

Vicar's Viewpoint

By Rod Garner



I read recently about a man who never cooks and rarely eats at home. His kitchen is bare apart from crockery and a rather forlorn microwave oven that sits idle for most of the time. He earns good money so never grabs a sandwich at lunchtime or fish and chips on the way home. He dines exceedingly well: swish coffee bars in the morning, pleasant eating houses at lunchtime and ever so posh restaurants at night. One day, to his surprise, he found himself in a monastery as part of an 'away day' devised by his boss to encourage fresh thinking amongst colleagues. Most of the time was filled with seminars and discussion and lots of tedious business jargon that he quickly forgot. What he did remember however was the food. It was nothing special – neither foul nor fancy – but he paid attention to it. During lunch he was served soup and for the first time in many years he noted that he truly ate. He savoured what was set before him in all its simplicity. Maybe it was because he had more time or something to do with the location and its quietness. Either way, he paid attention to what he was eating rather than shovelling it down without thought or appreciation.

Food is fuel and we die without it. But it is more than that. Good grub, prepared and served with love and eaten with pleasure and thankfulness (both to God and the person who has prepared it) has something of the sacramental about it. It asks to be enjoyed as part of God's goodness in creation, as a token of friends gathered around a table (what does that remind us of as we approach another Holy Week?) and a reminder that simple pleasure like eating are worth more than gold or rubies.

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| Soccer school | Inline Hockey |
| Fitness gym | Youth gym (13-16s) |
| Pop dance | Hip Hop |
| Saturday club | Karate |
| Climbing wall | Youth nights |
| Musical theatre | Basketball |
| Birthday parties | Circuit training |

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Nun Danket Post Script

From Bob Ball

Last month's delightful article on the background to the hymn *Nun Danket Alle Gott* – Now Thank We All Our God, brought to my mind some notable performances of that tune which are strong in my memory.

Perhaps the earliest is from more than thirty eight years ago, as June and I included this as the final hymn in our marriage ceremony at Bethel Baptist Church in Bootle. It reappeared twenty five years later when we celebrated our Silver Wedding at St Nicholas Church in Taplow.

2003 saw my first visit to Worcester Cathedral with the choir and I well remember running back after the vestry prayer in the cloisters at the end of our Sunday evensong to hear the final bars of the Karg-Elert arrangement of *Nun Danket* being played by David Williams on the wonderful organ there (the word thunderous comes to mind!). The piece is subtitled "*March Triomphale*" – it certainly brought a lump to my throat!

The following year, *Nun Danket* was sung (mightily!) at the end of the concert to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the present Holy Trinity Church.

Two years later at the close of our Musical Feast concert, Guy Tudor put together a brass and percussion group that allowed us to perform the glorious John Rutter arrangement of this fine hymn. We followed that with yet another variation for organ - Toccata on "*Nu la oss takke Gud*" – written in 1973 by Egil Hovland from Norway.

Yes, we certainly have a lot to thank God for – not least for the accompaniment of such wonderful, often thrilling, music along our pilgrim journey through life.

A senior moment

- *I made a list*
- *I checked it twice.*
- *I left it at home.*

Holy Trinity School

Update From Sue Mawdsley, Headteacher

As Spring gets underway we wake up from our winter hibernation in the school and the children are able to get out and about enjoying what Southport has to offer and also spreading our wings further. Our oldest children recently returned from a week's adventure holiday at Kingswood's Colomendy Centre in North Wales. This is the first time we have taken the children there and they had a fantastic week joining in outdoor activities that they would not have the chance to do locally such as caving, canoeing and speeding down a huge zip wire. They particularly enjoyed an activity aptly named 'Leap of Faith' which as far as I can make out involved climbing a very high pole and then jumping off whilst attached to a harness. A couple of children only managed a few steps, while others went on to the bigger jump at the top but every child participated and felt a sense of achievement. I'm saving the theme for an assembly but in the meantime I'm sure Rod could get a good sermon out of the messages within the experience!

In the last update from the school I mentioned our newly refurbished family learning room which was then unnamed. Each class voted for a favourite name from a list and our room is now called 'The Harimba', which means 'working together' in an African language. We're not sure which one, so if any widely travelled person reading this knows, I would be grateful for the information.

As a school we have made a commitment to developing more creativity within our school curriculum. This doesn't mean doing more art and drama, as many people think, but rather encouraging the children to think more creatively and independently and finding new ways to bring our curriculum to life. Creativity is just as important in Science, Maths and Technology as in the other subjects. One successful example recently was an activity that happened in Year 2 with our six and seven year olds designed to help them understand and remember the Great Fire of London. They made a large model of Pudding Lane out of cardboard and tinder

wood and took it into the playground. It was then set alight to recreate the Great Fire of London. Miss Bushell and the other Year 2 staff managed to place the model in the right position to catch the wind and (with the help of a few discretely placed firefighters) the fire started in the bakery and quickly devoured St. Paul's Cathedral and beyond. This excellent example of bringing learning to life gave the children a unique chance to see how quickly fire can spread, particularly if the wind is in the right direction. A quick question and answer session showed the children's historical knowledge about the fire would have got them into Mastermind!

We have introduced the theme of creativity and participation into our assemblies as well. Every class now has an opportunity to put on a class assembly for families in school. Most recently families have been invited to join in the school theme of 'It's Good To Be Me', reflecting on how we are all special and unique in the eyes of God and celebrating our diversity. If any of the church congregation would like to attend our family assemblies you would be very welcome – it is a real delight to watch children leading an act of worship themselves. You can get the dates by ringing the school office or mentioning your interest to Rod or Anne Tudor.

On a similar note our Holy Week and Easter Service is in the church on Thursday 2nd April at 2.30. All are welcome and it promises to be a memorable service with the children being presented with palm crosses and a recreation of the Stations of the Cross within the church. We also have an Easter bonnet parade at the end as this is the day before we break up for Easter.

As this is my last update this term I would like to thank all those in the church who have supported and helped out in school this year so far. We really do appreciate your commitment to the children. I hope you have a happy and restful Easter break.

Trinity Arts Festival 2009

PLEASE note the 6th – 21st June in your diaries
The 44th Trinity Arts Festival.

Once again we are presenting a variety of events to cater for the wise tastes of our patrons. Fuller details will be available at the end of April. Briefly, the main events are on the Saturdays in the Festival period and are:

1. Saturday 6th June -The West Lancs Swing Band

This is on the 65th anniversary of D-Day and the music will reflect this special occasion. We have invited the Veterans Associations to attend and hope to raise some money for two important Forces Charities. **Help For Heroes** is a fund raising charity to provide specialist treatment and rehabilitation for seriously wounded servicemen from Afghanistan and Iraq. (To find out more about their work log on to www.helpforheroes.org.uk).

Support Our Soldiers provides food parcels and essential goods to our forces especially at Christmas. (For more information log on to www.supportoursoldiers.co.uk).

2. Saturday 13th June – Carlo Curley in Concert.

American organ virtuoso Carlo Curley tours the planet bringing the King of Instruments to a wide and appreciative audience. Acclaimed as the Pavarotti of the Organ, by the press, Carlo is reputed to be one of the most prolific of all classical players. His extravert style and the chance to watch the maestro at work on a High Definition TV screen placed alongside him makes this a must.

3. Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th June

The Annual Art Exhibition when local artists show their work.

4. Saturday 20th June - Southport Bach Choir present Haydn's "Creation".

Choir Notes

Sue Palmer



My first six months as Choir Chaplain has been an exiting learning curve: we have all worked hard, but have attended pleasure events as well. During this time we have organised two Family Evenings attended by Choir families and the Chapel Choir (approx 70 people at each event), these have been very enjoyable, especially the firework display evening. The boys have also enjoyed a visit to the bowling alley.

Now to the singing events. Both choirs are working hard as they prepare the music for Passiontide and Easter.

On Sunday 5th April at 6.30pm our Church and Chapel Choirs will be singing Stainer's Crucifixion and special music is planned for Easter Sunday morning and evening.

As we reflect on the last few months one very encouraging note is that our numbers on a Wednesday Choral Evensong are growing week by week. It is a spiritual uplift during the middle of a working week. Please come and listen 7.15pm.

On a personal note I want to thank both choirs for their commitment, dedication and singing of course; but especially our thanks to Ian for his enthusiasm and the hard work he is so readily giving. It's great having Jane, Rachel and Ian as part of the Trinity family.

Our Cathedral Singing week at Carlisle in July will be the next planned event, watch out for the details of a Parish Trip for the day.

From The Registers

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Favourite wedding hymns

AMAZING GRACE is the number one hymn chosen by the 400 couples a month planning their wedding through the Church of England's new online ceremony planner at www.yourchurchwedding.org



More than 1,300 couples have registered with the 'listen and choose' online innovation, which launched in October 2008 when a new law, initiated by the Church of England made a church wedding more possible for more people. The ceremony planner gives 25 choices for special hymns for weddings and 12 readings from the Bible. Choices are captured in a draft printout which merges the names of the bride and groom into the marriage service. Couples can then use this draft as a discussion starter when they first meet their vicar.

John Newton's *Amazing Grace* is the most popular wedding hymn choice, closely followed by *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi. Number three is the schooldays favourite *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.

The most wanted Bible reading is 1 Corinthians 13, famous for weddings, which ends at verse 13: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Readings from Song of Solomon take second and third place.

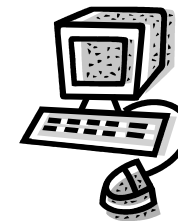
All in all, the ceremony planner at www.yourchurchwedding.org is a wonderful resource which helps couples discover these riches and make choices as they plan a service which is personal to them.

FOOTNOTE Other hymns in the top ten list are as follows:

- 4) Give Me Joy in My Heart
- 5) We Pledge to One Another
- 6) Praise My Soul the King Of Heaven
- 7) Lord of the Dance
- 8) One More Step Along the World I Go
- 9) Morning Has Broken
- 10) Be Still for the Presence Of The Lord

The Church of England Marriage Measure became law on 1st October 2008. The Church of England celebrates 54,000 weddings a year.

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*Every single evening as I'm lying here in bed,
This tiny little Prayer keeps running through my head:*

*God bless all my family wherever they may be,
keep them warm and safe from harm for they're so close to me.*

*And God, there is one more thing I wish that you could do;
Hope you don't mind me asking, please bless my computer too.*

*Now I know that it's unusual to Bless a motherboard,
but listen just a second while I explain it to you, Lord.
You see, that little metal box holds more than odds and ends;
Inside those small compartments rest so many of my friends.*

*I know so much about them by the kindness that they give,
and this little scrap of metal takes me in to where they live.*

By faith is how I know them much the same as you.

We share in what life brings us and from that our friendships grew.

*Please take an extra minute from your duties up above,
to bless those in my address book That's filled with so much love.*

Wherever else this prayer may reach to each and every friend,

Bless each e-mail inbox and each person who hits 'send'.

When you update your Heavenly list on your own Great CD-ROM,

Bless everyone who says this prayer

Sent up to GOD.com

Trinity Fellowship

Local history is becoming increasingly popular and we're going to have a taste of it at our next meeting on Tuesday April 14th when Mr. Don Geldard will be talking to us about the old Cinemas of Southport. It promises to be a fascinating evening, especially to someone like me who's a comparative newcomer to the area (1968!)

Incidentally our meal out is going to be on Monday 13th July so please put that in your diary now.

Hoping to see you on the 14th.

Happy Easter. Betty Glasgow.

Trinity Guides and Rangers

The Guides and Rangers are working to raise funds to attend the Girlguiding North West Region Challenge event this summer in Amsterdam. They will be hosting a big screen film night of 'Mamma Mia' in the Church Hall on Friday 24th April. The night will include supper with a glass of wine and then free popcorn during the showing of the film. Tickets priced at £5. will be on sale in the church hall after the Sunday Morning Services or see Carol Bennion as soon as possible. There will be a prize for best 70's outfit on the night! Come and enjoy, sing along if you want to!!

As a separate fund raising event the girls will also be running a raffle over the next few weeks. The prize is a Liverpool shirt signed by Steven Gerrard and Fernando Torres, two of the best footballers in the world. Tickets £1. each, draw to be made on 24th April at 'Mamma Mia Night.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2009

PALM SUNDAY 5th April

- 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion and Distribution of Palms
- 10.15 a.m. Parish Communion. Procession and Blessing of Palms
- 6.30 p.m. Performance of Stainer's *Crucifixion* by Trinity Choirs

Monday 6th April

- 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday 7th April

- 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross followed by simple celebration of Communion

Wednesday 8th April

- 7.30 p.m. Service of Compline and Address in Lady Chapel

Thursday 9th April

- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion
- 7.30 p.m. Eucharist including feet washing and followed by silent vigil in the Chapel until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY 10th April

- 12.00 noon – 3p.m. A Devotional service of readings, addresses, prayer and hymns. People are free to attend any part of this service but it is thoughtful, if possible, to arrive or leave on the hour or half-hour.
- 8.00 p.m. A Quiet Service of Music and Readings to end the day.

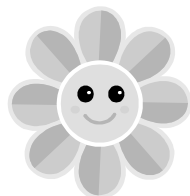
EASTER EVE 11th April

4.00 p.m. Confessions in the Lady Chapel
 8.00 p.m. Easter Ceremonies including the Kindling of the New Fire and Renewal of Baptismal vows.

EASTER SUNDAY 12th April

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.15 a.m. Parish Communion and Procession
 6.00 p.m. Easter Carol Service followed by refreshments at the back of church.

Bedding Plant Sale



The Annual Trinity plant sale will be held on the 9th May in the Parish Centre from 10 am. We will have all the usual varieties including Begonias, Busy Lizzies, Pansies, French marigolds, asters, Petunias, Geraniums, Lobelia and the hanging plants for baskets and tubs will include Lobelia, Surfinias, Bacopa, Verbenas, Brachycome, and Diascia, Also Tomatoes etc.

Order lists will be available from the middle of April and regular customers can order in advance from Hilda Blomley of Doreen Blagbrough.



Easter Eggs.

Why you should NOT share your Easter Egg with the dog

This is good news for any chocoholic: DON'T share your Easter chocolate with your dog. It could kill it – quite literally. Expensive brands of chocolate and cocoa-rich chocolate have high levels of theobromine in them. It is a chemical compound which is harmless to humans but lethal to dogs. Even a 30g bar of dark chocolate can contain more than 700mg of theobromine, enough to kill a small dog such as a cocker spaniel. Toxicity symptoms include vomiting, hyperactivity, salivation, increase in heart rate and fits.

FABRIC & NEW PROJECTS FUND 28th February, 2009

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| Gwilym Roberts (Hon. Treasurer) | | | |
| | | £ | |
| Previously acknowledged | 31st January, 2009 | | 39,706.76 |
| Donations & Fund Raising | | £ | |
| Baptism collections | | | 30.00 |
| Coffee morning | | | 81.30 |
| | | | <u>111.30</u> |
| Grants & Investment Income | | | |
| Total received to | 28th February, 2009 | | 39,818.06 |
| Less: | | | |
| Total payments to 31st December, 2008 | | -11,030.43 | |
| Total payments to date in 2009 | | - 3,720.00 | - 14,750.43 |
| | | | <u><u>25,067.63</u></u> |
| Represented by:- | | | |
| CBF Deposit Fund Balance | | | 24,169.19 |
| Bank Balance | | | 898.44 |
| | | | <u><u>25,067.63</u></u> |
| <u>Budgeted Capital Expenditure in 2009</u> | | | |
| Kitchen Floor (balance) | | | £180 |
| Stone quoins on south elevation | | Awaiting estimates | |
| Replacement of sacristy window | | Awaiting estimates | |
| Repairs to mullions of two chancel window | | Awaiting estimates | |
| Additional replacement window for Parish Centre | | | £700 |

Holy Trinity '100' Club 2009.

February 2009 - 100 Members



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| 1 st Prize | £30. | No. 112 | Peter Aspen |
| 2 nd Prize | £15. | No. 123 | Moyra Ormerod |
| 3 rd Prize | £5. | No. 14 | Hilda Blomley |

Restoration Fund £50.00

A Cautionary Tale

Rip Van Winkle you may remember went into the woods, drank a strange potion and fell asleep for a very long time. When he finally awoke, the world had changed and moved on and it was quite a while before he made the necessary adjustments. I wonder how he would cope now if he suddenly and unexpectedly found himself a citizen of our world. He would quake at the speed of things and the sheer amount of information and images pushed our way every day. He would tremble at the deluge of faxes, emails, texts, and 'phone calls that connect us with each other in exhilarating but sometimes exhausting ways. And he would certainly feel daunted by the range of duties, tasks and responsibilities that many ordinary people routinely fulfil in the busy schedules. Every thing seems urgent today, everything is needed now – here comes another email, there goes another text – and the list of things 'to do' is never completed. His choices seem limited in such situations: he could get back into the proverbial time machine and retreat to a former age where time moves more slowly and technology has no place. Alternatively, he could grit his teeth and hope not to be overwhelmed. Or he could make an important distinction to help him cope. He could place two in-trays on his desk; one marked URGENT the other IMPORTANT. This would remind him that everything today is marked URGENT but not everything is IMPORTANT. It's a neat and rather helpful distinction that might be of help to us too. Next time you feel too many things are coming your way that all have URGENT stamped on them and you want to jump off the pier, just stop and say:

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| 2 nd | Thu | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch in Parish Centre |
| 3 rd | Fri | 12.30pm | BCP Communion Service |
| 4 th | Sat | 10.30am | Coffee Morning |
| 7 th | Tue | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | | 12 noon | No Lunch Club |
| 14 th | Tue | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | | 12 noon | No Lunch Club |
| | | 8.00pm | Trinity Fellowship |
| 21 st | Tue | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | | 12 noon | Lunch Club |
| 24 th | Fri | | Guide's Mama Mia in Parish Hall |
| 25 th | Sat | 9-5pm | Blood Transfusion Service |
| 26 th | Sun | 12noon | Annual Church Meeting |
| 28 th | Tue | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | | 12 noon | Lunch Club |
| | | 2pm | Parish Centre Committee |

April 2009

NB. All Services and special events for Easter are listed separately.

Notes for your Diary

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| 2 nd May | Coffee Morning |
| 9 th May | Plant Sale |
| 16 th May | Blood Transfusion Service |
| 23 rd May | Spring Fair in Parish Centre. |



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Readings for April

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| 5 th | Palm Sunday | Isaiah Ch.50 vv.4-9a Mark Ch.11 vv.1-11 | Philip Righton |
| 12 th | Easter Sunday | Isaiah Ch.25 vv 6-9 Mark Ch.16 vv1-8 | Judith Ryan |
| 19 th | Easter 2 | Acts Ch.4 vv32-35 John Ch.20 vv19-31 | Betty Glasgow |
| 26 th | Easter 3 | Acts Ch.3 vv12-19 Luke Ch.24 vv36-48 | Fred Wilburn |

Offertory for April

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| 5 th | A.Ferguson/S.Stacey | 19 th | B. & G. Glasgow |
| 12 th | Youth Groups | 26 th | J. & K.Nash |

Silver Cleaning for April (Saturdays)

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| 9 th | A. Ferguson/R.McGuire | 25 th | B. Harvey/M. Caplan |
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Flowers for April

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| 5 th | No Flowers | 19 th | D. Harrison |
| 12 th | Agnes Barnett & Muriel Bramwell. | 26 th | Eileen Jones, Nicky Hawkins, Stan Jackson. |

Cleaning Groups April

Cleaning

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| Group A. | 9 th April Thursday at 2.30pm |
| Group B | 23 rd April Thursday at 2.30pm |

Coffee Rota for April (Parish Centre)

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| 5 th | J. Lovelady, A. Ellis, D. Roach, B. Watkinson. |
| 12 th | Trinity Fellowship |
| 19 th | Ann Ferguson, Alice Etherington, Nancy Hart. |
| 26 th | M. Caplan, D. Wigmore, J. Roberts, W. Grimley |

Useful Contacts

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| Stewardship Recorder | Mr John Aldred 3 Haymarket Lodge, 28 Park Road. | 544626 |
| Sacristan | Mrs Judith Ryan 9 Manchester Road | 547915 |

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| Group Scout Leader | Mrs. Vicki Butler, 159 Liverpool Road | 550529 |
| Website Administrator | Sandra Betts sandrabetts@yahoo.com | |

Times of Meetings

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|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Trinity Fellowship | 2nd Tuesdays | at 8. p.m. |
| Rainbows | Tuesdays | 5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m. |
| Beavers | Mondays | 5.30p.m. - 6.30p.m.. |
| Cubs | Mondays | 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. |
| Brownies | Tuesday | 6.15 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. |
| Guides | Tuesday | 7.30.p.m. - 9.00 p.m. |

CHURCH WATCHING

The Church is open from 10.30 a.m. to Noon and 2pm to 3.30pm on weekdays, when volunteers are available.

CHURCH CLEANING

This is done by voluntary groups each week, on different days and working out at once a month for each group. There is always room for extra helpers. Lasts about an hour.

SILVER CLEANING

Volunteers working in pairs on Friday or Saturday morning at 10.30 a.m.

PLANNED GIVING

To ensure a regular income, we have a stewardship envelope scheme which is administered by the Recorder Mr. John Aldred. Regular gifts can also be made by standing order from a bank account.

GIFT AID

Taxpayers can assist the church greatly by completing a Gift-Aid declaration, which enables us to recover from the Inland Revenue 28% of the value of the gift. It is straightforward and our Gift Aid Secretary, Mr Ray Barton, would be pleased to help you if you are interested.

PASTORAL CARE

We try to respond quickly when problems arise. But it does help enormously if members of the congregation keep us informed when anyone requires a visit.

CHURCH SERVICES

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| <u>Sundays</u> | 8.30 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | 10.15 a.m. | Parish Communion. 1st Sundays are usually a Family Communion with children taking part. |
| | 10.15 a.m. | On all except 1st Sundays - Sunday School for 3 year olds upwards - not school holidays. |
| <u>Weekdays</u> | 6.30. p.m. | Evening Prayer. |
| | 11.30. a.m. | On Tuesday s- Holy Communion. |
| | 7.15. p.m. | On Wednesdays - Choral Evensong. |
| | 5.00. p.m. | On Fridays – Devotional Service. |
| | 12.30 p.m. | 1 st Friday in Month – Book of Common Prayer Communion. |
| <u>Other Services</u> | | E.g. for Saints Days as announced. |

SICK ? HOUSEBOUND ? INFIRM ?

Holy Communion can be taken on a regular basis to those at home or in Rest/Nursing Homes who can no longer get to church, and request this service.

BAPTISMS

These are held at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday or by arrangement.

CONFIRMATION COURSES

These are normally held annually.

MARRIAGES

And the calling of Banns can be arranged in the first instance by calling the Vicar. (Tel: 538560)

If you have any articles you would like to be considered for inclusion or you feel minded to put pen to paper in comment on any of the articles in this issue, please let the Vicar or Editor have them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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