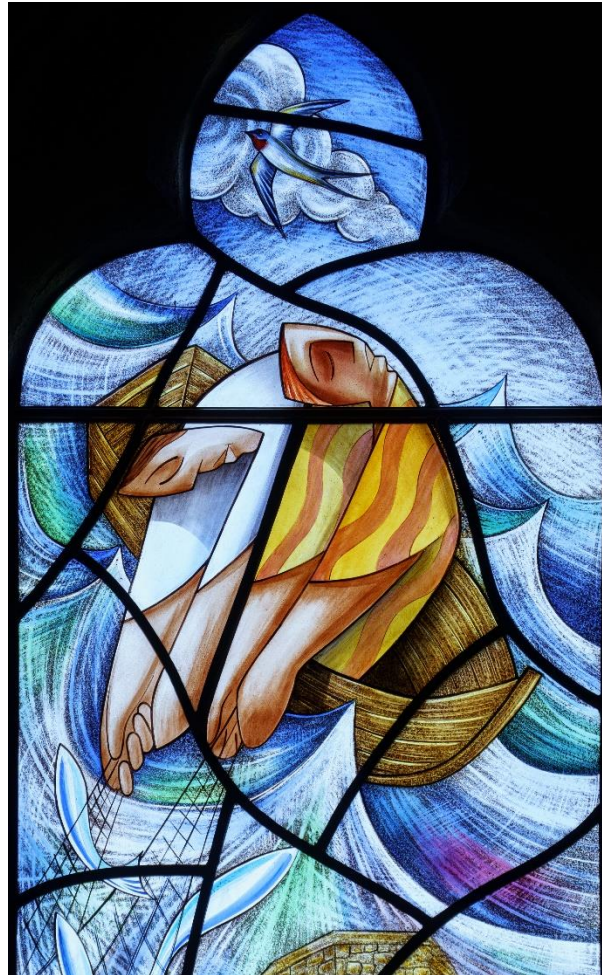


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July Calendar

1 M	Eucharist		9.30am
2 T			none
3 W	Thomas the Apostle		
	Eucharist	BCP	10.00am
4 Th	Little Fishes play group		9.30am
	Eucharist		7pm
5 F			none
6 S			none
7 Sun	TRINITY 6		
		BCP	8.00am
	Parish Eucharist		10.00am
8 M	Eucharist		9.30am
	Knit & Natter at Tea on Monday		3pm
9 T			none
10 W	Eucharist	BCP	10.00am
11 Th	Benedict of Nursia		
	Little Fishes play group		9.30am
	Eucharist		7pm
12 F			none
13 S			none
14 Sun	TRINITY 7		
		BCP	8.00am
	Parish Eucharist		10.00am
15 M	Swithun, Bishop of Winchester,		
	Eucharist		9.30am
	PCC Meeting		7pm
16 T			none
17 W	Eucharist	BCP	10.00am
18 Th	Little Fishes play group		9.30am
	Eucharist		7pm
19 F	Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa		none
20 S			
21 Sun	TRINITY 8		
		BCP	8.00am
	Parish Eucharist		10.00am
22 M	Mary Magdalene		
	Eucharist		9.30am
	Knit & Natter at Tea on Monday		3pm
23 T			none
24 W	Eucharist	BCP	10.00am
25 Th	James the Apostle		
	Eucharist		7pm
26 F	Anne and Joachim		none
27 S			none
28 Sun	TRINITY 9		
		BCP	8.00am
	Parish Eucharist		10.00am
29 M	Mary, Martha and Lazarus,		
	Eucharist		9.30am
30 T	William Wilberforce		
31 W	Eucharist	BCP	10.00am

From the Registers

Interment of Ashes

16th June John Adams

Wedding

8th June Ceri Stevens &
Gareth Hughes

July Readings

7th July

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 6

Ezekiel 2.1-5
123
2 Corinthians 12.2-10
Mark 6.1-13

14th July

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 7

Amos 7.7-15
85.8-end
Ephesians 1.3-14
Mark 6.14-29

21st July

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 8

Jeremiah 23.1-6
23
Ephesians 2.11-end
Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

28th July

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 9

2 Kings 4.42-end
145.10-19
Ephesians 3.14-end
John 6.1-21

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2024



16th – 19th September 2024

Please speak to Malcolm Nichols for more
information.

July Mission of the Month



Emmaus Oxford are immensely grateful for all the generous support St Andrew's Church has given to us over the years and I hope you will enjoy reading this report and see how your kind donations have helped people to end their homeless journey for good.

The aim of everything we do is to help people who have been homeless to rebuild their lives in a lasting way. We don't set a time limit on how long someone can live and work with us as a companion - instead we work with each person to move forward with our support and encouragement. Companions like Brad, who we are supporting to attend college to qualify as a teaching support assistant, and to train as an ice skater to keep mentally and physically fit.

Brad's Story

"I was put into care when I was 16, my family life was never very good, which is unfortunately a very common story. My care years were really nice, but the issue is, once you're 18 you have to leave: you've got no more funding."

In his early 20s, Brad spent the winter months living in a tent on the streets in Oxford.

"I never really realised how cold cold could get, It was the kind of cold where you would step out in the morning and your bones would get cold before your skin did; it's a horrific feeling. I would be dead if not for Emmaus. I cannot convey the level of support and help that I got. They've not only saved my life, but they've given my life purpose and changed it for the better."

The difference your support has made.

Your donation last year of £750 has been used to support our core costs to enable us to achieve our aims and objectives:

- To prepare homeless people for work through in house and external training and education, increasing their employability, skills and qualifications.

- To help our homeless companions to move into stable accommodation and to increase their ability to maintain a tenancy.

- For our homeless companions to enjoy better physical and mental health and feel more connected to the outside community.

Over the last 12 months Emmaus Oxford have provided accommodation, support and employment to 41 homeless people who live in the community as Emmaus Companions. We have supported companions in the following ways:

- 26 companions engaged in education and training.
- 49 courses and qualifications have been started or completed.
- 9 companions moved into their own accommodation.
- 3 companions are in secure employment.
- 26 companions reported that their physical health is stable or improved.
- With our Resettlement Support Project we have helped furnish homes for over 150 vulnerable adults and families in Oxfordshire.
- Our outreach evenings have provided food and essentials to 120 people rough sleeping in Oxford city.

New Projects:

Move On House.

We now have planning permission to create a 10 bed Move On House for companions transitioning out of the Emmaus community, playing a crucial role in the journey towards independence and stability. We plan to have the building work completed by December 2024.

Companion Training and Development.

Our new Training Manager works with each companion to develop their own applied learning pathway. Companions are now in training across many sectors including as an upholsterer, furniture restorer and teaching assistant.

Healthy Hearts.

We have introduced lots of new activities to help companions improve their physical wellbeing, quit smoking and eat healthy meals. Weekly sessions include football, swimming, ice skating, gym, yoga and boxing. Companions have also taken part in active weekends hiking in Wales and sailing on the south coast.

We can only do all this with the wonderful support of our local community.

Thank you to everyone at St Andrew's Church for everything you do to help end homelessness in Oxford.

Tea on Monday



& Knit and Natter



We are a friendly community group which meets in the church room for tea and cake every other Monday, apart from bank holidays. We meet between 3.00 and 4.30 pm and the upcoming dates are 8th and 22nd July and 19th August, 2nd, 16th, and 30th September.

We welcome all levels of knitters and crocheters, but all crafts and projects are welcome. We love to see projects that people are working on. Some of us have been making blankets and working with chunky wool as well as double knit.



Non-knitters are also very welcome to come along for a chat and to meet others in a relaxed atmosphere – we cater to all ages and have plenty of toys for our youngest members. We are always happy to show people how to knit or crochet, or to help out if we can with any questions.

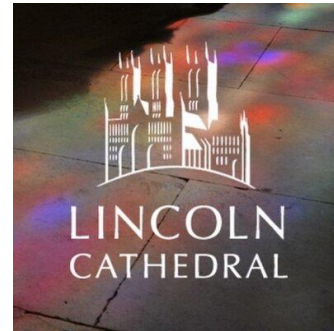


Tea on Monday is for everyone, please feel free to come along and see what goes on. There is always plenty of tea and cake!



Helen & Natacha

Installation at Lincoln



The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones will be installed as Dean of Lincoln at 3pm on Saturday 14 September in Lincoln Cathedral.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

If you would like to attend please sign the sheet in church.

It may be that if there are sufficient numbers the church will arrange transport at a cost.

**Fr Darren's final Sunday will be 28th July.
Please join us for the Parish Eucharist at 10am.**

A Rocha and Eco Church - what it's all about?



"May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The heavens are the Lord's heavens
but the earth he has given to human beings."

Psalm 15.

As God's people we are called to care for our world, Eco Church, a scheme from the 1983-founded charity A Rocha, aims to support churches to do just that. This is a conversation for us all, it is vital for our future, our children's future and our grandchildren's future.

With Eco Church, there is a survey to fill out and awards to achieve. First Bronze, then Silver, then Gold. There are many aspects to this survey, with five main points of inspection: worship and teaching, management of church buildings and of land, community and global engagement and finally lifestyle.

We aim to work in groups to answer and analyse these sections, with leaders in each category, please do get in touch if you are interested, for all viewpoints are welcome!

We have an amazing Young Church that works in the garden, educating the children of our congregation about what is in season and the importance of environmental care. We turn the heating down, use reusable mugs, recycle and compost but there is always more to be done.

On the 15th of July at the PCC the initial survey results will be posted by Father Luke at which we will have an action plan of where we need to go in order to reach Bronze.

This isn't just about an award to put on the wall though, it is about changing attitudes, engaging our community and it is our duty and our joy to love the earth we have been given. This may be small things such as coffee in the churchyard, or turning off lights, along with bigger things like reaching out to the Northway community to help plant trees or building a bug hotel.

Whatever it may be we need your help. Not just to inspire the wheels of change in church, but also in the community, nationally and globally. We have one Earth that we need to protect, but we have been blessed with God's love to guide us for "where there is no vision people perish".

Let us create a vision for a sustainable future.

Maria Norman

White Hart Sunday Lunch



These monthly lunches have restarted after the Parish Eucharist on the second Sunday of the month.

The next dates are 14th July & 11th August.

Please sign up in church or email Fr Luke.



The grand total for 2024 is £4028.

The 2023 total was £4182, so we are broadly in line with that.

Nigel Voak's Tough Mudder raised £580! Thank you to Nigel for co-ordinating this annual collection and to all of you who collected and supported.

A Quilting Visit to the American Museum and Gardens

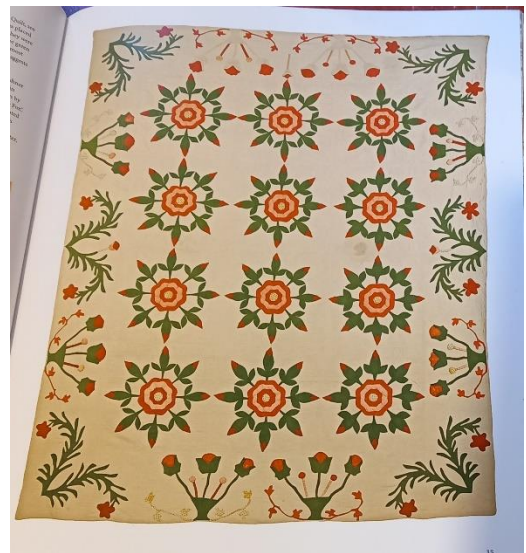
Friendship quilts. Whole cloth quilts. Gee's Bend quilts. Red Cross quilts and on and on. Album quilts and a quilt stitched by slaves. I was in the Quilt Room at the American Museum and Gardens in Claverton Manor outside Bath. A train ride to Bath, then a bus and a short walk later and I was there. I had come to see the kind of red and green appliqué quilts mentioned by Tracy Chevalier, in her book 'The Last Runaway.'



Roses at the entrance to the grounds

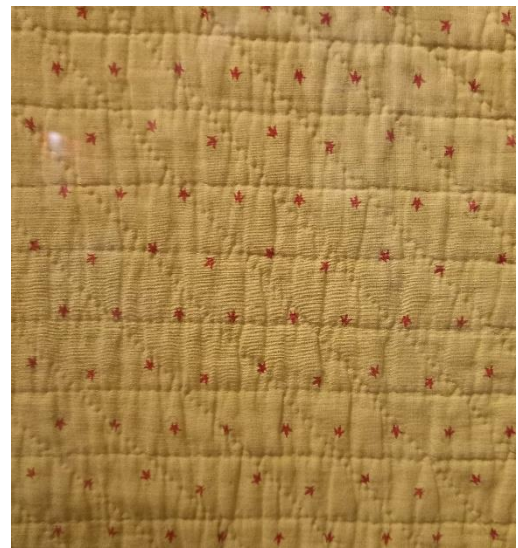
Set in mid-19th century Ohio, the novel follows the journey of Honor Bright, a Quaker from Dorset, to a new life in America. The story links Quakers, slaves fleeing the south to freedom in Canada, slave bounty hunters, hat making and quilting. Honor finds she must learn the quicker appliqué style of quilt which she thinks too bold and colourful in comparison to the more subtle blending of colours she was used to in English paper pieced quilts.

Intrigued, I went to see these American quilts and discovered far more than expected. As you enter the Museum with its various period rooms, there is a notice on display that acknowledges 'the fact that America was a land populated by hundreds of different nations long before Europeans invaded it.' In the Difficult Journeys period room, the text states that when the gallery opened in 2007, 'It made a glaring omission by failing to mention the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.' Additionally, 'European colonisation of the Americas also had a devastating effect on the Indigenous Peoples already living there.'



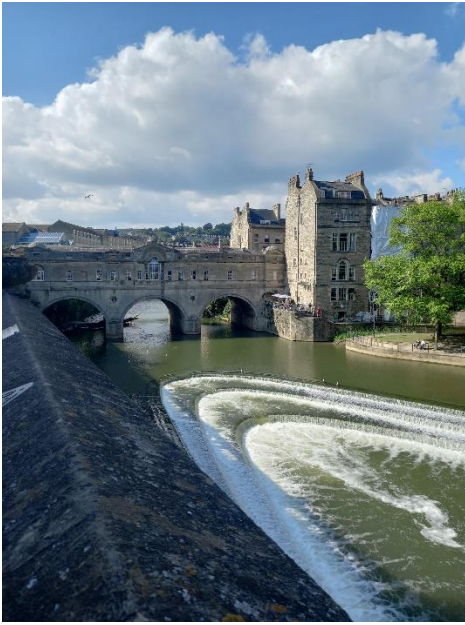
Rose of Sharon Quilt 1850

There are fifty quilts on display at any one time in the Quilt Room and they were absolutely stunning. Their huge size, the variety of patterns, styles and intricate hand stitching evenly spaced and barely visible, maybe 1/8th of an inch, were a true testament to the beauty of the art form. It was inspiring to see such a collection. I hope to visit again as the Museum brings non-European stories to its period rooms.



Close up of a nine-patch variation quilt

On returning to Bath itself which I have visited over the years, I skipped the Jane Austen trail this time. I bought boxes of Sally Lunn buns to take home, gazed at that beautiful weir under Pulteney Bridge and sat in the sun in the Abbey square eating ice cream while waiting for D-Day Choral Evening to start at 5.30pm. I love the angels ascending and descending Jacob's Ladder on the west front of the Abbey. They were glorious in the blue-sky afternoon sunshine.



Pulteney Bridge & Weir

This return to stitch is leading to so many new experiences and learning. There is an exhibition, 'Quilting the Hawaiian Landscape' now on at the Pitt Rivers Museum. So that's next!

A note: the photograph of the Rose of Sharon quilt (2.49 m x 2.03 m) is from the book 'Classic Quilts from The American Museum in Britain' out of print and available on eBay.

Julie Ifill

July & August Flag News



14th July – Fr Darren's birthday – St Patrick

This is not a national flying day!!

August 15th - Birthday of HRH The Princess Royal
– Union Flag

Tim Cadel

August Calendar

1	Th	Eucharist		7pm
2	F			none
3	S	Oswald, King of Northumbria		none
4 Sun TRINITY 10				
			BCP	8.00am
		Parish Eucharist		10.00am
5	M	Oswald, King of Northumbria		
		Eucharist		9.30am
6	T	The Transfiguration of our Lord		none
7	W	Eucharist	BCP	10.00am
8	Th	Dominic		
		Eucharist		7pm
9	F	Mary Sumner		none
10	S	Laurence, Deacon at Rome		none
11 Sun TRINITY 11				
			BCP	8.00am
		Parish Eucharist		10.00am
12	M	Eucharist		9.30am
13	T	Jeremy Taylor		none
14	W	Eucharist	BCP	10.00am
15	Th	The Blessed Virgin Mary		
		Eucharist		7pm
16	F			none
17	S			none
18 Sun TRINITY 12				
			BCP	8.00am
		Parish Eucharist		10.00am
19	M	Eucharist		9.30am
		Knit & Natter at Tea on Monday		3pm
20	T	Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux		none
21	W	Eucharist	BCP	10.00am
22	Th	Eucharist		7pm
23	F			none
24	S	Bartholomew the Apostle		
		Wedding Blessing		10.00am
25 Sun TRINITY 13				
			BCP	8.00am
		Parish Eucharist		10.00am
26	M			
		Eucharist		9.30am
27	T	Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo		none
28	W	Augustine, Bishop of Hippo		
		Eucharist	BCP	10.00am
29	Th	The Beheading of John the Baptist		
		Eucharist		7pm
30	F	John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer		
31	S	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne		

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CHURCH GARDEN



Family trees



What a tiny mustard seed can grow into



A boat for a stormy lake

'Here's flowers for you; Hot lavender, mints,
savory, marjoram; The marigold, that goes to
bed wi' the sun, and with him rises weeping:
these are flowers of middle summer...
William Shakespeare - The Winters Tale.

Summer does seem to have arrived in the last few days, the sun is shining and the air is warm. After all the rain earlier in the year, somehow the earth is looking dry again. I must try not to fall into the trap of never being happy with the weather. But rather like there are no unsuitable days to garden, only unsuitable clothes, in these days of climate change, we must move away from plants which need special care, by which I mean extra warmth and water and embrace those hardy types which thrive despite difficult conditions.

It's a delight to see so many self-seeders brightening the Church garden. We have ox-eye daisies (Marguerites), nigella (love-in -the mist), calendular (pot marigold) and Californian poppies. None of these require and work from us, and just happily come back year after year. The herbs are at their best and I was so pleased to hear a parishioner was enjoying the parsley. Please do take herbs for your use, there is mint, thyme, rosemary, and sage, all ready to pick.

Last week, I attended the Celebration of Creation Care meeting at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Oxford. Many Oxfordshire churches were nominated in a number of different categories. St Andrew's had a nomination for our Churchyard garden and especially the Young Church garden initiative. It was simply inspiring to feel that the church leaders are enthusiastic and supportive to help push forward the caring for creation agenda. Its easy do think that its only the big, expensive, political actions that will make a difference, but each of us like worker ants, can and must do our bit. The smallest creatures, like termites, can cause huge damage because they work together. I am no fan of these wood eating insects, but do marvel at how much team- work can achieve.

Young Church has been picking up dead wood, sticks and fallen branches and adding them to the pile behind the Medlar tree as habitat for not just hedgehogs but for all the other small creatures, insects and fungi which live in these special places. In my garden, I also pile up (in an unobtrusive corner or back of the border) all the twigs and wood I find as a 'habitat area'. I like to think I am sharing my garden! Dead wood is a valuable resource when added to soil. The RHS suggest burying wood and then planting over it. The slow rotting process will support 'good' bacteria and fungi. Remember, there's more life in dead wood than living – an interesting thought indeed.

The Cedar of Lebanon tree is mentioned several times in the Bible. It is a member of the pine family of trees and is found in the Eastern Mediterranean basin, mainly in the mountainous parts of Lebanon, Syria and Turkey. It grows on rocky ground, in sandy clay or loam soil and with stands full sun. It can grow up to 130 feet high with a trunk diameter of over 8 feet. The wood is strong and used in buildings and ships; Solomon used it to build the Temple in Jerusalem. It is a majestic tree and, interestingly, there is one at Blenheim Palace, and on the A44 near the junction to Kidlington. This could make a good day out!

I hope you are all enjoying your gardens and community open spaces. They are so important for our well being.

Happy gardening!

Jane Shepherd

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U3A (University of the Third Age) Headington Branch meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm in the main hall of Headington Community Centre in Gladstone Road.

2nd July – The Richest Man in Oxford – James Ryman, Art Dealer & Picture Frame Make – Gareth Winrow

16th July – Summer Social – members' afternoon

There are no meetings in August.

August Mission of the Month



The Friends of Della and Don

December 2024 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Asian Tsunami. We (Della and Don) were on the beach in Sri Lanka that day and Della was prevented from drowning by a fisherman, Colin. On our return to Oxford, we collected the money to buy the village in which Colin lived a fishing boat. That was the beginning of the Charity, The Friends of Della and Don, and 13 years ago we were lucky to gain the support of St Andrew's Church when we became their August mission of the month.

Our primary focus was, and still is, the fishing village where Colin lived. Our original intention was just to buy him the fishing boat, but the pull of the village and the people who live there has meant that we are compelled to continue our work.

We have our own schoolroom on the beach in the village and although the children attend a government school, it is in the schoolroom where they have the lessons which give them the opportunity to learn English and computer skills. Vital if they are to find work outside the fishing village.



The newly painted school classroom on the beach

Udaya who lives in the village has "run" FODAD for the past 19 years. He is a fisherman himself and has 2 daughters. Kishmi was only 1 year old on the day of the Tsunami. Through the help of FODAD, she took her A levels 2 years ago and is now in her final term at the Mount Lavinia School of Hotel Management. As the course is fee-paying, it was unheard of that someone from the village would attend the course. She is now Deputy Head Girl.



New laptop for Kishmi

Smith, whom we have supported since 2005 is now a teacher. He became engaged to marry in May of this year and has sent photos of the foundations of a modest house he is building himself. He says it will take 2-3 years to build.



A very proud moment when Smith graduated

Chamika whom we have supported since childhood will be the first person from the village to have attended University. She is heading towards a first-class degree in economics.



I have looked back over the almost 20 years since Colin saved my life and have tried to list what we have done with the money raised in that time.

- 3 fishing boats
- Schoolroom on the beach in the village
- Salaried teachers for English, Computer Studies, and Mathematics
- 1500 pairs of shoes and socks for the schoolchildren.
- 1500 school uniforms
- 100 savings books opened; money deposited on each visit.
- 408,000 school meals
- 5 sewing machines.
- Free weekly clinic and all medication and vitamins
- Fish transport van.
- Children's playground
- Fishing nets
- Showers and toilets
- Fun days out for the children who have never left the village.

With a low income we are having to prioritise expenditure. What is striking – are our successes. Never have people from the village become teachers, Grade A economics students or trainee hotel managers. The only expectation was to follow in their parents' footsteps and become fishermen or housewives. Many of the children we supported are now parents. As they have English they have better prospects. It has taken 19 years but we are now seeing what a difference the support has given.

- We pay the rent for a schoolroom on the beach and we pay the Maths, Computer Science, Science and English teachers.
- This year we paid for the children to redecorate their class room.
- The water tank and toilets were in a bad state when we visited. We paid to have them fixed.
- We feed the school children in the nursery and at the government school daily.
- We have paid for Kishmi's course in hotel management. She will finish in February 2025
- We continue to support Neighbours in Christ. Through them we pay for the medicines prescribed by doctors and have sponsored the support of 14 families through the last year
- We pay the medical fees for Colin, the fisherman who prevented me from drowning

- We pay the tuition fees for Chamika at University. She is heading for a first degree in economics.
- We pay tuition fees in English for 5 children from the village.
- We have supported exceptionally poor people with dry rations.
- We have undertaken to support a student for a 3-year undergraduate course at the Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology
- We continue to look at ad hoc requests for support



Distributing dry goods

Some of these activities are shown in the following photos:



Receiving new shoes



Fixing the water tank



Receiving new saving books

Dear Don & Della,

Accept this as a token of our appreciation of the support you have given to 'Neighbours' in Christ', St. Joseph's Church, Ratmalana, through 'Friends of DON & DELLA', for the past 20 years.

We thank you very sincerely for your generosity, as a result of which we have been able to assist almost 200 children with their educational needs; and provide medical assistance to the community of Ratmalana for over 10 years.

May this book bring back happy memories of the many times you visited Sri Lanka and the friends you have made over the years!

'Neighbours in Christ' - Ratmalana

March 2024

Letter of thanks – we are working with 'Neighbours in Christ' to improve education and to provide medical assistance

On behalf of our villagers thank you so much for your support – without you we would find it impossible to continue.

For list of our projects please look at our website www.friendsofdellaanddon.com

Della Sar

Notes from the Organ Bench



Two of the greatest organ builders of the 19th Century were Henry Willis (in England) and Aristide Cavallé-Coll (in France).

Willis erected the largest of the organs exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851, with an unprecedented 70 speaking stops. He introduced several novel features, which had a significant effect on organ design. One example, still in use, was the introduction of piston buttons between the manuals to allow automatic selection of blocks of "stops".

After the exhibition, the instrument was erected in reduced form at Winchester Cathedral where in 1854 it had 49 speaking stops over four manuals and pedals, and the first concave and radiating pedalboard – known today as the RCO (Royal College of Organists) standard.

Following the Great Exhibition Willis was responsible for the building of recital instruments in the St George's Hall, Liverpool, The Alexandra Palace, The Royal Albert Hall and in many English Cathedrals including Canterbury, Carlisle, Coventry, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Gloucester, Hereford, Lincoln, St David's, Salisbury, Truro, Wells and Winchester. In total Willis is believed to have built (or rebuilt) over 1000 instruments.

Cavallé-Coll completed his first solo organ building project in 1829 (at the age of 18) - the organ of Lerida Cathedral. A year later he met Rossini and through one of Rossini's friends he was able to submit a full proposal for an 84 stop instrument for the Church of St. Denis near Paris in just three days. The St. Denis project was delayed allowing Cavallé-Coll time to revise his plan, reducing the specification to 71 stops. He won a second Parisian contract at the end of January 1834 for a new instrument in Notre-Dame de Lorette. Contracts followed rapidly: St. Denis Abbey, St. Omer Cathedral, and Bayern Cathedral, among others, with many overhaul and rebuilding contracts, including Notre Dame de Paris. Between 1848 and 1890, the equivalent of a 17 stop organ left the workshop each month.

Each instrument was inaugurated officially, and the ceremony for the 50-stop organ at the Church of the Madeleine had to be repeated two weeks later due to popularity. Aside from official inaugurations, many instruments were tested in the Great Hall of the factory on the Rue de Vaugirard, in an erecting room that was also used for concerts by Liszt, Franck, Gounod, Widor and Saint-Saëns.

Cavallé-Coll's was also commissioned to build organs in England. The first was commissioned in 1870 by music publisher John Turner Hopwood for his home in Bracewell Hall, near Skipton, Lancashire. The first concert was in the presence of Queen Victoria. The instrument was played by Saint-Saëns and Widor in its first two performances in the workshop hall in Paris and a third time in England by Guilmant. The Warrington Corporation purchased the instrument in 1926, where it was installed in the Parr Hall by the Henry Willis and Sons Company.

Following the success of the Bracewell Hall organ, further orders for instruments came to Cavallé-Coll in other English towns including Sheffield, Paisley Abbey, Blackburn Cathedral, and Manchester Town Hall. Of these, the instruments in Manchester Town Hall and Paisley Abbey are still extant, that of Sheffield having been destroyed in a fire in 1937.

The significance of all this to the St Andrew's congregation is simply that the voluntaries played in May this year were all composed by French composers who were contemporaries of Aristide Cavallé-Coll (1811 – 1899): Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817 - 1869), Félix Alexandre Guilmant (1837 - 1911), and Théodore Dubois (1837 - 1924). They were all used to playing Cavallé-Coll organs, often at opening recitals.

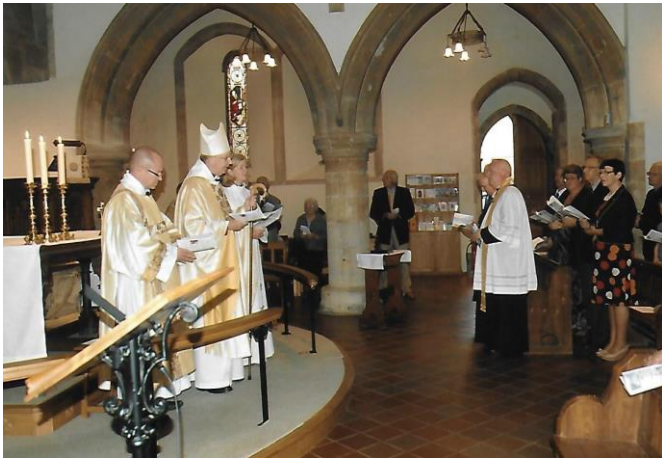
I should like to conclude these notes on a personal note. Since I arrived at St Andrew's on Advent Sunday 2012, Fr Darren has been an ever-present figure. But when I write my next notes there will be a new editor. The relationship between organists and clergy can sometimes be strained but this has never been my experience at St Andrew's. In nearly 12 years I cannot remember anything other than harmonious working relations. I have learned so much from Fr Darren and it has been a genuine pleasure to serve as his Director of Music. Naturally, I'm very sad that he is leaving us but our challenge is to carry on in the way he has taught us. I send my very best wishes to you, Fr Darren and to Fr Simon as you set off to new challenges in Lincoln.

My best wishes to you all.

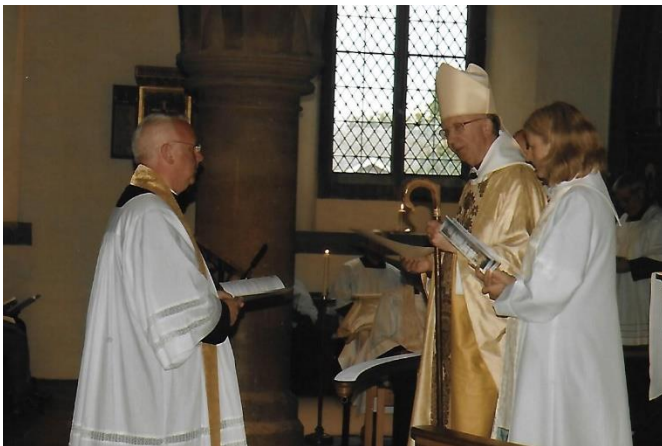
Richard Bennett
Director of Music

13th very lucky years!!

A few highlights – there are so many for me. St Andrew's has been a wonderful community to serve and lead over 13 very happy years. If you have any more photos do send me a copy.



A special gift



15th July 2011 - It all begins!



10th Anniversary as Vicar



Wonderful parties in a beautiful garden



69 Weddings



2018



2019



2021



174 Baptisms

And of course – Christmas!!!!



2014



2023

August Readings

4th August

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 10

Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15
78.23-29
Ephesians 4.1-6
John 6.24-35

11th August

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 11

1 Kings 19.4-8
34.1-8
Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
John 6.35, 41-51

18th August

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 12

Proverbs 9.1-6
34.9-14
Ephesians 5.15-20
John 6.51-58

25th August

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 13

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18
34.15-end
Ephesians 6.10-20
John 6.56-69

1st September

Old Testament
Psalm
New Testament
Gospel

Trinity 14

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9
15
James 1.17 - end
Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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