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Monday 4 November

Wednesday 6 November
Thursday 7 November
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Thursday 14 November
Saturday 16 November

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Monday 2 December
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Taizé evening at Christ Church
Service of Remembrance for the Bereaved, 3 pm
Men's Fellowship Ladies' Night
Stella Eusebio on a VSO Trek in Nepal
Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by lunch
Anchor: Jackie Foster on Ecumenism
New group to explore Christian faith: first meeting, 8 pm
Remembrance Sunday
Riding Lights Theatre Company perform at HTC, 8 pm
Claygate Choral Society sing Duruflé Requiem, 8 pm
Church of the Holy Name, Arbrook Lane
OCMS Concert in church: Bach, Mozart etc, 8 pm
Switch-on of Claygate's Christmas lights, Parade from 4 pm
Kathleen Harries Christmas Concert in the Church, 7.30 pm
Men's Fellowship Clergy Brains Trust
Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by lunch
Anchor: Christmas meal and get-together
Taizé evening at Church of the Holy Name

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

	8 am	10 am	6.30 pm
1st Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	All Age Service	Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Holy Communion Ord. 1
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	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'S NEW CURATE IS NAMED

Julian writes:

I am delighted to tell everyone that subject to all the necessary Diocesan approvals it has been agreed that David King will be joining the staff team at Holy Trinity after his ordination next summer.

David is in his final year of theological training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, where he knew Sami and Graham Watts before they left for Camberley earlier this year. While his post here will be a training one, he has good experience of the Church of England, (his father is ordained), and of Christian service in a variety of churches and organisations where he has worked over the years. Before training for the ministry he was a history teacher for four years.

David is 29 years old, married to Katy and has two young sons, Samuel born in February 2000 and William born in July 2002.

Obviously, we will get to know more about them as we prepare to welcome them to Holy Trinity and Claygate next year, but at this stage please remember them in your prayers.

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Who would be an Archbishop? The debate concerning the appointment of Dr Rowan Williams as the next Archbishop of Canterbury rumbles on not only within church circles but also in the public domain. Some see him as just the right person to lead the Anglican Communion and the Church of England for the next period of its life. Others have reacted against his appointment and called for him to withdraw on the grounds that he does not agree with the traditional interpretation of the Bible on certain matters of doctrine and ethics. Others fall somewhere in the middle and accept his appointment, but with concern over where he stands and what he teaches on some sensitive areas under debate within the Church of England and the Anglican Communion at this time.

Personally, I fall into the last group. I do not agree with calls for him to withdraw, as a due process of prayer and consultation has been followed. In that sense the church accepts those put in positions of authority. But I am concerned about the place the Bible is given currently in directing our believing and behaving. The Anglican Church retains a strong sense of the authority of Holy Scripture in all matters of faith and doctrine. This is emphasised at each occasion when a leader is authorised for a new sphere of ministry, whether as Archbishop, Canon, Vicar, Licensed Lay Minister or Curate. It appears that for some this is purely a formal and legal ritual to be gone through, a nod of the head that makes little difference to what follows, rather than a clear definition of the boundaries and limits of ministry within the Anglican Church.

And it is in this that a number within the Anglican Communion have concerns over Rowan Williams' appointment. Many of the African Bishops, where the Anglican Church is at its strongest, are extremely worried about the growing liberalisation of the Communion in the West. Incidents in a Diocese in Canada, where the Bishop is refusing to license clergy of a traditional and orthodox persuasion, is a scandal and rightly received a rebuke from the outgoing Archbishop of Canterbury. George Carey warned last month that the unity of the Anglican Church is seriously under threat and it behoves all involved in leadership at this time to reaffirm in an unequivocal way our belief in the authority of Scripture and to demonstrate that belief by teaching and living the Bible's message.

There is a place for pressure to be placed on leaders and I am glad that the current debate has made Rowan Williams step back from some commitments, so that he is not seen to be compromising the teaching of the church or undermining the areas of consensus arrived at in the meeting of Bishops at the Lambeth Conference in 1998. This is very encouraging and a sign that he is willing to listen to and take seriously those who try to be doers, and not hearers only, of the Word (James 1.22). A church that hears and does not obey God's revelation is like a house built on sand and it will get carried away by the storms and winds of time. Such was Jesus' own warning at the end of the sermon on the mount (Matthew 7.24-27) and we would be foolish to think we knew better. Do pray for all in leadership in the Church of England at this time.

With my prayers and best wishes,




From the Parish Registers

*We welcome into the
family of the Church:*

George Llewyn Tollworthy
(Baptised on 20th October)

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

Samuel Alfred Bole
(14th September)
Kate Rollings
(1st October)



Tales from the Dales

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The work itself is very varied and involves me dealing with administration as well as supporting groups through their weekends. This sometimes involves running children's work whilst the adults have their main teaching sessions. The Centre also provides the opportunity for local Christians to meet together for prayer, worship, Bible study and fellowship on a Sunday evening. We are keen to develop the local youth work based at the Centre, to supplement the church activities serving the local communities in Wensleydale.

The work would not be possible without the prayer and financial support of so many people to whom we are so grateful.

Simon, Jo-Ann, Isaac & Theo

Parish Personalities

This month we turn the spotlight of the Insight Inquisition on Gill Caporn.

*Where were you brought up?
In Claygate.*

*How long have you lived in Claygate?
Since I was 6 months old.*

*What do you like most about it?
The sense of community.*

And if there was one thing you could change?

The traffic - like everyone else!

Where would you locate your ideal home? Claygate-on-Sea.

What is the least welcome part of your daily round?

Housework.

*Which personal trait do you struggle most to overcome?
Impatience.*

What food are you most partial to?

*Roast lamb.
And leave on the side of your plate?*

Beetroot.

What do you watch on television?

Period dramas, documentaries.

What would your desert island book be?

Palgrave's Golden Treasury.

What is your favourite music?

Mozart's Requiem.

And your favourite hymn?

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind".

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

Psalm 121.

Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?

To visit every major European city.

Our need to provide for a Curate

It was a well-attended meeting in the church on 30th September which heard about the latest set of challenges facing Holy Trinity. In January we had been notified that Holy Trinity would now be designated as a training parish and that we could expect next summer a new curate fresh from theological college.

The PCC had spent some time exploring the implications of this new development, especially in terms of the accommodation in Upper Church House, which had proved to be less than satisfactory. The PCC had considered it right to couple this with the question of accommodating the growing number of children's groups on Sunday morning, a particular problem since the Arbrook Hall site had been redeveloped. Its decision was that Upper Church House should no longer be used for staff housing but utilised instead for general church and parochial purposes, and specifically for children's groups, and a house bought in the village for the curate.

It was the responsibility of the parish, it was explained, to provide accommodation for a curate and that accommodation should be within the parish itself, thus ruling out (in answer to a question) cheaper property nearby. A budget had been fixed at £350,000 (to include legal and other costs) to purchase a three-bedroomed house, an investment for the parish even if at some time in the future we no longer had a need for such staff accommodation. The need to have a house ready by June 2003 necessitated a special appeal to the church family, with a short deadline to enable speedy progress.

One question was whether more economical accommodation ought to be acceptable to a young person leaving college. Julian explained that more people were now entering the ministry later in life (the average age of those being ordained had risen to 35) and the accommodation we provided would therefore have to be suitable for a family.

A suggestion was made that alongside this appeal the PCC ought to consider setting up a 'hardship fund' for those going through a time of financial need.

The fact that the Building for Growth appeal had purchased and converted the old vicarage led to some understandable concern being expressed about the reported unsuitability of the premises for staff accommodation and the extent to which we would make alternative use of the rooms there other than on Sundays. There was recognition of the challenge of exploiting to the full the resources available to us and the assurance was given that the PCC had not come lightly to the decision put before church members. Speaking from the floor, former Building for Growth Chairman John Alpess said that he was prepared to accept they had got it wrong about Church House, that it would be surprising if nothing turned out wrong in so big a project and that it was important when we considered accommodation for our staff that we should not under-value the full time ministry among us.

New Canon well-supported at Cathedral

About seventy members of Holy Trinity travelled to Guildford Cathedral on 6th October for the service of Evensong in which Julian and two other clergy members were "collated" and installed as new Honorary Canons of the Cathedral. It was a service of formal splendour, perhaps not quite what we

expect in Claygate, with the Cathedral choir in good voice and a sermon from the Bishop of Guildford in which he paid tribute to the new Canons. Also, it was a rare opportunity to see Julian wearing a cope - what a shame *Insight* has no colour centrefold for you to enjoy!

plants of the church garden

No.6

"By their fruits ye shall know them"

In this familiar quotation from Matthew 7, wayside things - in this case plants - were being used to convey a more fundamental message in a way that ordinary people would understand. But it is also a very true statement for botanical reasons. Many plants can be instantly recognised by their fruits and, as with this sermon, it is important to know what lies beneath the obvious exterior.

In the early autumn I removed the red yew berries from the hedge by the Jigsaw play area in case the youngsters were tempted by these attractive but poisonous succulent fruits. Of course most parents teach their children (or they should!) not to eat anything from gardens or hedgerows as so many of the common plants around us are poisonous. The acquisition of discerning knowledge can come later, such as knowing that the showy red exterior of yew berries is harmless (but horribly slimy!), and that it is the hard seed hidden within that is the toxic part.

This year is a particularly fruitful one and there are heavy crops of hawthorn, horse chestnuts, holly, pyracantha and even the common laurel. The blackish-red plum-like fruits of laurel were so plentiful in some places they made the pavements sticky. As with yew this is poisonous, the whole plant containing compounds related to cyanide. In the case of many of these plants with fleshy fruits the showy exterior attracts birds. The tasty soft part is digested and the seed passes through almost untouched to be deposited elsewhere so that the offspring are spread far and wide. Not quite unchanged, though, as the enzyme

activity in the bird's stomach sometimes has a beneficial effect on germination. The most remarkable example of this is the Calvaria tree in Mauritius that all but died out because its fruits apparently needed to pass through a Dodo before they would germinate: no Dodo, no seedlings!

Of course there are countless very valuable fruits and some of these are mentioned in the Scriptures. Luke mentions some of them, using a similar theme to Matthew: "every tree is known by its fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes or grapes from brambles". Figs and grapes are obvious, but the bramble referred to is probably *Rubus sanctus*, the holy bramble, a plant of which is nurtured at St Catherine's Monastery Sinai and regarded as the original burning bush (Exodus 3: 2-6). A useful plant, indeed, but we have quite enough brambles in the churchyard without encouraging any more.

However, another 'bible plant' we do have in the church garden which occasionally produces small black fruits, is myrtle. Although edible it is really not very appetizing and we grow it for the white flowers and aromatic leaves. In biblical times it was regarded highly enough to be one of the plants that would transform the desert (Isaiah 41: 19), even to the extent of replacing the brambles: "instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree" (Isaiah 55: 13). What a good idea. Perhaps the next time the garden at Holy Trinity is due for replanting we should consider having a bible garden, with all the brambles duly replaced!

Brian Mathew

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On 10th November, our arrangements for observing Remembrance Sunday will be as in previous years. We shall gather at the War Memorial in Church Road just before 11 o'clock and, after observing the two minutes' silence and the act of remembrance, move into the church for the Remembrance service.

Other services that day will be held as usual, but the 10 o'clock service will be shorter than on ordinary Sundays.

CHRISTMAS IN CLAYGATE

Yes, it will soon be here - indeed, it is this month, on Saturday 30th November to be exact, that Claygate's Christmas lights, towards which Holy Trinity has made a grant out of our Outward Giving budget, will be switched on. Holy Trinity will be much involved in the ceremony, with the Music Group leading the singing of carols, so make a note now to be in the Parade between 4 and 6 pm.

Midweek service moves back to church

Increasing numbers have forced the Wednesday Holy Communion to move from the Quiet Room into the main church. The next one is on 4th November and, as usual, a simple lunch will be served after it.

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY

First Hand

IN THE CHURCH AT 8 pm ON THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Tickets £7.50 from the Church Office now

Tales from the Dales

News from the Eastwood family

Thought you might want to know what we've been up to having said goodbye to Surrey during the summer holidays. It's hard to believe that we have been in Yorkshire for nearly two months now. The time really does fly, despite the fact that life up here goes rather more slowly than in the south east of the country!

We arrived at the end of August and have moved into a bungalow for the next 6 months, while the house we hope to buy in the village of Redmire is completed, (hopefully by the end of March). Most of our possessions are in boxes in one room and the garage has barely enough room for a matchbox car let alone our Escort.

Isaac has settled well and enjoys being taken to school in the Centre's blue van on a Friday morning. I am sure this will change by the time he is a teenager. Theo is entertaining the teachers at the local Nursery and enjoying the three morning sessions he has there each week. Jo-Ann has been getting to know lots of people via church, school gate and toddler groups and is looking into the possibility of starting some supply teaching in the New Year.

I have been working at Elm House Centre since the 1st of September and enjoy the work very much. The daily routine is very different from Lloyds TSB and the Church Commissioners as I begin each day feeding the Centre's animals! The boys love visiting the Centre and the interaction with the animals. I am looking forward to the day when they will be old enough to clean out the duck's hut each morning!

The majority of weekends in 2003 are already booked, together with some bookings for 2004. I am keen to develop a marketing strategy to raise the profile of the Centre and generate additional income for the Trust. [cont. next page]

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PCC DISCUSSES EVANGELISM

At its end-September meeting, the Church Council had a further general discussion of the recent report of the Evangelism Team, which the Vicar summed up as being one of the most valuable and best discussions within the Council for a considerable time. Further work on aspects of the report was delegated to the Ministry Advisory Group, the Evangelism Team and the Home Fellowships Team.

So far as individual church members are concerned, the main need was for them to witness by their way of life, using their individual gifts in different ways.

Norbiton link endorsed

The PCC has endorsed moves to establish a link between Holy Trinity and St Peter's Norbiton, building gradually on the foundations already established. As a sign of this, the Councils of both churches were due to meet in Claygate on the same evening in October, Holy Trinity's PCC in the Quiet Room and St Peter's in Church House, sharing coffee and conversation together beforehand.

NO THANKS TO MOBILE PHONE AERIAL

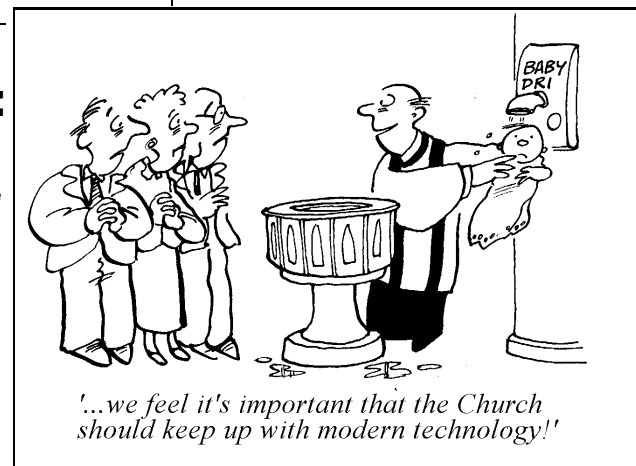
The PCC has turned down the idea of Holy Trinity being used for the installation of a mobile phone aerial, under arrangements offered through the Church of England whereby suitable premises might receive an annual rent for the use of the building in this way.

£350,000 appeal to house curate

The news on our front page that David King and his family will be moving to Claygate next summer adds fresh urgency to the appeal which was launched last month for funds to buy a house in the parish for him and future curates to live in. Given property prices in the area, the PCC has set £350,000 as the budget to acquire a suitable home, and this sum needs to be found entirely from donations by the church family membership.

In addition to the document given or delivered to all church members, the issues were aired at a meeting in the church on 30th September, at which many members were able to ask questions or make comments. For those unable to come, we have a report of the meeting over the page.

Rodney Luff (01372 810729) is acting as Appeal Treasurer, and those wishing to and able to respond to the appeal are asked to send their gift or pledge to him by the end of November. Julian, as stated in last month's *Insight*, is very happy to talk with anyone about these matters.



A Moment to Meditate

"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

John, chap. 11, verse 11

Last month, we considered Martha and Mary. This month we are looking at their brother, Lazarus, who fell ill, died and was raised from the dead by Jesus. It is a story which raises questions, not all of which can be covered in the space we have here. We are told of many disciples of Jesus, though rarely of friends, but Lazarus, Mary and Martha are put firmly in that category. How good it must have been to be not simply a follower of Jesus, but one of his friends. We can only wonder at how that relationship came about.

One thing we can note straightaway is that the friendship with Jesus did not prevent Lazarus from becoming ill and then dying of his illness. This gospel story is a direct repudiation of those who see illness as a sign of separation from God or of his disfavour, and of the need to 'get right' with Him. It is a cruel perversion to ask what someone has done to 'deserve' a serious illness. Here we see someone who had qualities that allowed Jesus to call him a friend, yet he was struck down by a fatal illness.

The death of Lazarus caused Jesus great pain. It is here that we find the shortest verse in the whole Bible, yet one of the most eloquent: "Jesus wept" (11.35). Jesus knew what human bereavement was like, for he had experienced it, and the knowledge that he has been there before us strengthens our confidence in calling on Him when we find ourselves in that same position. We may weep, but Jesus weeps with us and for us.

The story tells us that Jesus was in no hurry to go to Lazarus when he was taken ill; indeed, we are told that he delayed his departure for two days. Why? If he had gone earlier might he not have been in time to heal Lazarus before his illness took a fatal turn? The way the story is told leads to the conclusion that this was far from casual disregard, but had a

powerful purpose. First, Jesus said "It is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it" (11.4) and later to his disciples that "I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe" (11.15). He was intent on making a point that would deepen the human understanding around him.

The act of raising Lazarus from the dead was a revelation that, through Jesus, we are enabled to overcome death. Jesus' action prepared people's minds for his own death and resurrection, and for the realisation that death is a necessary step to new life in him. It is no accident that it is in the middle of the story of Lazarus that Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies" (11.25).

- *Scribatus*

On the lighter side How to get to heaven

"If sold my house and my car, had a big car boot sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into Heaven?" the teacher asked her Sunday School class. "No!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the grass, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "No!"

"Well", she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "You've got to be dead first!"

Amazing Grace from the LCM

The London City Mission is one of the organisations supported by Holy Trinity. Diana Goodhew tells how last month's Anchor meeting heard

Rosemary and Graham Jones married earlier this year after having met during their work with the London City Mission. They came to Anchor equipped with slides to show us first, the Mission Centre where Rosemary works in Vauxhall. During the week different groups from the neighbourhood are invited to enter - a Mums & Tots group is particularly lively. The Luncheon Club receives elderly and often disabled people, who are made to feel comfortable and cared for and join in simple craft activities. It is a venture which has produced opportunities to come alongside the people of Vauxhall and get to know them in a non-threatening way.

Graham works with Summerstown Mission Evangelical Church in Tooting, where Rosemary is usually able to worship with him on Sundays. His work involves visiting the houses on an estate of over 2,000 people. It is often a thankless job, with doors slammed in his face and introductions attempted through doors opened only on a chain. But on second and third visits, recognition is achieved, and he has a Red Letter Day when he is asked to come in. Door to door visiting has traditionally been the

The Men's Fellowship opened its new season on 7th October with about 55 members sitting down to an excellent supper in the Church Hall (sorry chaps, but the choice of half a dozen puddings is not to be relied upon for the future - and we won't tell the wives of those who had more than one! OK, Vicar?).

After supper, we were treated to insights into youth culture from our Youth Worker, Stuart Wright. His analysis of the post-modern alienation which affected many young people was a valuable one, and we all felt that we came away with a better understanding, even if there were those present who pointed out that it has never been easy growing up.

evangelical approach in many working class areas; it is not hard sell but the patient repetition of kindness and understanding.

It was clear from our very interesting evening with Rosemary and Graham that through their activities they are living out the gospel before the eyes of unbelievers, and they are able to point out the next step to any of their contacts prepared to consider the Christian message. They are an enlightened and enthusiastic couple who are working for the lost and the least, the mean and the unlovely. They possess 'Amazing Grace'.

There was unsolicited giving to the Mission of £106 from the 20/25 people who attended the meeting.

Stuart saw Jesus as the answer to much of the searching by young people for meaning and love, but they were not interested in church. The challenge was to contextualise the gospel so they could see its relevance to them. Stuart's work with the young people of the church and the local community has already demonstrated his talent for doing just that, and when we asked what we could do, Stuart suggested that we should pray for the young first of all, but then try giving them a friendly greeting when we encountered the groups we might otherwise have treated with suspicion.

So thanks, Stu, a terrific evening - just don't test us on all that HipHop stuff, OK?