

Saturday 1 May Verdi's Requiem performed in church, 7.30 pm
 Wednesday 5 May Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by lunch
 Thursday 6 May Anchor: John Alpass on Playing the Organ
 Sunday 9 - 15 May Christian Aid Week
 Monday 10 May Men's Fellowship Annual Service, AGM and Supper, 7.30 pm
 Saturday 15 May Monthly parish walk in the Surrey countryside
 Saturday 15 May Supper for those who attend the 6.30 pm service, 8 pm
 Sunday 16 May Launch of Holy Trinity's Fairtrade stall
 Sunday 16 May Bereavement tea
 Tuesday 18 May Archdeacon's Visitation; St Peter's Hersham
 Thursday 20 May Ascension Day
 Monday 24 - 28 May Week of Prayer
 Sunday 30 May Pentecost / Whit Sunday / World Focus Sunday
 Gerard Charles speaks at all three services
 Sunday 6 June Trinity Tea (5pm) and Songs of Praise (6.30 pm)
 Monday 7 - 11 June Senior Holiday at Pilgrim Hall
 Sunday 18 July Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity

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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HELPING TO SWEEP AWAY SUFFERING

Holy Trinity has identified a new way of reaching out into the community with the love of Christ in the form of practical help. This new initiative has come from the young people of the church, and the presentation that members of the Youth Fellowship made to the Church Council convinced their elders that their ideas were valuable and should be pursued.

The stimulus came from the involvement of members of the Youth Fellowship in practical projects elsewhere under the auspices of something called the Besom. It seemed to them that it would be good if our own local project could be established under which we could provide help to disadvantaged members of the community and, even more importantly, develop a personal relationship with them. A fuller report is on page 5.

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Jerusalem Dean visits Esher

The Very Revd Michael Sellors, former Dean of St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem, will be in this country in May and will address a local meeting about the situation there. A former priest of Guildford diocese, he is now living at the Dormition Abbey Hagia Maria Sion, where he is assisting the Benedictines with their Academy for Peace, while teaching at the Armenian Seminary and acting as Co-ordinator of the Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem.

The meeting, open to anyone interested, will be on Wednesday 12th May, in Christ Church, Esher at 8 pm.

Michael writes: 'The assassination of Sheikh Ahmad Yassin opens the door for dramatic retaliation, so we need all the prayers of the world together with a more serious and meaningful involvement of the Superpowers, not least the UK and the USA. (The latter, in particular, has a lot to answer for ...)' 'It was wonderful to see the Holy Sepulchre absolutely packed last evening [Good Friday] as well as the Parvis - though not too many pilgrims, the locals were there especially hordes of young people. There surely is the hope for the future.'

VERDI'S REQUIEM

In Holy Trinity on Saturday
1st May at 7.30 pm

Claygate Choral Society, with soloists Angharad Gruffydd-Jones, Frances Bourne, Paul Badley and Michael Bundy and Musica Academica conducted by Martyn Daldorff, will be performing Giuseppe Verdi's large-scale and operatic setting of the Requiem.

Tickets cost £12.50, on the door or in

New churchwardens to be authorised

The Archdeacon's Visitation involves a special service in which all the churchwardens elected for the next twelve months to serve churches in the Emly Deanery are formally admitted to office. This year's service takes place at St Peter's Hersham on Tuesday 18th May, and all who are interested, or wish to support our own churchwardens, are welcome to attend.

World Focus Sunday

This year our annual World Focus event is separated from the Harvest weekend, and coincides instead with Pentecost. Gerard Charles, our link with Friends of China, supported by our outward giving, will be back in England and will be the preacher at all three services on Sunday 30th May.

Supper for evening churchgoers

Tickets are now available for the supper on Saturday 15th May, specially designed for members of the 6.30 congregation on Sundays. It is the second occasion at which 6.30-ers have been able to enjoy a more informal evening together, so if you have not yet obtained a ticket, ask the Church Office now! The supper is at 8 pm.

FREEWHEELERS NOT COMING TO CLAYGATE

The performance in Holy Trinity by the Freewheelers theatre company on 4th May has been cancelled. If you had been looking forward to seeing them again, you may like to know that you can catch up with their new play, *The Musicians*, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th May at The Theatre (formerly the Thorndike) in Leatherhead. The Box Office number is 01372 365141.

In memoriam lilies for Easter

A new initiative this year saw the apse of the church decorated for Easter with pedestal arrangements of white lilies. The opportunity was given to church members to donate a lily in the memory of someone special to them, and the response saw over 50 lilies included in the arrangements. The Easter news sheet had an insert listing the names of those remembered and of those making this gesture.

Fairtrade stall for Holy Trinity

This month sees the launch of a stall selling Traidcraft goods. Volunteers will keep the stall stocked with food items and other goods which ensure a fair return to the original producers, and will be happy to take your money. The stall will be open for business once a month after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday morning, and its launch will take place on 16th May.

Annual church meeting

This issue of *Insight* is going to press before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, so it will be next month's issue which carries election results and reports of its proceedings. In the meantime, however, our centrespread this month takes a look at the reports of the activities at Holy Trinity, published in preparation for the Annual Meeting, and picks out some of the things you might not have been aware of.

Confirmation now to be at Holy Trinity

The Confirmation service to be held on Sunday 18th July has been switched from Christ Church Esher to Holy Trinity. The number of candidates for confirmation being put forward from Claygate makes it sensible for the service to take place here.

This means that there are to be two services in Claygate that evening, since that is also the day for the annual ecumenical service on the Recreation Ground. The time at which each is to start will be confirmed in due course.

Several of Holy Trinity's candidates for confirmation need first to be baptised. In the past, we have borrowed Emmanuel Hall for adult baptisms by immersion, but consideration is being given to that taking place this year in Holy Trinity itself.

Details will follow once arrangements are finalised.



But I clearly said it was the Curate's job to turn off the tap filling the baptistry!

A Christian in the world of politics

Peter Bruinvels was a spirited and enjoyable speaker at the April meeting of the Men's Fellowship. Tracing his varied career, he pointed to some of the conflicts that could arise for a Christian in public life but said that as someone with a Christian upbringing who had never doubted his faith, he was not ashamed to stand up for what he believed in and to refuse to act in contradiction of it.

Trained as a lawyer, Peter became while still in his twenties the company secretary, then Director of Personnel, of BPC Publishing, required on Robert Maxwell's takeover of the company to make 3000 employees redundant, only to find that the last person to be made redundant was himself. He claimed

the distinction of being someone who had sued Cap'n Bob, and won.

Already by then a member of the Guildford Diocesan Synod, he found it rather more difficult to get elected to Parliament, but succeeded at the age of 33, only to be warned on the night of his victory that he would lose his seat at the next election (which he duly did!). Only about 8 MPs attended prayers in the House of Commons, but good cross-party friendships were formed. Later a Church Commissioner and a member of General Synod, and now with the British Legion, Peter expertly fielded a wide variety of questions from the audience.

Coming shortly: what to expect Sunday by Sunday

SERMONS AT 8 am and 6.30 pm

The joy of the believer

Sunday 25th April:

Romans 15. 13: the joy of believing

Sunday 2nd May:

James 1. 2: the joy of trials

Sunday 9th May:

Matthew 13.44: the joy of wholeheartedness

A series on prayer

Sunday 16th May:

Personal Bible reading

Sunday 23rd May:

Personal prayer

Sunday 30th May (World Focus Sunday):

Prayer for God's work around the world

Sunday 6th June:

Prayer to God as Trinity

Sunday 13th June:

Prayer as church

A series from the Prophet Micah

Sunday 20th June: Micah 1. 1-7

Sunday 27th June: Micah 1. 8-16

Sunday 4th July: Micah 2. 1-5

Sunday 11th July: Micah 2. 6-13

Sunday 18th July: Micah 3. 1-12

Sunday 25th July: Micah 4. 1-13

SERMONS AT 10 am

Key New Testament texts

Sunday 25th April:

John 11.25: I am the resurrection ...

Sunday 2nd May:

John 20. 29: Blessed are those who ...

Sunday 9th May:

2 Cor 9. 6: Whoever sows sparingly...

A series on praying

Sunday 16th May:

Personal Bible reading

Sunday 23rd May:

Personal prayer

Sunday 30th May (World Focus Sunday):

Praying for God's worldwide work

Sunday 6th June:

Praying for individuals

Sunday 13th June: *Praying as church*

Sunday 20th June: *Praying at home*

Sunday 27th June:

Praying through formal set prayers

Great Escapes! Great Rescues!

Sunday 4th July: *Noah and the flood*

Sunday 11th July: *The Israelites' exodus*

Sunday 18th July: *Daniel and the furnace*

Sunday 25th July: *The return from exile*

A new garden for children

Did you know that a Children's Garden was being developed at Holy Trinity? Lucy Phillips tells us about it.

Do you believe in the Flower Fairies? Well, they may be slightly more 21st century versions, wearing Teletubby wellies, Thunderbird hats and Spiderman outfits but nevertheless, they have been very busy in the new Holy Trinity Children's Garden.

The children of Jigsaw playgroup have been hunting for worms, planting potatoes, making bamboo wigwams and growing sweet peas in the garden at the back of the church. Though it may not win any medals at Chelsea, the garden is certainly transformed into a new learning and play environment, both for the play- group and all the children at Holy Trinity.

Several vegetable patches have been created for our resident scarecrow who is now diligently guarding our new crops of carrots, beetroot, radishes, artichokes, onions, peas, and salad. The Wendy House has had a makeover worthy of 'Changing Rooms' and our annual garden is preparing itself for the hotly contested Sunflower Competition later in the month.

Whilst much has been achieved, there is still lots to do and we need your help. There will be a plant sale on the 30th April at 9.30 am at the church to raise funds. Please come along and, if you would like to donate any plants,

please contact Lucy Phillips (469946) or drop them round to 11 Meadow Road anytime before the sale.



This year's Finance Review

Our annual finance review will be launched on 9th May. This is an opportunity for members new and old to consider, plan and pledge their regular giving for the year ahead. Those who are able are invited to at least keep the level of their contribution towards the cost of God's work at and through Holy Trinity, Claygate, in line with inflation.

For many years, Holy Trinity has maintained a policy of 'balanced budgeting', with planned expenditure for the following year determined by members' regular giving over the previous twelve months. Those who were at the APCM will have heard that costs in some major areas over which we have no control are this year set to rise at well over the rate of inflation. As a result, we shall have to fund a significant deficit from our declining reserves if members' regular giving remains at 2003 levels.

Over recent years, members have been exceptionally generous in their support for the building project and the purchase of the curate's house, over and above their regular giving. There are no current plans for any further exceptional projects like these.

Please prayerfully consider your response to the review and also pray that the overall level of giving will support our work to build God's kingdom both within the parish and also further afield.

If, for any reason, you have not received your personal copy of Julian's letter about the review by 14th May, please contact the church office.

The real measure of a man's wealth is what he has invested in eternity

Very few churches would claim that they have a strong and healthy prayer life, serving as a kind of life-line and power-line through all their activities. Times of shared prayer are usually poorly attended and tend to be rather superficial. And if questions are asked about the practice of personal private prayer by individual members there would be embarrassed looks in almost every direction.

Yet it has been a longstanding Christian tradition, based on Jesus' own practice, that His followers should find time each day for some quiet reflection, Bible-reading and prayer. Jesus often went aside by Himself, often early in the morning, often to a lonely place, to be with His Father and to pray. He did this because He loved to be with His Father and wished to maintain His relationship with Him. It was His priority in sustaining a busy and demanding public schedule to cultivate a strong inner life of closeness with His Father.

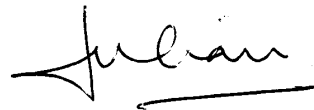
If that was so for Him, as the Son of God, how much more important and necessary for us as mere followers of Jesus. We cannot survive the pressures of being Christians and offering ministry to an increasingly secular culture, unless we take time aside each day to recharge our spiritual batteries and renew our strength and vision. In our busy and full lives in the twenty first century, while there ought to be more time because of the help of machines and modern technology, there seems to be less. But if something is important, we can and must make time for it. And although times of meeting together for services provide encouragement and fellowship, they cannot substitute for daily times of personal devotion, study and prayer.

During May there will be two special emphases to help us in this. First, the services and sermons on Sunday 16th May will focus on the practice of daily Bible reading. In addition in the foyer there will be a display of all the currently available Bible-reading material to help us develop the habit of reading the Bible each day and to help us understand what we read. These notes and booklets of dated readings and schemes of reading all the Bible over a certain period of time have proved invaluable to many over the years and I hope that those who have never used such notes, those whose daily Bible-reading has grown stale, those who gave up trying to read the Bible regularly years ago, those who want to try a different way and style of Bible-reading, will find this Sunday a useful fresh beginning of what ought to be such a mainstay and delight in our lives as Christians.

Secondly, the services and sermons on Sunday 23rd May will focus on the discipline of private daily prayer. After both the 10 am and 6.30 pm services that day there will be the chance to discuss and share the difficulties and joys of cultivating this priority in our daily lives. The Week of Prayer at the end of the month (24th to 28th May) will take on a very different shape this year. Instead of shared times of prayer three times a day, which in the past have brought together only small numbers, we shall encourage one another to pray privately at certain points each day. A prayer diary for those five days will be produced to guide us and on Wednesday 26th at 8 pm I hope many will choose to come to an evening of prayer together.

Let's do what we can to strengthen that inner life of walking closely with our God.

With my best wishes and prayers,




From the Parish Registers

*We welcome into the family of the
Church:*

Sebastian Herbert Schmidt
(baptised on 18th April)

*We offer congratulations on the
marriage of:*

Peter and Wendy Bolt
(Blessing of marriage on 17th April)

*We offer sympathy to the
relatives and friends of:*

Brian Bowes
(17th March)
Peter Forda
(23rd March)

New post - and title - for Linda

Those of you with eagle eyes will have spotted on our front page a change in the designation of our Non-Stipendiary Minister.

A biochemist on the staff of the University of Surrey at Guildford for some years, Linda Morgan has been appointed to a chair in Nutritional Endocrinology at the University. She now becomes, therefore, the Reverend Professor Linda Morgan. We offer her our congratulations.

Parish Personalities

*This month it is Ian Vale who faces the
Insight Inquisition.*

*Where were you brought up?
In King's Norton in Birmingham.
How long have you lived in Claygate?
About 16 years.
What do you like most about it?
It's close enough to London and not to
be London.
And if there was one thing you could
change? The noise from the A3.
Where would you locate your ideal
home?*

*By the water: a river or the sea.
What is the least welcome part of your
daily round?
Being too rushed with everything.
Which personal trait do you struggle
most to overcome?
Not going to bed early enough.
What food are you most partial to?
You name it, I'll eat it.
And leave on the side of your plate?
Porridge!*

*What do you watch on television?
Sport and current affairs.
What would your desert island book be?
The one I am writing, so I can finish it.
What is your favourite music?
Tamla Motown.
And your favourite hymn?
"Give thanks".
Which passage of the Bible is most
telling for you personally?
Jeremiah 31. 31 - 34.
Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?
To write the trilogy.*

A Moment to Meditate

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets."

Matthew, chap. 5, verse 17

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus seemed to be suggesting that the Law of Moses continued unaltered until the end of time.

"Not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law", he told his disciples, though many readers of mature years will forever think in terms of the old translation of "Not one jot or tittle".

But the Apostle Paul told the Romans that "Christ is the end of the law" (chap. 10, verse 4) and that accordingly they had died to the law (7. 4). Clearly, the Christian church does not follow, and never has, all those observances which the Law of Moses laid down for the Jews. Are we right not to do so? Does the old law still apply, or not?

The fact that apparent conflicts arise in what we read in the Bible is a stumbling block to some people, and they end up either confused or inclined to discount anything at all they read in the Bible. But if we see what we think is a contradiction, it is a signal to us that we have to study it a little harder in order to resolve it.

If we read what Chapter 5 of Matthew's gospel goes on to report about Jesus' teaching, we see that he very quickly qualified what he had said about the Law. There are a series of statements from him in which he says "You have heard that it was said.... but I tell you that....". He was throwing new light on what the law should be taken as meaning. Moreover, the Pharisees often complained that Jesus and his disciples were acting in conflict with the law. Clearly, therefore, Jesus cannot have been saying that the law as it had been understood by generations of Jews remained valid in every respect.

What he must have been saying was that God's law was unalterable and of eternal validity, but that those who had evolved detailed rules of interpretation had often been

guilty of frustrating the original intention of the law. He emphasised in verses 19 and 20 of Matthew 5 that those who wished to follow him needed to practise and teach God's commands, and to make a better job of it than those - the Pharisees and teachers of the law - who had become too legalistic in their observance and, as he later accused them (15. 3), had broken the command of God for the sake of their tradition.

Jesus had come, he told the disciples, not to abolish the law, but to fulfil it. It was through him that the law was to be understood. Our obedience to the law is best governed by our hearts being guided by the way we follow him. And, to return to Paul's interpretation, "God sent his Son in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, according to the Spirit" (Romans 8. 4). Somehow the contradiction seems to have disappeared.

- Scribatius

His hands and his side

A prayer of Martin Luther

May our dear Lord Jesus Christ show you his hands and his side, and with his love put joy into your hearts, and may you behold and hear only him until you find your joy in him.

Go-ahead for a local Besom Project

At their March meeting, members of the PCC unanimously endorsed a proposal from the Youth Fellowship that a local Besom Project should be developed.

The members of the Youth Fellowship who put their proposal to the PCC were Jamie Henderson, Jon Hidden and Sanjay Patel. It was Sanjay who led, and he explained how he had first heard of the project and had been gripped by its ethos of showing Christ's love through action.

The Youth Fellowship had become involved by decorating a decrepit flat in Victoria, and even more so by developing a relationship with its occupant. Sanjay had become a regular volunteer with Besom, which had 15 projects under way and a further 20 being explored. His vision was for Holy Trinity's Youth Fellowship, or even better the whole church, to initiate its own on-going Besom project. It was after a lot of questions and discussion that the PCC concluded that it would be a very positive move to develop a local project.

The nearest Besom project to us seems to be in Ashtead, launched last May by St George's Church there after James Odgers had spent a day teaching at some of the church services. Their first project involved the youth group working for 3 days to transform a local community home. Since then, 85 people have helped with other projects and others have donated funds to buy paint, plants etc. As the Besom has taken shape, the team has formed links with social services, health visitors, charities, mental health organisations and other churches.

They say that it is amazing to see how much has happened in such a relatively short time. Those who have taken part in practical projects have had great fun while working with their friends, and end up with a terrific sense of achievement at doing something worthwhile for someone else.

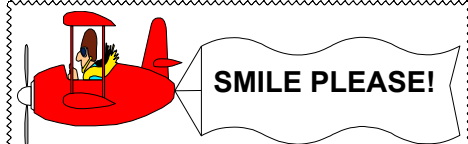
What is Besom?

The Besom Foundation was started in 1987 by James Odgers, a successful City solicitor, on his return from working with the poor in Hong Kong. It is a registered charity based in London.

A besom is a twig broom and the motto of the charity is "Sweep away suffering".

The Besom helps people make a difference. It provides a bridge between those who want to give time, money, things or skills and those who are in need. It ensures what is given is used effectively. The service it provides is free.

The Besom provides a wide variety of opportunities for people to reach out into the London-area community and help others in practical ways, such as repainting needy homes.



After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "The Vicar said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you!"

Surveying the range of Holy Trinity's work

Membership and congregations

The number of adults on the Electoral roll has reached 522, continuing the increase we have been experiencing for some years. The rise in membership has not, however, carried through to regular church attendance: the number of adults attending Sunday services in 2003 slipped to 318 on average, a reversal of the trend of recent years.

Church buildings

With the acquisition of planning permission for the non-residential use of Upper Church House, Julian will be moving his study upstairs, and space there is also being made available for administrative purposes, connected with the Jigsaw Playgroup, youth work, etc. This will free the ground floor rooms for a development of the uses already found for meetings, counselling and other activities. The house acquired for the Curate has now been fully paid for, and no debt remains.

Money

Voluntary income rose by 1.4 % compared with 2002, to a total of £264,617, not including the response to the appeal to purchase a house for our Curate, which raised the sum of £131,441. Income from activities - Jigsaw's fees, hall lettings, bookstall sales etc - also rose. But costs, especially our Parish Share payable to the Diocese, have risen faster and, with a total general fund expenditure of £299,574, Holy Trinity's surplus fell from over £60,000 in 2002 to £36,000 last year. This trend is projected in the Church's budget for 2004 to result in a deficit of £23,602.

Children

If you have wondered what the children's groups are actually doing every Sunday, the Annual Report is well worth reading. The children's groups are thriving - averaging 15 in the crèche, 15 - 20 in the Scramblers, 20 - 25 in the Climbers, 10 - 15 in the Explorers, 22 in the Trekkers and 25 - 30 in the Pathfinders - and by all accounts having a lot of fun alongside the Christian teaching. For the Pathfinders, who have been switched from the children's work to the youth work umbrella, that now includes a regular monthly social in the Church Hall on Sunday evening.

As a weekday event, Toddlers' Praise has been successful in attracting some with no other contact with the church - about a third of the 15-20 adults and 25-30 children who come along on the average Wednesday.

If you have read all 44 pages of the reports on the Church's activities over the past year, under 54 different headings and written by no fewer than 37 different people, this page will tell you nothing new. But for those who did not pick up a copy, or who have not found the time to sit down to read it all, we offer a quick run down of some of the highlights.

For more significant outreach, there is nothing like the Holiday Club. The Club in February, drawing largely from Claygate Primary School and so well attended that late applicants had to be turned away, had a majority of children who had no regular contact with Holy Trinity. It was valuable in introducing many to the gospel but a major challenge for the church is finding ways to encourage those children to become more regularly involved.

Young people at Holy Trinity

It has been encouraging to see new members of the Youth Fellowship this year and not only has the meeting room in Church House become very full indeed on some Sunday evenings, but 45 young people and leaders had a Weekend Away in October. A particular encouragement has been the eagerness of young people to commit themselves to helping with children's groups and the Holiday Club, as well as getting involved with holiday camps and projects abroad, not to mention the challenge provided by the new Besom Project scheme.

Community youth

Stuart and a team of volunteers mainly from Holy Trinity run activities at Claygate Youth Club on Friday nights, a good means of getting alongside young people from the Claygate community. More of them than can be catered for want to come to the DV8 sessions at Holy Trinity on Thursday evenings, and 10 of them are attending classes in order to be baptised and confirmed this summer.

For the second year running, the church is supporting a young man from the community, this year Neil McKinnon, on the "Get Connected" course for Christian leaders in Guildford. Neil is also helping with DV8, the work we undertake within Hinchley Wood School, the Explorers group and other work at the church. Greg Stallard, last year's "Get Connected" trainee, has also been helping with DV8 and with the Trekkers, and as a leader at this Easter's New Hall camp.

Jigsaw Playgroup

Jigsaw prospers, now with 13 paid staff and volunteer help. The children won first prize in a competition organised by Surrey Early Years Education, drawing pictures of what they liked doing at playgroup.

Reaching out in Claygate

Having drawn up an overall strategy, the Evangelism Team is now concentrating on Direct Evangelism and Training. Three key annual events - the Good Friday Walk of Witness, the Claygate Flower Show and the Christmas Lights in the Parade event - are identified as opportunities for outreach, and members of the church should have received an invitation to join a pool of people ("EvG") who will support the Team's efforts.

Mission elsewhere

The Missionary Team has extended our active support for Christian work elsewhere to include COME Uganda and the Diocese of Oleh in Nigeria (with which our Deanery has been linked), but the main new initiative is the forthcoming visit by a 26-strong team from Holy Trinity to Ukraine, already featured in *Insight*.

And - oh dear! - we are running out of space, and with so much else to cover, in pastoral care, our prayer ministry, the 23 Home Groups, and so on. One of the features which cannot fail to impress is the sheer number of church members who are actively engaged in the work of Holy Trinity. But a recurring theme is that more help could always be put to good use. Why not read the reports for yourself and consider how you could best contribute?