

Sunday 3 July	Wimbledon Final on Holy Trinity's Big Screen, Church Hall
Sunday 3 July	Open Afternoon at Willow Grange, 3 - 5 pm
Wednesday 6 July	Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch
Saturday 16 July	Claygate Flower Show
Sunday 17 July	Ecumenical service on Recreation Ground, 5 pm
Monday 18 July	Meet Bishop Christopher at Holy Trinity, 7.30 pm
Wednesday 20 July	Claygate Old Peoples' Club tea in Vicarage garden, 2 pm
Friday 29 July	Working Holiday Group departs for Ukraine
Wednesday 3 August	Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch
Sunday 7 August	Picnic on the Recreation Ground, noon
Wednesday 10 August	African Children's Choir at Arbrook Lane, 6.30 pm
Sunday 21 August	Picnic on the Recreation Ground, noon
Sunday 25 September	Julian's last Sunday, with farewell lunch at 1 pm
Sunday 9 October	Julian made Archdeacon, Guildford Cathedral
Sunday 16 October	Chariots of Fire on Holy Trinity's Big Screen, Church Hall, 4 pm

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

	8 am	10 am	6.30 pm
1st Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Holy Communion Ord 1
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	All Age Service	Evening Prayer
4th Sunday	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion Ord 1	Evening Prayer
5th Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monthly on a Wednesday (see diary above): Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 2 pm: Toddlers' Praise (in the Church Hall)
 Every Wednesday, at 7 am: Prayers for 30 minutes (in the Quiet Room)
 Every Thursday, at 3.45 pm: Intercessions (in the Quiet Room)
 Monthly on a Thursday, at 11.45 am at Wingham Court: Holy Communion
 4th Thursday in month, at 11.30 am at the Day Centre: Holy Communion

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SADNESS AS JULIAN SAYS HE'S LEAVING

After thirteen and a half years in Claygate, Julian Henderson will depart at the end of September to become the next Archdeacon of Dorking. While few at Holy Trinity were surprised, and all were delighted, to see Julian's talents recognised by his elevation to the Bishop's staff, there was an undoubted sense of loss in the church, reflecting not only his universal popularity but the enormous contribution he has made to Holy Trinity's growth and the development of its work and witness.

Julian's last Sunday at Holy Trinity will be 25th September and, as you will see inside this magazine, there is every reason to make sure you keep that day free.

In his letter over the page, Julian explains the background to his move, and gives an indication of the work he will be doing in his new post. Also in this issue of *Insight*, our centre pages look at Life after Julian and offer a brief guide to the process of appointing a new Vicar of Claygate. We also include a look at Archdeacons for those of us (the majority?) not familiar with the species.

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As you will no doubt have heard on the very effective Claygate grapevine, it was announced in church on May 29th that I have been asked to serve as the next Archdeacon of Dorking. I have accepted that invitation and will be stepping down as Vicar of Holy Trinity at the end of September.

After being Vicar here for thirteen years, I had reached the point of wanting to discern whether it was God's will for me to move from here or stay on till retirement in around 2020. One of the ways of discovering that guidance was to put my name in the ring for certain jobs and see if any of the doors opened. It was not out of a sense of unhappiness in the work here, for we love Claygate and Holy Trinity and will find it ever so hard to leave, but we do want to be where God places us and serve where He calls us. So it was necessary to test the water and see if He had plans for us to serve elsewhere.

A number of people within the Diocese had encouraged me to apply for one of the two vacancies for job of Archdeacon, which were advertised in the church press in April this year. So we decided to put in an application and see what might happen. I was called for interview and to make a presentation on May 16th and back for a further interview on May 19th. The phone call came that afternoon of an offer of one of the posts.

While it will be a huge transition to leave behind us the joys of parochial ministry and the people of Claygate and Holy Trinity, we feel it is right to accept this opportunity to serve the wider church as best we can. It is hard to summarise the job of an Archdeacon, because it depends in part on the gifts and experience of the individual. In essence the task involves the support and encouragement and development of the clergy and other local church staff, and their families, in the groupings of churches (deaneries) around Dorking, Leatherhead, Epsom, Elmbridge, Woking and Runnymede, which together are known as the Archdeaconry of Dorking. This includes the process of appointing clergy in these Churches, helping with applications for permission to improve or alter church buildings, making formal Visitations to these churches, training and encouraging churchwardens, conducting ministerial reviews for clergy in the Diocese and serving on numerous Diocesan committees. The detail of my job description has yet to worked out, but I am hopeful that it may include some mission and outreach responsibilities.

At the time of writing we do not know where we shall be living, but it will not be too far away. This means that there will be room for the next Vicar to settle here in due course without a predecessor being too much in evidence, and at the same time Heather can keep her job at Esher Church School and Susannah and Jamie will be in reasonable reach of their friends here. What is more, with a strong staff team in place, who coped admirably during my Sabbatical earlier this year and who will be here throughout the interregnum, Holy Trinity can face these next months with confidence and expectation.

Please be assured of my prayers as we face these months of transition together and trust God for whatever He has in store for us here and in the wider church.



From the Parish Registers

We welcome into the family of the Church:

Andrew Robert Forbes
Matilda Clare Forsyth Forbes
(both baptised on 5th June)
James Andrew Ellis Egginton
Mariska Oenone Venzelaar-Pelly
(both baptised on 19th June)

We offer congratulations on the marriage of:

Laurance James Hides and
Coralie Gisele Quevilly
(married on 18th June)

Simon John Willis and
Gita Shakthi Singham
(married on 18th June)

We offer sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Muriel Aird Cullen
(20th May)
Phyllis Dickson
(30th May)
John Trevor Tillyard-Burrows
(30th May)
Betty Malvine Dove
(30th May)

The next issue of Insight will be for September, and the deadline for contributions will be Friday 19th August.

Parish Personalities

This month Sarah Slater faces the Insight Inquisition.

Where were you brought up?
In Suffolk.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity?
For six years.

What do you like most about it?
The fact that it caters so well for all ages and creates an inclusive feeling.

And if there was one thing you could change?
The degree of anonymity - I'd make everyone wear name badges for one day so I could put some more faces to names.

Where would you locate your ideal home?
Close to all my family, friends and the coast.
What is the least welcome part of your daily round?

Tidying up after children's mealtimes.
Which personal trait do you struggle most to overcome? Overcommitting myself at the expense of me/family time.

What food are you most partial to?
Chocolate (I wish I wasn't!).

And leave on the side of your plate?
Very little, but definitely kiwi fruit.

What do you watch on television?
Drama, news and a soap or two.

What would your desert island book be?
"The Bridges of Madison County".

What is your favourite music?
Anything by Elton John or Peter Gabriel.

And your favourite hymn?
"How deep the Father's love for us".

Which passage of the Bible is most telling for you personally?

Psalm 139.

Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?
Two - to learn to ski and to play the piano.

The Orange Badge Prayer Team

- sometimes known as the 'Orange Badgers'.

What are they?

Well, they are not a sub-species of the black and white badgers, which we all recognise, but seldom see!

They are actually a team of around 18 members of Holy Trinity, who are available each and every Sunday, to pray with anyone who asks.

How did the team begin?

A group was first started in the early 1990's, when we would be 'on duty' behind the organ in the old church – not an ideal venue! When Holy Trinity met in the Village Hall during the re-ordering of the church building, we would pray with people in the little dressing room, usually used for changing costumes during plays. Some of the team have been part of this group since the beginning, and have many years of experience in this important ministry.

What do they do now?

3 or 4 of the team members can be found each Sunday morning in church, after the 10 am service. They stay at or near one of

the front rows of seats, wearing their orange badge to identify themselves. They welcome anyone who has a concern which they would like someone to pray with them about. Everything that is said is, of course, entirely confidential.

There is no set formula for the prayers; anyone requesting prayer is free to share anything with any one of the team. All concerns are equally valid. Subjects for prayer cover all sorts of situations, and they may be concerns for oneself or for someone else.

What is the value of shared prayer? This is something difficult to describe, but is very real. There is not always an immediate resolution of the problem prayed for, but the act of lifting it to God in prayer, and handing the burden over to Him is often a tremendous release in itself.

If you have a concern that you would like to receive prayer for, seek out the 'Orange Badgers' one Sunday!

The Cowie Family leaves for China

Andrew and Lucy Cowie, together with their children Thomas (10), William (8) and Eleanor (7), appeared at all three Sunday services on 19th June to explain their decision to move to China for a year, leaving in early August. They will be going to the city of Xian - which already houses not only the Terracotta Warriors but Gerard and Sarah Charles - to teach English as a foreign language in a university specialising in foreign languages. Andrew will be teaching those taking time out to advance their business careers.

The Cowies are going with a Christian organisation called 'Teachers for China', which has been sending men and women into China to teach English since 1982. The organisation, which has since diversified into caring for Chinese orphans and into health-related programmes, say "Many of our teachers have made great sacrifices to leave the security of professional careers; but they will also tell you that nothing is as satisfying as obeying the Lord's call to represent Him with this people He deeply loves".

An introduction to Archdeacons

Have you ever met an Archdeacon? Although familiar to clergy and Churchwardens, they will rarely register on the radar of ordinary churchgoers, tending to be back-room nuts-and-bolts figures with a low public profile. Indeed, many members of Holy Trinity may think of Anthony Trollope's creation, the unsympathetic Archdeacon Grantly, before they identify any contemporary holder of the post.

Similarly, few could describe the duties of the position. In his letter in this magazine, Julian gives an idea of what the job entails (and how he might expand it!). It was Sydney Smith who felt unable to say more than that an Archdeacon is "one who performs archidiaconal functions".

The Guildford Diocese has two Archdeacons to exercise on behalf of the Bishop supervision over the 12 Deaneries and 165 parishes of the Diocese. The Archdeacon of Dorking's responsibility is for the northeastern half of the Diocese. The southwestern half, covering the Deaneries of Aldershot, Cranleigh, Farnham, Godalming, Guildford and Surrey Heath, is the responsibility of the Archdeacon of Surrey, and Canon Stuart Beake, the Subdean of Coventry Cathedral, has just been appointed to that post.

Archdeacons cease to be merely "The Reverend" and become "The Venerable", not an appellation that is widely known or understood. This led an Archdeacon's widow to write to The Times some years ago, saying "My late husband, while Archdeacon of Canterbury, received a letter addressed to 'The Vulnerable Bernard Pawley'. His characteristic comment was 'How did they know?'"

Everyone needs a smile!

Smiling is infectious

*You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.*

*I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin
When he smiled, I realised
I'd passed it on to him.*

*I thought about that smile
then realised its worth,*

*A single smile just like mine
could travel round the earth.*

*So if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected -
Let's start an epidemic quick
and get the world infected!*

(as heard at Pilgrim Hall last month)



St Asp's version of hot gospel music never quite took off.

For your prayers

Julian writes: Please pray for:

1. The Cowie family, who are heading off to China for a year under the auspices of an organisation called Teachers for China (see page 4). We assure them of our love and prayers as they make their preparations to leave and then settle in to their new way of life.

2. The ten day visit to the Ukraine, which begins on July 29th under the leadership of Andrew Tarcy. The team is divided into three groups, one offering medical and dental care, under the leadership of Michael Webb-Peploe, one offering a programme of English language and crafts and sport for children, under the leadership of Ann Smith, and one working with the local churches and engaging in outreach activities, under the leadership of Revd Peter Norris, Minister of the United Reformed Church in Petersfield. Please pray for the team, for good health and safety, for blessing in their work and that sufficient funds from HTC and the URC in Petersfield will be raised to be able to pay for a much needed toilet block in the school in Gyula.

3. The General Synod of the Church of England, which meets at York University from 8th to 12th July with some important items on the agenda, such as the debate about women bishops. Please pray for the Spirit of God to guide the Church in its decisions and appointments, giving thanks for the very recent news of the announcement of John Sentamu as the new Archbishop of York.

4. Those young people attending houseparties and camps this summer and all who serve as leaders. Pray for Alex Grundy and Hannah Betteridge serving overseas during the summer.

25th September - a special day

On Sunday 25th September we shall celebrate Julian's time as Vicar of Holy Trinity, and say goodbye to him and Heather in suitable fashion.

The plans include a lunch for as many people as possible, at which we can pay tribute to the contribution that Julian and Heather have made among us over the last thirteen years. More details will follow, but make sure now that you put it in your diary!

A special Farewell Service is also being arranged for that Sunday, Julian's last as Vicar of Claygate. Again, more details will be made available in due course.

Claygate Flower Show

Holy Trinity will again have its place on the Showground, but with even more reason for you to encourage friends to visit it. Not only are we dispensing free water, but Greg Dyde of the Church Army will be providing extra fun in the form of balloon modelling, puppets, illusions etc.

Bishop Christopher at Holy Trinity

As part of his getting to know the Diocese, the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Revd Christopher Hill, will be coming to Holy Trinity on Monday 18th July. This is an event for the Emly Deanery, so representatives of other churches will be present and there will be a presentation about the Deanery for the Bishop's benefit.

People will gather at 7.30 pm, and the proceedings will start with a short service at 7.45 pm. You are welcome to attend.

English Church Census 2005

Thank you to everyone who completed their census forms on 8th May to enable Holy Trinity to play its part in the nationwide survey of every local church across all denominations. This census was the fourth to be undertaken, the last one being in 1998.

The Census will provide an up-to-date picture of what is happening in the church and the major trends over the last seven years - trends which we hope will give reason for encouragement as well as evidence of areas that need addressing. It is being conducted by the Christian Research Association, and the published results should be available in September 2006.

Holy Trinity recorded 312 adults and 80 children attending church on Census day, a few of them more than once.

New Webmaster

We were indebted to Don Andrews for designing and implementing Holy Trinity's website two and a half years ago, but some of you may have noticed that keeping it up-to-date has become a problem. Mark Chapman has now agreed to take on responsibility for the website - more details next time.

Christian Aid

As we went to press, it looked as if the final total from this year's Christian Aid Week would be about £5,500, up on last year.

Community youth work considered by Church Council

At the meeting of the PCC at the end of May, Stuart Wright gave a presentation about Holy Trinity's work among the young people of the community. He answered a wide range of questions from members about the work and the issues which arose from it.

Also at the PCC meeting, members endorsed the appointment of Catherine Winchcombe to chair the Jigsaw Advisory Group, the other members of which are Tim Hurdle and Jackie Burton, plus, in an *ex officio* capacity, Jan Winser and Jenny Wilkinson. The Advisory Group provides a strategic overview in determining the ethos, aims and values of Jigsaw, while day-to-day matters fall to the Playgroup management and staff.



Learning from the Bible

"Sir, leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig round it and fertilise it."

Luke chap. 13, verse 8.

You may have noticed over the years that a significant proportion of the "Parish Personalities" at the back of *Insight* have admitted to a tendency to procrastination. There are things that somehow we never seem to get around to, despite our best intentions. Even if we are among those who are good at doing things without delay and hesitation, perhaps that makes us even more conscious of the inclination of others to put things off. Moreover, we may find if our climate is really changing in the way that we are told that the "manana" tendency spreads even more extensively among us.

The risk is that we miss out on what are limited chances. And some things are far too important to miss out on. Let's consider the lesson of Luke's retelling of Jesus' parable about the unproductive fig tree. The landowner despaired of the tree that had borne no fruit for three years, and ordered it to be cut down. But his estate manager thought it worth giving it another chance. He would pay it special attention, with applications of good fertiliser, but if it failed to bear fruit the next year, then cut down it would be.

The parable is short and simple, and easier than many to apply to life. The fig tree stands for unproductive human beings, who take but give nothing back, who fail to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit, who demonstrate no feelings towards the God who made and nurtured them and no interest in sharing the love they have been shown.

We can see the landowner as God, wondering why his environment should continue to sustain someone to whom he has repeatedly come to look for fruit, but in vain; and we can see the manager as Jesus, our mediator and advocate, interceding on our behalf - "just one more chance!". And perhaps that fertiliser is in part the gospel and in part the prayer with which that intercession bathes us.

We have been given chances, perhaps time and time again. But we will never know which is the last chance, the "now or never" opportunity to secure our salvation. If we are putting off our commitment, saying "Just let me finish this first, Lord" or enjoying a hedonistic lifestyle too much (as in Augustine's "Give me chastity and continency, but not yet!"), we may find ourselves without the time we are relying upon to get our relationship with God in order. The woodman's axe or the reaper's scythe may come too soon for us. So perhaps the case for our bearing fruit for God is urgent.

The parable is inserted to stress the message in the words immediately before it, in verse 5: "Unless you repent, you too will all perish". And its valuable reminder is that we may be cut down at any time. The time to get serious about the future is not some time in the future, or even tomorrow, but today.

Scribatius

*Procrastination is not only the thief of time,
it is also the grave of opportunity.*

Young people today....

This month I am going to give you an insight into one of my most varied days. Life in the Ministry is never dull and I always have to try and prepare spiritually for that elephant around the corner, to coin the old road safety advert. Yesterday was a day that I was not prepared for and I have had to invest more trust in Him than ever before. Instead of an elephant it turned out to be a mammoth.

This is surprising not least because I started the day at Pilgrim Hall enjoying the warm loving care of all those who attended the HTC holiday, brilliantly coordinated by Jem and Rosemary Salter. I had a wonderful few days there and look forward to continuing the many friendships that I made; although I may not be allowed to play croquet again! The assurance of prayer support from so many was drawn upon sooner than I expected though.

Having said my goodbyes I got to chat with Julian on the drive home about the dilemmas that I face in the work I do with our Young People. Somehow we got around to discussing that thorniest of issues: seeing someone falling at the same hurdle time and time again and having to decide when and how it is right to draw them to one side in order to help them surmount it. We discussed various hypothetical situations but each time we came back to the old adage: that you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make it drink.

Now, having seen so many dedicated Christians at Pilgrim Hall I was left wondering how many of the Young People God has entrusted to my care would be as dedi-

cated later in life. It was a sobering and humbling thought. Having played a bit of golf with one of my charges early in the afternoon (I lost by 9 strokes), I realised that actually all I could do was pray.

This realisation came none too soon as I then received a phone call which transformed my evening and prompted this article. One of my young people, who has found it difficult to attend church recently, wanted to meet up. Now, I love this person as I do all those entrusted to me, but they have been someone I have always had a close personal affinity with as well. After an hour or more of prayer we met up and as gently as I know how I asked some difficult questions which ended with the passage that Julian had spoken on that morning, Galatians 5 v 25. Did they want to keep in step with the Spirit, because currently they appeared not to want to do so?

Now, I hope and pray that our deep friendship will be restored and I hold God's promise in Psalm 126 v 5 that, 'Those who sow in tears, WILL reap with songs of joy.' I have invested tears and prayer for this friendship and now have to trust Him to keep His promise. If this friendship is ended here on earth then I will be hugely saddened; but I have faithfully and lovingly brought the challenge of the Fountain of Life and so now all I can do is pray that they drink.

Please share that prayer with me daily.

Asa

*After learning about Noah, Sophie, aged 7, had to have an answer:
"Grandad, were you in the Ark?"
"Why, no, sweetie, I wasn't."
"Then why didn't you drown?"*

"We're losing our Vicar. What happens now?"

Holy Trinity's work goes on

We are fortunate as a church in being both well-staffed and well-resourced in terms of volunteers in all aspects of Holy Trinity's life. During an inter-regnum, the Churchwardens find themselves with more legal responsibilities, but Holy Trinity has depended on teamwork and this will continue.

When some churches lose their Vicar - an event which happens more frequently than many might think (there are currently ten other vacancies in the Guildford Diocese) - parishioners might see a succession of strangers taking their services. But our recent experience during Julian's sabbatical demonstrates how well we can depend on our other Ministerial staff. Once Julian leaves, matters you would have gone to him about will normally for the time being fall to David, as our full-time Curate, but there may be issues that are more appropriate to the Churchwardens or Valerie or someone else.

Carrying on the church's work in the absence of a Vicar can often be a healthy exercise, stimulating the acceptance of responsibility, encouraging spiritual growth and revealing new talents.

But for how long will it be?

The process of finding the right person to become the new Vicar of Claygate will be a careful one which is not to be rushed. Julian commented in announcing his departure that it was likely to be after next Easter before his replacement is installed. The process will involve much prayer and consultation, involving our own church, the Deanery, the Diocese and Holy Trinity's patrons, who actually make the appointment.

Who are Holy Trinity's patrons?

Readers of classic literature will be familiar with the way that wealthy individuals were able to bestow a living on young men they favoured by appointing them to a vacant incumbency in a parish church. Some private patrons still exist, but their rights have been circumscribed, and the genuine participation of all the interested parties - including the parishioners - is now provided for. Holy Trinity's Patron is the Church Pa-

Having absorbed the news of Julian's departure from Holy Trinity, most of us start wondering what the future will hold. Here we take you through the next few months and explain the process by which a new Vicar will be appointed.

tronage Trust, who have the responsibility for appointing clergy to 120 Anglican churches in England. The Trust's secretary is the Revd Ken Habershon, known to many of us because he has visited, and preached at, Holy Trinity on several occasions. It is the Trust who will advertise the vacancy, receive applications and make the formal appointment in due course.

What about our views?

The Patron will give considerable weight to what the church sees as needed in a new Vicar. One of the first responsibilities of the Churchwardens and the PCC will be to draw up a Parish Profile and a Statement of Needs. The Profile is essentially factual, describing for the benefit of potential applicants what kind of parish the vacancy has occurred in, what the church and its congregations are like, what kind of services are held, what level of practical support they can expect, etc. Everything, basically, to give anyone a good idea of what they would be applying for.

The Statement of Needs requires deeper reflection about where the church is, where it ought to be going and how its goals can be best achieved. Readers who were at the Annual Church Meeting, or who read our report of it, will recall the discussion there of our strengths and weaknesses, and these are matters which the PCC will need to address in considering what in our life and ministry needs to be maintained, to be

built upon or to be remedied. They will need to identify the challenges and opportunities which are to be faced and met, and the means by which they can be, in particular the style of leadership for which they call. All this will lead to a profile of the person the parish needs as Vicar, in terms of spiritual gifts, personal characteristics, skills and abilities.

There may be circumstances, too, where the Diocese and the Deanery provide their own supplement to what the needs are seen to be. All these statements of needs are exchanged between the Bishop, the Deanery, the Patron and the parish.

Involvement in the selection process

It is for the PCC to appoint two lay members from their number to represent it in the selection process. These need not be the Churchwardens, but the Churchwardens will act in this capacity if no other appointment is made. Sometimes a meeting between the parties to exchange views on the Statements of Needs is arranged, but not necessarily.

Normally, the post is advertised in the national church press, and the advertisement will contain a brief description of the church and of the kind of person being sought, and invite those interested to seek fuller information.

The parish representatives will be involved in considering the long list of applications received and in drawing up a shortlist to be invited to interview. They will also participate in the interview process, which is usually conducted in the parish. Applicants may also have the opportunity of an informal visit to see something of the church, the Vicarage and their potential colleagues.

Decision time

The expectation is that a consensus will be reached between the three bodies involved about the right person to be appointed. The formality of the situation is that:

- it is the Patron who chooses the priest
- it is the Bishop who has to agree to license the priest, and
- it is the parish representatives who have to accept (or not) the Patron's choice.