

Trinity Voice

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Services for August are detailed below.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP. Coffee and tea are served after our 10am Sunday service. **IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH** please introduce yourself to Trudi Shaw or Philippa Walker, our Church Wardens.

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SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY DURING AUGUST

9th Sunday after Trinity - 5th August

8 am Morning Prayer led by Connor Hansford

10 am Mattins led by Connor Hansford

10th Sunday after Trinity - 13th August

8 am Said Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley

10 am Sung Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley

11th Sunday after Trinity - 20th August

8 am Said Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley

10 am Sung Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley

12th Sunday after Trinity - 27th August

8 am Said Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley

10 am Sung Eucharist led by Reverend Ed Tildesley

Dates for your dairy

Friday 4th August. 'Coffee and Chat' club from 10 am -12 noon.

Saturday 5th August. Coffee Shop from 10 am until about 2 pm. Please help by making cakes, coming to help serve teas and coffees or coming for a cake and a chat!

Monday 7th August. Chapelhay Community Playgarden. Summer Family Fun Day 3 pm until 5 pm.

Sunday 3rd September at 10.00 am. 'Songs of Praise - Sun 3rd Sept

Friday 11th September. 'Coffee and Chat' club from 10 am -12 noon.

Saturday 9th Sept. Coffee Shop from 10 am until about 2 pm. Please help by making cakes, coming to help serve teas and coffees or coming for a cake and a chat!

Saturday 9th September. Ride and Stride. Walk or cycle to churches in Weymouth (or further afield if possible). If you are interested let Philippa know who will be our Parish Organiser.

Saturday 30th September: Harvest Supper with Quiz & Ploughman's. (More details to follow).

Sunday 1st October: Harvest Festival and Revd Juliet Stephenson's first Sunday with us. (More details to follow).

Saturday 25th November: Christmas Fayre (See Page for more information)

Welcome to the August Edition of Trinity Voice.

As we eagerly await the licensing of Reverend Juliet Stephenson, I am pleased to include an introduction to Juliet and an invitation to her Licensing and Installation on 28th September at 7 pm (see page 26) As always, we have this month's Saint of the Month (Padre Pio), Thoughts and Prayers from Christine Buffrey and reflections from Irene. This month we return to 1903, the year our beautiful organ arrived at Holy Trinity and hear about how much it finally cost and its very special introduction! We also have 'dates for your diary' and some words from Alyson about the Christmas Fayre planned for 25th November! I hope you enjoy this edition. Please don't hesitate to give me ideas or send in articles for publication.



Focus on Reverend Canon Juliet Stephenson



Greetings everyone at Holy Trinity with St Nicholas Church. My name is Rev Juliet, and I am delighted to have been appointed to come and serve you in Weymouth as your Vicar and Deanery Missioner. I grew up in Newcastle Upon Tyne and have been married to Phill for 33 years. We have 2 adult children, Dan (29) who got married to Georgia in April this year – they live in Kent, and Ellie (27) who lives as a community volunteer at Hilfield Friary near Cerne Abbas. I was ordained at Southwell Minster in 2005, and have had parishes in market towns in Nottingham, rural farming villages in Gloucester and suburban housing estates in Newcastle. My current role is in Liverpool, where I am a Canon of the Cathedral, and oversee the funeral ministry in the Diocese, as well as being the assistant vicar at

a church in Toxteth. At home with plenty of good liturgy, robes, choral singing, candles, and incense, I can't wait to worship with you all. I have a passion for outreach and ministering to those on the edge of our churches. Working in our community to build relationships, and offering hospitality, friendship and mutual beneficial support will be exciting with our school, care home and the RNLI amongst many others. We have very strong links with our Franciscan brothers and sisters at Hilfield Friary and am keen to see this relationship develop as we join your wonderful church in Weymouth. As a family we love travel, puzzles, reading, walking, arts and crafts, creating sculptures to be used in worship, and the seaside. A hot curry, a pub quiz, and some real ale and we are good to go! I am sure there will be many opportunities for BBQ's and social gatherings at the Vicarage and in church too. And we are 'very' tempted to add to the Stephenson clan once we have settled in - with a four-legged friend - to join us in our 'Seaside Adventures'. Can't wait to meet you all...we are very excited! With every blessing All peace and good! Juliet and Phill xxx



Behold! I do a new thing

Connor Hansford



I went to the arcade the other day. I had about a pound in silver coins, and I turned them all into 2ps and spent 20 minutes monotonously dropping them, one after another, into the tipping point machine that looked the fullest. I know most of the coins amassed on the edge are faked, designed to trick gamblers into believing their fortune is just ‘one more 2p away’. I’m also aware arcades are a false economy – why sink tens of pounds in copper coins in a claw machine when you can buy the longed-for plushie for a fraction of the price on Amazon?

I’m not a gambler but I don’t have anything against arcades, really. If we go in the knowledge that we’re not going to get rich and don’t spend more than we can afford, what’s the harm? I went because I’m listening to an audiobook called *The Artist’s Way* which seeks to unlock people’s inner creativity by encouraging them to do two things repeatedly: first, morning pages – three pages of longhand, stream-of-consciousness writing every morning, and second, artist’s dates, an hour a week where you go on a date with yourself, or rather, as Julia Cameron puts it, with ‘your inner creative child’. I appreciate it sounds hokey but the part of us that longs to create, to

make art, is vulnerable to criticism and therefore in need of nurture, like a child. So, off to the arcade I went.

Finally, after ten minutes or so I wondered, 'I'm a Christian, if I ask God to bless this coin, will it cause lots of money to come tinkling out?' I said a prayer, popped the coin in the machine, and, predictably, nothing. I shrugged then carried on until my little plastic money tub was empty. I was down a pound, but I was up a revelation. Of course God didn't act on my prayer, if he did all Christians would be gambling addicts.

Here's what I wrote in yesterday's morning pages, 'I suppose that's why not all prayers are answered as we expect if at all. It's hope that sustains us, not instant gratification. If miracles happened all the time, making church one massive miracle machine, it would attract billions, but for all the wrong reasons. It's like spending time with your grandparents because you love them and you want to, not because if you spend an hour or so with them every now and then, they might give you £20.'

When I was a child, I prayed to God over and over, 'I want to be a writer!' And here I am, writing. It's my fault for not being more specific. I told him I wanted to be a storyteller and he called me to be a priest. Thanks be to God that on July 4th, Independence Day, that call was affirmed by Bishop Stephen who has recommended me to train for ordination at Ripon College Cuddesdon beginning this September. They say if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. Thank you, Holy Trinity, for your trust and God bless.

Thoughts & Prayers for August

Christine Buffrey

We give thanks to God for the appointment of the Revd Canon Juliet Stephenson as our new Vicar. Heavenly Father, we thank you and ask you to bless Juliet as she prepares to come to us; give her wisdom and discernment and your peace, which passes all understanding. We pray for Phillip, Ellie, Dan and Georgia and for the people Juliet will be leaving to come to us. May their love and ours, surround her with your joy and kindness. May we welcome her, pray for her and help her to settle and enjoy life amongst us. Amen.

In every day that dawns, I see the light of your splendour around me; everywhere I turn, I know the gift of your favour upon me. What can I do but give you glory, Lord? Everything good has come from you. I'm grateful for the air I breathe, I'm so thankful for this life I live, for the mercies that you pour on me, and the blessings that meet every need, and the grace that is changing me from a hopeless case to a child that's free; free to give you praise, for in everything, I know you love me. Amen. (attributed to K Simmonds & S Townsend)

Footprints (author unknown)

One night I dreamed a dream. I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord. After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand; I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints. This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said once I

decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way; but I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you the most, you would leave me." He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you; during your times of trials and sufferings, when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Read Philippians 4:4-8 Rejoice in the Lord always ...

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways ... drop thy still dews of quietness, still all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

A Prayer of Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Here I am Lord – body, heart and soul. Grant that with your love I may be big enough to reach the world and small enough to be at one with you. Amen.

The glory of each morning is that it offers us a chance to begin again. Always blessed.

Sometimes the smallest word or the most unlikely act of kindness is all that's needed to turn a hurting heart towards the light of God's love.

Holy Trinity and our Choral Tradition

Philippa Walker

A Year in the life of Holy Trinity Church - Weymouth 1903

The year 1903 began with a Parish Tea on 7th January, where Price Stedman sang to entertain the parishioners. In February it was announced that the new organ would be ready for Easter to great excitement. An oak case designed by the Diocesan Architect was to cost £271. As you will have noticed, the cost of the organ goes up and up! In April the receipts for the fund had raised to £540 and a concert in aid of the organ, at Connaught House arranged by 'Mrs Morgan' brought in another £10.

During the last 10 days of April 1903, Messrs Walker and Sons began bringing in loads of pipes, and piles of wood. Only the Great Organ and Swell Organ were to be completed. The choir was scheduled to be added later when further sums came in.



The organ did not quite arrive in time for Easter but on Thursday 28th May celebrations of the 'New Instrument' started with Holy

Communion at 8 am and a short Choral Mattins at 11.30 am when the new organ was dedicated. The old organ was used to accompany the music up to the hymn after the 3rd Collect. This hymn was specially written for the dedication of an organ by Dr N A Bonavia Hunt (a well known writer on, and expert in organ tonal schemes. This was followed by Stainer's Te Deum in B Flat played by Mr Thorne on the 'New Instrument'



Dr N A Bonavia Hunt

In the afternoon an organ recital was held and a Festal Evensong followed at 7.30 pm. Sir W G Alcock (organist at the Chapels Royal and Permanent Assistant at Westminster Abbey) gave two recitals, one at 3.30 pm and another at 8.45 pm, raising a further £102 for the organ fund.



Sir W G Alcock

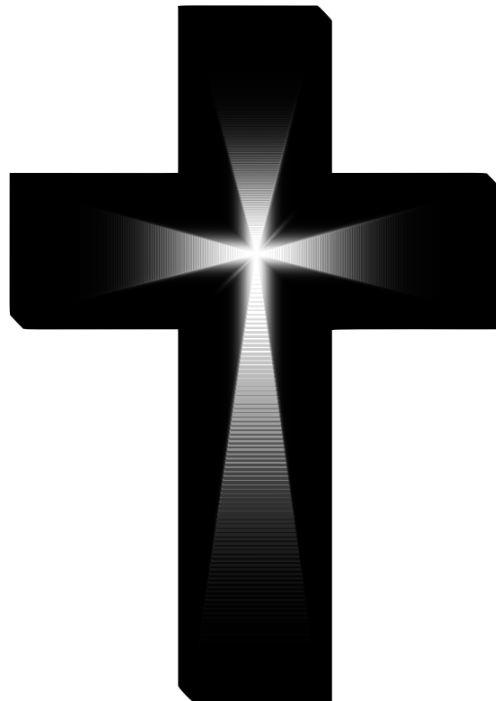
It was announced that the old organ was to go 'almost at once' to St Paul's.

Mr Thorne celebrated the whole event by giving the choir and clergy a luncheon at the Burdon. The choir presented Mr Thorne with a 'secretaire' as a token of their appreciation and esteem for his long service of 27 years (so far!). Tommy Hibbs presented an organ stool in oak made by himself. This stool is still used by Gary to this day.

In August the parish magazine announced the final statement for the organ fund was to be held over, but in October the balance sheet was published showing that total cost of the organ was £1,256-10-6. Receipts totalled £824-9-6. A flurry of events followed to try to make up the shortfall including a Church Workers Festival in October and a

'Conversazione' at Sidney Hall and plans to hold another 'Forest of Trees' in January 1904. This time visitors to the 'Forest of Trees' were promised an appearance from 'Professor Dryasdust and his Egyptian Mummies'

As always the choirboys had a day out at Upwey for tea and a cricket match and the men went on their annual trip to London. I was interested to note that Mr R C Watts had gone on the trip in 'his dual position of Churchwarden and Chorister'.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE, 11 am – 2 pm, 25th November 2023



Yes, it's nearly that time of year again, well perhaps not that near, but near enough for me, with the help of Christine, to start thinking about and planning the Christmas Fayre.

This is the first Fayre we have had for quite a while, but we really want to make the Church look as lovely and really Christmassy as possible, and if anyone has any Christmas decorations they don't use or want anymore, please think of letting us have or borrow them. Or, why not treat yourself to some new ones! Or perhaps you would like to just buy a few new ones for the Church. Whatever you decide, we would be very grateful for any we receive.



We are also looking for donations of items for the stalls please. Cakes, home-made preserves, sweets, chocolates, needlework and crafted items, greetings cards etc. We will also be having a bookstall. We will NOT be having an actual bric-a-brac stall, but we would like donations of toys, jigsaws, games, CD's, DVD's and unwanted gifts items (ie ornaments, toiletries, jewellery etc). Please make sure any

items are in exceptionally good clean condition (the sort of quality which you would be happy to give to someone or receive as a gift yourself). PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT TAKE VIDEO'S.



Prizes for the Raffle will also be very welcome, such as biscuits, chocolates, wine etc.

A bit nearer the time a list of stalls and other help required will go up in the organ transept. Please sign up. The Fayre wont happen if we don't have enough help.

If you need any items collected or want to ask me any questions, feel free to give me a ring or speak to me in Church.

Thank you for your support, which I know you will give to this once-a-year event. We have had some fantastic Christmas Fayre's in the past, let's make this one, our first for a few years, the best ever.

Alyson Brinsley

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Transformation

Irene Leader

Righteousness is the standard of God's character. Everything He does or does not do is because of His character. His character is defined by the term Righteous. Righteousness in its simplest form means right, upright, straight. God is the only one who is right. Right in the sense of Righteousness, is that God is right about good and evil.

We usually have a one-dimensional view of this: good is pleasant, desirable, healthy, light, life, prosperity, peace, joy. In Hebrew it is more in terms of harmony. Good is in harmony with God. Therefore, righteousness occurs when we harmonise our rightness to God's rightness. Evil is not only something bad, horrible, nasty, corrupt. In Hebrew it is in disharmony with the rightness of God. It is in terms of chaos, entropy, random, darkness. Anything God says is destructive, is damaging to us. We are not in Righteousness if we are experiencing a quality of life that is less than the quality and perfection of God.

Righteousness is a free gift, so do we think that it doesn't matter what we do and can sin? Sin still leads to death, even though we have been forgiven from that sin. Adam and Eve, in the garden, when they sinned were forgiven but they still began to die both physically and spiritually.

The Church, however, rejected Righteousness and introduced Penance. This says you must suffer to receive forgiveness for your sin. If this is true, then this is denying what Jesus did on the cross, leading to, there is no need for Jesus. As Paul says, Righteousness is the stumbling stone of the Gospel.

"I don't necessarily love Righteousness and hate wickedness." I may not think in those terms, but the lure of the temptations I want to

give in to, if I don't own that statement, I will never overcome the temptations. I make the decision to believe the Gospel of peace, where I can be honest with God without any fear of admitting anything to Him. I confess and take ownership of my behaviour (1 Jn 1:9). Confession is to say the same thing as the logos says.

No matter what I confess, God still loves me, sin has no power over me, I am committing this sin because I want to, I am not a slave to this sin, the blood of Jesus washes me, Jesus paid my price. God's Righteous justice is that He has already forgiven me and no matter what I struggle with He is always on my side.

If I don't appropriate by faith the blood of Jesus, I will never get rid of the guilt or shame. When we yield to sin, we give power to death. God loves me and it breaks His heart to see me going through this.

Loving Righteousness is to hold it in high regard and value it. But how can I value it when it is keeping me from any pleasure? Pleasure and fulfilment can be found by following the Righteous path, but because I am not on it, then I don't know that pleasure and fulfilment are coming – make sense?

It is my conscience that convicts me to think the compromises I make and the temptations I am giving in to are wrong, not God. If my conscience does not convict me then I have no value for the Righteousness of God and already have a hardened heart. King David said, 'taste and see how good the Lord is' (Ps 34:8). Righteousness is experiential.

When we yield to Righteousness, we experience the power of righteousness and life. In our spirit we are as righteous as we possibly can be, we have no need to become more righteous. The question is, is the Righteousness of Christ permeating and giving life to my thoughts, health, and the people in my life?

How one defines Righteousness determines if one is trying to become righteous or believes they are already righteous. The word righteous is a continuum that begins with what God did in our spirit, all the way through to our behaviour (this is justification, Sanctification, leading to Glorification - not explained here).

Israel did not want to come to God on God's terms, but on Israel's terms based on the sacrifices, keeping their laws, how they prayed. This is based on works. The Gentiles did not have all this culture and tradition. They were unqualified, but God said this is a free gift, so hey, they took it by faith in what He said. They did not seek Righteousness like Israel, but they found it by faith (Romans 9:30-33). One cannot understand Righteousness if one does not come at it from the perspective of Faith Righteousness.

If God gave His Son up for you - the righteous for the unrighteous (1 Pet 3:18) - who will find fault with you, God? (Rom 8:32,33). Is He going to give you the gift of Righteousness and then find fault with you?

Righteousness is how I should be. God gives a template, context, definition of how I should be. This is a gift given by God and if we believe His report (Is 53:1) then Faith Righteousness will not be a stumbling stone.

God protects, guides, leads, but there is such a thing as suffering for Righteousness' sake, where we find ourselves in situations where there is no deliverance. This should make no difference to how we live and what we believe (1 Pet 3:14).

God's truth, justice, mercy is defined in His Righteousness.

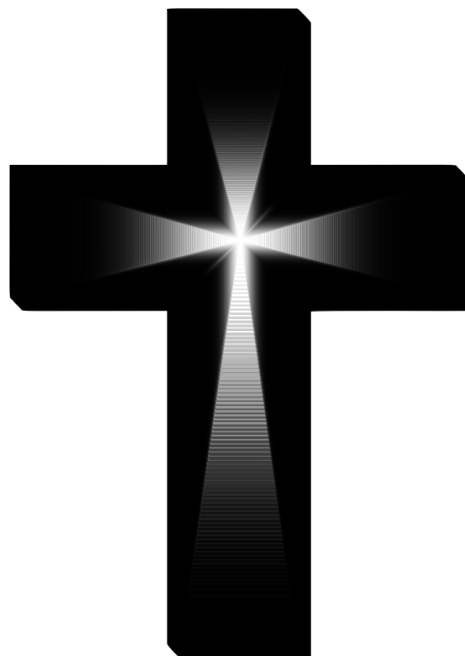
Righteousness says you cannot commit the sin and somebody else pay the penalty for it. The person committing the sin has to pay (Ex 34:7). This is why Jesus had to become our sin, because He could not

just take it from us and pay it for us. Him becoming our sin leaves us sin free; therefore, we do not have to pay the penalty because He would have to pay the penalty for the sins He became for us.

St Paul says, 'for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth is confession made unto salvation' (Ro 10:10). Righteousness has to come alive in your heart, it cannot be experienced intellectually. Unto encompasses all the logos, which becomes our truth when we take hold of it and bring it to ourselves.

Righteousness is doing its thing around my active faith – Jesus is building His Righteousness around me; therefore, I don't have to be or acquire this, it just comes to me and shows in my life.

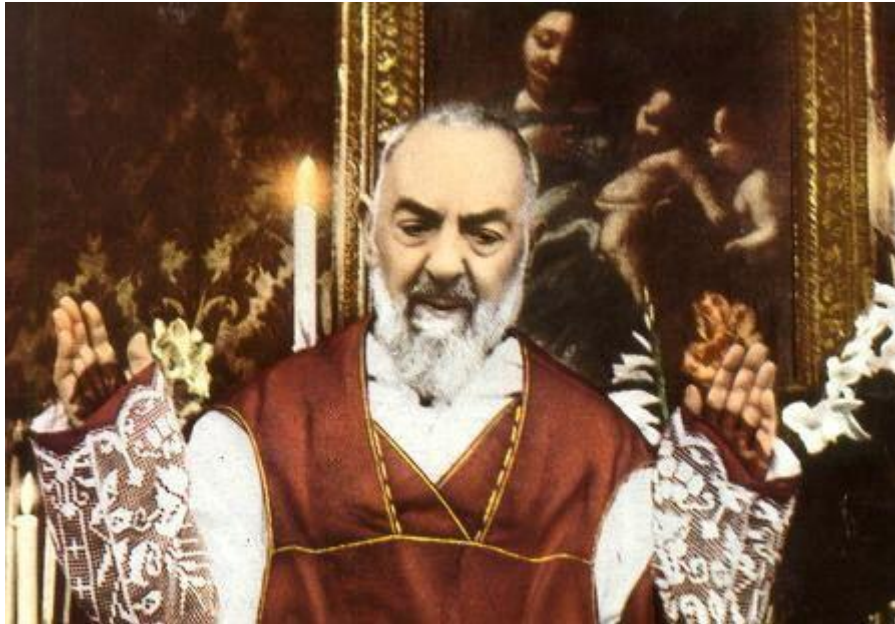
This is life as it should be the zoe life (Divine life of God).



Saint of the month:

Connor Hansford

Padre Pio



*I first encountered Padre Pio when a priest showed me a relic from his cassock. It meant very little to me at the time. Later I saw a reel of Padre Pio speaking about rhetoric and how the language of unworthiness, making people feel undeserving of God's love, comes from Satan, never from God. In Glastonbury last week I meandered through a pagan bookshop and there on the top of a pile was Padre Pio's *Spiritual Direction for Every Day*, edited by Gianluigi Pasquale. I've read it every day since. The following is from www.catholicculture.org as my Missal predates his sanctification! Keep an eye out for a new film called Padre Pio starring Shia LeBeouf coming this year.*

Born to a southern Italian farming family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars

in Morcone and joined the order at age 19. He suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. He was ordained at age 22 on 10 August 1910.

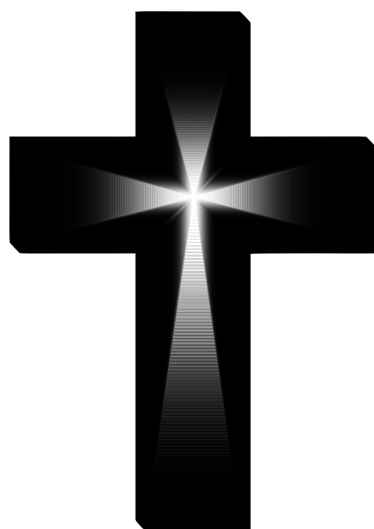
While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. He was reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch.

In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at age 81.

Today there are over 400,000 members worldwide in prayer groups begun by Padre Pio in the 1920s.

His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a doctor who works in the House for Relief of Suffering, the hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. On the night of June 20, 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. By morning doctors had lost hope for him as nine of the boy's internal organs had ceased to give signs of life. That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." The miracle was approved by the Congregation and Pope John Paul II on 20 December 2001. Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace, gave the Priest Saint Pius a share in the Cross of your Son and, by means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of your mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ, and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



THE BROKEN SOUL

a poem by Maura Kelly

They thought that I was down and out
They thought that I was done
The more they kept me on the ground
The more I looked towards that sun

And as those rays of light shone down
To warm my aging face
I found my shoulders rise once more

As I stood in humble grace

No tears, no regrets, no shattered life
Will destroy my battered soul
Instead I'll fight and pursue each dream
As I move towards my goal

The ridicule, the words of harm
The insults and the pain
Endured by a man whose defiant spirit
Fights back to erase his shame

When a man is lost and feels all alone
He must look within himself
And rid his thoughts of any doubt
That his life is blessed with wealth

No gold, no silver to weigh him down
Only pennies small and few
But in his heart he carries the belief
That his life can be renewed

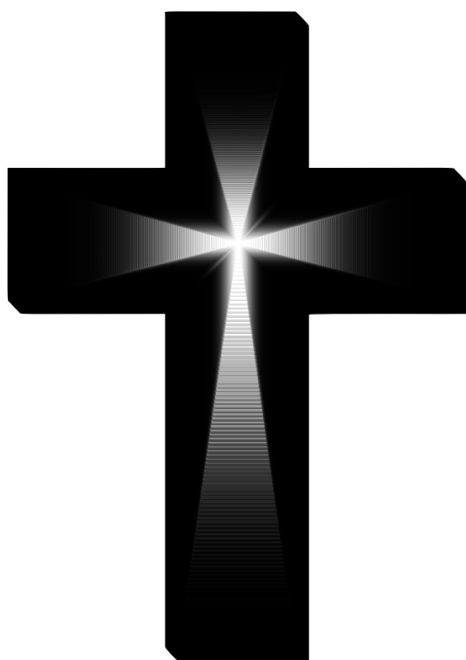
Blows and strikes may knock you over
In a life that's tough and hard
But a winner will find inside his mind
The strength to rebuild his guard
So look towards that sun my lad
When your battles near their end
And remember this as you rise again
That a broken soul can mend



**THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY WITH ST NICHOLAS
WEYMOUTH**

You are invited to the Licensing by Karen Gorham,
Bishop of Sherborne and the Installation by the
Archdeacon of Sherborne Revend Penny Sayer of The
Reverend Juliet Stephenson as Priest-in-Charge on
Thursday 28th September at 7 pm in the Church of
Holy Trinity with St Nicholas Weymouth, DT4 8TJ

Refreshments in the Church will follow the service



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*Contributions to the August magazine will be gratefully
received. Please let me have articles or ideas by
August 15th*

