

Trinity Voice



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SUNDAY SERVICES

Weekly Services for July 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 September magazine will be gratefully received. Please let me have articles or ideas by

August 15th

SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY DURING AUGUST

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

Sunday 4th August

10th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Said Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 7th August

10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist

Sunday 11th August

11th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Said Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 14th August

10.00 am Midweek Eucharist

Sunday 18th August
12th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 am Said Eucharist
10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 21st August
10.00 am Midweek Eucharist

Sunday 25th August
13th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 am Said Eucharist
10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 28th August
10.00 am Midweek Eucharist

The event is a great day out for young and old. Remember that half the cash raised is returned to the church that raised it, so everyone's a winner.



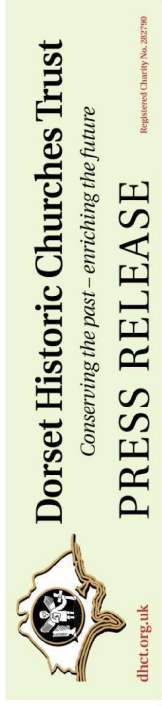
Picture: Riders and Striders from Holy Trinity Dorchester photographed at Fordington.

Notes for Editors:

Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT) has for over 60 years grant-aided maintenance work for churches and chapels of all Christian denominations in Dorset. Total grants awarded over the last 5 years have averaged over £120,000 per annum. The priority has always been to assist with weatherproofing (roofs and stonework). In recent years significant funds have been granted to assist communities to adapt their cherished church buildings for wider use. Further details of the work of the Trust can be found on its website: www.dhct.org.uk

DHCT's principal source of funds is the annual sponsored Ride+ Stride (R+S) for Churches around Dorset's over 300 churches and chapels.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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Join up for Ride+Stride 2024

As the time for the annual Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride+Stride gets nearer, churches all over the county are being encouraged to get involved. The purpose is to raise funds for the Trust to grant-aid repairs to church fabric. There are no set routes, it is not a race and riders and walkers do not have to cover great distances, although usually the greater the effort, the bigger the sponsorship reward!

Electric bikes may be used and, if your church does not have a rider or strider this year, why not stage a sponsored dog walk or tea party?

The event takes place on the second Saturday of September – this year on the 14 th. The Hon Sec of the Trust, Jeremy Selfe, explains: “DHCT depends largely on the annual Ride and Stride to raise the funds it gives out to churches all over the county to help with restoration projects. Last year, your fantastic efforts and the generosity of sponsors raised nearly £100,000, which will allow the Trust to make grants totalling over £125,000 to about 20 churches this year”.

To take part, contact your Parish Organiser, who can supply all the information, sponsorship sheets, etc. If you can't find out who that is, all the information is on the website: www.dhct.org.uk. The Trust will be extremely grateful and hopes we will work together to top last year's total.

From the Vicar ... Blessing the Lifeboat 2024



Psalm 95:3-5

For the Lord is the great
God,
the great King above all
gods.
In his hand are the depths of
the earth,
and the mountain peaks
belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made
it,
and his hands formed
the dry land.

'Lifeboats and Weymouth' are as comfortable a couple as 'tea and toast' ... visitors make the short walk along the North Harbourside, to see our beloved Ernest and Mabel, and to have their picture taken beside the famous lifesaving vessel.

It's significant, that at BOTH ends of that walk – you are met with special buildings, set apart for good work, love, inclusivity, and hope. The church at one end, and the lifeboat station at the other!

An opportunity to donate, and buy some souvenirs in the shop, goes some way to helping this fantastic service stay afloat – so too at our church!

There is no doubt about it – WE are lucky to have this amazing service in our town, and for me, more importantly – IN OUR PARISH! Being associated with the RNLI, is something my dad would have been so proud of. The times spent as a family, visiting the Lifeboat stations on the Northumberland coastline, gave our family a glimpse of how vital, treasured and well loved the RNLI is.

To be their Chaplain here in Weymouth is an honour and a joy. Last year the Christmas service was very special, gathered in the dark, on a dry December night, Salvation Army band played familiar carols, whist wrapped in my clerical cloak, I led the service for the town.

But this year, it was even better!

To start Weymouth Lifeboat Week – I was invited as Chaplain to lead the ‘Blessing of the Boats’. Warm and sunny, standing on the pontoon, flanked by the brave women and men of the crew, the lifeguards from the beach, and the 3 boats that are a beacon and sign of hope, life and safety – we came together as a town, a community and a parish.

The Salvation Army band played...

A crew helmet was used as the vessel for water.

Dylan, a trainee crew member, held the helmet whilst water was poured in from a great height ...and in a VERY audible ‘Juliet vicar voice’ this water was blessed and made holy. The ensuing sprinkling was a sign and symbol of the prayers, love and protection given to such people - as give their lives to this amazing service. The boats were blessed, for their going out and coming in ...and for all ‘who sail in them’

The mayor led us in a scripture reading, to remind us that God made the sea, and rather than looking up to the hills to see where our help

Dates for your diary

14th September - Ride and Stride (See below for more details)

4th October - Old Time Music Hall (More details to follow)

Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 7th December to Sunday 14th December. Trees will be decorated by local businesses and we will provide refreshments (tea, coffee and cake).

Thursday 12th December - Salvation Army and Community Festival Carols

Saturday 14th December - Follow that Star. Town Nativity Trail with Alpachas!

Sunday 15th December - Nativity walk from Salvation Army to Holy Trinity for 4 pm Carol Service.

Saturday 21st December. Christingle at 4 pm.

Sunday 22nd December. 9 lessons and Carols at 6 pm.



In 1919, there were five clergy at Holy Trinity, Dr Gough, was the vicar, The Revds E A Trasenster, S Collett, C H Richards and Deaconess Fanny Burgess! Rather more than our current Revd Juliet! In June Dr Gough moved to St Osmund's Parkstone. At the Easter Vestry Dr Gough referred to 'honorary organists' Mr Hibbs, Miss R Morrice, Miss Wheeler, Miss Evans and Miss Dowdeswell! Rather more than our current Gary Smith! Friends of Canon Weldon had made up the deficit of the 'Weldon Memorial' reredos, which amounted to £18-3-11 on the day that it was dedicated. As the six remaining figures were still not provided for, the Bishop's offer of £10 conditional on the completion of the scheme was not forthcoming. It was discovered that the Parish Magazine printing costs for 1917 had not been paid and by the end of 1918 there was still a deficit of £13. The price of the magazine was raised to 1.5d. An appeal for contributions to pay of the debt met with absolutely no response!! After the austere war years, twenty choir boys went on an outing to Poole in August and in July the choirmen went to Southampton returning at 11 pm.

shall come, we re-imagined the horizon – and gave thanks for the many times the help has come from the crew, with their open and outstretched arms, pulling very relieved folk from the seas – to safety.

This town is very quickly becoming my town too...thank you for sharing it with me!

People look up at Holy Trinity Church and see a place of hope. We pray for the town each and every Sunday, along with prayers for the RNLI.

During the summer, we hope that tourists and visitors will also feel this special connection, even if only for a week or two.

We pray that they will feel the warmth of the welcome of town, of church, and the Lifeboat station.

Pop in, say hello....you WILL recognise a few of the shop team!! And when you see Ernest and Mabel, close your eyes, say a prayer, and bless it from your own heart....because it's just as much a beacon of hope – as is OUR church.

And walking between the church and the lifeboat station – feel the love, the prayer and the hope that surround you!

We bless and set apart things that are to be made holy for God. What a privilege to be able to do this, in our community and for our crew.

Rev Juliet x

Memories of Reverend Ruth Milverton



Last month Holy Trinity Church saw the very sad loss of Ruth Milverton, a dear friend and member of our ministry. Three of the Holy Trinity family have put together a tribute to remember her:

My recollections of Ruth - Liz Williams

I first encountered Ruth back in the early 1980s – not at church but at HT Junior School (as it then was) where she was a part-time member of staff taking extension classes for the Gifted and Talented pupils. It was much later, in 1990, when my family joined the HT congregation, that I got to know Ruth in the first of her many ministerial roles. At

Also in this year two children were christened in August and given the names Verdun and Serbia!

In December 1916, the Reverend Dr Gough, late Vicar of the cathedral church of St Nicholas, Newcastle was instituted as Vicar of our church by the Bishop of Salisbury.



In 1918 the war raged on and news from the parish is scarce. June of that year saw the appointment of Mr CTC Hall to the headship of Cromwell Road Boys School. In this year selective entry was adopted by this school.

One member of the parish got himself temporarily exempted from war service as he was supplying 2,000 fried fish meals a week which contended Mr Pengilly 'is ... work of high national importance.' The late Canon Weldon's daughter, Miss Hilda Weldon, was married in our church to the Rev C S Pugh who was 'Senior Curate' at Holy Trinity and then Rector of Buckland. In December 1918, the Bishop of Salisbury dedicated the reredos to the memory of Canon Weldon.

Holy Trinity and our Choral Tradition

Philippa Walker

A Year in the life of Holy Trinity Church - Weymouth 1916 - 1919

In 1916, the beautiful annunciation bas-relief which can be now be seen in the Lady Chapel was presented to the church by a visitor, Miss Evelyn Colls.



that time, if I remember correctly, she was a Deacon but subsequently, of course, after the Church of England allowed the ordination of women in 1992, Ruth was ordained.

As a priest she took a full part in the life and ministry of both Holy Trinity and our daughter church of St Nicholas, now sadly sold, demolished and turned into flats. She was married quite late in life to Rev Jack Milverton and they both served as non-stipendiary priests in the parish for many years. Ruth and Jack always had a particular affinity with St Nicholas and took the bulk of the services there, both on Sundays and at the midweek communion on Wednesday mornings. This became a much-loved service, well attended both by the regular St Nicholas congregation and also by those who usually attended HT on Sundays. There was always time for coffee and a chat after the service and it became a real opportunity for fellowship between the two congregations, who would otherwise have been rather distanced from each other.

Jack was considerably older than Ruth and as his health declined she became a devoted carer for him, even installing a stair-lift up both flights of stairs in Compass South, where they lived in the beautiful “penthouse flat” (actually the two top-floor flats knocked into one), much to the dismay, it must be said, of the other residents!!

The flats had the most spectacular view across the bay. After Jack’s death, Ruth was faithful in keeping her promise to him to “look after St Nick’s”. She formed the St Nicholas committee, which had special responsibility for promoting the particular needs of that community, reporting regularly to the full PCC.

As she became older, Ruth had many mobility issues and it became apparent that the many sets of steps at HT were too much for her, though she soldiered on far longer than was good for her health. As a

consequence, she concentrated more and more on services at St Nicholas, which was all on one level, and put her own very special stamp on it.

A memorial bench to Jack, paid for by Ruth, stood on the forecourt of St Nicholas for many years after his death, and was a popular resting place for passers-by. Once the building was sold it was moved into the vicarage garden.

Eventually Ruth's health declined to the point where she was no longer able to conduct services and she went into retirement, though still holding Bible-study groups in her flat at Compass South. She continued to live there for several years, but finally decided that she was no longer well enough to live independently and moved, first to Anning House and then to Legh House, on Rylands Lane, where she was much loved and very well cared for by the staff. After a few years at Legh House, she decided that the time had come to move closer to her family, and so took up residence at a Nursing Home in Bournemouth. This was close enough to Fr Andrew, a former vicar of HT who has moved to the Verwood area, to visit and take her communion, which she very much appreciated. Fr Andrew was able to give Ruth the last rites on the eve of her death, and I think it's very fitting that she maintained her connection to Holy Trinity up to the very end of her long life. She was the epitome of a life well lived in the service of others.

Lownsborough and our Portland colleague from the free church Bishop Angi McLachlan.

Fully supported by all three Bishops, and Archdeacons in our Diocese, we are excited to welcome them also to be part of an ever-growing community of Open Table UK.

Our name, '[Open Table](#)' is your open invitation to come in, just as you are, and be with us, in a safe, affirming community. We are on a journey, and we really hope you join us.

Open Table isn't trying to be another church, or denomination....it serves as a place of welcome for many who have felt excluded from their own faith community, because of who they are. Open Table, is a place where we will share worship, stories and song. Holy Communion, or an Agape supper, or reflective study, or silent meditation... will all be explored as we journey together.

No one 'has to come' – but all are 'invited to join'.

I know as well as everyone, that the 10am service at Holy Trinity IS a welcome place to come, but for anyone seeking alternative ways in which to meet with God, Open Table will be a wonderful expression of faith. So, come and see...

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

6.00PM for a 6.30pm start

A simple meal to follow the service will be provided, and all are very welcome.

Rev Juliet



OPEN TABLE Come as you are

the Open Table Network - a growing partnership of communities across England & Wales which welcome & affirm LGBTQ+ people, + our families, friends & anyone who wants to belong in an accepting, loving community

We are equal.

We are precious.

We belong.

You're more than welcome!

We're so glad you're here.

We are the Open Table Network (OTN) - a growing partnership of communities across England & Wales which genuinely welcome and affirm people who are part of the **LGBTQIA+ community, their friends and families.**

Our church here at Holy Trinity, is already a welcoming place, we know that, that's **WE** come...and that's **WHY** I am your vicar.

We are already officially an 'Inclusive Church', that is a church that seeks to proclaim the gospel to **ALL** people. We seek to offer a true and genuine welcome to everyone, of any faith, colour or background. Open Table is an extension of what we already offer and who we already are.

Open Table will be hosted by us here at Holy Trinity. We are in a central place, and easily identifiable from those arriving from out of town. It will be on the first Sunday of each month, at 6.30pm – 8pm. It will be jointly led by Ecumenical partners in town, our fellow Anglicans Rev Ed Tildsley and Rev John McKenzie, our URC colleague Rev Neil Riches, our Methodist friend Rev Ruth

Ruth remembered - Daphne, Brian and Lisa Crump



The congregation of St Nicholas were very fortunate that after the death of dear Jack, Ruth took over and kept the all inclusive happy family atmosphere. Myself, Liz and Erica took turns in serving Ruth and giving the chalice. I am sure like myself and my family, many from St Nicholas and Holy Trinity alike, will treasure fond memories of Ruth forever.

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
Respect.

This has been an incredibly busy half term, with so much to celebrate. It has been a privilege and pleasure to see our Year 6 children grow from when they first joined us into amazing young people who are ready to move on to secondary school. Their parents joined us for a special Leavers Assembly, when they all reflected on their time at our school and shared their special memories. Yet again, our Year 6 has achieved above National for their SATs in all areas, so we are very proud of them and their teachers for all their hard work.

At the end of this academic year we are saying farewell to our Headteacher, Fiona Daykin.



Our Chair of Governors, Seth Why said, she has been relentless in her passion to raise academic standards for each and every one of our pupils. She has ensured they receive a first-class education that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. Fiona's work over the past nine years has put the school in a really super place. We

(does anyone remember the CSSM chorus using these words??)

The five finger prayer:

Thumb – pray for those closest to you

Pointing finger – pray for those who point the way

Tallest finger – Pray for those in leadership

Ring Finger – Pray for those who are ill or troubled

Pinky – pray for yourself

Thoughts and Prayers for August

Christine Buffrey

A few years ago I was given a perpetual calendar DAILY SPLASHES OF JOY. I still use it but not every year and I certainly don't turn it over every day but it nearly always makes me smile.

I would like to share a few of the "quotes" with you this month, some of which I may have used in the past.

- May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's Resolutions.
- Starting each morning with an attitude of gratitude – no matter what the circumstances – can splash joy over the rest of your day.
- Sometimes the smallest word of the most unlikely gesture of kindness is all that's needed to turn a hurting heart towards the light of God's love.
- The present is what slips by us whilst we're pondering the past and worrying about the future.
- A relaxed attitude lengthens one's life. (Proverbs 14:30)
 - Life is a gift - unwrap your present! Each day is a gift, that's why we call it 'present'.
 - No – life isn't always what you want, but it's what you've got – so with God's help, CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY.
- Laughter is the invisible armour to protect us from the stresses of life.
- If you grasp tomorrow with faith, you know the handle won't fall off.
- Whatever problems we're going through, they didn't come to stay; they "came to pass".
- Joy comes into our lives when we have something to do, something to love and something to hope for.
- We can count our blessings and name them one by one

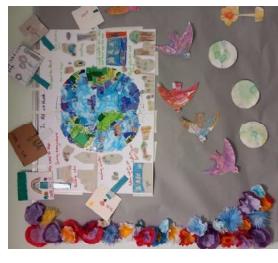
are sure you will join us in wishing Fiona all the best for the future in a happy and healthy retirement.

This year our school had another successful OFSTED, which recognised that the school is 'good', with 'outstanding' personal, social and emotional development. We believe this is just as important as academic attainment. Our school has also again attained scores that are above National levels in all statutory tests. From the high Year 1 Phonics scores, KS1 outcomes, Year 4 Multiplication Tests, to the excellent KS2 SATs results! What an outstanding achievement, and an accolade to the staff and the children for all their hard work.

As she retires, Mrs Daykin said she will "take with me memories of the smiles on the children's faces and the sound of their singing in assemblies, the sounds of their laughter at playtimes, and the success stories of all the children who have achieved so much". Mrs Daykin, we too have happy memories of you being our Headteacher. Thank you for all your hard work, for the impact you have made on so many lives and your relentless work to achieve the very best opportunities for the children in our care.

Rev. Juliet brought the newly elected Mayor, Dr Jon Orrell to visit and introduced him in Collective Worship. She met with our School Council to discuss ideas for The Great Big Green Week.

School Councillors enthusiastically took their discussions a step further and organised an Our future, Our Planet Exhibition for parents and carers to visit. We were all very pleased to hear the comments given about the Exhibition, "It was a beautiful display, their grasp of the problems impressed me." "What a beautiful, thought provoking thing to see. The 'wows' and 'ooohs' from the children viewing it made it even better. Really, really fantastic." For those who would like to see the Exhibition, it will be on display at Holy Trinity Church during the summer.





We have valued and appreciated all Rev. Juliet's support of our school. Not only has she led Collective Worship, but has run Seafarers Lunchtime and After School Clubs and is an active member of our Governance Board. She has supported us in so many ways, one example being, helping Year 6 at their Apprentice Fair.



We love her enthusiasm and incredible passion!



We were very excited to welcome newly elected Labour MP, Lloyd Hatton when he came to visit our school. He is a former Holy Trinity pupil and he was interested to see the Primary School and the changes since he had been at the Infant and Junior Schools. He spoke to Year 6 children, answered their questions and listened to their views and concerns for our environment.



Lloyd Hatton MP, with Rev. Juliet, Fiona Daykin and Seth Why.