Parish News
Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield

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DECEMBER/JANUARY 2014
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Times of Services (Check Bulletins and notices or Church web site)
Sundays
8am    Eucharist (Traditional language)
9.30am Sung Eucharist (coffee afterwards)
6pm    Evensong, Compline, etc
Weekday Eucharist
10am   Wednesdays
12 noon Fridays (Traditional language)
        with lunch out afterwards
Daily (not Sundays) Morning and Evening Prayer at 8.30am and 5.30pm
        (please enter via the north door opposite the Saxon Church.
Church opening times April to September: the church is usually open to
         visitors on weekdays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Times of Meetings
Choir Practice  6.30pm Church, Tuesdays
Team Trinity    9.30am Guide HQ (1st and 2nd Sundays in
                the month, September to July, except Easter)
Mothers’ Union  7.30pm 3rd Thursday, Cedar Court, Berryfield Road, BoA.
Saxon Club      2-4pm  Every Tuesday except August, United Church Hall
Bell Practice   7.30-9pm 2nd and 4th Mondays
Benefice web-site www.brad-avon-HT.org.uk
Weekly Bulletin Notices to Sally Palmer-Walton not later than Wednesday
                      for the following Sunday.

Please let the Rector, an LLM, or any other member of the Pastoral
Care Team know if someone needs visiting at home or in hospital.
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DIARY FOR JANUARY

4 SUNDAY  THE EPIPHANY
9.30am  Festival Sung Eucharist (with incense)
6pm  Compline

8 Thursday  8pm  Contemplative Hour  St Mary Tory

11 SUNDAY  THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
9.30am  Sung Eucharist  Christ Church
6pm  Evensong

18 SUNDAY  THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
9.30am  ‘Sing Hosanna’ Eucharist
6pm  Evensong  Westwood

21 Wednesday  7.30pm  Deanery Synod (open to all)  St James, Trowbridge
with Bishop Nicholas

25 SUNDAY  CONVERSION OF PAUL
9.30am  Sung Eucharist
6pm  Evensong

WEEKLY GROUPS
Monday  7.30pm (fortnightly)  ‘Faith Explored’ (for venue ring 07989 930950)
Tuesday  10.30am  mainly music (a group for young children — school term only)
Thursday  11am  ‘Faith Explored’ except 18 December, Christmas Day and 1 January, Vicarage, 18A, Woolley Street

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral
Jeane ‘Pauline’ Lamble  27 October
The Friends of Holy Trinity present...

Christmas Tree Festival

December 9th - 14th
in Holy Trinity
10.30am - 6pm

Come and admire the trees, listen to live music and stay for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie!
‘Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people’.

So proclaims the prophet Isaiah – words we have shared daily at Morning Prayer in the rather special season which leads up to Advent. But what great words to celebrate and to mull over as we begin a new church year, and both end and begin the calendar year? And these words surely offer us the most profound way of looking at the incarnation of Jesus Christ? For God ‘did’ the most extraordinarily ‘new’ thing that first Christmastide! It was his own son ‘who sprung forth’ – the perennial question being do we perceive it?... But then, just as we are beginning to wonder, the glory of this ‘new thing’ is unpacked before our eyes. Who could possibly not be attracted (and perhaps awe-struck?) by that imagery of ‘a way in the wilderness’ and ‘rivers in the desert’?! So perhaps, at a time when we have all seen the images of the barren surface of a comet for the first time, we can keep the wonder of that ‘new thing’ to mind as we enter the sheer joy of these Seasons of Advent, Christmas and then Epiphany.

And we are not going to be short of ‘new things’ (a new PN Benefice cover for a start)! We start Advent as the Bradford Group worshipping altogether at Christ Church with the Dean of Salisbury, the Very Revd June Osborne, our first woman dean, installed in May 2004. We couldn’t have timed it better for, by then, the legislation enabling a woman to be a bishop in the Church of England will have been finally signed and sealed by both Houses of Parliament and General Synod. ‘Behold, I am doing a new thing’ – alleluia! So it will be especially good to have June present amongst us on that day and to hear her reflections as we start the new church year.

For us at Holy Trinity at least, it will almost undoubtedly be the start of a year when we begin to see some real action on the re-ordering of our church building. And as and when we have to move out for a while
when the work is carried out - ‘Behold, I am doing a new thing’ - that will we be a God-given opportunity for us to develop and strengthen our friendships within the Bradford Group – for we are, after all, ‘one body’ in Christ. But unlike the Children of Israel in exile whom Isaiah was encouraging, unlike Jesus, Mary and Joseph exiled to Egypt, and of course unlike the scandal of the millions of refugees scattered across the world, we shall soon be back to a glorious and holy new space which we shall be able to share with our community (but one, hopefully, without any more ‘rivers’ flowing through!).

Meanwhile... we can also look forward to the opening of ‘The Hub @ BA15’ in the new year which is a hugely exciting and innovative project where of course members of our local civic community and of BACT are serving together as trustees, with one of our local councillors in the chair. And at a time when I gather Wiltshire Council are having to make yet more cuts, it will become all the more valuable to the more vulnerable members (of all ages) of our community.

But first it is Christmas! So have a very blessed and joyous one and let us pray that we shall all be protected from the floods this year.... You will find the details of all the Services in the benefice as a centre spread. The Children’s Society was one of the inadvertent casualties in 2013, so do support them generously at Holy Trinity’s Crib and Christingle Service on Christmas Eve - we shall also be supporting again the ‘Children’s Relief Bethlehem’ Caritas Baby Hospital during Advent – and there will be a Kadugli Diocese Christmas Tree at our Festival with an opportunity to donate.

With my love and prayers and every blessing for Christmas and the New Year!
HELP FOR EBOLA VICTIMS

Christian Aid distributes emergency food aid to quarantined homes in Ebola ‘hotspots’

Christian Aid has delivered emergency food and hygiene kits to some of the most vulnerable families under quarantine in two of Sierra Leone’s Ebola ‘hotspots’ in order to prevent families from starving. Pregnant women, single mothers, people living with HIV, the elderly and young children were among the 2,100 quarantined residents being targeted in the eastern Kailahun district and in the rural Freetown suburb of Waterloo. The kits contain enough food to give a family a balanced diet for two weeks, including oil, tinned fish, rice and powdered milk. They also include essential hygiene materials.

With the national death rate now exceeding 1,000 and the infection rate rising sharply, Christian Aid is working with local health teams to identify the ‘at-risk’ households in quarantined areas. Since the outbreak began, Christian Aid partners have trained hundreds of local volunteers to reach 1.2 million people in Sierra Leone. To donate to Christian Aid’s Ebola response visit www.christianaid.org.uk/ebolacrisis.

NEWS FROM THE SUDAN

The main item on the October Deanery Synod agenda was the Sudan and our link with the Kadugli Diocese. Christopher Fielden reported that the Khartoum Government is providing arms to the rebels in the south in an attempt to regain the oilfields in the Upper Nile Region. Fighting is still continuing in Darfur and the White Nile and the promised referendum in Abyei has not yet taken place.

Meanwhile, in the South, there is no sign of a peace agreement being signed. Talks in Addis Ababa are regularly postponed and the international community is beginning to lose patience. All this is playing into the hands of Khartoum. Archbishop Daniel is heading up a Peace and Reconciliation Commission, but as he is a Dinka his independence might not be recognised.

The Province of Sudan has now been split into two, South Sudan and Sudan, with Bishop Ezekiel now becoming Archbishop Ezekiel of Khartoum. The Diocese of Kadugli is now split into at least five separate parts: (1) The part still under the control of the
Khartoum Government, centred on Kadugli town itself. As Bishop Andudu is now a wanted man in the north, this is being administered by Bishop Ishmael of El Obeid, who was seeking funding for the Church school. There are now no more than 150 Christians left in this area.

(2) The part held by rebels in the Nuba Mountains. They are largely living in caves and are constantly being bombed by Khartoum planes. The previous week a church had been destroyed with bombs. Fortunately, no-one was injured. (3) Juba, the centre of the present Diocesan structure, with its office. (4) Refugee camps in South Sudan and Uganda. (5) The diaspora – particularly in the US, based in Denver, Colorado.

Bishop Andudu had made three specific requests: that Bradford Deanery should send a delegate to the Kadugli Diocesan Synod in mid-November; that we might support delegates’ travel costs; and fund English instruction for Hanan Joseph, the new Diocesan M.U. Chair, who does not speak English.

Our Kadugli Support Committee felt that notice was too short to send anyone to the Synod and that financial support for the Synod itself was more the business of the Salisbury Diocesan Sudan Committee. They had been approached, but, to date, no reply had been received. It was felt that money should be sent from Bradford for Hanan’s English instruction.

Christopher challenged the Synod to pledge £10k for the Kadugli link before the next Deanery Synod in January. He gave suggestions as to needs with achievable costs. As well as Bishop Andudu’s requests these included: teachers’ salaries (about £1,500 pa); school uniforms (regarded as essential in the Sudan); school dinners; bicycles for diocesan staff; and solar chargers for laptops.

Synod members discussed how best to address this challenge. It was hoped that photographic evidence would show that money was being spent as requested. The Treasurer confirmed that channels for remitting the money were available and working. The maximum use of Gift Aid was stressed. It was suggested that the Retiring Collection at the BACT Advent Carol service at Holy Trinity might be an opportunity for this parish to raise money.

Anne Willis
TY MAWR RETREAT

In October we joined a short retreat led by Rev Ali Green. It took place in a delightful country house near Monmouth.

We chose to be silent most of the two days but the time went extremely quickly as we were given direction to guide our thoughts and topics for meditation. Each day we walked down through a field to join the community in the convent next-door for Eucharist in their beautiful chapel. We had many blessings – peace and quiet, country walks, an open fire and glorious autumn colours. We each had our different reasons for choosing to go away for two days and have returned refreshed and re-created!

Genevieve Roberts and Jill Wright

There will be another similar retreat April 27-29th 2015. If you'd like more information, please contact Ali on alig9@btinternet.com.

SOMETHING FOR THE SOUL

Singer Garth Hewitt will be appearing in concert at Holy Trinity Church next February. “Something For the Soul”, presented by Bradford-on-Avon Churches Together (BACT) with Bradford-on-Avon Friends of Palestine (BOAFOP) will be coming to town on Thursday February 12th at 7.30pm.

Garth has a special commitment to the Middle East. Singing songs and telling stories from around the world, he presents a moving, challenging spirituality that is both warm and inspiring. Tickets will be on sale at Ex Libris from January 12th.
CHRISTMAS MARKET TIME!

Markets and fairs are increasingly popular reminders that Christmas is coming. These started in Germany where there are over 100 each year, with a huge travel industry catering for visitors. But in the United Kingdom we have overtaken them. Last year we had 157, with Bath coming third in popularity behind Manchester and Belfast.

The Bath market started on the 29th November and continues until 14th December, with over 120 traditional chalets in the Abbey Yard as usual. The Mothers Union, ever practical, provides cheap cups of coffee with a slice of cake each year in Kingston Buildings, right in the heart of the fair. The money raised goes to providing free beginners’ cookbooks at the Freshers Fairs of the two Universities in Bath. They are very popular!

Longleat has its own ‘Christmas at Longleat’, on now until 4th January. Our own Christmas in Bradford on Avon got off to a fine start in November.

HELP FOR WOMEN’S EDUCATION IN SUDAN

Jill and I recently attended a reception in London to celebrate the first 12 years of Women’s Education Partnership. This charity supports women’s education in Sudan and South Sudan – the countries linked to our diocese.

Founded by the wife of the British Ambassador there, the charity has wide backing among influential people both there and in the UK, including young Sudanese professionals based in London. It does valuable work sponsoring 100 disadvantaged young women through university. It runs literacy programmes and provides eye care and health care in poor areas.

With only four administrative staff, overheads are low. Its motto is ‘Power to the powerless through education’. Its treasurer lives in Trowbridge and I can provide contact details to those interested in helping a wonderful and well-supported charity.

Hugh Wright
Arrangements are well in hand for the Friends of Holy Trinity Christmas Tree festival. There will be nearly 60 trees on display as well as the following programme of entertainment:

- Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} Courage Performers 6.30 pm
- Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} Simon Arnold Piano & Organ 3 - 4.30pm
- Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} English session musicians 3pm
- Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} Muriel & Malcolm 3 - 4pm
- Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} Courageous Choir 3.30pm
- Bradford Choral Concert 7.30pm “Christmas with Haydn and Handel”
- Saturday 13\textsuperscript{th} Courage Choir 2pm

With the exception of the Bradford Choral Concert, these are all free (though we will be inviting donations). Please come along and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

We still need help with stewarding. Please contact David Milne if you are able to help, even for a short time.

The Christmas Tree festival starts at 5pm on Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} December and lasts until Sunday 14\textsuperscript{th}. Opening times are 10.30am until 6.00pm each day (5pm on Monday and 11am on Sunday).
This Autumn Term, we have 25 children from 22 families attending and there are four families on our waiting list. Of course, there will not be a session during Christmas Tree Festival week but all the families will be encouraged to come to see all the trees and the children will be asked to colour in some pictures to put on the Mainly Music tree.

Our volunteers love mainly music to bits. It is marvellous to see the interaction between the children and us, the children and their parents and the children with other children. It brings smiles to our faces - well most of the time!

For our last session before Christmas, we are pleased that Revd Dr Ali Green is visiting to give us a story of Christmas. Myra Notman who runs a craft group has made some beautiful felt decorations that the children can pick from a bran tub, take home and hang on their own Christmas trees. We do get a lot of help from a lot of people.

We start in the new year on 6th January and I am sure that all of us will all be pleased to be back together again.

Marlene Haffenden

BRADFORD CHORAL CONCERT

Come and spend Christmas with Haydn and Handel!
Music includes Haydn’s Saint Nicholas Mass, Handel’s Part 1 of Messiah, and lots of traditional carols. The concert will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Friday, 12 December at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and available from Ex Libris bookshop or on the door.

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Crossword solutions

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.
DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada
A very well attended meeting began with prayers led by Angela followed by notices, which included a report of the Diocesan Council Meeting containing some new exciting initiatives concerning parenting and Internet safety. It also listed important dates for the next six months and beyond.

Our speaker was Sylvia’s brother-in-law Alan McCartney, a retired civil engineer who, while working in Sri Lanka in his company’s office had discovered documents and photos relating to the building (for the film of the same name) of the Bridge on the River Kwai. He gave us an illustrated potted history of how the Japanese came into the war beginning at Pearl Harbour and taking over South East Asia within four months. The railway (the so-called “Death Railway”), on which the bridge was situated, had to be built in order to provide supplies to the troops and had to cross the river Kwai. He reminded us that the film was based on a novel and not on actual facts. We discovered that the film had been largely made in Ceylon and Alan’s company had been approached to design a “photogenic” bridge. The chosen design was a double cantilever like the Forth railway bridge. It was built of wood (and some hidden steel!) with the help of many workers and elephants, who had to have a bathing break every day at 4pm!

David Lean and Alec Guinness disagreed over the portrayal of the British Army but as Lean was the director he had his way. Real engines were used in the final shot when the bridge was blown. We were then shown some pictures of the real bridge that was eventually blown by bombing from the air and then rebuilt after the war. We also saw two pictures of War Memorials to the soldiers (15,000) and the slaves from SE Asia (60,000+). Alan ended his fascinating talk by mentioning “the Railway Man”: a signals officer called Lomax who suffered greatly at the hands of his captors, particularly a Japanese interpreter. The two met long after the war on the Bridge where reconciliation was achieved (very appropriate at this special time of remembrance).

Ian gave the vote of thanks & Heather, Chris GJ and Mary D served refreshments. Dawn won the plant brought by Sylvia. Our next meeting will be our “Christmas Cracker” on the 18th December when we hope to have the menus for our post Christmas Dinner available! All welcome.

Ian and Sylvia
The Clifton Singers

directed by
Nicholas Barlow

LAND OF LOST CONTENT

A programme of British choral music heard as the First World War began, reflecting the peace and beauty of pre-war Britain. Composers include Holst, Parry and Stanford.

Holy Trinity Church,
Bradford on Avon

7pm, Sunday, 7 December, 2014

Admission free.
Retiring collection in aid of the Kadugli Diocese in Sudan.
Prayer paths—Child in the Manger

Exploring a byway on the Ross of Mull, I came across a lonely graveyard, far removed from the nearest village, and nearby a plaque pointing the way across the hills to “the ruined township of Shiaba”. Intrigued, I set off on my bike, abandoning it as the rough track soon ran out and heading off on foot across treeless moorland.

After an hour’s searching I stumbled upon Shiaba, or what remained of it. A group of scattered, ruined dwellings stood on a magnificent, isolated headland, looking out towards the restless sea, and now populated only by a few hardy sheep. As I approached the doorway of the only dwelling which could still boast walls of any height and fragments of a roof, I jumped back in alarm at a sudden movement inside the ruin—a sheep, probably more alarmed than I was, leapt into the air and straight through the window.

CLEARANCE

The history of Shiaba’s fall is a poignant one. Once a thriving farming community, tenants lived...
a hard but secure life, undisturbed by the threat of clearances. Their dry-stone homes housed both people and, in winter, animals. Children benefitted from some rudimentary education in a local schoolhouse.

In 1845 the inhabitants were shocked to receive an eviction notice from the Duke of Argyll, keen to make more of a profit by increasing numbers of sheep. They sent a petition to the Duke, together with a letter from the oldest inhabitant, Neil Mac-Donald, then approaching the age of 100. Their pleas were ignored.

**HOMELESS**

There is no record of the eviction itself or the inhabitants’ distress as they were made homeless. Some were moved elsewhere on Mull, where they attempted to make a living on less fertile land, and others emigrated to America, Canada and Australia.

Five other villages were also cleared, adding to the list of emigrants to the New World or crowding into already cramped areas on the island. In 1862, Tobermory built a poorhouse to deal with the increased numbers of famished and homeless islanders.

**POET**

One villager cleared to another part of the island was Mary MacLucas, who had married into the MacDonald family and who had borne ten children at Shiaba. A Baptist deeply versed in the scriptures, she composed Gaelic songs and hymns, which she would sing while busy at her spinning wheel. One of these was “Child in a Manger”, sung to the tune Bunessan (the nearest town to Shiaba, now familiar as the tune to “Morning Has Broken”).

How poignant that the poet who sang of the Christ as outcast and stranger was herself made a refugee, forced to flee from her home. And how fitting that, as we sing these words at Christmas, we remember those at the edges of our society who have no security, no homes, no livelihood.

_Ali_

**Child in the Manger**

Child in the manger,  
Infant of Mary  
Outcast and stranger,  
Lord of all  
Child who inherits  
All our transgressions  
All our demerits  
on Him fall
Richard Askew engages with John Betjeman in a seasonal reflection.

Betjeman’s poem stirs the authentic thrill of anticipation for me. Yes, I know my mind should be set upon the Four Last Things or perhaps the Seven Great “O”s, but my adult emotions remain totally unengaged; I’m still back in my childhood, anticipating Christmas presents. The supermarket’s syncopated carols fail to carry me on to a more adult appreciation of the season. I must try harder!

If I fail to fix my mind on themes such as Judgement, I can only approach the core of the Incarnation message via my memory. I remember the first time I visited the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. It was a bitter, rainy day in December and a small group of us approached Manger Square only to come upon a saddening sight. It was during the Intifada and the shopkeepers were on strike, refusing to open their shop, as an act of protest. The atmosphere was one of anger and confrontation, there close by the birthplace of the Prince of Peace.

At the ancient church, the low doorway compelled me to enter almost on all fours to approach the birthplace of the Saviour. Amazingly the underground cave was almost empty. I knelt down by the star set in the floor that marks the spot and bent down to kiss it. Here was the essential confrontation at the heart of the Christmas story: “He came unto his own and his own received him not”.

Betjeman goes to the heart of it all in his last three verses. The essential thing about Advent is surely the central event to which it looks forward. For “God was Man in Palestine and lives today in Bread and Wine”.

The Real Advent

The bells of waiting Advent ring, the Tortoise stove is lit again and lamp-oil light across the night has caught the streaks of winter rain in many a stained-glass window sheen, from Crimson Lake to Hooker’s Green.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS ACROSS THE BENEFICE
**Tuesday 9 - Sunday 14 December - Holy Trinity**

Christmas Tree Festival - the church will be open from 10.30am (11am on Sunday) to 6pm every day – come and enjoy the warmth, the friendly welcome, the refreshments, the musical interludes – not to mention some 60 Christmas trees introduced and decorated by as many local organisations, businesses, churches, charities.

A must if you have been before, and certainly a must if you haven’t! And all organised by ‘The Friends of Holy Trinity’. NB Sneak preview when the Felicity Courage Choir will perform at 6.30pm on Monday 8 December!

**Friday 12 December**

**6.30pm – St Mary, Wingfield**

Christmas Candlelight Concert with The Mead School Festival Choir – seasonal carols, songs and poems – with complimentary mulled wine and Mrs Robinson’s amazing mince pies in the interval – retiring collection – free entry, but numbers limited so please apply early to David Robinson on 01225 769018

**7.30pm – Holy Trinity**

Bradford on Avon Choral Society Christmas Tree Festival Concert – including Haydn's 'Mass in honour of Saint Nicolas' and all the usual carols and Christmas songs – with interval refreshments courtesy of The Friends of Holy Trinity

**Sunday 14 December - 9.30am – Holy Trinity**

Christmas Tree Festival Eucharist – Sung Eucharist with a Tree Festival theme!
**SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER**

**9.30am – Holy Trinity**

‘Sing Hosanna’ Eucharist with Nativity Tableau – a service with carols for all the family, and with the nativity story and tableau as a centrepiece – with thanks to the Team Trinity Music Group and to Team Trinity. Coffee and biscuits – or the Rector & Churchwardens’ sherry and mince pies (cheese straws!) to follow!

**9.30am – St Mary, Wingfield**

Family Carol Service – come dressed as your favourite nativity character!

**11.15am – St Mary the Virgin, Westwood**

Book of Common Prayer Mattins for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

**6pm – St Mary the Virgin, Westwood**

Carol Service with Nativity Tableau - and mulled wine and mince pies at The Manor to follow (come early to get a seat…)

**6pm – Holy Trinity**

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – come and hear our choir at its best for this very traditional and candlelit service which begins to prepare us for Christmas Day

**WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE**

**3pm – Holy Trinity**

Crib and Christingle Service – come early to get a seat (and a christingle) and be prepared to be squashed (but plenty of buggy parking available)! – and come dressed as your favourite nativity character – the best ever way to start Christmas - and we shall be supporting children in distress through the work of The Children’s Society
11.15pm – Holy Trinity and St Mary the Virgin, Westwood

Midnight Mass – we celebrate the First Eucharist of Christmas together on this holy night at the very ‘birth’ of Christmas Day – come and share the wonder, the mystery of ‘Emmanuel - Christ with us’

Thursday 25 December

Christmas Day

8am – Holy Trinity
Eucharist (Traditional Language)

9.30am – St Mary, Wingfield
Family Holy Communion with Carols - come early to get a seat!

10am – Holy Trinity
‘Sing Hosanna’ Eucharist with Carols – for all the family

11.15am – St Mary the Virgin, Westwood
Family Service with Carols - come early to get a seat!

Sunday 28 December

10am – Holy Trinity
Benefice Eucharist with Carols and Christmas Readings – as we have the chance to reflect a little more on the great Feast of Christmas
Bradford Choral presents
Christmas with Haydn & Handel

Bradford Choral Society, Orchestra and soloists
Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon. Friday 12 December, 7.30pm.
Tickets £10 available from Ex Libris bookshop or on the door.
Once again at Holy Trinity we are supporting the Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem – which is run by the charity ‘Children’s Relief Bethlehem’ - this Advent.

It seems a wonderfully appropriate focus for our reflections and our prayers at this time. Before we become immersed in the light and the joy of Christmas – the Feast of the Incarnation with its spotlight on the birth of the Son of God - we shall have the opportunity to journey through Advent alongside the suffering, the poverty and the all-but exile of the people – and especially the babies and young children - of Bethlehem today.

In 1952, a spontaneous action by Swiss priest Father Ernst Schnydrig, Palestinian physician Dr Antoine Dabdoub and Swiss nurse Hedwig Vetter resulted in the founding of Caritas Baby Hospital. They did not want to allow children in Bethlehem – the birthplace of Jesus Christ – to be denied qualified healthcare. Their promise, ‘We are there!’ continues to motivate and inspire the supporters of ‘Children’s Relief Bethlehem’ today. Today still, the needy receive treatment free of charge. Despite wars, occupations and shifts in the balance of power, the doors of Caritas Baby Hospital have remained open to all now for over 60 years. About 35,000 children live in the region around Bethlehem. When they become ill, Caritas Baby Hospital is the first place they go.

So please support the Children’s Hospital this Advent generously – and use the giant Christmas card (one kindly ‘prepared earlier’ by Margaret!) to send greetings to your friends in church. Thank you!

www.childrens-relief-bethlehem.org.uk

Joanna
ANNOUNCEMENT!

There will be a presentation to the Holy Trinity congregation on Thursday 4th December 2014, starting at 1800 (6pm) in the church.

About time too, we hear you cry!

Chedburn Dudley, Buro Happold and members of the Reordering Steering Group will present the proposed works and answer your questions on the project.

We have completed all our investigations to determine the limitations, restrictions and challenges. We have met with various advisors from the DAC and heritage organisations and taken on board their advice & comments.

Multiple options have been drawn, reviewed, revised, rejected, revived and finally we have a preferred overall scheme to take forward to DAC Approval and Planning.

We hope you will take this opportunity to join us, find out what the plan is and ask us lots of questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), the Community Area Network (BoACAN) and the Town Council have entered into a partnership to restore the ex-HSBC Bank building in Church Street into a community centre. This would contain a foodbank and offer debt advice and other practical aid to the most vulnerable within our community. The facility would also be available to all local community groups to use and be a centre for advice and information on all matters affecting the community.

A small management committee has been negotiating a three-year lease with the owners of the property, the Catholic Diocese of Clifton, and setting up a charity to run the project. The constitution for the Charity has been submitted to the Charity Commission for approval. Meanwhile six trustees (two each from BACT, BoACAN and the Town Council) have been appointed under the chair, Cllr Laurie Brown. Work has begun on rewiring the premises and the Catholic Diocese of Clifton have obtained Listed Building Consent to remove the counter and partition. This will create a large internal space, in addition to a smaller meeting room, once the manager’s office. Our church architect, Raymond Winrow, has been asked to provide plans on how to make best use of the building for our purposes. We are still awaiting Change of Use permission from Wiltshire Council.

Approaches are being made to the Trussell Trust to affiliate to them in preparation for when the foodbank is relocated to the Hub. Selwood Housing have indicated that they would like to hold regular surgeries there. We are approaching Wiltshire Council and community groups as to possible use of the centre.

A bank account is being set up with the monies from the HT Community Fund, as agreed by the PCC. With other monies from partner organisations, we hope to cover most of the set-up and running costs for the three-year lease. However, we still need funding for staffing costs and will be approaching several organisations for grants. Meanwhile we will advertise for a voluntary coordinator to run the Hub on a day-to-day basis. If all goes according to plan, the centre could open in late January 2015.

Graham Dove
COORDINATOR WANTED FOR COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

We are seeking a Coordinator to assist in the day-to-day running of an exciting new project in Bradford on Avon. The Hub@BA15 is a centre established to find pathways for people who may be vulnerable in the Bradford on Avon Community Area. The centre in new premises in Church Street will provide a food bank and debt and money management advice together with other services; provide facilities including a meeting space, shared administration, fundraising and other services to voluntary and community organisations. The Hub Trust is made up of three sponsoring bodies: Bradford Churches Together, The Town Council and BoACAN (Bradford on Avon Community Network). We are passionate about empowering people who are disadvantaged in our community not only to relieve poverty but to encourage improvement of health and wellbeing and a sense of purpose together with volunteering opportunities. We wish to appoint an energetic and enthusiastic Coordinator on a voluntary basis to be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Hub. Training and support will be provided.

Duties will include:

- being the primary contact for the Hub
- some coordination of volunteers and centre activities
- day to day administration and minor accounting (Treasurer Trustee available to support)
- advocacy for the centre’s users (mainly signposting)
- liaison with the centre’s users
- promoting the Hub’s facilities

The centre is expected to be open in January 2015 & it is hoped the successful applicant would be available before then to assist in the transition to opening of the Hub. An honorarium will be offered to the successful applicant.

For further information or discussion please contact Bradford on Avon Town Council on 01225 864240 and leave a message and contact details or email townclerk@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk and a Trustee will respond to your enquiry. Applicants are asked to submit a synopsis detailing their experience to date and why they are interested in the post. Closing date is **Tuesday 9th December**.
Organisations helping victims of domestic abuse are lobbying the government to show their concern that the national network of specialist refuges is being threatened by funding cuts.

The largest number of domestic violence victims are female. Two women are killed every week in England by a partner or ex-partner. Last year Women’s Aid member organisations supported nearly 10,000 women and over 10,000 children in refuge accommodation.

However, on one day alone in 2013, 155 women with 103 children were turned away from the first refuge they approached, primarily due to a lack of available spaces. From 2010 to 2014 the number of specialist refuges declined from 187 to 155.

SOS CAMPAIGN
The SOS Save Refuges, Save Lives campaign is calling for commitment by the government to protecting a sustainable national network of life-saving domestic violence refuges. Shadow Home Secretary Yvette Cooper MP announced at the Labour Party Conference in September that the Labour party will commit to preserving the national network of specialist refuges.

In answer to a query from Parish News editors, Duncan Hames MP for Chippenham, replied that he wants Wiltshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner “to work with social landlords to preserve this essential support for victims of violent crime.”

He said that he had written to Norman Baker, MP, Minister of State for Crime Prevention, to draw his attention to the matter.

THE ONLY REFUGE
Polly Neate, Chief Executive of Women’s Aid, said: “For many women who experience domestic violence, refuges are the only doorway to a happy and independent life, free of abuse, and cuts are starting to put women at significant risk. Many women tell us that they would be dead if it were not for their refuge. We

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SPECIALIST REFUGES

Specialist refuges are services which are designed to meet the needs specifically of women domestic violence survivors and their children.

The specialist and woman-only nature of services ensures that women and children feel safe, secure and supported and removes any barriers to them finding a safe place when they are escaping domestic violence. Specialist refuges help women and children escape, cope and rebuild their lives after domestic violence.

MOTHER’S UNION

Meanwhile, Mothers’ Union members have been spending 16 days praying and campaigning against domestic violence. They started on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Churches will be incorporating prayers into their intercessions at church, and raising awareness locally and nationally. Mothers’ Union supports the need for funding for separate, specialist services for women and men.

Campaigner: Polly Neate, Women’s Aid CEO

On December 17, 1999, November 25 was designated as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women by the UN General Assembly. This year, the United Nations Secretary-General’s Campaign UNiTE to End Violence against Women invites you to “Orange YOUR Neighbourhood”. Project orange lights, hang orange flags onto local landmarks or tie orange ribbons where you are allowed to raise awareness about violence against women.
We hear a lot about angels at Christmas. A lot of the carols we sing have angels in them – like ‘Hark the Herald Angels Sing’ and ‘While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night’.

Angels are God’s messengers and you can read about the good news they brought to the shepherds in Luke’s Gospel, chapter 2, verses 8-20.

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS ANGEL

You can make a whole host of angels, one for the top of the tree and a row of them, all different sizes, to go on a windowsill. To alter the size simply draw a bigger or smaller circle, you could use a dinner plate or a small tin to draw round. You could even make a giant angel using a dust-bin lid!

You will need:
Scissors, thick white paper or thin white card, some felt tip pens and something circular to draw round (use a small plate or saucer to start with).

1. Draw a circle on the paper and cut it out. Mark the centre of the circle (lightly fold it into quarters to find the centre).

2. Copy the face and features on to the circle and colour them in.

3. Mark the dotted lines and cut around them and around the halo and hair as marked.

4. Fold the angel into a cone by putting one wing over the other and slotting them together. A little piece of sellotape will hold it firmly.
This fascinating book is by two local residents, Hannah Whittock and her father Martyn Whittock, both of whom are historians specialising in Anglo-Saxon studies. It is based on research carried out by Hannah for a Master’s degree at Cambridge University completed in 2012.

The River Avon rises in the Cotswolds near Malmesbury, flows South through Chippenham, Melksham and Bradford, on to the Limpley Stoke valley and Bath, before completing its journey to Bristol and Avonmouth. From the 4th century to the 11th century the river presented a barrier to crossing along much of its length and so constituted a natural frontier between tribal factions. The Limpley Stoke valley neatly divided the river into the East Avon upstream, from Bath and the West Avon downstream, with Roman Bath being on the North bank of the river. The early histories of the East and West Avon are quite distinct.

The authors explore this history, calling on evidence from old charters, chronicles, place names and archaeology (pottery and coinage) in support of their findings. Many remnants of early history remain today, including a line of hill forts south of Bristol and Bath (Wansdyke), constructed as early as the 5th century. In the 6th century (577) a great battle was fought at Dyrham, north of Bath. In the 9th century the West Saxons occupied the territory to the East and South of the river (Wessex) while the Mercians controlled the land to the West and North of the river, including Bath (Mercia).

Late in that century the Vikings invaded East Anglia and penetrated West as far as the Avon Valley where battles were fought with the West Saxons. The county and diocesan boundaries we have today have their origin in Anglo-Saxon times.

This book is a work of scholarship, painstakingly researched and full of references to back up the statements made. There is also a fine collection of colour prints. I enjoyed reading the book and would recommend it to anyone wishing to learn more about the early history of this part of England.

Ron Dell

The Anglo-Saxon Avon Valley Frontier: A River of Two Halves
Published by: Fonthill Media.
Since moving onto their narrowboat, Elaine, Graham and Jacks the cat have often been asked about their new life. So here they try to answer these questions.

Since August the three of us have been living in a steel tube no bigger than 60’ by 7’, in Caen Hill Marina near Devizes. This is only a temporary move as we are awaiting the building of a new boat, a Dutch barge with twice the living space.

Currently we have a covered bow section for sitting out when the sun shines, a lounge complete with TV, coal stove and a dining area (that converts into a double bed). Then comes the galley with oven, hob, microwave and granite work tops. The rear of the boat contains a bathroom with shower, a kingsized bed, another toilet and a large outside area above the engine. In addition to the coal stove we have gas central heating with three radiators and a heated towel rail. So don’t worry about us in frosty weather as we are very snug and cosy!

However, living in such a small place does mean that we have few clothes, shoes, books and general possessions. It is a great discipline in deciding what we really need.

Being on the water, we are surrounded by nature, in particular ducks, swans, herons and even a pair of kingfishers. We can appreciate beautiful sunsets and sunrises. But we can be buffeted by rain and high winds! Not to mention being covered in ice when the temperature drops. There are quite a few people here, so the place is like a floating village, with the office/lounge as the focal point. Social events are regularly held so we get to know one another. And there is always someone around to help out if needed.

We hope this gives you a little flavour of our life afloat.

Graham, Elaine & Jacks X
OVERVIEW
Our new school day is now embedded in the curriculum and people are used to a 2-week timetable. No-one so far has turned up with the wrong books, which shows great organisation by the students. This has enabled the school to teach in a more flexible way which should give even better opportunities to learn.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
Our theme this term is “Gratitude”.

TRIPS AND CHALLENGES
The sixth form geographers have gone on field trips to increase their understanding of their subject. Year 8 students have returned from their week in the Lakes – it wasn’t the kindest weather but that did not dampen their enthusiasm. This is an experience they will talk about for years to come. They are now in the preparation phase for their exhibition which will be shown in the town library in February. Year 7 had the great chance to work with the Orchestra of the Age of the Enlightenment on the theme of “Water”. Great work was produced which was a pleasure to watch. Y7 gained a great deal from this experience.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
Preparations are intensifying as this show gets underway. The performance is in February and given the Christmas holidays, there is not that much time for rehearsals so students are giving a lot of out-of-school time to this production.

Y11
Y11 have been hard at work revising for their mock exams.

CONNECTION WITH THE TOWN
Our carol concert is on 17th December at Holy Trinity Church – all welcome. We will also have a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival.

Lorraine Marlow
In the Garden

Readers share some seasonal tips

December and January are the months with the least to do outside, but there are a few little outdoor jobs still awaiting attention.

Make sure lawn mowers and strimmers are cleaned, oiled and put away. Clean tools and oil wooden handles to prolong their life.

All finished vegetables and flowers should be cut back, shredded and added to the compost heap. Fallen leaves can be piled in a sheltered corner to form next year’s leaf mould.

If bad weather threatens, lift some parsnips and bring in a few leeks and some cabbage and sprouts. Picking frozen sprouts is not fun!

Bare rooted roses and shrubs can be planted as long as the ground is not frozen. Cover a few rhubarb plants to produce early pink stalks.

In late January buy seed potatoes and spread out in trays to sprout in a light, frost-free environment. Pruning of fruit trees can be done even in cold weather and manure and compost can be spread.

THE ORIGINS OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

There are a number of versions of how the Christmas Tree became a sign of Christ in the world. My favourite tradition credits Boniface with the origination of the Christmas Tree.

Boniface was born in Crediton in about 680 and in 722 Pope Gregory II made him Bishop of All Germany east of the Rhine and he embarked on 30 years of missionary work. In a stage managed confrontation with the old German gods, Boniface chopped down the Oak of Thor at Geismar. Boniface then claimed a fir tree growing in the roots of the Oak as a new symbol for Christianity.

“This humble tree’s wood is used to build your homes: let Christ be at the centre of your households. Its leaves remain evergreen in the darkest days: let Christ be your constant light. Its boughs reach out to embrace and its top points to heaven: let Christ be your comfort and guide.”

This Tree became a sign of Christ in the world for the German peoples, and nowadays it is a worldwide reminder of Christmas.

Tony Haffenden
MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

I was pleased to see a new gardening article in the November Parish News.

Throughout my married life my husband had an allotment providing us with fresh vegetables and providing him with a wonderful hobby, relaxing him from the stresses and strains of working in London.

When we came to Bradford he was fortunate enough to be able to garden in Miss Christopher's garden across the road from where we lived. For a year or two after he died I continued to work the plot until Miss Christopher died. It gave me a taste for growing my own veg, but my efforts were limited back home. Runner beans have been a must over the years and I generally used my own seed. Amazed at what my sister-in-law achieved from growing in small tubs, I have recently started growing a variety of vegetables this way. Last year I had a most pleasing crop of carrots to add to my beans. This year I grew lettuces and was able to give some away to neighbours. For the second year, I have grown my runner beans up through my two apple trees. After the apple blossom the bees are delighted to have bright red flowers to pollinate.

Coming back to the lettuce tub, once they were harvested, I casually planted a small potato which was beginning to sprout and not worth putting in the saucepan. I harvested that this week, clearing away the brown decaying fronds. To my surprise and delight I uncovered two beautiful extra large potatoes!

Muriel Freeborn

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS?

A little girl went to visit Father Christmas in the local garden centre grotto. He welcomed her with a smile and the question of what she would like for Christmas. The little girl gasped, and stared up at him in horror. “Didn't you get my email?!”
The early church developed a policy of helping Christian widows who were in need. But conflict arose because Greek-speaking widows felt they were being neglected at the expense of Palestinian widows who spoke Aramaic.

The problem was quickly resolved by electing seven deacons to administer the distribution of food to both groups, freeing the apostles to concentrate on their work of evangelism. Of the chosen deacons, Stephen was first on the list. He was a gifted evangelist, but preaching in Jerusalem got him into trouble with the Jewish religious authorities. At his arrest he was accused of saying that ‘Jesus of Nazareth would destroy the Jewish temple and change the customs handed down by Moses’ (Acts 6:14).

The trial proved a total farce and a lynching mob dragged Stephen out of the city to stone him to death. Stephen prays for forgiveness for his persecutors just as Jesus did for those who crucified him, and commits his spirit to Jesus in a similar way to Jesus committing his spirit to his Father.

There is a dark side to the nativity story, like the slaughter of the Innocents, a consequence of Jesus’ birth. Stephen’s stoning to death also reflects this, as do many Christmas carols. The wooden manger becomes a wooden cross, and there is rejection, suffering and death before the triumph of Easter. The martyrdom of Stephen is a testimony to that fact.

The title of Boxing Day has an obvious link with Stephen the deacon distributing food to Christian widows. In the Middle Ages many parishes had boxes to collect money which the parish priest would distribute to the needy. This led to churches, including Holy Trinity, setting up a vast number of local charities for the relief of the poor. Similarly food banks like our own are now springing up all over Britain because they have become such a necessity.

David Driscoll
For Prayer in December & January

In December we pray for:
- The Caritas Children’s Hospital in Bethlehem
- The world’s refugees
- The Kadugli Diocese in Sudan
- Our church family

In January we pray for:
- Wingfield Churchwardens & PCC
- Westwood Churchwardens & PCC
- Holy Trinity Churchwardens and PCC
- The Bishop of Salisbury

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Clues across
1 ‘How long will you — your face from me?’ (Psalm 13:1) (4)
3 ‘Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore’ (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
12 ‘For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted’ (Psalm 9:12) (6)
14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
19 ‘If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — women, he might take them as prisoners’ (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
25 ‘Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?’ (Job 22:15) (4)

Clues down
1 ‘Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ’ (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
2 ‘You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “ — — murder”’ (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
4 One of Paul’s many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
5 ‘We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, — inwardly’ (Romans 8:23) (5)
6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
7 ‘My yoke is — and my burden is light’ (Matthew 11:30) (4)
8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
13 ‘O Lord, you have — me and you know me’ (Psalm 139:1) (8)
15 ‘ — to me the joy of your salvation’ (Psalm 51:12) (7)
16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
18 ‘Then he said to Thomas, “ — out your hand and put it into my side”’ (John 20:27) (5)
20 ‘God has said, “ — will I leave you; — will I forsake you”’ (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

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This is a longstanding body which now comprises the two benefices of North Bradford
on Avon and Villages and our own. We look forward to establishing a much closer bond
and to this end joint meetings and services have recently been held, and the Group
clergy meet regularly.

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**Parish Representatives on other organisations:**

- **Bradford Group Council:** The Churchwardens
- **Children’s Society:** Anne Carter
- **Christian Aid:** Jonquil Burgess
- **Deanery Synod:** Jeremy Lavis and Anne Willis
- **BoA Churches Together:** David Rawstron
- **St Laurence School:** The Revd Joanna Abecassis and Lindsay Driscoll (Foundation Governors)