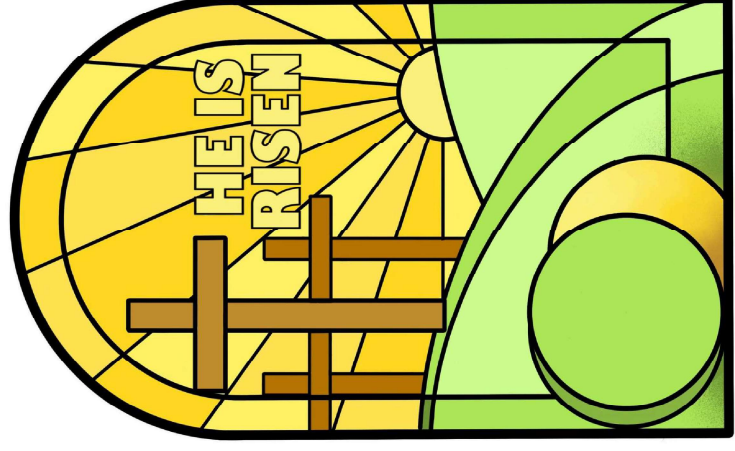


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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Services for April 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 Reverend Juliet Stephenson, Vicar, Trudi Shaw or Philippa Walker our Church Wardens

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THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is perpetually reserved for the sick and infirm.

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

Dates for your diary

Friday 19th April evening - Concert 'The Shout' by Wareham Wailers in aid of RNLI



Saturday 1st June 11 am until 2 pm - Coffee Shop

Saturday 13th July 11 am until 2 pm - Coffee Shop

Saturday 27th July 11 am until 2 pm - Coffee Shop

Saturday 30th November 11.00 am until 2 pm - Christmas Fayre

SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY DURING APRIL

Morning Prayer is celebrated on most mornings in the Priest's Vestry.

Wednesday 3rd April

10.00 am Said Eucharist

Sunday 7th April

1st Sunday after Easter

8.00 am Said Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Daffodil Memorial Service

Wednesday 10th April

10.00 am Midweek Eucharist

Sunday 14th April

2nd Sunday after Easter

8.00 am Said Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 17th April

10.00 am Midweek Eucharist

Sunday 21st April

3rd Sunday after Easter

8.00 am Said Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

3.00 pm Weymouth and Portland St George's Day Parade

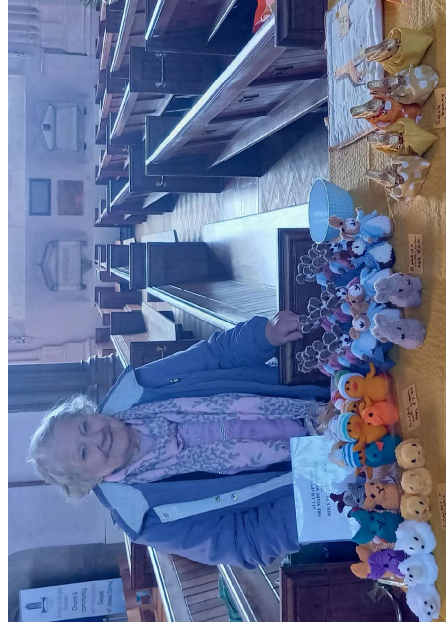
Wednesday 24th April
10.00am Eucharist

Sunday 28th April
4th Sunday after Easter
8.00 am Said Eucharist
10.00 am Sung Eucharist
4.00 pm Families @ 4

Easter Saturday Coffee Shop and Craft Sale



We were blessed with a lovely sunny day for our coffee shop on Saturday 30th March. There was a very good turnout and everyone enjoyed the wonderful homemade cakes, easter rabbits and phone bags!



We are looking for Tenors and Basses to join our church choir.

We need lower voices so that we can perform a wider repertoire once per month. This would require attendance at one choir practice per month (to be agreed) and the 10 am Sung Eucharist Service that week. If you are interested in hearing more, please speak to Gary Smith.

From the Joyful Easter Vicar ... Allelujah – Christ is risen!

One of the most popular sitcoms of the 90's was 'One Foot in the Grave'.

You remember, Victor Meldrew and his long suffering wife Margaret, muddling through the joys of retirement. Margaret constantly trying to lighten Victor's melancholy....and Victor, only content when all was seemingly against him.

Of course his very famous catch phrase was '**I don't believe it!**'

Disaster, tragedy, victimisation, hassle...nothing ever fair, is perhaps how Victor would sum up his post retirement life. Nothing ever went his way, and he lived a very jaded and disappointed existence. I don't think there was ever any light relief for Victor, just perpetual misery....in a world where he couldn't believe in anything.

The disciples celebrated the life of Christ alongside him, shared his company, walked alongside and journeyed with him. They rejoiced when he rejoiced, they had seen a glimpse of glory, a piece of the kingdom on earth, and they never wanted it to come to an end. The joyful entry into Jerusalem, seemed like he was the long awaited king, and yet by Jesus sitting on a donkey, the powerful image of a warrior king was somehow distorted. They **couldn't believe it**. The ones who longed for justice and an end to Roman rule, were annoyed that Jesus didn't measure up to their expectation. The disciples merely watched in disbelief as the last week of Jesus' life seemed to unfold without warning before their eyes. They couldn't believe what they were seeing. A good man put on trial, a holy man beaten and

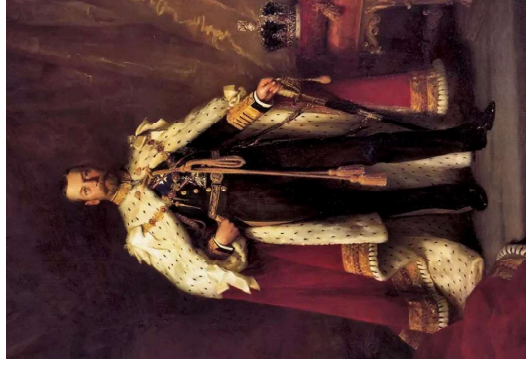


whipped, spat at, insulted and nailed to a cross. Mary watched her Son put to death alongside common thieves. Breathe his last and give up his spirit. They watched and **could not believe** that Jesus' life ended in such a terrible way. All he had promised, all he had done, all he was capable of seemed now to have amounted to nothing. They **could not believe it**, they didn't want to **believe** it, but they witnessed the death of a man, his blood spilled, his lifeless body buried in a tomb. But this is what happened, they were witnesses, so it seemed they **had to believe it**.

The thing that Jesus came to do for the disciples and his followers, was to open their eyes and hearts into a new way of **believing**. To trust in God's love in a new way, to **believe** in love, to understand how God himself became the 'The Son of Man' in order that we might have life in all its fullness.

The resurrection for some of the women followers was a firsthand experience, for others the experience of the resurrected Christ happened in a more subtle way. On the road to Emmaus, talking of all that had happened, two of Jesus' followers met a man who was interested in their conversation. The two were staggered and **could not believe** that there was anyone in the region that did not know of the things that had happened to Jesus.

Suddenly the penny dropped, when this man began to explain all scripture and salvation history to the men. Beginning with Moses and the prophets, the man opened their eyes and hearts to the truth of all scripture. It was the resurrected Jesus, and he was able to explain the structure and meaning to the very basis of their faith. Their eyes were opened, their hearts burned within them. They were in the



King George V

The vicarage garden fete took place in July and the choirmen's outing was a tour of the Bournemouth district.

The United Kingdom heatwave of 1911 was particularly severe and led to a drought across the land. Records were set around the country for temperature in England, including the highest accepted temperature, at the time, of 36.7 °C (98.1 °F), only broken 79 years later in the 1990 heatwave, which reached 37.1 °C (98.8 °F).

On Christmas Day 1911 Holy Communion was celebrated at 6, 7, 8 and noon with a carol service at 4 pm.

The rogationtide processions were revived this year, starting from Sidney Hall and walking to Holy Trinity church each evening (Mon, Tues and Wednesday) by different routes. Sermons in church covered The Holy Church (on Monday); The Parish (on Tuesday) and The Nation (on Wednesday).

The Church of England year book for 1911 reported that there were 2,283,044 communicants at Easter Day services in this year. It will be interesting to compare this with the numbers this year. At Holy Trinity there were 694 communicants with a further 69 at St Nicholas and 40 at St Martins. In April 1911 the Bishop of Salisbury confirmed 150 candidates.

The subject of hymn books made the local press with the Southern Times commenting on the 'woeful lack of uniformity in the matter of hymn books among the churches of Weymouth'. It reported that the new edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern was not wanted by the congregation at Holy Trinity who refused to be 'dragooned by the Parish Magazine'

The coronation of King George V and Queen Mary took place on 22nd June 1911. The Coronation Service at Holy Trinity was on a week day and it was reported that the anthem was not performed at the service but 'saved' for the following Sunday.

presence of Jesus. The word made flesh, the Son of man, the fulfilment of scripture.

They heard, they saw and unlike Victor Meldrew...**They COULD believe it!**

If you've ever wondered about whether or not **YOU can believe it**....why not ask? Or come to one of the church services? Or ask God to give you a nudge in the right direction....

Go On – You never know. You might just find out that **you DO believe it!** I do, and it works for me!

Love and blessings, Juliet x

Holy Week and Easter at Holy Trinity

Philippa Walker



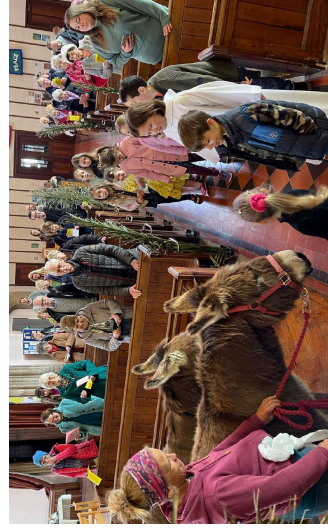
Holy Week has been a wonderful experience for young and old alike this year. From the sadness and somberness of Maundy Thursday

and Good Friday to the joy of Holy Saturday, when we flung open the altar screens and renewed our vows and then Easter Sunday for bingo, smoked salmon and Alleluias! We felt the thorns in our foreheads, were weighed down with the wood of the cross, were angry about soldiers thinking more of a piece of fine material than a man and felt the agony of Mary and the disciples as they acted exactly as we would have done, frightened and shocked.

Palm Sunday was a family service and we were so pleased to welcome so many children and young people to the church.



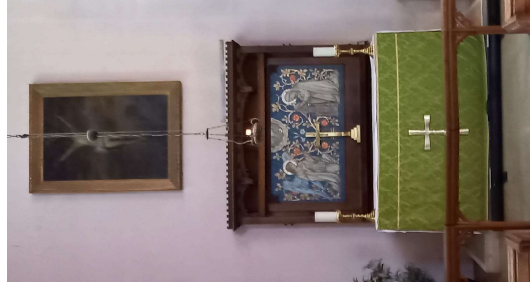
Palm Sunday Family Service which, as our posters, flyers and banners proclaimed, featured 'real' donkeys, as well as Hosannahs and Palm Crosses!



Funding, as always, was causing problems. The church schools required subscriptions totalling £30 each year, but only £13 had been raised. The press reported that an appeal had been launched, saying that more generous giving was expected from the supporters of schools. In the parish magazine Rev P L Cother added that 'it was not so very long ago that the parish was providing £300 a year in voluntary subscription for the support of their schools'.

Deficits also abounded at the church itself this year. The choir fund had a deficit of £17-17-8, the Organ Fund a deficit of £51-5-7 and £100 was required to re-slate the new portions of the church roof.

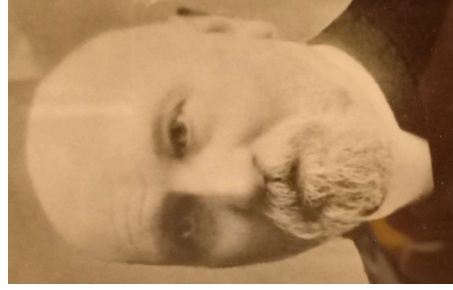
Reverend Alexander left Holy Trinity after 12 years of faithful ministry to join the Priory Church at Edington. He refused to take a gift so the money raised (£60) was used to fit a proper Lady Chapel in the north transept, the 'Crucifixion' picture being used as a reredos background to the altar.



Holy Trinity and our Choral Tradition

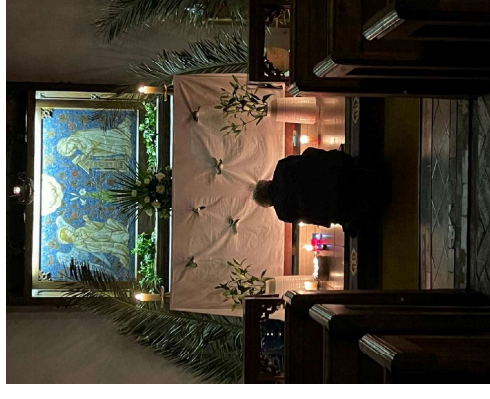
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A Year in the life of Holy Trinity Church - Weymouth 1911



Canon Weldon began 1911 with 'trenchant criticism' of the 'destructive measures with which the country is threatened when the new parliament meets'. He referred to attempts to stop the Lords from having the power to delay bills in their passage, the prospect of Irish Home Rule and to the report of the Royal Commission on Divorce.

The week continued with reflection and readings at morning and evening prayer.



On Maundy Thursday. The stripping of the altar and washing of feet was followed by a watch in silence.

The pain and sorry of Good Friday was alleviated by seeing a church full of children who made biscuits and chocolate nests, bracelets and rainbows.



Rev Juliet led young and not so young in the creation of a lovely Easter Garden.



Holy Saturday was the celebration of the risen Christ, moving from darkness into light with a bonfire and the renewal of baptism vows



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Come all believers
And come all you restless
Movers and shakers
The happy, the sad

Come self-sufficient
And come those who feel
Fiery debaters
Accusers, abusers

And dreamers and schemers
Just searching for home
And givers and takers
And the lost and alone.

With wearied ambition,
At the end of the road
And religion haters
The hurt and ignored.

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Thoughts and Prayers for April

Christine Buffrey

Instead of individual thoughts and prayers this month, I want to share with you a song I first heard on Sunday 24th January 2021 during the Celebration of 60 years of Songs of Praise. It was first broadcast in 2013 by Stuart Townsend but I hadn't heard it or hadn't remembered it. It is worth listening to on YouTube – one of the modern songs that says it all!

VAGABONDS

Come, all you vagabonds Winners and losers Come all you travellers Come wait a while, stay a while	Come all you 'don't belongs' Come, people like me Tired from the journey Welcomed you'll be.
Come all you questioners And searching for reasons Come all you fallen Find strength for your body	Looking for answers And sense in it all And come all you broken And food for your soul.

Refrain

Come to the feast	There is room at the table
Come let us meet in this place	With the King of all kindness
Who welcomes us in with the wonder of love and the power of grace	

The wonder of love and the power of grace.

Come those who worry	'Bout houses and money
And all those who don't have	A care in the world
From every station	And orientation
The helpless, the hopeless	The young and the old.

And Easter Sunday was celebrated with a full church and shouts of 'Alleluia, The Lord is Risen' and beautiful flowers!



Focus on Lois Edwards



I was born in Sutton in Surrey. My parents were Plymouth Brethren and I have one brother. My mother was an identical twin and my cousin Ruth (9 days between us in age) has been like a sister to me. My father specialised in teaching physically handicapped children who were being educated in hospital schools so we moved about a bit. First to Kendal in the Lake District then Northumberland where I attended the local grammar school in Gosforth.



We all agreed that we are very happy to live at a time when in our country when there is gender equality for what we wear, what we do as a job and for activities we want to take part in.

We know how much our children enjoy singing in our Collective Worship and were delighted to be told by a Year 3 pupil's mother that, "My daughter absolutely loves the singing in assembly at school and when she comes home, she puts on Youtube on the TV and sings and dances around the lounge!"

We were very impressed with the Easter Gardens from each class that were entered into our Easter Garden competition. Rev Juliet chose the design by RT as the winner as every child in the class had drawn a flower that was in their garden.



Our super busy School Council also organised an obstacle course for everyone to take part in on Red Nose Day. Everyone wore something red to school and donations for the Red Nose Day charity raised £232.75.

We have also enjoyed Chesil Book Week, in which all the Chesil Primary Schools celebrated books and enjoyment of reading. We celebrated our Champion Readers from each class who are the children who read the most books regularly.

Each class decorated their classroom door as the cover of a book and pupils voted for the best decorated door. It was a very difficult task to choose as they were all so good! The winning designs were for classes RT, 2P, 4H, 4T and 6T



After a rather restrictive but very loving upbringing I was desperate to fly the nest and was thrilled when I was accepted for a teacher training college in Leeds, specialising in Home Economics. After coming back home started to teach in the mining village of Cramlington. Later I taught mining students and adults at the College of Further Education in Jarrow. (Quite an experience remembering the Jarrow Marches). I met my first husband at this time and we moved to Norfolk where he came from and I taught at another College of Further Education in King's Lynn. We were the first people to buy a 'mansard roofed' cottage from the Queen in the tiny village of Flitcham next to Sandringham and yes, the Queen's signature was on the deeds! It was here that my daughter Tania and my son Charles were born. We enjoyed doing up cottage properties and therefore moved quite often in Norfolk. Sadly our marriage did not last.

Needing to earn a living I went to work for a popular local tourist attraction, the Thursford Collection of steam engines and organs (now very well known for its Christmas concerts!) before setting up my own retail travel agency. This combination of teaching and tourism industry experience led to my being appointed as a Training Adviser by the Air Transport & Travel Industry Training Board which involved travelling around the UK advising colleges on how to set up tourism training courses. I was later promoted to a Senior Training Adviser before moving to Dorset where I undertook a Master's Degree in Education at Southampton University before I joined my present husband Clive in establishing a Tourism Training Agency in Dorchester. We ran YTS courses for tourism and quickly became the very first independent tourism training organisation in the UK to be awarded the Government's Approved Training Organisation status.

In 1987 we expanded into tourism publishing with the acquisition of Deneway Guides & Travel publishers of the well known Alan

On Friday 8th March, we celebrated International Women's Day and Rev Juliet told us all about her job and that many years ago women were not allowed to be church leaders. She told us that she had always wanted to be a vicar and was very excited when women were finally able to do this. She showed us all her special garments that she wears for different church activities and chose pupils and some staff to model them.

Rogers camping & caravanning guides. This was an exciting time travelling around the UK and Europe and developing a team of assessors to write about the sites and give them a quality award. By this time we had moved to Dorset and ran the business from offices next to our house in West Dorset.

It was during this time I became involved with U3A and I was delighted to act as chair of the Bridport branch for a short while. I also enjoyed running training courses for the West Country Tourist Board in various parts of the region mainly for Tourist Information Centre Staff. We lived and worked in West Dorset for the next 20 years until selling the business to the Mark Hammerton Travel group. They were later taken over by the Caravan Club who continue to publish the Alan Rogers Guides to this day.

Since retiring to Weymouth I have been involved in voluntary activities for the RNLI and for both Weymouth and Portland Museums and attend Holy Trinity when home here in Dorset (somewhat different to my Plymouth Brethren experience). My son lives in Plymouth and my daughter in Poole and I now have 4 grandsons. One a university lecturer, one starting at Exeter University and two at Grammar School in Plymouth.

My husband Clive has a daughter living in Weymouth who has two daughters at school here so we are kept busy.

Clive is former teacher and local Coastguard, and together we find time to spend on our boat on the Norfolk Broads where Clive first learned to sail and we can enjoy nature at its best and I can keep up with my family connections. To keep us busy we are also both volunteers at one of Norfolk's independent lifeboat stations, Hemsby on the North Norfolk coast.

News from Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School & Community Nursery

Our Learning, Our Journey, Our Future

Through our journey of life, we strive to follow the values of Faith, Respect, Harmony and Life-Long Learning; made possible through God's love. "God is Love" (1 John 4;16)

This half term, in our Collective Worship we have been focussing on the value of **Forgiveness**.

It's been an incredibly busy time half term! Our School Council organised a Funky Hair Friday, where everyone was invited to come to school wearing a Funky Hairstyle and made a donation to Little Princess Trust. We were very pleased that £232.48 was raised for this super charity that our School Council voted for us to support this year.



Some of the amazing hair styles!