

Sunday 2 November  
 Monday 3 November  
 Tuesday 4 November  
 Wednesday 5 November  
 Thursday 6 November  
 Saturday 8 November  
 Monday 17 November  
 Saturday 22 November  
 Sunday 23 November  
 Saturday 29 November  
 Saturday 29 November  
 Monday 1 December  
 Thursday 4 December  
 Saturday 6 December  
 Thursday 11 December  
 Saturday 13 December  
 Friday 12-14 March 2004

Annual Service of remembrance for the bereaved, 3pm  
 Men's Fellowship Ladies Night: Gillian Haig-Brown  
 Youth update and prayers with Asa, 9.30 am and 7 pm  
 Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch  
 Anchor: Barbara Mason on the Magistracy  
 Concert in church at 8 pm: The Etesian Ensemble  
 Freewheelers perform Brokenville in church, 8 pm  
 Claygate Choral Society concert in church, 8 pm  
 Monthly Informal Service at 8.15 pm  
 Switch-on of Christmas lights in The Parade  
 Ember Choral Society concert in church,  
 Men's Fellowship: Ray Towse on mining in Canada  
 Anchor: Christmas meal and get-together  
 Princess Alice Hospice concert in church  
 Kathryn Harries and Friends concert in church  
 Ripieno Choir concert in church  
 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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and much much more!

## NOVEMBER - THE MONTH FOR REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Sunday 9th November, and it is on that morning that we will, as usual, gather at the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance at 11 o'clock, and move afterwards into the church for our annual Service of Remembrance.

Quite separately, November is also the month when Holy Trinity observes its more recent tradition of an annual service for all those who have been bereaved. This has been well-supported and much appreciated over the last four years and this year's Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for the Bereaved will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 2nd November. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

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## CHORAL MUSIC IN HOLY TRINITY

Sacred choral music of the last half century (or so) is featured in the concert which Claygate Choral Society are giving in the church on Saturday 22nd November. They are singing John Rutter's Requiem, Francis Poulenc's Gloria, and Benjamin Britten's St Nicholas.

The concert starts at 8 pm and tickets cost £8 in advance (phone 01372 841046 if you don't know a Society member from whom to buy tickets) or £10 at the door.



If you prefer a different style of music, the same evening, at 7.30 pm, sees Christian singer, songwriter and guitarist

### BRYN HAWORTH

performing live at Hampton Methodist Church. Tickets cost £5 (concessions £4) from Wendy Salmon on 020 8286 1992.



Concerts follow in Holy Trinity every Saturday until Christmas, with the  
**EMBER CHORAL SOCIETY**  
 on Saturday 29th November  
**PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE CONCERT**  
 on Saturday 6th December  
 the **RIPIENO CHOIR**  
 on Saturday 13th December  
 and not forgetting the popular  
**KATHRYN HARRIES AND FRIENDS**  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
 on Thursday 11th December



If drama is more your cup of tea, do come to the performance of Philip Ridley's

### BROKENVILLE

in the church on Monday 17th November at 8 pm, given by the Freewheelers Theatre Company from Dorincourt. Details were featured on this page last month, and tickets at £3 may be obtained after Sunday services or from David Wakefield on 01372 465381.

## Holy Trinity's Parish Weekend "Breaking the Mould?"

The brochure and booking form for our weekend away is now available in the church foyer. It gives all the details of what to expect and assures you that it is designed to cater for you, whatever your situation or background. Do pick up a copy if you have not done so already, because booking forms should be returned to the Church Office by 30th November.

And remember, if you would like to have one of the available en-suite rooms at High Leigh, they are being allocated on a first come first served basis. Book now!

The dates are 12th - 14th March 2004.

## UNDERSTANDING HOW WE SEE

A fascinating illustrated talk on how our eyes work is in prospect on Monday 3rd November, when the Esher optometrist Gillian Haig-Brown comes to the Men's Fellowship. Ladies of the church are warmly invited for this evening, in the Church Hall at 7.45 for 8 pm.

The meeting on 1st December (back to men only) features Dr Ray Towse talking about Mining and the environment in Canada.

## What it is to be a magistrate

The Magistracy will be Barbara Mason's subject when she comes to speak to the Anchor Group for women on Thursday 6th November.

The meeting takes place at Gill Caporn's house as usual. 7.30 for 8 pm.

## Jigsaw workload to be spread

A growing workload has prompted a reorganisation within the Jigsaw Playgroup. Sophie Bessant, whose role as Supervisor has been expanding with new and extra responsibilities, mostly because of requirements from Ofsted and Early Years, becomes the Manager of the Playgroup with effect from 3rd November. At the same time, Jenny Wilkinson, one of the existing staff, becomes Supervisor.

The Jigsaw Advisory Group had concluded that the time had come when too much was being expected of one part-time person. The hope is that by dividing the workload, the Supervisor will be able to concentrate on the educational and day-to-day

## NEW SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

Our new organisational structure is now in place for the arrangements for each Sunday service to be overseen by a Service Coordinator, assisted by a Service Team

## Harvest Appeal

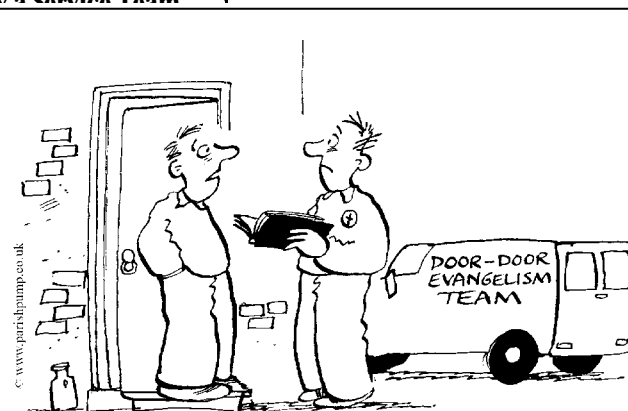
Holy Trinity's 'Water is Life' appeal, to benefit the Ugandan charity COME, with which our link church of St Peter's is associated, and which was featured in our centre pages last month, resulted, after Gift Aid recovery, in donations totalling £2069.41. Thanks to everyone.

## Seeking the right person as the new Bishop for Guildford

Those responsible for progressing the appointment of a new Bishop of Guildford are holding a series of meetings at the end of October and the beginning of November to try and learn what qualities are needed by the Diocese in their new leader.

Julian is on the Vacancy in See committee, which is responsible for drawing up a statement of needs and most crucially for appointing four of their number to serve on the Crown Nominations Commission.

Please pray that in the midst of all the human conversations and aspirations, the Holy Spirit may have His way and send us the person He knows we need for the next chapter in our life as the Anglican Church in this part of the world.



...but have you asked yourself if there are any health and safety issues associated with this 'leap of faith'?

## Becoming a Pastoral Assistant

*Pastoral Assistants are lay people who have been trained on a Diocesan course. It is a part-time course, of 12 weekly sessions on different aspects of pastoral care in general, plus further sessions on specialist areas such as supporting the bereaved, care of the elderly or hospital visiting.*

*Two members of the church have just completed the 2002-3 course. Here, Margaret Mathew gives some personal impressions of the experience.*

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25. 40).*

Since January of this year I have been training with Liz Richardson on a Guildford Diocese course to try to become a more effective servant of my Lord as a Pastoral Assistant.

Liz and I set out on a very snowy day in January, accompanied by Valerie Bagley for the first meeting, to join the course in Ash full of trepidation. We were soon enfolded by love as we were encouraged to know and understand ourselves and our cell group members and to share each others' burdens and lay them at the foot of the cross for each other. As the course progressed, we explored our faith, supported and encouraged each other and also had a lot of laughs. We discovered ways of improving our listening skills and for me personally,

talking with people from other parishes, I became much more aware of the diversity of talents so many people in Holy Trinity offer in the service of God and how richly blessed we are in Claygate. We must continue to build and encourage and develop those blessings.

We were encouraged to share our faith with those we minister to, not by evangelising with words, but by living out our beliefs by showing the love of Jesus for each and every person made in God's image.

I would encourage anyone who might be interested in taking part in a future course to talk to Valerie, Liz or myself.

Liz and I will be commissioned as Pastoral Assistants at a service in Guildford Cathedral at 8 pm on Wednesday 19th November. We would value your support in person or in prayer.

## Insights from a hospital chaplain

We were extremely fortunate that Mary Godin, the Chaplain of Tolworth Hospital, was able to come to Anchor's October meeting, shortly before she moves away from the area.

Mary told us briefly of her decision to take up the ministry quite late in life - she was one of the earlier women to be ordained - and how it led her to working at Tolworth Hospital, caring particularly for the mentally ill.

She has spent six years at Tolworth and her main job has been caring for and listening patiently to anyone, however confused or

difficult they may be. She is always ready to drop everything and come to the hospital when needed and she told us of many amusing as well as difficult moments with patients. Down to earth and with a good sense of humour, Mary is a great example of the importance of being able to listen to people with sympathy and understanding.

Now at an age when most people are retiring, she and her husband are moving to Taunton where she will become Chaplain at a large general hospital. Everyone at Anchor wishes her well for the future.

Gill Caporn

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Lilies of the Bible

Whilst members of the churchyard working party were clearing the borders at the front of Church House back in the summer, I was mulling over the various options for plants that would thrive in this protected spot against the glaring white (by courtesy of Chris Salter!) walls. Some of the choices are obvious, for it is the ideal place for silver-grey and aromatic Mediterranean plants, and it also offers a perfect environment for certain bulbous plants.

What more appropriate than to have a clump or two of the Madonna Lily, *Lilium candidum*. This beautiful white lily is a Mediterranean species which, unlike its Asiatic cousins that need cool summer growing conditions, needs warmth. Hopefully, these will be adorning Church House next year when planting is completed.

So how did this lily come to be associated with the Madonna, and are there any biblical connections? It appears that although *Lilium candidum* - literally, white lily - has been cherished and cultivated for thousands of years, certainly since ancient Cretan and Egyptian times, the name Madonna Lily was bestowed upon it as recently as the 19th century. It is thought that this was in order to distinguish it from other newly discovered white lilies that were arriving in our gardens from China, and in recognition of the fact that it had become associated with the Virgin Mary through the artwork of the Renaissance painters.

Its known use in art dates from Minoan times, around 1600 BC, for it is faithfully

recorded on a fresco found in a villa at Amnissos in Crete. Other work indicates that the lilies of the region were well-known to the peoples of the eastern Mediterranean, their striking form providing a ready source of inspiration for sculptors and artists, so it is not surprising that there are references to lilies in the Bible.

Some of these may allude to other plants; for example, the 'lilies of the field' (Matthew 6.28) may well have been just a general term to indicate the colourful flowers such as tulips and anemones that carpet the ground in biblical lands: 'even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these'. Some authors have adjudged this phrase to refer to the bright yellow crocus-like *Sternbergia* which inhabits fields and olive groves of the Holy Land. Incidentally, there is a clump of these autumn-flowering bulbs near the main entrance to Holy Trinity.

It is the more specific 'lily work' mentioned in 1 Kings 7.19 (in the King James version) that is the most likely candidate for equating with *Lilium candidum*, the ornamentation adorning the tops of the pillars in King Solomon's temple. The New English Version translates this as 'The capitals on top of the pillars in the portico were in the shape of lilies'. The rather formal and simple outline of the lily makes it an ideal subject for stylised sculpture work and it was clearly revered for this purpose. Our building project was more modest in its aims, but there is no reason why we shouldn't have some real, living, lilies to admire.

Brian Mathew

No one finds it easy to gain a healthy and balanced perspective on life, its demands and challenges. Often we can find ourselves placing too strong an emphasis in one direction and so become unbalanced in our general view.

In order to get our bearings as human beings in God's world and as Christians in God's church, we do well to look in three directions.

#### Looking back and not forgetting the past

Remembrance Sunday is an annual reminder of the inheritance we have received from those who have gone before us and the cost attached to our freedoms. Each succeeding generation needs to learn enough of its country's history to appreciate and understand how things have come to be the way they are. Little or no sense of the past cultivates both ingratitude and complacency.

#### Looking around and not ignoring the present

The current needs of our society and community are an ever-increasing demand on the attention of those who are concerned for the well-being of others. There's no shortage of work to be done and the church ought to be playing a key role in meeting those needs, both material and spiritual.

#### Looking ahead and not neglecting the future

Planning for what is yet to be is crucial if we are to be prepared and to make the most of the future. Just as many in November will be making plans for Christmas, so we are wise as Christians to look beyond to 2004. Having vision for another year prevents time being wasted. In church life, for example, booking forms for the Parish Weekend Away in March next year need to be in by the end of November, so that we can plan for that time away to be a really good contribution to our shared life as a church family. I hope you are planning to be there.

How important it is that we learn to live in the past, the present and the future, but not to the extent that we get locked into the past or become dominated by the present, or grow fearful of the future. Holding all three together makes for a balanced perspective for our lives individually and also as a Christian community.

Christians live with the knowledge of what God has done in the past, the irreversible events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, of what He is doing in the present, the powerful work of His Spirit in growing a community of love and truth, and of what He will do in the future, the establishment of His Kingdom at the end of time when Jesus returns. This threefold perspective brings much blessing, in that the church is grateful and reflective, is energised and active, and is hopeful and confident. Let's be people of the past, the present and the future.

With my best wishes and prayers,



## Parish Personalities

***This month we have asked Linda Stedman to face the Insight Inquisition.***

***Where were you brought up?***

***I was born in Ember Lane, Esher.***

***How long have you lived in Claygate?***

***For almost 40 years.***

***What do you like most about it?***

***Its friendly village atmosphere.***

***And if there was one thing you could change? The picture gallery that was Hart's back to a greengrocer's.***

***Where would you locate your ideal home?***

***On Romney Marsh, Kent.***

***What is the least welcome part of your daily round?***

***Thinking what to have for the evening meal.***

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

***What food are you most partial to?***

***Curry.***

***And leave on the side of your plate?***

***Marmalade peel and salmon mousse.***

***What do you watch on television?***

***Costume dramas and sit-coms.***

***What would your desert island book be?***

***The Savoy Operas: W S Gilbert's complete text.***

***What is your favourite music?***

***Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries.***

***And your favourite hymn?***

***"There is a green hill far away".***

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

***Proverbs 3. 1-6 and 19-26.***

***Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?***

***To paint in oils - well!***



### ***From the Parish Registers***

We welcome into the family of the Church:

**Julia Rose Trigg  
James Ryan Tollworthy  
(both baptised on 5th October)**

We offer congratulations on the marriage of:

**Graham Peter Copland-Cole and  
Melanie Anne Sole  
(married on 27th September)**

We offer sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

**David Steuart Hare  
(17th September)  
John Charles Bornhoft  
(18th September)  
Jane Amanda Wilson  
(26th September)  
John Thomas Worrall  
(9th October)**



### ***Insight's Christmas Issue***

***Yes, our next issue will be the special parish-wide Christmas edition. Please help to make this a worthwhile venture by sending news, views, and contributions to the Editor, Jon Davey, in good time - at the latest by Thursday 13th November.***

## A Moment to Meditate

There are many reasons for coming to church. But perhaps the weakest of those which might be offered is to come because that is where God is.

The Jews of biblical times thought rather differently. Solomon had built the temple in Jerusalem to be the dwelling place of God, replacing the movable tabernacle which the Israelites had constructed under the guidance of Moses and with which they had travelled around the wilderness. It was to Jerusalem and the Temple that they continued to flock to in New Testament times for the important feasts, and it is clear from the gospel stories of Jesus' own involvement with the Temple that it occupied a central place in the religious life of the time.

But Solomon's kingdom had split after his death, and Omri, the king of the northern kingdom of Israel, had established his capital at Samaria. Conquests and the mixing of populations rather changed the nature of religion there, but the question remained of where was their God now? Back in Jerusalem, in what was now an enemy state? Surely not. So they built a temple of their own on the highest mountain they knew, Mount Gerizim.

The hybridisation of religious observance in Samaria led to Samaritans being so despised by the Jews of the Bible. So the Samaritan woman at the well was rather taken aback by Jesus' willingness to talk to her and ask her for a drink. It was his openness and prescience which prompted her to put to him the leading question about where God was to be worshipped, in Jerusalem, as Jews believed, or, by Samaritan practice, on Mount Gerizim.

Such a question, Jesus responded, was no longer relevant. The hour was coming -

*"The hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."*

John, chap. 4, verse 21

indeed, was already here - when true worshippers would worship the Father in spirit and truth. Those who worship God are not to be tied to particular places, any more than God himself is.

It is the identity of Jesus, and the nature of what he has done for mankind, which is central to this. He has brought us into a new relationship with God through his perfect sacrifice, and all who draw near to God in his name, whether they are Jews or Samaritans or Gentiles, and wherever in the world they are, can worship him in spirit and in truth.

So why go to church? It is not the special nature of the building which is important, but the community of believers who join together there. For, as the Apostle Paul has urged on us, those who have accepted the call of Jesus are all fellow-members of the Body of Christ, every one of us making our personal contribution to the well-being of each other and the body as a whole.

### George Herbert on communal worship

*Though private prayer be a brave designe,  
Yet publick hath more promises, more love;  
And love's a weight to hearts, to eyes a  
signe.  
We all are but cold suitors; let us move  
Where it is warmest. Leave thy six and  
seven;  
Pray with the most: for where most pray is  
heaven.*

## Young People today ....

*Asa here with the November edition of Insight!! Please tell me if you have read this and I can give you more information!! If you have any questions or prayer points that you want included in future then please do tell me. This month we are hearing from Nicola Steeds 18 who has just started at Oxford University studying Physiology...*

"I'm having a great time here. I've got an awesome room on the main quad and I'm sharing with a law student. So far we're getting on really well but a prayer point would be that we continue to do so because we are quite different. She's not a Christian yet but very understanding of my faith.

Could you pray that I am a good witness to her and that we have opportunities to talk about the gospel or that I can encourage to come to church with me and that our friendship can grow.

There's so much going on and typically I've signed up for half of it, so I need to timetable my week very carefully and make sure I'm not doing too much and that I still keep up with my quiet-times when things get busy. So please pray that I can find time and space to share time alone with God.

Also at the moment there aren't many other first years who I have found who are Christians so the opportunity to meet some would be great. I would also like your prayers as I decide which church and Christian organisations I should attend because I haven't got time for them all and need to know which I can support best "

## Theatre casts and New Age devotees

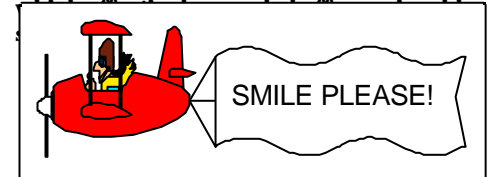
After an excellent supper to open their new season, members of the Men's Fellowship sat back to listen to Paul James-Griffiths talking about his work. With the London City Mission for 15 years, Paul was appointed five years ago as their chaplain to West End Theatreland and the New Age movement.

Going backstage in theatres was often a very rewarding experience, and the response an amazing one. Paul was able to talk about the carol singing he organised with the cast of Cats, and the Alpha course for 11 or 12 from the Lion King cast; about the wardrobe mistress who took a copy of John's Gospel and came back to ask for ten more copies for other people; and about the 50 copies taken up by the cast of Zulu.

New Age was an amorphous mixture of people looking for some kind of meaning in life, seeking God and having trouble in finding Him and as a result, as G K Chesterton summed it up, inclined to believe anything. But how could a Christian attempt to reach such people?

Paul's answer was at Psychic Fairs, and he now regularly had a stand at such events, amidst a myriad of odd-ball people and organisations, ensuring that those who came were able to hear about the faith that has a real basis.

It was an eloquent and fascinating address,



*Christopher listened carefully when his Sunday School teacher explained how God created everything, including how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and asked him what was the matter. The little boy explained worriedly: "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."*

# Broader horizons for Claygate's clergy

*The staff of Holy Trinity have recently been away twice to meet and confer with other leaders of the Church of England. On these pages, Julian reports back on the conferences they have attended, the first in Blackpool in September and the second in Derbyshire in October.*

## TRIENNIAL DIOCESAN CLERGY CONFERENCE

Once every three years the Diocese of Guildford organises a conference for all its clergy and licensed workers. So, Valerie, David, Linda and Julian spent 48 hours at Swanwick in Derbyshire at the beginning of October.

The retired Bishop of St Albans, John Taylor, gave the most stimulating Bible readings on the suffering face of Christ in Isaiah chapter 53 and then on the glorified face of Christ in the Transfiguration. We heard a Jewish Rabbi and a Muslim share their perspectives and then a Dalit Christian from South India expressed the cry of his people for freedom from the humiliating and degrading caste system. We shared in a percussion ice-breaker at the start (everyone had to participate!) and twice daily times of worship with a moving service of Holy Communion at the end.

All in all we had a varied, entertaining and useful time away.

## NATIONAL EVANGELICAL ANGLICAN CONGRESS

A congress for Anglican churches like Holy Trinity was held over a long weekend in September at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool, the famous political party conference venue. Most of the Holy Trinity Staff Team were able to attend and it was a privilege to be among the 2000 or so delegates from all over the country and from different parts of the world.

It came as quite a shock to see the media at work. Some of the reporting seemed to bear no resemblance to what we as delegates experienced on the ground. For example, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York were given the warmest of welcomes despite what the papers said the next day. The press seemed to have their own agenda of what they wanted to say before it all happened.

Usually, the test of the value of an event is seen more clearly some months later, but from an initial perspective most would agree that the congress was successful. The programme was extremely full, with main sessions, seminars and forums to attend all through the day. In fact, there was almost too much and most people had to be a little selective over what to go to. The addresses were of a high standard and appealed to both mind and heart. The music was likewise most uplifting.

## And a comment following the Lambeth meeting of Anglican Primates

Everyone will be aware of the crisis in which the Church of England and Anglican Communion finds itself, following the meeting of the Anglican Primates in October at Lambeth Palace and facing the imminent consecration of Canon Gene Robinson as a Bishop in the USA at the start of November. At this moment, no one can predict what the future shape of

But what were the benefits?

It was a huge encouragement to see the strength of the evangelical wing of the Church of England. For example, a similar conference 15 years ago would have seen considerably fewer bishops present. And it was good to see the various strands of evangelical tradition coming together to share a congress like this. Too often one strand can run its own annual conference and therefore not meet up with other mostly like-minded Anglicans. So, though there would be differences among those various strands, Blackpool did bring a good cross-section together and that can only be a good thing.

As a staff team we were able to share those few days together and with two new members, David and Asa, it was really valuable to spend time with one another outside of our normal work environment. We had some very amusing moments among the more serious items on the programme, though it was only David, Asa and Siouxsie who were brave enough to go on the Blackpool roller-coaster, the highest in Europe, they say!

So, a stimulating and encouraging time was had by all and we must pray that some of the seeds of God's truth and love that were sown then bear much lasting fruit in the years to come

the Anglican Communion is going to be, but it is unlikely to remain in its present form. Therefore, we must pray for the guidance and wisdom of God to direct our leaders, and especially the Archbishop of Canterbury, so that what comes out of this will somehow strengthen the mission of the church in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.