

Thursday 1 May Anchor: Dr Caroline Lucas of the Princess Alice Hospice
Wednesday 7 May Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch
Sunday 11-17 May Christian Aid Week
Monday 12 May Men's Fellowship AGM, Annual Service and Closing Supper
Tuesday 13-16 May Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park
Saturday 17 May Men's Fellowship outing to Michelham Priory (seats empty!)
Monday 19-23 May Holy Trinity's annual Prayer Week
Tuesday 20 May An evening with author and evangelist Nicky Cruz, 8 pm
Sunday 1 June Shantell's leaving lunch
Monday 2 - 6 June Senior Holiday at Pilgrim Hall
Wednesday 4 June Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch
Thursday 5 June Anchor: an evening with Valerie Bagley
Wednesday 4-8 June Flower Festival at Guildford Cathedral
Sunday 15 June Trinity Tea and Songs of Praise
Saturday 28 June Linda to be ordained priest, Cathedral at 5 pm
Sunday 29 June David King to be ordained deacon, Cathedral at 10.30 am
Friday 12 March 2004 Parish Weekend away at High Leigh

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

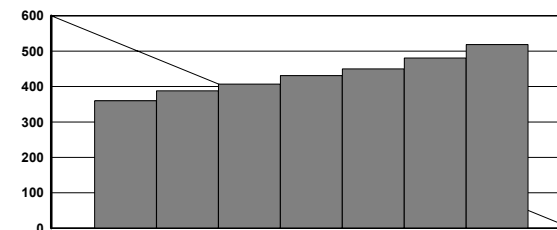
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HOLY TRINITY CONTINUES AS A GROWING CHURCH

Holy Trinity's membership grew by another 8% over the last twelve months, it was reported to last month's Annual Church Meeting. This continues the steady growth seen over recent years, as illustrated here:



The latest total of adults on the church's Electoral Roll stands at 519, compared with 360 in 1997. The proportion of names on the Electoral Roll who live outside the parish is also growing, and crept up last year from 28% to 29%.

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Forthcoming Sundays at Holy Trinity

Sunday 18th May

A reminder that this is the month when the 10 o'clock All-Age Service shifts to the third Sunday instead of the first.

Sunday 18th May

Our preacher at the evening service at 6.30 pm will be Paddy Beresford, the former Minister of Esher Green Baptist Church.

Sunday 1st June

This will be Shantell Hansen's last Sunday with us before she returns to Canada.

A special lunch is being arranged - look out for details.

Sunday 15th June

This is Trinity Sunday and we shall be issuing our usual open invitation to the Trinity Tea in the Church Hall before our popular 'Songs of Praise' service at 6.30 pm.

Help needed at the Day Centre

Claygate Day Centre needs someone to pack the frozen meals which are available to the elderly in the area. It involves an hour and a half every weekday morning and it also means working in the freezer! If this might suit you and you would welcome an extra income, the Frozen Meals Manager, Mrs McCarter, would be delighted to hear from you on 01372 464148.

Insight

A reminder that we welcome news, reports, information and letters to be published in Holy Trinity's Parish Magazine.

The deadline for contributions for the June issue is Friday 16th May

PRAYER WEEK

Monday to Friday, 19th-23rd May

DAILY PRAYER IN QUIET ROOM

7 am to 7.30 am

11.30 am to noon

9 pm to 9.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS EACH DAY

Monday between 5 and 6 pm:

Church Family Prayers and Supper in Church House

Tuesday at 8 pm in the Church: "An evening with Nicky Cruz"

Another American author and evangelist is set to make Holy Trinity a stopping-off point on his forthcoming British tour. Nicky Cruz will be in the United Kingdom for one week, to mark the publication of his new book called *One Holy Fire*, so Holy Trinity will be one of the few places where it will be possible to meet him.

You will already find on our bookstall Nicky Cruz's book *Run Baby Run*, first published more than thirty years ago and a constant best-seller ever since. It tells the story of his life in the street gangs of New York and of his conversion to faith in Jesus Christ. His latest book has been written as a testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit. Admission to this event is by ticket, but the tickets are free, from either the Church Office or Wesley Owen in Kingston.

Wednesday, from 10 am to 3 pm:

Quiet Day at Elstead

"Making time for God to change us" (contact Linda Morgan)

Wednesday at 2.30 pm in Quiet Room:

Toddlers' Praise Special

Wednesday at 8 pm in the Church:

Prayer workshop for world issues

Thursday at 3.45 in the Quiet Room:

Intercessions for the sick

Thursday at 8 pm in Church:

Service of music, worship and prayer for healing

Friday at 8 pm in Church House:

YF Half Night of Prayer

A new Churchwarden is elected

Richard Gordon was elected to serve as Holy Trinity's new Churchwarden by the Meeting of Parishioners which preceded our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. He succeeds Simon Botham, and will serve alongside Rosemary Salter, who was first elected three years ago.

He takes over from Simon on 8th May, which is when the Archdeacon will come to Holy Trinity formally to admit to office for the next year those who have been elected as churchwardens of this church and others in the Deanery. The office of churchwarden is one of the most ancient in the Church of England, and carries a strong mixture of legal, spiritual and pastoral duties. As well as their responsibilities towards the parish and the parishioners who elect them, churchwardens are also in law the Bishop's representatives in the parish.

We have more on Richard and Simon over the page.

Home for our Curate

30th April is the completion date for Holy Trinity's acquisition of 4 Denman Drive as a home for our curate. At the Annual Meeting, Julian gave our thanks to Laurie Gingell and his team for all their work on this project.

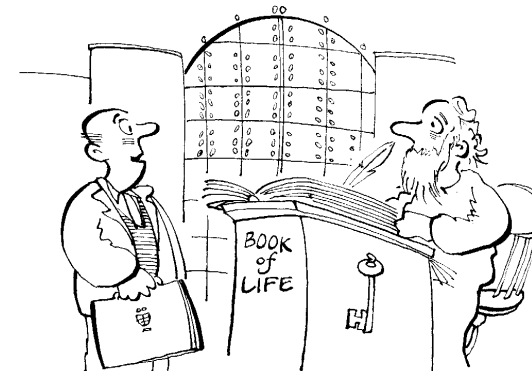
(Laurie is featured on page 11 of Insight this month.)

Church budget has to expand

Holy Trinity's budget is expected to entail general expenditure of £324,000 in 2003, according to the papers presented to the Annual Meeting on 9th April. A small deficit is projected for the year. The largest item of expenditure is our parish share of the Diocesan budget, which this year will exceed £124,000, up from £100,000 last year (read our centre pages for the reason).

The accounts show that 65% of last year's income came direct from church members, with no less than another £51,463 being received back from the taxman because of the beneficial effect of Gift Aid and covenants. Almost 20% of income came from activities, a large slice of it being Jigsaw Playgroup fees. Lettings of the Church and hall brought in nearly £20,000, and sales from the bookstall almost £5000.

Almost £30,000, which represents 10% of income after deducting Jigsaw fees and bookstall sales, was given by way of grants mainly to mission work.



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Introducing our new Churchwarden

RICHARD GORDON has been coming to Holy Trinity since 1988, as a result of the marriage preparation course with Bob & Helen Hyatt which he and Anna Lise undertook before their wedding that year. They live in The Avenue and now have two daughters, Rebecca (11) and Harriet (8).

Richard has been leading children's groups since 1994 and for the last six years has run the Pathfinders. He is particularly enthused by the growth in the children's groups over the last few years, being sure that having a flourishing children's church will help the church to grow (there are still far too many people in Claygate who do not come to church, he says!). Away from children, he was a member of the Building Project Finance Team and he and Anna Lise host a Home Fellowship Group.

Richard was brought up in Solihull and took a degree at Durham University. He works as an investment banker. There are probably not many people in Claygate who cycle to work in the City of London, but then Richard is hoping to ride in one 120-mile stage of the Tour de France this summer, through the Pyrenees!

Richard's other recreations include mountaineering, skiing, football (playing and supporting Birmingham City), travel, music and reading (fiction and political/military history).

And Julian adds a word:

Our annual Finance Review

During the last few months we have been so encouraged by the generous giving of Holy Trinity members with regard to the appeal for funds for the Curate's House. It is a cause of much thanksgiving to God that we have been able to press ahead with the project. But that does not mean we do not need to have our annual review of our regular giving for general church purposes. It has become our practice in recent years to send out a letter to all members of Holy Trinity at the beginning of May asking them to review their giving. For many there is little change and that is to

be expected. But the whole exercise does give the opportunity for a review, if personal circumstances have changed and for new members to commit themselves to giving regularly to the work at Holy Trinity. Please pray that the giving during the next twelve months will be such as to make it possible for us to continue our ministry at the current level.

Julian Henderson

It is very easy to take people for granted in the life of a church and it therefore must not go without notice that Simon Botham has served as churchwarden of Holy Trinity for this past year. Simon decided not to stand for re-election at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 9th, due to his desire to focus his energies more fully in the church music group and our baptism preparation evenings, which he runs with his wife Selina, and to have sufficient time with his growing family. Simon will remain very involved at Holy Trinity and continue to serve on the PCC.

We owe him our thanks for his year in office, which ends on May 8th, the day that the Archdeacon formally commissions way. all churchwardens elected for the coming year. Please pray for them all, especially those taking up office for the first time and particularly Richard Gordon. Do pray that he and Rosemary Salter may work well together as part of the leadership team as Holy Trinity's wardens for the current year. It is a position of great responsibility in the life of a parish church and we are so grateful for the service they give in this

Embracing death... or overcoming it?

An incident at sea 50 years ago has stayed with John Craig and caused him to reflect on death and the transforming lesson about it which Jesus taught

It was a peaceful night in the engine room as we steamed off the coast of South America. I was in charge of the 12-4 watch when the serenity was broken by the telegraph ringing Stop, Full Astern, Stop. A first class passenger had been seen jumping overboard.

A series of commands from the Bridge ensued, and it was a while before the double ring Full Ahead, Full Away restored peaceful normality. Nothing could be done for the man concerned: he had probably died a quick and horrible death, caught in the slipstream and drawn into the propeller. Perhaps he had thought of death as a friend.

I still reflect on that incident, many years ago, and contrast the man's sad action with what we know of Jesus' approach to death. Jesus knew the true nature of death and saw it as something, not to be embraced, but to be fought and overcome. His own successful battle with death cleared the path to heaven for us all.

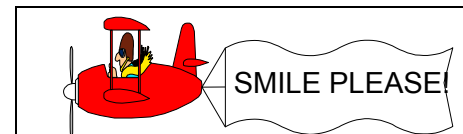
What if Jesus had lost that battle with death - that he had not been able to proclaim from the cross that "It is finished", finished in the sense of a task accomplished, not merely a life ended? God would have lost his only Son, a measure of the risk He took, and for mankind as a whole there would be no path to heaven we could follow.

To understand the death of Jesus involves understanding his birth and life. His birth was not "natural", but the most unique of all God's wonderful creations - born of a human mother but a divine father, the Holy Spirit. He had what was apparently a normal family childhood, knowing Joseph as his father and Mary as his mother. But at the age of 12, he was found in the temple among the teachers, and said to his worried parents "Wist ye not

that I must be about my Father's business?" He clearly knew that his real father was God Himself.

In the temptation in the wilderness, Jesus came face to face with Satan when physically he was at his weakest. He did not fight Satan then, nor did he accede to the three temptations put before him. One of those - to throw himself off the highest pillar as a test of God's protectiveness - would have involved suicide. Jesus forbore to treat death so lightly. Later in his ministry, he brought Lazarus back from death, preparing his followers for the triumph over death which he was to accomplish.

On the cross, Jesus' spiritual and physical natures were separated, and it was through his bodily death that Jesus died to save us from our sins. In fulfilling his own words "I go to my Father to prepare a place for you", Jesus' spirit then had to overcome Satan in order to clear the path to Heaven. When we look at the totality of Jesus we can see how he benefited us twice over, dying to save us from our sins and opening up for us the road to Heaven.



"What story in the Bible do you like best?" they asked the young lad. That was easy. "The one about the boy that loafs and fishes."

Last summer I read a book about prayer, Jim Cybala's *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*. It was both uncomfortable - in that it challenged me - and heartening - in that I felt encouraged to pray. It's good when a book can have that double effect.

Two points stood out for me. One was his comment on the reputation of a church. A minister from Australia was visiting his church in New York and at a special moment in the church's life made this statement:

'You can tell how popular a church is by who comes on Sunday morning;
You can tell how popular the minister is by who comes on Sunday evening;
But you can tell how popular Jesus is by who comes to meetings for prayer'.

In one sense a church ought not to be concerned about its reputation, but in another it needs to hear what message it is sending out to others about its priorities and I found myself thinking that prayerfulness is not one of our strengths at Holy Trinity.

Our annual week of prayer is designed to provide a focus on prayer, so that we never forget its importance and we keep on developing our praying. Too easily we can run the affairs of the church without making time for prayer, time for seeking God's will, time for learning His direction. Time spent in prayer is time never wasted.

The other comment that struck me in the book was in the chapter titled 'the lure of marketing', where he said: 'We must beware a god of our time called success. Bigger is not better, if it comes at the expense of disowning the truth or grieving the Holy Spirit'.

At a time when there is much to be thankful for at Holy Trinity, we run the danger of becoming concerned about success rather than faithfulness to what God has called us to do and to be. To counter this concern we must make times of prayer a particular emphasis.

The first disciples of Jesus are described in Acts 2. 42 in this way: 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer'. Prayer is one of the four great hallmarks of the Christian life and I believe it is the one at which we are the weakest.

So may I encourage us all in our praying, privately and secretly as Jesus commanded in the Sermon on the Mount, and then with one another. This is not something extreme or weird, but normal.

Jim Cymbala suggests that prayer is the Christian's life-line, the Christian's breath. If we do not pray, it's like having a baby in our arms, beautifully dressed, but not breathing. The smart clothes don't really matter. What does matter is that the child is alive and breathing. If a Church is not praying, then it is barely alive. Let's devote ourselves to prayer and be known as a church that believes in the importance of prayer.



Parish Personalities

Laurie Gingell is the subject of this month's Insight Inquisition.

Where were you brought up?

In India until age 8, thereafter, my father being a soldier, in various army stations in the UK.

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

What do you like most about it?

The fellowship.

And if there was one thing you could change? Improved facilities for welcoming newcomers.

Where would you locate your ideal home?
The Yorkshire Dales.

What is the least welcome part of your daily round? Household chores and visits to Sainsbury's.

Which personal trait do you struggle most to overcome? Being in charge.

What food are you most partial to?
Steak and kidney pudding.

And leave on the side of your plate?
Broad beans.

What do you watch on television?

BBC News 24, Sky News, CNN, good drama and historical programmes.

What would your desert island book be?
'The Holy Mountain' by William Dalrymple.

What is your favourite music? Light classical music.

And your favourite hymn?
"Fight the good fight".

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

Luke 7. 1 - 10.

Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?

I have reached the age of contentment.



From the Parish Registers

We offer congratulations on the marriage of:

**Paul Robert Mayhew and
Jennifer Elizabeth Bowes**
(married on 5th April)

**James Joseph Mitchell and
Emma Louise Hall**
(married on 19th April)

We offer sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Clifford Daniel
(24th March)

Matthew Thomas
(29th March)

David Prentice
(31st March)

Frank William Noot
(2nd April)

Congratulations

..... to Gordon and Joan Burrett, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 17th April.

Gordon (a former Churchwarden of Holy Trinity) and Joan came to the evening service on Sunday 13th April for a short act of thanksgiving and rededication, partly to compensate for their lack of a religious wedding ceremony, their wartime marriage having been quickly arranged during Gordon's embarkation leave, prior to a lengthy enforced separation.

A Moment to Meditate

Some of the parables that Jesus told take a bit of working out, and we can easily be left wondering exactly what point he was making. The ones that are about lostness aren't like that. We can quickly identify with the feelings of those who have lost something that is of value to them, whether it be a sheep from the flock, a coin of significant monetary worth, or a child.

And we therefore have little difficulty in recognising the point of the three parables which appear in chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. We are invited to see God as the one who has experienced the loss, in terms of men and women who are alienated from him, and who rejoices when what was lost returns to him.

In the first two parables, Jesus made the link for us, comparing the human rejoicing over the finding of a sheep or a coin which had been lost with the rejoicing in heaven over a sinner who repents. When it comes to the Prodigal Son, the longest of the parables, we hardly need the comparison made for us a third time: we take the point well enough from the father's words - "We had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found".

The three parables encourage us to understand the welcome we can expect from God when we turn to him. On the other hand, they are not designed to persuade us to see ourselves as lost and in need of being found. There are many people who in their self-sufficiency would not readily see themselves in those terms. And if you don't regard yourself as lost, the eagerness of someone else to make sure you are found and made secure may seem irrelevant. The parables make little point to you.

Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep."

Luke, chap. 15, verse 6

In a time when the influence of orthodox Christianity has lessened for many of the population, we nevertheless see a great deal of searching for meaning, with people looking at less orthodox forms of spirituality, or new ageism, or Eastern religions or whatever. It does seem to suggest that in most people there is what has been called a "God-shaped hole", which can be difficult to fill if you look in the wrong places. And through the ages the need to reach out beyond ourselves has been recognised and expressed.

To reach out is the first step to finding the answers. To reach out to Jesus will increase the chance of finding them. For he said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". Fullness of life means the holes being filled, meaning being discovered, the potential being realised, and our recognising that we were indeed lost but have now been found.

- *Scribatus*

Searching for the missing ingredient

All my life I have been seeking to climb out of the pit of my besetting sin and I cannot do it and never will.
Seneca (1st Cent. Roman)

I live in a vacuum that is as lonely as a radio tube when the batteries are dead, and there is no current to plug into.
Ernest Hemingway (20th Cent. US)

A writer's life

Maureen Osborne talked about her experiences as a writer when she came to the Men's Fellowship meeting in April. Her first commissions were in respect of educational drama for BBC radio programmes for schools, and one of the lessons this taught her was the need for meticulous research, since any factual errors were bound to be picked up. She described various of the techniques which could be used to put over a story and aid understanding, often easier on radio.

When Maureen ventured into children's books, the reject slips, and sometimes helpful letters, came thick and fast. It was only after she researched the market more carefully that her second book was accepted by Heinemann, and they were then happy to take the first book which they had rejected two years earlier!

Having since written books for younger children - knowing the right vocabulary was important here - Maureen's latest move is to historical fiction for adults. It remained to be seen how it was received, but she stressed to us that making a living from writing was very problematical.

Life in Virginia

A good number came to Anchor's April meeting to hear Jill Marsden speak about her recent spell in America. They had established themselves in Virginia during Roger's tour of duty, and Jill spoke interestingly about life there and about how they had found themselves very warmly welcomed into a local evangelical church.

It was from that church that they went with others more than once to join in missions to Native Americans (whom we used to call Red Indians), now too frequently reduced to poverty and degeneration on their reservations. Jill brought with her some artefacts with which to illustrate her talk, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all present.

Visiting our link parish

A number of our church family have now made several visits to St Peter's Norbiton, by bus, car and even by bicycle, but whatever the means of transportation, in company with others or alone, I am sure all enjoyed the warm and friendly welcome given to us by those at St Peter's. We have been delighted by their visits to Holy Trinity and hope they will make more.

Our parishes are very different but complement each other. In many areas we have a lot in common. We particularly thank Linda Morgan for her vital role in establishing this link. We have a lot to share in this venture - may it make steady progress. For info about St Peter's, don't hesitate to ask someone who has been!!

Shirley Mokler

Good Friday's walk of "Witness"

Witness to what, one wondered? Only 5% of the Church's Electoral Roll took part in the 15 minute walk from Station to Church. But congratulations to John Amos for carrying the shoulder-chafing cross, and to Julian who maintained his usual cheerfulness. One can only wonder what private thoughts were being entertained as to whether so small a number witnessed noticeably for Jesus to any shoppers or passers-by. We can only pray that it did.

A. Walker

Old photos please!

Many churches have a picture gallery of past incumbents. We haven't. Do you happen to have in your archives photos of Claygate Vicars or other members of staff from the past? We'd be pleased to hear from you!

What you missed at Holy Trinity's APCM

Members of the Church Council

An election was held to choose which of the eight candidates should fill the six vacancies on the PCC. The following previously elected members were re-elected for another 3 year term:

Emma Carter
Dudley Sloggett
John Spooner
Colin Wheatley

The two new members elected were

Sylvia Andrews
Catherine Winchcombe

Catherine Winchcombe is 31 and was born in Uganda though then brought up in Yorkshire. She is a teacher by profession and works part time teaching music at Esher Church School, the rest of her time being taken up by Aeona (5) and Freya (3). She and Simon moved to Claygate in 1994, soon after they married, and have been members of Holy Trinity since then. They used to run the Youth Fellowship together, and Catherine is now involved with the Music Group, Toddlers' Praise and a YF cell group. She led the group which organised our last Parish Weekend and, she told us, will shortly be starting on planning next year's. Away from church, Catherine runs, shops (as a recreation, she says - true girl!) and is a DIYer - she and Simon have spent the last three years doing up the second house they have owned in Claygate, which had only an outside toilet when they moved in!

We hope to be able to introduce Sylvia Andrews to our readers next month.

Members of the PCC who continue in office are

Clive Finniear Rosie Francis
Chris Kingston Christine Steeds
Andrew Stroud (Secretary)
Barry Wakefield (Treasurer)
David Wakefield Janet Watkins
and Michael Webb-Peploe (Vice Chairman).

They serve with the ministerial staff as ex-officio members and our two churchwardens. Julian is the Chairman.

Only a minority of Holy Trinity's growing membership was able

to attend last month's Annual Church Meeting, so this report gives others a summary of what was said and done.

It supplements the highlights reported on our news pages.

Reports on activities

The reports on Holy Trinity's activities were this year accepted with little questioning or discussion. Sheila Haddow added a report on KYB which was left out of the printed volume.

In presenting the Church's accounts, Barry Wakefield said that our financial position required much thanksgiving and gratitude to God. He explained that the significant rise in the parish share we would pay to the Diocese this year reflected both a general increase of 14% in what was required from us and additional payments arising from the appointment of a curate from June. The meeting gratefully accepted Julian Stedman's offer to act as auditor for another year, and Julian said that our thanks were due to all those who spent much time administering our financial affairs so effectively.

On fabric matters, Dudley Sloggett said that we had just heard that the insurers would meet the full cost of new flooring in the Church Hall, following last year's damage.

Barbara Collignon wondered whether there was a way of involving the church family more closely in such decisions as that on housing for a Curate. Julian's response said that the PCC was elected to take decisions about the running of the church on behalf of church members. In doing so, they had to take a lead, but after judging whether it was a lead members would follow.

Vicar's Address

Julian said that a glance at our Annual Reports made plain how much initiative and creative thinking was going on at Holy Trinity. Although ours was not a perfect church, we were not guilty of a commitment to carrying on "doing church" the way it has always been done. He paid tribute to the staff team and the various ways in which they, ministerially or in the office, were breaking new ground in developing their responsibilities at Holy Trinity.

Julian recorded that we would lose the full-time services of Stuart Wright in the autumn after 4 energetic years. We were hugely grateful to him and delighted that he would still be around to work two days a week with the teenagers in the community. David King, on his arrival as Curate, would take over the responsibility for overseeing the Sunday children's groups and their leaders, but we needed to look and pray for one full-time or two part-time workers to carry on Stuart's and Shantell's work with the church teenagers.

While recognising the uncertainties of some, Julian's belief was that we had gone down the right route for housing our curate. The goodness of God was evident in how well the process had gone, but we now needed to find someone to take on the task of developing the full use of Church House.

Julian devoted much of his address to outlining the Evangelism Strategy which had been developed by the Evangelism Team headed by Ian Vale. Their document had been a marvellous piece of detailed and careful research, and after review and some adaptation by the Ministry Advisory Group and other relevant groups within the church, the Strategy had been unanimously adopted by the PCC at its February meeting. Julian emphasised that this represented less of a dramatic innovation than the more coordinated organisation of lots of unconnected evangelistic activity which often happened rather haphazardly. An overall strategy enabled us to focus more clearly on what we needed to do to drive forward the church's outreach.

After Julian had spoken, churchwarden Rosemary Salter paid a warm tribute to Julian and his leadership, and this was endorsed by prolonged applause from all present.