

29 Fri The Beheading of John the Baptist

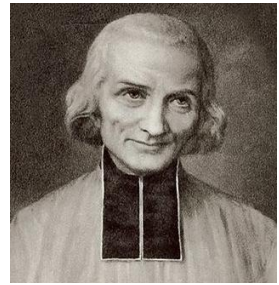
31 TRINITY 11 *Theme: Mediator of the New Covenant*

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18; Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14



CURÉ D'ARS

Around 1830, the small village of Ars in France began attracting huge crowds of visitors each day. The pilgrims had no other purpose than to meet its parish priest (curé) and to have him hear their confession. For this, they waited for hours, sometimes all night! This priest was Jean-Marie-Baptiste Vianney.



Vianney was born near Lyons in 1786 into a Christian farming family. During the French Revolution in the 1790s it was difficult to be a practising Christian, so he made his First Communion in a barn, during an underground mass. Aged 17 Vianney discerned a call to priesthood. It took him many years to become a priest due to problems he had with learning but eventually it was felt that his piety was great enough to compensate for his ignorance. He was ordained as a priest in 1815. After a curacy, he was sent to the tiny village of Ars in 1818. Here he remained for the next 40 years, becoming known as the Curé d'Ars.

At Ars, Vianney awakened the faith of his parishioners, resulting in the radical spiritual transformation of the community. He did this through his preaching, his prayer (he had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary), his way of life (he lived in extreme austerity) and his ministry in the sacrament of confession. He restored and embellished his church, founded an orphanage and took care of the poorest.

But it was his gift as a truly outstanding spiritual director that had people flocking to him for help. He seems to have had a God-given ability to discern the real issues in a person's life, and to put his finger on the real causes of their problems. People of all ages and walks of life were welcomed by this extraordinary parish priest –up to 300 a day. His fame as a confessor spread so that he was spending 16 hours a day in the confessional. By 1855, the number of pilgrims had reached 20,000 a year. He became the most famous priest in France.

Vianney felt he could not retire so aged 73 he died at work in his parish on 4th August 1859. The bishop presided over his funeral with 300 priests and more than 6,000 people in attendance.

Jane Laurence

Spotlight on...



Pat Hitchcock

Today I got the chance to speak with Pat Hitchcock. Pat has been a big part of Holy Trinity and it was interesting to hear the history.



Pat, thank you for speaking with me today, tell me, how long have you lived in Taunton, do you have any family and what brought you to where you are today?

I was born in 1936 at Canon Street Nursing Home in Taunton, as was my daughter (twenty-seven years later!).

My father joined the Territorial Army in the Spring of 1939, he must have known what was coming. He was dispatched almost immediately into the regular army and served his time firstly in the Royal Engineers and then REME as a motor engineer. He was a part of the armoured second battalion Grenadier Guards Armoured Division, I remember being allowed to stay up, no matter how late at night, to see him when he came home on a forty-eight-hour pass. Needless to say, I remained an only child like so many during the war.

I went to school on Cranmer Road at Priory Infants School and not passing my eleven plus was then sent to Priory Secondary Modern. It was there that they identified that I did not see well and was given a second chance (and some glasses) and was transferred to Richard Huish Grammar School. Transferred at the same time, was Ian Seward, who later became Rector at Holy Trinity. We were form mates and became firm friends. Ian and I plus a third used to go 'church crawling'. We cycled all over, sketching churches as we went. One night, and clearly cycling too fast, I came a cropper on Buncombe Hill. Dad had to come and rescue us and take me to A&E. I was much more careful after that!

Although not coming from a churchgoing family, Ian Seward invited me to St Andrews. I went and I stayed, regularly attending services. It was here that I first became a server, which was later to be useful at Holy Trinity too.

I was always mildly interested in architecture and when I left school my father suggested I apply to Venning & Hope in the Crescent. They were always in need of bodies to do the donkey work for the surveyors. I took to the work, until they told me I had to take exams after eighteen months! Never daunted, I undertook the six-year slog and eventually qualified. Sadly, my mother passed away when I was twenty and after a time father remarried. I acquired a step mum at age twenty-one, she was a lovely lady.

Whilst still studying, I met a lovely girl at St Andrews. We passed by each other often but never even spoke until we were properly introduced! She was called Barbara. The curate at the time ran the Young Peoples Association and they were going on a sailing holiday on the Norfolk Broads. There were two separate boats, one for the boys and one for the girls with collaborative working during the day. Barbara and I joined in and had a fantastic time. One evening we were involved in a mutiny – fed up of cooking on a small paraffin stove – we went to the pub for dinner. It was during the walk along the tow path that I proposed to Barbara. She said yes! I spent the rest of the evening in a confusion of elation and fear!

The year was 1959 and I was still working on my finals when we married. Barbara arranged everything; all I had to do was turn up - which I did. We set up home in a bedsit on Haines Hill. Cycling home in the winter cold and rain was no fun, but we managed.

That Autumn I applied to the RAF Construction Branch, having travelled to London and passing the aptitude tests, I was rejected due to my eyesight. It's a shame as I would have liked to have gone. Instead, I joined the County Council as a Quantity Surveyor and was there fourteen years. We did some big projects and it was interesting work. I went in as a junior but worked my way up to leading the third team, cost planning, managing the budgets and client expectations as by this time we had entered a period of high inflation. Following on from that I was head-hunted by two practices of private architects. I chose the nearest one, and stayed with them until 2003, but was still working with them on a consultancy basis until just last year.

I was involved in a project to provide workshops for people with disabilities in collaboration with the Home Office, and was involved

with the English Courtyard Association, producing retirement apartments to a high specification. I have even designed a building, quite by accident I add. This came about as I was asked to a team meeting in a nice hotel in West Sussex and it involved architects, engineers and quantity surveyors. We only had forty-eight hours to pull the project together and completely fed up of the delays and faffing about, I took pen to paper and drew something up. They liked it and built it. Sadly, I have never seen it completed as I never got the chance.

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

I am not really a TV watcher and prefer to walk the dog and am an avid reader, preferring literature that is based on historical fact. I love gardening and have developed an interest in music, be it jazz or traditional, modern or modern classical. You could say anything from plain chant to boogie woogie (but I don't like rap!).

I was a District Scout Council Chairman and then Chair of the appointments committee for forty years. I only retired last year from the committee of the Albermarle Centre where we assisted people with mental or physical disabilities to integrate into society.

I love reading poetry and particularly Francisco Petrarch, I feel he is talking about his faith and this resonates with me.

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

I came to Holy Trinity because Barbara had changed allegiance from St Andrews and started attending Holy Trinity where our friend Ian Seward was Vicar. After one year I joined her and following my service at the altar at St Andrews, I carried that on at Holy Trinity and when the time came to give up, I was very sorry.

Barbara and I were both Church Wardens at Trinity, I served for six years, then Barbara for six years and then me again with John Godley. Between us, Barbara and I served some twenty years as Church Wardens.

Barbara was my rock, my advisor, my girl-friend, my lover and my wife. She was my everything and I miss her more than I can say. The time I was able to spend with her is precious to me.

During my last term as Warden, the then organist resigned, having started an appeal to restore the organ. The ball was in play, but no one was there to catch it, so I reluctantly volunteered to take on the fundraising (it wasn't my first priority) however with the help of many people we did raise over £100,000 and the organ was rebuilt. I like to stay at the end of the service just to listen to it and reflect!

I am from a very small family, our church is my extended family, I am comfortable here. My faith is my anchor.

Thank you Pat, it was a pleasure to speak with you today, I had no idea you had been a Church Warden for such a long time, you are very much part of the fabric of our church.

Pauline Holt



THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

will be visiting the following:

10 August	The Half Moon, Stoke St Mary
14 September	The Royal Oak, Hillcommon
12 October	The Hankridge Arms, Taunton
9 November	The Lamb & Flag, Blagdon Hill
14 December	Pickeridge Golf Club

Due to lack of interest in the Cream Tea proposed for Sunday 10th August at Maunsell Lock, I have booked The Half Moon at Stoke St Mary for Sunday lunch (roast is an option) for the usual time of 12.15. Please let me know by 3rd August if you would like to join us.

Please see above for the dates and venues for the remainder of the year. 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 arrange transport beforehand with one of the drivers

Wendy Burge

A RECIPE FOR AUGUST

KENTISH PORK, SAGE AND APPLE PASTIES

A very simple and tasty pork pastry. Makes 4 – 6 pasties.

Ingredients

For the pastry:

4-6 shortcrust or puff pastry circles

For the filling:

400g Lean pork

200g Onion

400g Cooking Apples

2 tbsp Lemon juice

4 Fresh sage leaves or 1 tsp dried sage

Sea salt and black pepper

1 egg, beaten with 2 tbsp milk for glazing



Method

- Make the pastry circles.
- Dice the pork quite small; peel, grate or finely chop the onion.
- Peel, quarter and core the apples and finely slice across the quarters directly into a mixing bowl, with the lemon juice.
- Finely chop and mix in the fresh sage with the apple or sprinkle over the dried sage, then add the pork and onion.
- Spoon the filling on to half of each pastry circle, leaving a 2.5cm border. Season the filling.
- Brush the pastry border with water, then fold over the flap of pastry and press round the edge to seal. Then paint the seal sparingly with water and working from one end turn up the edge in small tucks to give a distinctive ridged pastry finish.
- Paint with the egg wash and prick with a fork.
- Put pasties on a lined baking sheet and bake in a preheated oven at 200°C, gas 6, for 20 – 30 minutes until the pastry is puffed and golden.

Contributed by Mary Patey

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE



As a teenager in the 1960s I sang out 'All you need is love' at the top of my voice. I embraced the idea of loving everyone, or at the very least, trying to. As I grew older, I realised that this was not as easy as it sounded. Cynical or experience?

So where do we find this Love? It starts with family, I believe. Biological family and those we choose to be our family, including God. We quite rightly sing and pray about the Glory of God, but it is in the intimate, homely images of God that I feel most comfortable.

Do you have a favourite hymn verse or sentence from the Bible? Words which really mean something over all time, something personal, comforting, reassuring.

Mine is from Psalm 91: 'Under his wings you will find a refuge'.

The psalm likens God to a hen bird who, when her chicks are worried or in danger in any way, collects them under her wings for safety and the shares the very warmth of her body; even defending them against the foe with her life. Sound familiar?

The parable of the woman who sweeps the house to find a coin, is very real. We all know what the coin stands for, us! But the plain image is so comforting. Jesus, perhaps watching Mary, had seen this sort of activity and related directly to it to demonstrate the Love God has for us. Searching for us, tirelessly. Rejoicing when we are 'found'.

Other words of comfort I find in the Blessing so familiar to us all, 'The Lord bless you and keep you...' It builds in intensity as each sentence is added to the climax, the final sentence. Which reminds me of a mother, smiling down at the child, held in her arms,

'May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us
and give us peace.'

Do you have any words or hymns which 'speak' to you, comfort you and give you peace? Share them with us, please.

Trudi Watkins

OH, I WISH I'D LOOKED AFTER ME TEETH

by Pam Ayres

It's August and time for holidays, sunshine and fun and yes, I would have liked to have used the Lion and Albert, but sadly it's just too long, so I thought something by a popular living poet would raise a smile or two.

Pam Ayres rose to fame with her humorous poems when her first broadcast (in her Berkshire accent) on Radio Oxford was picked up on BBC Radio 4's 'Pick of the Week; and the rest is, as they say, 'history.' She is a keen and knowledgeable gardener and a bee keeper.



*Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth,
And spotted the perils beneath,
All the toffees I chewed,
And the sweet sticky food,
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.*

*I wish I'd been that much more willin'
When I had more tooth there than fillin'
To give-up gobstoppers,
From respect to me choppers,
And buy something else with me shillin'.*

*When I think of the lollies I licked,
And the liquorice all sorts I picked,
Sherbert dabs, big and little,
All that hard peanut brittle
My conscience gets horribly pricked.*

*My mother, she told me no end,
'If you got a tooth, you got a friend.'
I was young then, and careless
My toothbrush was hairless,
I never had much time to spend.*

*Oh, I showed them the toothpaste all right,
I flashed it about late at night,
But up and down brushin'
And pokin' and fussin'
Didn't seem worth the time - I could bite!*

*If I'd known I was paving the way
To cavities, caps and decay,
The murder of fillin's
Injections and drillin's
I'd have thrown all me sherbert away.*

*So I lay in the old dentist's chair,
And gaze up his nose in despair
And his drill it whine,
In these molars of mine.
Two amalgam,' he'll say, 'for in there.'*

*How I laughed at my mother's false teeth,
As they foamed in the waters beneath.
But now comes the reckonin'
It's me they are beckonin'
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.*



Pat Hitchcock

HOLY TRINITY *200* Club WINNERS

June 2025

1st	Lindsay Edmunds	£64.50
2nd	No 2nd prize winner - money rolled over to next month	£38.70
3rd	Lindsay Edmunds	£25.80

MAGAZINE DEADLINE: Wednesday 20th August 2025

NEWS FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, FURNHAM

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

***Fr Stephen Lowe** celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday 29th June at the Good Shepherd. His college friend **Fr Francis Jakeman** preached at the service on 'Called, Sanctified, Set Apart'. This article is based on his sermon.*



1971 – The ‘boys’ met at theological college outside Oxford and bonded straight away. They’d both studied the sciences, so theology took some working out! Fr Stephen got the hang quite quickly!

50 years ago - Harold Wilson, Prime Minister; inflation 27%; we joined the European Economic Community; ordinations were fewer. Fr Francis reminded us that this was life in Zechariah’s time too, as he preached to the Israelites, encouraging them, assuring them of God’s presence with dreams of lampstands and olive trees. Fr Stephen also used physical objects in worship to assure us of God’s presence; candles, statues, to add to the sense of mystery.

His awareness of God’s presence extended way beyond worship – out into the natural world. His love of camping led him to explore creation theology, with visits to Ireland and recently to Wales, and his desire to ‘keep his feet on the ground’ resulted in going without shoes - or socks! 50 years ago - the Church’s response to people’s apathy was to bring its liturgy up to date, so the Eucharist was rewritten in modern English; architecture was altered with nave altars so that the priest faced the congregation and made the Eucharist feel like a meal shared together. For some, these changes removed the sense of mystery. For Fr Stephen these changes were important and added to the experience of fellowship, the experience of transcendence.

Becoming a priest meant joining St Peter in declaring the truth of Jesus, that he was the Messiah, the Son of God. The two students learnt that it doesn’t make the priest any better than anyone else, but it does lay on them the call to share the ‘Good News’ of personal salvation.

Recalling the anxieties of the 1970's it may help to reassure us that God still has things up his sleeve that we don't yet know about! Having Fr Stephen here, after all that time, is a powerful reminder of God's determination to care for his flock until the end of time. Being willing to trust God for your personal wellbeing is an important part of ministry. Worldly wealth was never important for Fr Stephen, and his easy-going approach to life was reinforced by his time in Papua New Guinea. The tales he tells of the people he met there, emphasise the delight that they clearly took in life itself, despite the many challenges they faced.

Being a priest can bring a sense of loneliness. His Ordination Service in 1975 made it clear, priests cannot bear the weight of their ministry in their own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. They were urged to pray for the Holy Spirit. The bishop asked the people to uphold each one. This is vital. We must pray for our priests, encouraging them in any way we can.

Fr Stephen found a soul mate in Stella and she, along with other friends and colleagues, have sustained him over the years.

The most visible part of Fr Stephen's ministry has been celebrating the Eucharist - a Greek word simply meaning giving thanks! June 29th 2025, a day for us to give thanks for 50 years of ministry; for all the blessings that his ministry has brought and for all the blessings God has given him through this special calling.

Dawn Fletcher

CONCERT AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD

£475 was very joyfully raised on a sultry evening, 12th July, as we were entertained by the wonderfully named 'Chaffcombe Reservoir Dogs Ukulele Band' - and then the 'Blackdown Acappella Group'. It really was a concert of 2 halves - the first taken up with the ukuleles, playing/singing a mix of blues & popular songs in a very jaunty way.





The second half saw just 15 ladies harmonising - popular songs, ballads and choruses from musicals, with a great deal of feeling and clear enjoyment.

Our thanks must go to those who performed, those who organised and those who catered to create a very enjoyable evening - with a difference.

Laura Wishart

THE CALVARY CROSS PROJECT

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Chard, is Grade II listed (British Listed Buildings.)

The Calvary Cross was erected at the Church after the First World War in the early 1920's - a memorial to soldiers from the community who lost their lives. It is listed with the War Memorial Trust as an 'Oak Structure, with two Name Plaques'. It was set in a Ham stone plinth and secured with limestone.



2013 the Cross underwent cleaning and had an oil-based treatment to the wood. At some point concrete was added which may have encouraged water absorption into the wood, weakening the structure.



2021/2022 the Cross fell during a storm (damage listed on 2022 War Memorial Trust Grant application). Thankfully, the community came to the rescue. It was stored in a safe damp proof place, the plaques staying in church.

Prior to the damage, Holyrood School made a YouTube video: 'The life of a Chard soldier - Charles Percy Mayne'.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ewu1gYOV7jg&t=5s&authuser=0>



Repair Project 2023

We started the long procedure to repair/re-install the Calvary Cross, but a simple repair and re-installation proved more complicated, and after several failed attempts to find a carpenter, the project had not moved forward in 2024. There were complex requirements for securing finance. However, in 2024 we did manage to secure three estimates but still required 'Applications for Licence', and 'Statements of Need' for the diocese.

2024 – 2025 In order to ensure the Calvary Cross would be stable and withstand storms, we sought specialist conservation advice (and discovered the timber was teak, not oak!)

Plan to date:

- The Cross is in fairly good condition, lower end of main beam needs replacing.
- Timber plaques require some work to restore damage to bottom.
- Hamstone plinth to be dismantled into sections & replaced; timber remnants removed.
- Applications have been and are being submitted
- There has been some media interest.
- Re-installation Aim - REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025, to involve 'community', the Mayor, Royal British Legion etc.

As a War Memorial alone it is important that the Calvary Cross is repaired and re-installed, to remember all who lost their lives protecting our country, community and way of life. The Cross is a substantial structure in a busy part of Chard, remembered fondly by many, young and old. It is part of the identity of this community, and of the Good Shepherd Church.



Jane Nicholas

FUTURE EVENTS

29th August, 7.30pm - Phoenix Brass Concert

August 4th – 8th - Chard Churches Together Holiday Club

Please pray for those taking part

ALL IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

It was:

- 1,700 years ago, on 25th August 325 that the First Council of Nicaea ended with the adoption of the Nicene Creed. It summarised the Christian faith and established the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.
- 250 years ago, on 5th August 1775 that the first Europeans entered San Francisco Bay. Spanish explorer Juan de Ayala and his crew on the ship San Carlos explored and mapped the bay.
- 150 years ago, on 4th August 1875 that Hans Christian Andersen, Danish writer, died. Best known for his fairy tales.
- 125 years ago, on 25th August 1900 that Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher and philologist, died. His work had a major impact on modern intellectual history.
- 100 years ago, on 5th August 1925 that the Welsh nationalist political party Plaid Cymru was founded.
- 90 years ago, on 21st August 1935 that John Hartley, British tennis player, died. The only clergyman to win Wimbledon, in 1879 & 1880.
- 80 years ago, on 6th August 1945 that the US Army Air Forces dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima in Japan, and on 9th August, on Nagasaki.
- 75 years ago, on 15th August 1950 that Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, was born.
- 60 years ago, on 6th August 1960 that the Beatles' Album HELP! was released.
- 50 years ago, on 20th August 1975 that NASA launched its Viking 1 space probe on a mission to Mars.
- 25 years ago, on 4th August 2000 that Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrated her 100th birthday.
- 20 years ago, on 22nd August 2005 that the last Israeli settlers left the Gaza strip, ending 38 years of occupation.
- Also 20 years ago, from 23rd to 30th August 2005 that Hurricane Katrina hit the Bahamas, Cuba and southern US states. The city of New Orleans was flooded by 80 per cent. More 1,800+ people died.
- 15 years ago, on 5th August 2010 that the Copiapo Mining Accident in Chile took place. 33 workers were trapped for 69 days.
- 10 years ago, on 1st August 2015 that Cilla Black, pop singer and TV presenter died.

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