

HOLY TRINITY TAUNTON

OUTLOOK



October 2023

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OCTOBER



2023

FR JULIAN WRITES...

There was a recent article in the Catholic Herald (for some reason it popped up on my phone!) the headline being: *The Christian Age: The C of E shows us why not to cave into the spirit of the age*. The article (available on line) was based on the findings of a poll undertaken by the Times newspaper, and I quote from the Herald's article:

‘Perhaps the most troubling aspect of the poll was that it found, as the paper reported, “a strong desire among rank-and-file priests for significant changes in church doctrine on issues such as sex, sexuality, marriage and the role of women to bring it into greater line with public opinion. A majority want the church to start conducting same-sex weddings and drop its opposition to pre-marital and gay sex.”’

The paper admits that the survey was only based on the replies of just over 1200 clergy, but it concludes that ‘being in line with’ public opinion has not halted the C of E's decline. Indeed, Scandinavian churches, who have embraced conforming to society have fared the worst of all churches.

Whilst acknowledging that this article doesn't do much to encourage ecumenism, it has to be said that the C of E in the last 30 years has done much to make ecumenical relations between the main churches of the west and of the east (Rome and Orthodoxy) very fraught, resulting in further distancing and the fragmentation of the Body of Christ. And it is interesting to note that the biggest growth in church attendance has been in churches with a more literal and less sacramental approach to scripture and liturgy, or else in the ‘traditional’ approach practised in cathedrals and some parish churches, including Holy Trinity.

It is an age-old conundrum: transforming society or conforming to it. Indeed St Paul, writing to the Ephesians remarked: We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. There is a danger that we interpret scripture through what might be termed the 'Chinese whispers' school of theology. 'Chinese whispers' is that parlour game when a message is transferred by word of mouth from person to person with the result that the final message is very different than that at the beginning.

I am not for one moment suggesting that the C of E should erect barricades and hold the truth firmly within. That is not how mission and outreach is effected. But we, part of the universal Church have to have a clear understanding on what she believes to be the truth, based on the scripture, reason and tradition, by which we can engage positively with wider society. We cannot have the arrogance to think that as a very small, and diminishing, part of the Church, we have a hot line to the Holy Spirit, denied to others, and that doctrine can be decided on a vote of hands in General Synod, an institution in which those who should be the guardians of our faith and belief – the bishops – are themselves pressured by the House of Clergy (many of whom have little understanding of theology and teaching) and the House of Laity (who have even less).

Now it sounds like I'm having a conservative rant against the C of E, which without doubt is very different to that Church into which I was ordained 35 years ago. I am not. However, I look back to origins of the Catholic tradition in the C of E to which we hold fast through the teachings and practice of the Tractarians. John Henry Newman 190 years ago recalled a moribund and increasingly faithless C of E to its origins which lie before the Reformation in his 'Tracts for the Times'. He and his colleagues' prophetic ministry did effect a seismic change, and no church in the C of E was unaffected

Does what happened then need to happen now?

With my prayers and good wishes

Fr Julian

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

2nd Holy Guardian Angels In Matthew 18.10 Jesus warns his hearers not to despise the 'little ones' for they have their angels in heaven. From the 4th century they have been commemorated in the Church, and celebrated from the 11th century, but they are also part of the tradition of ancient Judaism.

4th St Francis of Assisi (c1181 - 1226) Perhaps downgraded to a sort of Christian Dr Dolittle, because of his affinity with animals, Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone was an Italian mystic and Catholic friar who founded the Franciscans. He was inspired to lead a life of poverty as an itinerant preacher. Francis was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX



on 16 July 1228. He is usually depicted in a brown habit with a rope around his waist with three knots, symbolizing the three Franciscan vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The Anglican mother house for Franciscan monks today is at Alnmouth, Northumberland, and there is another community based at Hilfield, Dorchester.

9th St John Henry Newman 21 February 1801 – 11 August 1890) was an English theologian, academic, philosopher, scholar and poet. Ordained into the C of E, he was a founding father of the Oxford Movement, who through his 'Tracts' transformed the C of E. He has written a number of hymns (Praise to the Holiest and Firmly I believe and truly) as well as the epic poem, set to music, The Dream of Gerontius. He seceded to Rome, and was made a cardinal, and was declared a saint in 2019.



12th St Wilfrid (c. 633 – 709 or 710) was an English bishop and saint. Born a Northumbrian noble, he entered religious life as a teenager and studied at Lindisfarne, Canterbury, in Francia, and at Rome; he returned to Northumbria in about 660, and became the Abbot of a newly founded monastery at Ripon. In 664 Wilfrid acted as spokesman for the Roman position at the Synod of Whitby, and became famous for his speech advocating that the Roman method for calculating the date of Easter should be adopted. His success prompted the king's son, Alhfrith, to appoint him Bishop of Northumbria.

13th St Edward the Confessor (c. 1003 – 1066) St Edward is considered the last of the Kings of Wessex. He is considered a pious and faithful person, and was made a saint for the way he lived his life, not through martyrdom. He was one of the patron saints of England (before St George replaced him) and is buried at Westminster Abbey, where his shrine still attracts pilgrims.



18th St Luke (d. 84) Luke the Evangelist is one of the Four Evangelists—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical gospels. The Early Church Fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He is the patron saint of artists, doctors, bachelors, surgeons, butchers and students. His symbol is an ox.



28th St Simon and St Jude (both martyred? in Persia c. 65) St Simon is not the same as Simon Peter, but ‘the Zealot’, a title perhaps reflecting his social sympathies. He is mentioned in the first three gospels and Acts by name, but with no further details. He may be Jesus’ cousin through Joseph. St Jude is also known as Thaddeus. He is not to be confused with Judas, the disciple who was to betray Jesus.

GOOD SHEPHERD

As the 29th October is the fifth Sunday of the month, we shall be pleased to join the congregation at the Good Shepherd, Furnham at 9.45am. It is always a joy to be able to worship together. The GS people will be coming to us on New Year’s Eve!



COFFEE MORNING

Our grateful thanks to Cheryl, Liz and Wendy for organising the Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Also thanks to those who provided delicious cakes, raffle prizes, and served, and who supported it. Over £500 was raised. Well done and thank you all.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

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

1 TRINITY 17 *Theme: Harvest Thanksgiving*
Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18; 2 Corinthians 9.6-15; Luke 12.16-30

2 Mon Holy Guardian Angels
4 Wed S. Francis of Assisi, Friar (1226)
6 Fri S. Bruno, Priest & Monk (1101)

8 TRINITY 18 *Theme: The Lord's Vineyard*
Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

9 Mon S. Denys, Bp & Mtr (250) S. John Henry Newman, Pr (1890)
10 Tue S. Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary (644)
11 Wed S. Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking (675)
12 Thu S. Wilfrid of Ripon, Missionary (709)
13 Fri S. Edward the Confessor, King of England (1066)
14 Sat S. Callistus, Pope & Martyr (222)

15 TRINITY 19 *Theme: The Lord's Great Banquet*
Readings: Isaiah 25.1-9; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

16 Mon Nicholas Ridley & Hugh Latimer, Martyrs (1555)
17 Tue S. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr (107)
18 Wed S. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
19 Thu Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, Polish Priest & Martyr (1984)

22 TRINITY 20 *Theme: God and Caesar*
Readings: Isaiah 45.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

23 Mon S. John of Capistrano, Franciscan Priest, (1456)
25 Wed SS. Crispin & Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome (287)
26 Thu Alfred the Great, King and Scholar, (899)
28 Sat SS. SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

29 LAST AFTER TRINITY *Theme: The Commandment of Love*
Readings: Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18; 1 Thess 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46

31 Tue All Hallows (Saints) Eve



Give
Thanks!

WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

As John Keats so eloquently puts it in his poem "Autumn" we approach the:

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;



But this reminds us of what we experience personally when we recall and celebrate first the Spring when the seed is planted, the Summer when we watch it grow and now the Autumn when we reap the harvest. Throughout the church in general and, of course, at Holy Trinity Church, Taunton we give thanks for the harvest produced in so many diverse ways, some not immediately recognised.

It provides us with an opportunity to thank God for all that He has provided for us during the past year, particularly in material goods, gifts and talents. Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be on **Sunday 1st October 2023** which we have traditionally combined with our **Gift Day**. It seems very appropriate to link these two because, with so much produce readily available these days, the practice of actually bringing produce to church is much reduced and therefore Gift Day enables us to show our appreciation in financial terms instead for the very existence of the Church and for the continuation of its work and traditions in this place.

Being quite frank, as well as an expression of thanks Gift Day provides a very important part of our income and I would ask you to bear that in mind when making your gift. I make no apology in pointing out again this year that if you pay Income Tax in any form, whether by deduction or otherwise, you can 'gift aid' your donation thus adding 25% to its value with no cost to you. This is a simple process, by completing the declaration on the reverse of the envelope provided. If you are unable to come on 1st October please send your donation to me at the Parish Office.

As in that very familiar hymn 'He only is the maker of all things near and far ...' so let us give Him thanks for our very existence as well of all that He provides.

John Rudge, Hon Parish Treasurer

A RECIPE FOR OCTOBER

ANGLESEY EGGS

Anglesey eggs make a simple and inexpensive supper or lunch dish that can be made in advance, refrigerated and then baked as needed. This recipe can easily be halved.

Ingredients

1kg/2lb potatoes, peeled, boiled and mashed

4 - 6 leeks depending on size, trimmed, washed and sliced into not too small pieces

Butter

1 tablespoon plain flour

300 mls/½ pint milk

60g/2oz plus an extra 2 tablespoons mature Cheddar grated

6 - 8 eggs hard boiled and cut into halves or quarters

Salt and pepper



Method

- Gently stew the leeks in a good tablespoon of melted butter in a covered pan over low heat until soft.
- Crush into the cooking juices once soft and mix well into the potatoes. Season.
- Make the cheese sauce by melting another generous tablespoon of butter in a small saucepan, stir in the flour and then add the milk whisking over a low heat until it comes to the boil then cook gently stirring for a few minutes. Turn off the heat and add the grated cheese.
- Butter a suitably sized oven proof dish and spread over the potato and leek mix. Arrange the eggs over the top pushing gently into the vegetables.
- Pour over the cheese sauce and scatter over the two tablespoons of reserved grated Cheddar.
- Bake in a moderately hot oven until golden brown and bubbling.

A good dish for vegetarians but can also be served alongside boiled gammon or ham.

Contributed by Alys Williams



**Saturday 2nd December
11am - 2pm**

All donations for the Christmas Fair hampers have now been signed for, thank you. Please do not start bringing items to Church until 1st October, there will be a gold box at the back of Church for gifts. If you are able to give a monetary donation towards the meat voucher please see Wendy, from 1st October.

Raffle tickets are now on sale, please see Liz Hathway if you are able to sell any for friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues.

Help will be needed on the day setting up from 9.00 am and afterwards packing down and tidying the hall.

Small items would be appreciated for the Pick a Straw, cakes, savouries and any jams/chutney would be very welcome for the relevant stalls. Any bottles, not necessarily alcohol, would be welcomed for the bottle stall. Please check dates on any items donated to ensure they are well in date.

If you have any ideas for new stalls or have any queries please see me.

Wendy Burge



Sunday 22nd October 2023 at 3pm

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Holy Trinity has been supporting Lendwithcare for some years. To remind you, Lendwithcare brings together entrepreneurs in low-income countries with the people that have the power to help them - people like us. Run by CARE International UK, one of the world's leading poverty fighting organisations, Lendwithcare is a revolutionary way to help people to work their way out of poverty with dignity.

How does it work? Entrepreneurs approach one of Lendwithcare's local partners for a loan. If their plans for their business show promise, their loan is approved and they can get started. The local partner adds the entrepreneur's profile to the Lendwithcare website where they will join other entrepreneurs from different locations across the globe. The Lendwithcare website keeps all entrepreneur profiles updated so lenders can see how their business is progressing.

Entrepreneurs pay back their loans in instalments to local partners, who in turn transfer these repayments to CARE International. The credit repayments are added to the Holy Trinity Lendwithcare account. Once the account repayments reach £15 I look for another entrepreneur to support so we can help more low-income entrepreneurs to turn their hopes for a better future into reality.

Holy Trinity started Lendwithcare in 2018, it has supported 116 entrepreneurs, which has helped to create 112 jobs. But the support has a wider impact than just the entrepreneur, in supporting the entrepreneur, their success helps their families and communities to grow and flourish.

Holy Trinity currently has 21 loans helping entrepreneurs in Ecuador, Vietnam, Peru, Philippines, Zambia, Palestinian Territories, Pakistan and Malawi. The loan repayments received over the last few months have meant we have been able to support three new loan recipients; Marco a farmer from Peru, who raises and sells cattle, he also grows passion-fruits, garlic and chilli. Rosa is a farmer from Ecuador who grows potatoes on a two hectare plot, harvesting and selling twice a year.

This month we were able to support Maritza, a micro-entrepreneur who cultivates her own land and raises small animals. She sells her produce to market vendors or directly on the streets. When she goes to deliver her products, she hires a neighbour to transport them to various markets where she has regular customers who order her products weekly. Additionally, every three months, she sells her chickens for £12 each.

Maritza embarked on her agricultural and livestock venture about three years ago. She initially started with small plots for growing cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, cilantro, chard, potatoes, beans, peppers, and more. Currently, she manages her microenterprise single-handedly and, in her spare time, she assists her children with their homework. She makes an average of £1,299 in sales per month, of which £774 is used to purchase supplies and rent land. After deducting expenses, she is left with a net profit of £524. Additionally, she earns £192 per month working as a domestic helper three days a week. Thanks to her hard work, Maritza has been able to cover her family's expenses and acquire furniture and household items. Her microenterprise has experienced favourable growth. She not only cultivates crops on her own land but also leases additional land to expand her production. Consequently, she is now looking to invest so she can lease another piece of land and purchase farming supplies and chickens to further increase her production.

I thoroughly enjoy reading the stories and being inspired by the hard work and perseverance of all the entrepreneurs who Lendwithcare support. Thank you for your support.

Jo Bailey

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August 2023

1st	Pat Franklin	£53.25
2nd	Jason Stevens	£31.95
3rd	Jean Dalzell	£21.30

We would like to thank all churches who have supported Taunton Foodbank in the past collecting much needed food items, particularly at Harvest time.

Last year Taunton Foodbank provided food to 4,683 adults and 3,069 children in our local community. This required over 86 tonnes to provide these people with emergency support. With demand growing year on year in the food bank, your help and assistance will be invaluable in providing support to people that need it.

We would like to ask if you would like to help us again this year to make a difference in our area? Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Our *Top Five* items on our priority list are:

Tinned Soup

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Meat

Long Life Fruit Juice

Treats & Snacks



Each complete foodbank box contains items which are designed to fit together to provide 3 days nutritionally balanced meals. The above list doesn't reflect the full range of items given out, just the ones we are currently short of. We currently have high stock levels of baked beans, cereal and tea bags.

We would encourage donations from our *Top Five* list to help us balance our stock levels, but any donations are much appreciated. Thank you for your time and support.

Taunton Foodbank

Holy Trinity will be supporting the Foodbank once again this Harvest.

Editor

SMILE LINE

A chicken and a pig were walking by a church where a charity event was taking place. Getting caught up in the spirit of the fun, the chicken suggested to the pig that they each contribute to the meal. 'Let's offer them ham and eggs!' 'Not so fast,' said the pig. 'For you, that's a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment.'

From the Parish Pump

FUNDS

In recent weeks, the PCC's funds have been significantly boosted, firstly by a legacy in excess of £25,000 from the estate of the late Thelma Cridge, and then by £250,000, a grant from the Trustees of 17 Trinity St (the former Club premises). Holy Trinity's legacy policy ensures that Thelma's money is put into reserve and not used for general housekeeping. According to the 1939 Deed of Conveyance, the Trustees had to sell 17 Trinity Street if no other use could be found for it. As it had been trashed, literally, by the Club before the Trustees were able to gain access a year later it had no real commercial future. The Trustees decided to give HT the money on the sole understanding that it was used for the provision of a new church hall. So as well as being very grateful to them and Thelma, we've got quite a bit of work to do!

Fr Julian

CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND STEWARDSHIP

	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>
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Hall Rents	£96	£391
Magazine Adverts	£0	£45
Expenses - GSF	£0	£376
Social Events – BBQ	£0	£150
Sunday Raffles	£123	£88

MAGAZINE DEADLINE: Wednesday 18th October 2023

ALL IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

It was:

- 150 years ago, on 1st Oct 1873 that Edwin Landseer, artist and sculptor, died. Known for his animal paintings, and for his famous lion sculptures at the base of Nelson's Column in London.
- 90 years ago, on 17th Oct 1933 that physicist Albert Einstein arrived in the USA as a refugee from Nazi Germany.
- 80 years ago, on 17th Oct 1943 that the Burma Railway was completed. The Japanese built it using Asian labourers and Allied prisoners-of-war, thousands of whom died. One of the railway bridges is the famous film *Bridge over the River Kwai*.
- 75 years ago, on 27th Oct 1948 that the Morris Minor car was launched at the British Motor Show in London. It cost £358.
- 70 years ago, on 30th Oct 1953 that former US Secretary of State George Marshall was awarded the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize for engineering the Marshall Plan.
- 65 years ago, on 1st Oct 1958 that Michael Bond's children's book *A Bear Called Paddington* was published. It marked the debut appearance of Paddington Bear.
- 60 years ago, on 15th Oct 1963 that the term 'Beatlemania' first appeared in the Daily Mirror newspaper in the UK. It described the intense, frenzied reaction of fans of the Beatles.
- 40 years ago, on 5th Oct 1983 that Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity movement in Poland (and later President of Poland) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Also 40 years ago, on 25th Oct 1983 that Microsoft Word 1.0 was released. It was the first version of the popular word processor, and Microsoft's first full-featured application.
- 30 years ago, on 15th Oct 1993 that South African leaders Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk, won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end apartheid.
- 25 years ago, on 16th Oct 1998 that David Trimble and John Hume won the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize for brokering the Northern Ireland peace accord.
- 20 years ago, on 19th Oct 2003, that Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II and given the title Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. (She was canonised as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.)

From the Parish Pump



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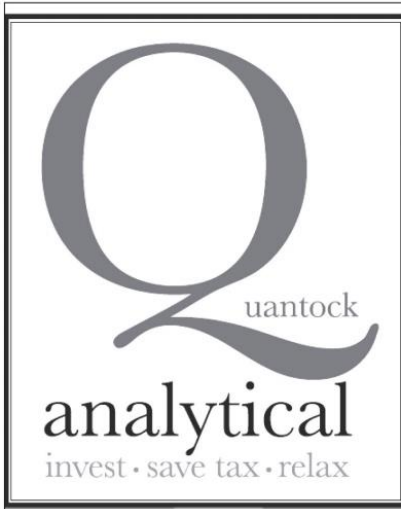
All bookings are for 12.15. Please let me know if you would like to go to any of the venues at least *1 week prior to the date of the meal* so that I can confirm numbers with the venue.

Wendy Burge



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