



## September Newsletter

**We welcome you to this month's publication, which we hope will be something to lift your spirits and be thought provoking too! There are printed copies available in Lady St Mary Church and these can be picked up at the 10am service and taken to people who do not have the internet and so if you can share it by posting a copy to a neighbour, but please be careful to practise all necessary precautions.**

### **News from the Ministry Team ...**

Dear Friends,

As I write this article at the end of the week, the news is full of the plight of the Afghan people as they cope with and in some cases resist the takeover by the overthrow of the government by the Taliban.

Despite the emotive footage on our screens that are showing the panic and fear of what might lay ahead for them we can only imagine what they are feeling.

Together with the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, daily we see examples of the damage to our world though climate change, flooding, forest fires and how the people of Haiti are struggling with the devastation following the recent earthquake and storm, and we also see migrants risking their lives to escape from wars, persecution, and poverty.

How do we respond to all of these situations?

For many of us there may be the sense that there is little that we can do when faced with all of these situations in the world and yet we can do practical things.

We can act in whatever way we are able; we can write to and lobby those who are in authority over situations that they may have influence over.

We can respond through the aid agencies by giving to those who are most in need, financially as well as through giving shelter, food, or clothing.

We can welcome and reach out to those who come to this country with little or nothing from their homeland as they endeavour to make a new start in their lives.

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We can pray to God for our worldwide neighbours whatever their creed may be.

As I reflect on these events and issues and in particular the plight of the people of Afghanistan, I am reminded of the call to respond to God by loving our neighbours as ourselves but with so many situations and people in need at the moment we may feel that this is overwhelming.

When we think that this is the case it may be because we feel powerless, and yet I believe that when we turn to God in prayer miracles both minor ones and major ones can and do happen in peoples' lives.

Through prayer whatever we do, when we do that with the love of God in our hearts and in response to that with love for our neighbours, with God's help our actions will bear fruit even if we may not personally see the results.

We can pray for those who are being persecuted for their faith especially;

Praying for the plight of those who are suffering from natural and manmade disasters and all who respond with assistance.

Praying for our Christian brothers and sisters both in Afghanistan as well as elsewhere in the world.

Praying for the plight of all people in Afghanistan who are in danger in any way and for a response from the world leaders in whatever way they are able.

Praying for the nations that they may respond practically to the predicament of those in the world who are suffering.

Praying for all military personnel who have been injured or lost colleagues in the Afghanistan conflict, and for their families who may be struggling with the situation that has evolved in that country now.

*Michael*

## A Fresh Start

Now that most adults in our area have been vaccinated and things are getting back to some sort of normality. We have decided to re-start, and perhaps revise, some of the services and meetings that were stopped due to the pandemic. Here is where we are with our thinking so far:

**8am Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion** at Lady St Mary church. This will re-start on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**10.30am Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion** at St Nicholas Arne. This will restart on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September with a Harvest Festival, resuming its former monthly pattern with services on the first and third Sundays of the month. With **St John the Evangelist, East Holme** having their services on the second and fourth Sundays (10am BCP Holy Communion on second Sunday and 6pm Evensong on fourth Sunday).

**Saturday Morning Coffee** in the Parish Hall

**Men's and Women's Breakfasts** This has met with a mixed response. The ladies have decided not to re-start for the time being whereas the men would like to but wonder if it should be open to the ladies too. Please do let me, or a member of the Ministry Team know your thoughts on this matter. We would quite like to start on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**Service of Healing and Wholeness** We do not as yet have a date for re-starting this, but it is very much hoped that we can hold a service towards the end of October or beginning of November, and then hold one quarterly from then on.

**Monthly Prayer Meeting** This took place in the Edward Chapel of Lady St Mary on the first Saturday of each month. However, as more people have now joined our online prayer meetings, we are delaying re-starting this wondering if Zoom Prayer meetings are the way forward, particularly during the winter months. Again, let us know what you think.

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Jogging your memory about two walks

A reminder that Bishop Karen is leading the inaugural walk along the St Edward's way, starting in Wareham on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, at 9.30am outside Lady St Mary Church (although bacon butties will be available in Not Just Sundaes from 8.30am!). It is planned to walk 10 miles a day and will finish on Saturday afternoon (4<sup>th</sup> Sept) with a short service in the Abbey.

If you are intending to take part in one, or all of the days, please let the Sherborne

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Area Office know ([sherborne.office@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:sherborne.office@salisbury.anglican.org)). And if you are walking the first day, we are able to provide some transport back to Wareham from Winterborne Kingston (please let Debs in the Parish Office know if you would like a lift (it is on a first come, first serve basis))

The route is planned to pass:

Day 1 (Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September) Lady St Mary church, Wareham/Wareham Forest/Lunch at Bloxworth/Winterborne Kingston.

Day 2 (Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September) Winterborne Kingston/ Lunch at Winterborne Stickland/Turnworth/ Shillingstone

Day 3 (Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> Septemeber) Shillingstone/Child Okeford/Pass through the back of Fontmell Magna/lunch at Bedchester Crossroads/ Shaftesbury

It is hoped that this can be a fun event as well as a time of prayer and reflection, so please pray for dry weather for the duration!

The second walk takes place the following week on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. **The Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride** is an annual event that raises money for the said charity and our local parish churches. If you would like to take part, please collect a sponsor form from Debs in the Parish Office. Or, if you are unable to take part you might consider sponsoring a friend or one of the clergy (whose sponsor forms are at the back of Church).

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## Generous Giving

You don't need me to tell you that during the past eighteen months we have experienced the greatest upheaval to our national life since World War 2. This has affected many people and institutions in many different ways, and this includes churches and charities. The latest figures show that Salisbury diocese has been hit hard due to many parishes not being able to meet their parish share payments during this time.

I am delighted to say that we were one of the parishes that was able to pay its share in full, due in no small part to your generosity. We, and the diocese, are most grateful for this although now we face the challenge of meeting this year's payment, plus other expenses relating to repairs and maintenance issues in our older churches.

To help us and other parishes like us the diocese of Salisbury have organised a stewardship campaign, called Generous Giving, that will take place between 12<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October. We will be contacting all members on the electoral roll to see if they are able to help us in anyway. Ideally, we would like to see more people giving regularly so that we can better plan our spending and other financial commitments.

We are aware that approximately half of our members are already giving on a regular basis, and some of you kindly increased your giving last year, which was hugely appreciated. But that means that half of our electoral roll members are not part of the planned giving scheme. It is primarily these parishioners to whom Generous Giving is targeted. Please do give this your prayerful consideration and pray for our parish and diocese at this time.

Simon Everett – Team Rector

## The Anthony Trew Monument and Lady St Mary's Church Drainage



You may have wondered why timber propping has been placed against the monument to Anthony Trew on the south wall of the nave. Earlier this year it was noticed that the inscribed marble slab was moving away from the surrounding slabs. Initially the area in front of the monument was cordoned-off. An inspection was carried by a specialist firm, Sally Strachey Historic Conservation, in July. They identified that the likely cause of movement was corrosion of the metal cramps holding the slab in position due to water penetration into the wall. The monument needs to be dismantled and re-built using stainless steel cramps. The budget is around £10,000 plus VAT (which should be recoverable). A decision was taken to prop the monument so that the south aisle could be re-opened. The work will require a Faculty from the Diocese (similar to Listed Building Consent) and funds will need to be raised, so it is unlikely this work could be carried out soon.

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The water penetration into the wall is probably associated with the lack of drainage on the south side of the church. There is a damp patch on the inside of the wall above the monument, which may be due to the rainwater pipe outside being blocked. New drainage is currently being designed including a large soakaway in the gravelled road to the south of the church. This will also require substantial funds to complete this work.

Tim Salter, who is a member of our Fabric Committee, has carried out some research into Anthony Trew and a description of his life is given below.

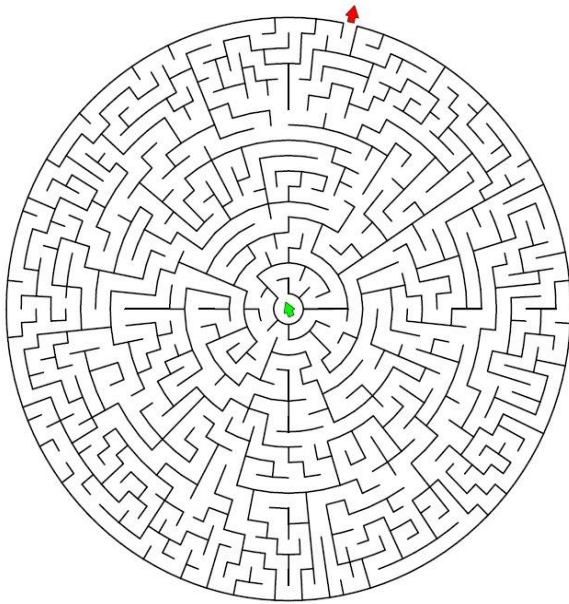
Anthony Trew died in Wareham on 20th September 1771 and was buried at Lady St. Mary church. His memorial in the south aisle was erected in his memory by his daughter Martha. His age is recorded as 80 years hence he was born in 1691. He was married to Mary who predeceased him in 1756 as her will is published in that year. Anthony Trew was mayor of Wareham seven times between 1721 and 1747. After the fire of Wareham in July 1762 he was a key figure in the distribution of relief funds. The month after the fire a meeting was held to appoint 47 trustees to manage the rebuilding of the town. Most of the trustees were local landowners but included Trew and Thomas Hyde, a pioneer of the clay industry, who seem to have represented local business interests. Trew and Hyde were appointed Receivers and Treasurers of the relief fund which included a Royal donation of £500 and seems to have totalled nearly £5,000. Money was also sought from the Sun Fire Office, and Trew, Hyde, and Giles Brown, Henry Tuck and Thomas Bartlett were responsible for distributing the fund. Distribution was delayed by disputes over the Act of Parliament required for the rebuilding of Wareham, caused by disagreements over the retention of freeholds. His daughter Martha became the wife of George Turner and is the only beneficiary in Anthony Trew's will and thus may be his only surviving child.

#### Sources

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- The Will of Anthony Trew, Gentleman of Wareham, Dorset. National Archive via 'Ancestry'
- Report by Sally Strachey Historic Conservation on The Trew Monument dated July 2021

Mike Quinlan and Tim Salter

# Puzzles



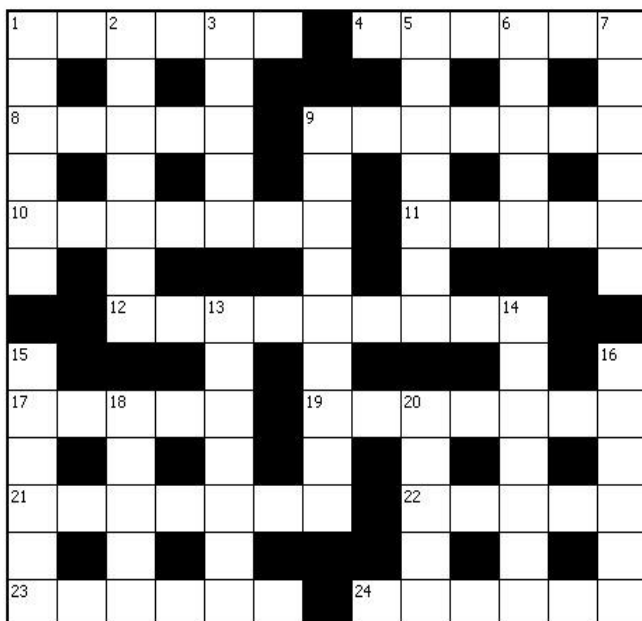
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## Crossword



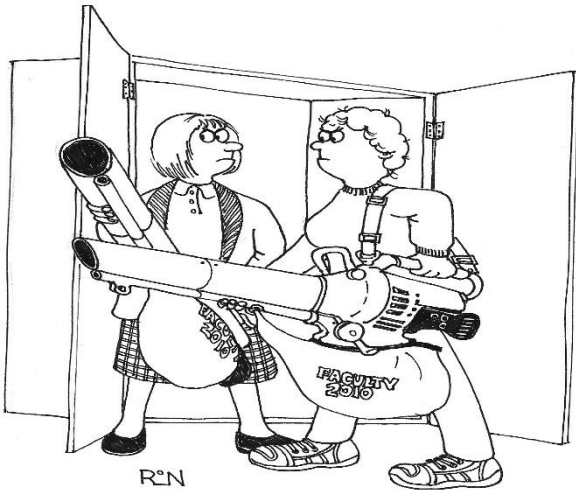
### Clues Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained .... by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

### Clues Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humourist, Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

## Something to make you smile



*Shifting the cobwebs in the North aisle  
required a faculty*



*...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought  
back from her foreign holiday...*

## Contact information

### Parish Office

The Parish Office has now reopened to answer all face to face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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