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Passionate about Prayer

As I write this the latest moral crisis to hit the headlines in our country is the "phone-hacking scandal".

As before for a certain period of time, people working in the media will be the bad guys in our society. Bankers had their turn, then the MPs with the expenses scandal. Who will be next?

But are we not all guilty? For are we not a nation that has largely turned its back on God? How do we get back to God? Well surely through prayer is one way.

A few years ago Simeon Whiting from YFC came to speak to us. He recently interviewed Pete Greig, the founder of the 24/7 Prayer movement. There are more than 105, 24 hour prayer rooms in existence. I share with you some excerpts from that interview, in the hope we might all be inspired to turn to God in prayer.



"The moment I heard the Daily Mail describe Ibiza as Sodom and Gomorrah, I wanted to take the gospel there. We have a facility in San Antonio. Many of the people who come and pray there will be sex workers, drug users – people who don't know what they believe about God, but still believe in prayer. That's an exciting place to see prayer happening. Prayer doesn't just belong in the cathedral and the cloister; it belongs in the gutter."

"Bono (lead singer of U2) was once talking to Archbishop Desmond Tutu and saw all the stuff he does – I mean he's one of the greatest statesmen of our time, a political activist, a church leader, a writer, a thinker, a diplomat – and Bono asked him, "How do you find time to pray?" Archbishop Tutu laughed the way he does and he replied 'Do you think it would be possible for us to do all the stuff we do if we didn't find time to pray?' "



"The truth is the people who have made the greatest difference in the world for Jesus have always been very busy, but they've always prioritised prayer."

"You can't separate prayer and mission. The church exists because of a 24/7 prayer room in Jerusalem 2000 years ago. The Holy Spirit turned up (also vital) and the disciples were propelled out to preach the gospel."... "We always see this pattern that prayer gives birth to mission. Intimacy with God gives birth to new life. We were praying a lot, and inevitably out of that we saw new youth justice initiatives, ministry to prostitutes, Bible distribution and new churches planted."

The summer holidays are here soon, for many there will be a little more time. Will we prioritise prayer this summer?

God Bless you all. Martin

From the editor

Producing this edition of the magazine has proved somewhat poignant for me. Even regular readers may not be aware that our late church family member, June Willetts produced many articles for this magazine over the years. She always submitted her pieces on time and routinely included a note of encouragement saying how much she had enjoyed reading the previous edition. She was also the one person who noted when we moved to a higher quality paper.

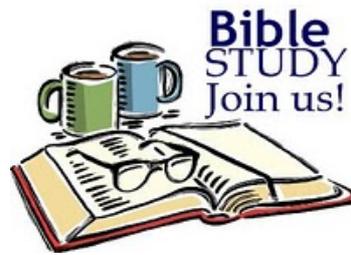
When I published her first piece, I had to promise not to include her name, but over the years I started to add her initials and she was happy with this.

This is the first magazine since June passed away and I know I am going to miss receiving her hand-written notes and reading her words of encouragement. June loved the Lord and this shone through in her words and actions.

Rachel Ford

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Here at Holy Trinity we have many Bible Study groups who meet on a regular basis to learn more about The Bible and how it speaks to us

today.

If you would like to join one of these groups, then please have a word with Yvonne Binder in church, telephone her on 0121 559 7376. email:

yvonnebinder@talktalk.net, or leave a note in Yvonne's pigeon hole at the back of church and she will get back to you.

Joining a group is also a great way to get to know more people from within the church family.

DON'T DELAY... DO IT TODAY!

Are you going on a summer holiday?

When you are away on holiday do you try to find a church to go to? Visiting another church can be a real encouragement both for you, and for the congregation you visit.

Once on holiday a couple of years ago we (three of us) doubled the congregation in a country church in Yorkshire!

In Scotland I attended a church on Skye, and went along to the mid-week Bible Study as we had been made so welcome. I still remember singing "Praise him on the trumpet, the psaltery and harp" in the front room of the local policeman, who hosted the evening. It was so great to sense the presence of God a long way from home, and to really feel part of the wider church family. It is good to experience God in a different setting, and to see how other people do things.

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News from Tom Adams

So, after a whole 20 months on board the missionary ship "Logos Hope" I finally returned back to sunny Old Hill. After the sweltering heat I first experienced in Trinidad when I joined the ship, and then the (you guessed it) sweltering heat of Sri Lanka where I left the ship, I have had perpetual summer (sounds nice but actually isn't.) In between these places I visited the Caribbean, West Africa, the Middle East and lastly Asia, 27 countries in all by my count. I have seen recent war zones, abject poverty and wealth on a scale that is astonishing. I have been to wonderful gospel-centred churches along with churches where God is openly dishonoured and reduced to a human-made get rich scheme that preys on the desperate and needy. All in all I have seen a lot.



Yet the Lord has been with me and I return more convinced of the saving power of Jesus, as well as His COMMAND for us to share what He has done for us as saved people with the world that so desperately needs Him. Hence any 'work' for the Lord that deliberately and purposefully conceals the good news by hiding the name of Jesus is NOT obeying the Lord's command. To sum it up, there is no gospel without Jesus.

Added to this persistent conviction that the only message this fallen world needs is that of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins, is that the reality of God's judgement NEEDS to be shared with this world, sensitively, and always in love, but it absolutely MUST be shared with a world that is in enmity with God and facing the wrath that He will pour out one day. If we love our neighbour we will share the problem of the disease of sin, and that this disease affects all people and is a fatal one. THEN we tell them the cure is available, that of repentance and belief in Jesus' work at Calvary and this is loving them.

I worked as a teacher on Logos Hope teach-

ing the small number of missionary kids for most of my 20 months on board. I taught Science, English, Sport, R.E, Design and Technology and lastly History. The kids were lively, interesting and presented me with lots to do. I am grateful for the chance to get to know them and teach them.

I made the most fantastic friends whilst on-board, Steve from the U.S, Ashley from Australia amongst many others, and praise God for their support, their challenge when I needed it and their infectious love of God and thankfulness for His Grace. I have known the Lord's hand in my life throughout many, many changes during the time I spent on board. It is a life of ups and downs (and side to sides during some sails.) Not least of these changes I didn't expect was falling in love with a beautiful young American who loves the Lord Jesus. Her name is Gina and we will be married on September 29th in the U.S (her home.) I praise God for His perfect timing and wondrous mercy to bring Gina and I together. What a blessing to me she is; she encourages me to love God more and more.

So through it all God has been faithful, part of this has been my supporters praying for me over the entire time I served on the ship. I have had the chance to share God's word in churches all around the globe, and it has bought me to a place of being on my knees before the throne, as to teach the word is a severe but wonderful calling. In the light of this I will be studying theology in the U.S for a few years, to equip me further for world missions in the future God has for Gina and I as we serve our wonderful saviour and profess His name, and glory wherever we go, until He returns or we are called home.

Thank you for your prayers, please pray for my mom who suffers from Parkinson's disease and for my Dad who cares for her and is an example of sacrificial love to me every day and night.

Tom Adams

Pastoral Care Action Group

Introducing the PASTORAL CARE ACTION GROUP, otherwise known as PCAG.

Our purpose

"To show the love of Christ Jesus through concern for the spiritual, emotional and physical well being of the whole church family at Holy Trinity."

How do we aim to do this?

Each Church Family member, unless they request otherwise has an assigned "Lay Pastor". If you don't know who your Lay Pastor is then look on the alphabetical list on the Pastoral Care Action Group notice board at the back of church or speak to any member of the PCAG team.

Working with the Clergy PCAG is responsible for co-ordinating Home/Bible Home Study groups.

Also working with the Clergy PCAG is responsible for the Pastoral support and nurture of our children and young people through Froggies, Junior Church and our Young Peoples' Bible Study groups.

The vision of PCAG is twofold

1. That through spending more times together in quietness with God, our relationships with Him will be enabled to grow deeper and stronger.

2. That our relationships with each other will also grow deeper and stronger through all of our activities and a growing sense of unity will develop as we get to know, love and understand each other more fully, so that as

we each play our part in "Taking the Love of Jesus to All", ALL will know we are His disciples. (John 17.v21)

What have we been up to recently?

PCAG's activities over the past few months have included, breakfast before the 10.45 service on 28th November 2010, a Quiet Morning in February following the theme of Jesus' question "What do you want" (John 1 v29-30). We also hosted a "Newcomers Meal" to which all who are fairly new to Holy Trinity were invited. This proved to be a very encouraging time for all involved. Our "Church Family photograph collage" has also been updated, let us know if you would like your picture to be included on our next update.

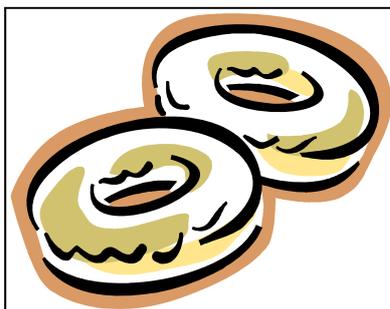
Some of our plans for the future include ...

- A "Getting to know you" shared lunch on 20th November 2011
- A Quiet Morning on Saturday 10th December 2011

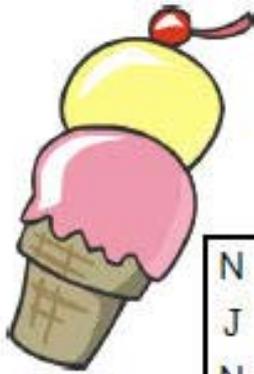
We would also welcome any ideas that you may have!!

If you would like to know more, become part of the team or inform us of Pastoral Care issues, then do share your ideas and suggestions with Yvonne Binder.

You can telephone her on 0121 559 7376, make contact via email: yvonnebinder@talktalk.net or leave a note in her pigeon hole at the back of church.



SUMMER FUN PULL-OUT



Ice Cream Wordsearch



banana split

chocolate

cold

cone

ice cream

oyster

sprinkles

sundae

vanilla

wafer

**ONE FOR THE YOUNGSTERS
OR ANY FANS OF ICE CREAM**



WHAT'S THE MISSING WORD?

1. For God so loved _____ that he gave his only begotten Son

2. Except ye be converted, and become as little _____, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven

3. Give us this day our daily _____

4. Blessed are the _____: for they shall inherit the earth

5. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of _____

6. In the beginning _____ created the heaven and the earth

7. Father, _____ them, for they know not what they do

8. I am _____ and Omega, the beginning and the ending

9. It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry _____

10. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a _____ man to enter into the kingdom of God!

11. Noah begat three sons, Shem, _____ and Japheth

12. Ask and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; _____, and it shall be opened unto you

13. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be _____ again, he cannot see the kingdom of God

14. It is written, That man shall not live by _____ alone, but by every word of God

15. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his _____ endureth for ever

16. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be _____

17. For the wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

18. Now _____ is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen

19. Father, if thou be willing, remove this _____ from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done

20. There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was _____, and that man was perfect and upright and one that feared God and eschewed evil

Answers on the CPRAG notice board at the back of church.

Summer Smoothies

Smoothies are a great way to let children get involved in the kitchen. Let them choose their favourite fruits and encourage them to help you peel and chop them up (according to their age of course). They can also be in charge of measuring liquid ingredients in measuring cups.

Smoothie Recipes

Here are some favourite smoothies that are great for breakfast or any time of the day. Simply throw all the ingredients in the blender and blend on high for 1 to 2 minutes.

Bananarama

1 banana, 1/2 cup vanilla yoghurt, dash of milk

Mango Mania

1 mango (cut and pitted), 1/4 cup orange juice

Peach Medley

1 peach (cut and pitted), 1 banana, 1/4 cup orange juice



Berry Surprise

1/2 cup strawberries, 1/4 cup blueberries, 1/4 cup raspberries, 1/4 cup of milk

Strawberry Ice

1 cup strawberries, 1 cup orange juice, 1 cup crushed ice

Honey Melon

1 cup chopped honey dew lemon pieces, 1/4 cup apple juice, tablespoon honey.

Banana Boost

1 banana, 1/4 shredded wheat cereal (or other high fibre cereal), 1/4 cup milk. This one is full of fibre and vitamins so really healthy for young and old alike.

Swimming Word Search

Find the hidden words related to swimming.

N	N	O	I	T	I	T	E	P	M	O	C	Z	M	B	O	T	AQUATIC
S	T	A	R	T	E	R	C	K	S	E	L	G	G	O	G	A	BLOCK
K	C	C	G	U	F	M	F	R	Q	A	A	Q	F	E	Y	J	BUCKET
T	I	T	N	X	J	A	E	R	Y	O	O	X	J	O	U	Q	BUTTERFLY
B	I	C	U	T	N	T	Q	A	E	D	V	R	O	D	T	G	CHANNEL
D	U	M	K	R	I	E	L	U	T	E	E	J	G	G	B	X	COMPETITION
L	A	K	E	V	N	E	G	S	A	T	S	E	Z	U	U	I	CRAWL
M	F	C	P	K	R	M	T	D	T	T	G	T	T	Y	L	R	DOLPHIN
O	Y	H	O	U	E	R	S	U	U	F	I	T	Y	O	A	D	DRAG
L	Y	A	O	T	O	E	L	P	R	R	E	C	P	L	N	O	FLIP
C	E	N	L	K	E	F	P	O	Y	R	T	N	F	C	E	L	FLUTTER
J	L	N	E	J	D	K	S	E	F	E	J	L	R	X	S	P	FREESTYLE
V	D	E	E	Q	K	S	C	L	R	R	I	G	I	J	D	H	GOGGLES
V	E	L	L	C	I	Q	Y	U	H	P	M	T	A	B	B	I	JUDGE
N	M	Z	O	C	W	O	D	S	B	U	Q	G	A	R	D	N	KICK
U	P	L	S	T	C	R	A	W	L	F	Y	Q	Q	B	L	R	LAKE
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Try A Smoothie Ice Lolly

When it's hot outside why not try smoothie ice lolly? They are a nutritious alternative to sugary ice cream as well as being a delicious summer treat. For a creamier consistency try adding 1/4 cup yoghurt of your choice to the recipes above and pour the smoothie mixture into ice lolly moulds.

If you don't have ice lolly moulds you can use paper cups or even ice cube trays. Fill cups or tray and when an ice lolly stick and leave until fully frozen.

Christians in Sport

Just as most of us are thinking about holidays there are a group of people who are returning back to work – the footballers!

I know there is a group of us in church, and in the wider area that enjoy football, therefore I thought I would write something about the sport.

Last season was a remarkable time in the Premier League. Manchester United won their record nineteenth title, and the last day of the season was eventful to say the least. The forthcoming season should be fabulous too

- Can anyone finish higher than Manchester United?
- Can Manchester City take the top spot?
- Will Chelsea return to their trophy winning ways?
- Will Arsenal win a trophy?
- Can Liverpool keep improving with Kenny Dalglish?

In the Midlands we have lots of interest. I



If you have any thoughts on the following topics please do let me know.

Who / what do you consider to be the :

- Best ever player?
- Best ever team?
- Best ever match?

I will try and include some of your suggestions in a future magazine.

I have been a sports fan all my life and a Christian for thirty years. I acknowledge that Jesus is the best captain; He knows how to lead a team and His rules are fair. I believe Jesus did come to give us an abundant, fulfilled life. For some of us this includes sport, so let us share it and show that being a Christian doesn't prevent us having diverse interests.

Dave Portman

Len's Life—the early years

Following my article on Alpha in the last magazine, several people, well at least two, have asked me to expand on my life story, so here goes.

Most comedians tend to say "I was born at a very early age". Well, I won't say that, as the consensus when I was young was that I had been quarried. As it happens, many of my ancestors were quarrymen on the Isle of Portland, so those folk may very well have been correct. My very early years were much the same as those of many other people, you know the kind of thing, whooping cough, measles and all that. I even had two hands back then and have the photographs to prove it. I know what some of you must be thinking. You will be surprised to know that photography had even been invented!

One of my earliest memories comes from a time during the second World War. When the war started, my father

decided that my mother, my brother and I should go to Portland in order to be away from danger. "Smart move Dad!" because one of my earliest memories is of walking up Wakeham Street, running my Dinky toy along the walls of the houses as the bombers flew over on their way to bomb Portland Harbour. For those of you interested in next year's Olympics, this location is now called Weymouth Harbour much to the disgust of genuine Portlanders.



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COFFEE TIME WITH DAVE

Seek the sunshine of the master

Holiday time is upon us once again and this reminded me of the experience of a friend of mine. She enjoyed a surprise holiday trip to London which included tea at the Ritz. She had a wonderful time.

This story had a happy ending because just a short time before the trip she experienced severe pain in her leg. It felt cold to the touch and continued to be very painful for some time. She was quickly seen by doctors and they found she had a major problem with the blood circulating round her legs. This was a major health concern, but she was treated and within a short time she had recovered and looked great and pain free and was able to take her trip to London.

We all know the importance of blood in our bodies, but do we know the importance of the blood of Jesus?



In the Old testament in Exodus 12 we can read the story of the Passover. Blood was put on the doors of homes and the people inside were safe as the angel of the Lord passed over them. Likewise when we 'put' the blood of Jesus over our lives then we are safe; and not just safe but blessed as well.

The doctors saved my friend from her troubles and in the same way Jesus can save us from ours. We just need to trust and have faith. I like to be directed in my life by scripture and not by a mood and I know faith is in the scriptures.

Let the sunshine of Jesus fall upon us today and always. Its sunshine is there all the time, new each day are his blessings.

God Bless,
Dave Portman

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Not long after this, my family received a telephone call to go back to Strood, where I came from. We were told to come back home so that if we died, we would all be together. Sound reasoning as we may all have been together but may not all have died. "Sorry Dad, this was your second mistake."

Anyway by this time I had started school. My parents told me that on the first day, I refused to remove my cap. Was this a foretaste of my later baldness, I wonder? It was not long after this that the accident occurred where I lost my left hand. Very careless of me, most people lose belongings, but no, I



had to be different, I had to lose my hand.

And in Strood, we remained. I can remember going to church at St Nicholas in Strood. I went three times on Sundays - morning, afternoon for Sunday School and then in the evenings. Very different from nowadays especially as we walked home in the dark due to the lack of streetlights.

It was at St Nicholas that I probably dabbled in faith, but at nine years of age, definitely lost it. Next time, I'll recount more of my life story and how I regained my faith.

Every Blessing.
Len Hales

Alpha at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill

Monday evenings 7—9.30 pm



Week	Date	Topic
Launch	26/09/11	Is there more to life than this? Christianity: Boring? Untrue? Irrelevant?
1	03/10/11	Who is Jesus?
2	10/10/11	Why did Jesus die?
3	17/10/11	How can I be sure of my faith?
4	24/10/11	Why and how should I pray?
5	31/10/11	Why and how should I read the bible?
Friday evening	04/11/11	HOLY SPIRIT
Saturday 9.30 am— 3.30 pm	05/11/11	WEEKEND
6	07/11/11	How does God guide us?
7	14/11/11	How can I resist evil?
8	21/11/11	Does God heal today?
9	28/11/11	Why and how should I tell others?
10	05/12/11	What about the church?

Faith, Hope and Love

Abba Father thank you for giving me faith
 A faith that is so strong
 I think of you all day long
 I pray when I need you
 I pray for things to be true
 All the day I pray
 All the day I say
 Abba Father thank you for giving me
 faith.

Abba Father thank you for giving me
 hope
 Hope for things unseen
 For the things of which I dream
 For no sorrow and pain
 For good things to gain

All the day I ask
 All the day I task
 Abba Father thank you for giving me
 hope

Abba Father thank you for giving me love
 A love sent to appease
 For my spirit to please
 Love is the greatest of all
 Love won't let you fall
 All the day I will raise
 All the day I praise
 Abba Father thank you for giving me love

Nigel Goodwin
 June 2011



We are here to take
the love of Jesus in
actions and words to all
people

MAGAZINE DEADLINES AND PUBLICATION DATES

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community

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www.holytrinity.org.uk

For details of Services and Regular Activities
at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill,
see back cover.

Bible Society News

Audio Bibles

Ethiopia has been a cradle of Christianity since the 4th century AD.

Today, more than half the population is Christian and the Church is experiencing revival. Weekly church attendance has risen by 42 per cent in the last 10 years. It's not unusual to see thousands packing a Sunday service.

So it's not surprising that the demand for Bibles has risen too. And, because the majority of the population is illiterate, the easiest way for them to learn about Christ is through an audio Bible, supplied by Bible Society.



Former street child Mikiyas Aduigna (18) lives at a

Christian-run centre where the audio Bible helps youngsters recover from the trauma of living on the streets of the country's capital, Addis Ababa.

'After I came to this centre I understood that God would never forget the man he had made,' says Mikiyas. 'I was in the lowest strata of life, now he is bringing me up.'

'Get listening' Britain

During Lent, up to 30,000 people across Britain listened to a new recording of the New Testament. Now, Bible Society is urging more people to get involved.

The recording called You've Got The Time

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Services and Regular Activities

During holiday times, please check with group leaders which weekday activities are taking place.

Sunday Services

1st Sunday

10:45 a.m. Family Service
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

2nd Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship* and Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship*
6:30 p.m. Holy Communion

4th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship*
6:30 p.m. Hungry for God

5th Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship*
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

*With Junior church, young people's groups and FROGGIES for pre school children.

Monday

7.30 p.m. Badminton

Tuesday

1:15 – 3:00 p.m. Tots Are Us
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Club
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bell ringing

Wednesday

9 - 11:00 a.m. Tots Are Us

Thursday

9.00—11.30 a.m. Coffee and Crafts (Addenbrook Court)
11:30 a.m. Midweek worship followed by lunch
7.00—8.30 p.m. TNT youth group

Friday

9 – 11:00 a.m. Tots Are Us

Saturday

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Every weekday

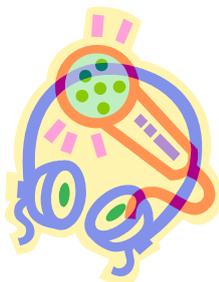
8:30 and 11 a.m. Prayer
8.30 a.m.– 1 p.m. Open Door

Marriage and Baptism enquiries

Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

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is produced by Bible Society and brought to life by The Riding Lights Theatre Company.



Over 40 days, listeners are taken on a journey from the Gospel of Matthew to the end of Revelation.

Bible Society's Andy Bissex says, 'As part of the King James Bible's 400th anniversary we want to help Christians re-engage with the Bible.'

'You can listen to what God has to say to you while driving your car, walking the dog or going to the gym.'

Eric Sparks, a retired civil servant from Swindon, was among the Lent listeners. 'I listened with my wife and it brought us closer together. We didn't share Bible reading and prayer before. Now we pray together.'

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