



From the Vicarage

Memories are powerful things. Some can be particularly vivid, while others may be somewhat more haphazard; a walk down memory lane doesn't often move in a straight line but rather bounces from person to place to emotion as our minds make associations. Nevertheless, the power of memories to shape us and in a sense to define who we are should not be underestimated. This is especially pertinent as we find ourselves in the harvest season. The joy and warmth of summer (with its pleasant revival in September!) is melting into an autumnal atmosphere which reminds us of the ongoing changing of the seasons and the rhythm of our lives.



I have many memories of harvest having lived in Norfolk where the vast fields of crops would have reached their golden maturity before systematically being gathered in by fleets of combine harvesters. I remember tired farmers talking about tonnage, moisture levels and observations about the rising costs of fertiliser. For these are the real concerns which underpin the idyllic pastoral scenes beloved by 19th century painters from Van Gogh to Palmer to Constable. It's a reminder that the divide between representation and reality is not new to Instagram and TikTok but is actually a very human experience which we can easily forget to acknowledge.

Despite appearances, things can be difficult for others. Indeed, we ourselves may put on our 'best face' to the outside world while we struggle by ourselves because we don't wish to be a burden to others.

The stories we tell ourselves in this way are very similar to memories. They can have an enduring quality and left to themselves they can shape our attitudes, our behaviour and impact our relationships; for good or ill. It's here that the Harvest season offers us a helpful reminder; for harvest is not simply about the production of food but about the provision and sustaining of the community. Gathering, transporting and storing crops is a group effort. Processing and using the fruits of that labour is likewise another group effort. Harvest as an agricultural reality is an endeavour of the community. By working together for the benefit of each other we find ourselves sharing a common purpose, engaging with shared needs.

The story of a community which cares for one another is a story which overlaps and shapes the stories which we tell ourselves about ourselves. Personal memories are part of the memory of the village: memories of events whether they be fun runs, coffee mornings or group walks, memories of drama, businesses, family life; of love and grief, of hopes and dreams. We each carry our memories and dreams with us, and find that carrying them alone can be a heavy burden. That's why the community spirit of Penn and Tylers Green is so important. Because neighbourliness and community enables us to support and be supported by one another.

This is why the act of Remembrance on the common on Friday the 10th of November is so important; because our community story is shaped by our communal memories which hold onto and preserve the values which enable us to thrive and enjoy our liberty. This is why the memorial service on the 29th October for those who have died is worthwhile, because we can acknowledge our grief and our hope together.

At its heart, the Christian faith is all about the power of remembering; the belief that by remembering the life of Christ, his passion upon the cross and his resurrection from the grave that we share in the hope of the forgiveness of our sins and failures, are healed of our wounds, and are promised the joy of life everlasting. This shapes our Communion services where we eat the bread and drink the wine, because Jesus said: "Do this in remembrance of me". And when we do, we find our stories and our memories find their place within the larger story of the community, which itself finds itself within the larger story of the Church throughout the world and indeed which stretches throughout the ages.

Let us this harvest season remember and reflect. And if you should find yourselves curious to find out more about the story of faith then you are always most welcome to come and explore it with us at Holy Trinity and St Margarets.

Every blessing,
Revd. Samuel S. Thorp
Vicar of Penn and Tylers Green

Lighthouse 2023

A new-look Lighthouse Hazlemere took place at Hazlemere C of E School, from 24th to 28th July. A total of 180 primary school-aged children attended throughout the week, learning about David and Goliath, Jonah, Daniel, forgiveness and the Holy Spirit, with the overarching message "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid."

Each day was packed with lively and engaging worship, singing, teaching, a choice of activity (sport, craft or miscellaneous, which included dance and a Floor is Lava game) and, new for this year, spiritual workshops. The children had a brilliant time, whilst experiencing God's love in our lives. The volunteers also experienced the positivity and warmth that comes from the unique fellowship of Lighthouse.



Oliver aged 10: Dancing was my favourite and I love the Lighthouse songs.

Ian: As a helper, it's great to be surrounded by like-minded people, who provide a week of relentless positivity.

Emma (Lamplighter): I enjoyed meeting new people and helping the children.

Georgina: The buzz of Lighthouse and the children's enthusiasm makes the experience totally unique.

Lighthouse 2024 is likely to be from 5th to 9th August. In order to continue the success of Lighthouse, more adult volunteers are always welcome!

The Newtons

Dementia Cafe



Our church has recently launched a "Dementia Cafe" which, at the moment is open on the first and third Thursday of every month. This takes place in The Sanctuary at the Parish Rooms between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. Our intention is to provide a safe, supportive and friendly space where sufferers and their carers, family and friends can enjoy some afternoon refreshments and chat with others in a similar situation.



What is dementia? - Dementia is an umbrella term for a range of progressive conditions that affect the brain. It is

not a specific disease but is rather a general term for the impaired ability to remember, think, or make decisions that interferes with doing everyday activities. Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia. Though dementia mostly, but not necessarily exclusively, affects older adults, it is not a part of normal aging.

Dementia doesn't care who you are; it could affect us all. Because public understanding is generally so poor, people with dementia can often feel – and indeed be – misunderstood, marginalised and isolated. And that means that they're less likely to be able to live independently in their own communities. This can be profoundly debilitating not only for the sufferer but also for their carer.

We believe that as a church and as a community generally, we urgently need to create a climate of kindness and understanding, so that everyone affected by dementia can feel part of, not apart from, the society in which they live.

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with dementia, you are not alone. So, please do come along, every first and third Thursday, and help us build a community of support for all those affected by this debilitating condition.

You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

Revd. Graham Summers.



The Parish Room on Paul's Hill

You may wonder why such a fine gate was installed here, and the main reason would seem to be that it led to the Parish Room, one of the row of cottages on Paul's Hill. The cottage is a good deal older than it looks having been refronted in brick with a hipped roof, probably in the 1730s when converting a 16th century timber-framed house built at right angles to the road. This was in order to provide a room to be used by the Vestry for parish administration. It seems to have been part of far-reaching changes when Sir Nathaniel Curzon inherited the Penn estate from Roger Penn in 1731 and was making radical alterations to Penn Church, rebuilding the chancel after a serious fire and raising the roof of the nave.

The Parish Pay Room, as it was called, was very important because it was where the Vestry, an elected senior group of parishioners, administered every aspect of the parish including church matters, law and order, road repair and so on. But their most important responsibility was to set and collect the poor rate and other taxes four times a year, paying out monthly relief to the poor, who could be as many as a quarter of the parish after a bad harvest.

A parish was independent of government in such matters and effectively ran their own parish welfare state. There were cottages for the poor built by 1744, some of them on Beacon Hill. Three almshouses were built in 1831 opposite the church, next door to the Penn Workhouse, which was demolished in 1839 to make way for a school now, since 1952, been used as the Church Hall. The Parish Room was also used as a lace school and a Sunday School. There was, I was told, a small shop and even a pub at the back.

The first election of a Penn Parish Council, which inherited some of the Vestry's parish responsibilities, took place there in 1894 and meetings were at first held regularly in the Parish Room. When we decided to celebrate the Parish centenary there in 2004 with present and former councillors, at exactly the same time and date as recorded in the first Minutes, we found a locked safe and its exciting contents will be the subject of my next article. Our very last meeting was held there in July 2000, before it was converted to an office, when for the last time we nostalgically fed the meter with florins to enjoy the gas lights.

Miles Green - September 2023



Churchyard Gate

The gate into Holy Trinity Churchyard from Paul's Hill finally disintegrated and a replacement was required. Stewart Linford, who some years ago, made the new altar rails, lectern and serving table for the church, undertook to produce an exact copy of the gate using solid oak but re-using the distinctive wrought-iron hinges and decorative features. The metalwork was restored and repaired by Hazel Moore, Artist Blacksmith, which included having to make one new spade finial and weld up one of the fleur de lys finials.

Stewart installed the new gate on 4 July 2023. It bears the inscription *In Memory of - Ambrose "Bam" Heal - 1942-2016* as it has been funded by the Heal family and the Penn Trust. It is thought that the previous gate was over a hundred years old and it is hoped the new one will last a similar length of time.



Green, Purple, White, Red or Blue?

Have you ever wondered why the Altar colours change? Sometimes when you walk into a church or cathedral the altar and possibly the pulpit will be “dressed” in a green covering and sometimes in another colour such as gold and/or white. The extent to which the “colours” are observed will depend on both the church (high or low) and the staff available to change the dressing colour. In several churches and certainly in cathedrals, the priest will wear vestments that are the appropriate colour during the services.



Within the United Benefice of Penn & Tylers Green, we “colour” the altar at Holy Trinity and the pulpit lectern cloth at St Margaret’s. We use the colour of the Sunday worship. So, if Sunday is going to be a “Gold” day, you may find the gold cloths up on the Friday or Saturday as, unlike a Cathedral, we do not employ staff to ensure everything is changed on the appropriate day.

Green is the colour that you will see most of the time. It represents what the church calls “Ordinary Time”. Green reminds us of growth and living things and God’s creation at work. It is particularly appropriate on Harvest Sunday when the colour reminds us of God’s work in the production of our harvest.

Purple represents pain and suffering and mourning. It encourages us to reflect on our own lives and the life of Christ. The altar will be purple during Lent and also during Advent. Both are times of preparation and reflection in advance of the two major festivals of Easter and Christmas. Some churches dress the altar in purple for funerals.

Red reminds us of fire, passion and blood. This colour is used in the week before Easter when we remember Christ’s Passion and on Pentecost Sunday when it reminds us of the Holy Spirit and the flames that appeared above the Disciples. It is also used on certain Saints’ Days when martyrdom was involved. At Holy Trinity, we only dress the altar in red if a Saint’s Day falls on a Sunday. A couple of years ago, Boxing Day fell on a Sunday. Boxing Day is the Feast of St Stephen (as in Good King Wenceslas) so we swapped to red for that one Sunday.

White and Gold are used in celebration. White represents purity, holiness and virtue. Gold stands for joy and

celebration. The altar cloth at Holy Trinity is a combined white and gold cloth. We use this at Easter and at Christmas as well as various other celebratory days such as Trinity Sunday and “pure” days such as Ascension Sunday. We were asked to use our white and gold cloths for the installation of our new vicar, Revd Samuel and it certainly added to the joyous atmosphere of the evening.

No cloth at all: the altar is stripped of all its cloth on Good Friday and remains that way until Easter Day. Well, that is what should happen and if you go into a cathedral I am sure that it does. In practice, I confess now to not being an early riser and dressing the altar in the early hours of Easter Sunday in time for the 6am Sunrise Service is not my strength! The Holy Trinity altar is dressed in gold and white on Saturday late afternoon.

Blue is a colour that we do not use. In Roman Catholic churches it is associated with the Virgin Mary and will be used on her Feast Day. Some Church of England churches use it in Advent as it represents the sky and the announcement of Christ’s birth to the shepherds. In Holy Trinity, our white and gold cloth has blue in it and a blue “trim”. Why? Well, I honestly don’t know but it looks cheerful!



One final interesting mystery: the gold/white/blue cloth at Holy Trinity has the initials IMP and the year 1916 embroidered on it. The dedication is hidden under the top cloth but is top left on the altar frontal. I have asked our historians if they know who IMP is but the initials do not match any death records that we have so it is unlikely to be the First World War. Could it be the Spanish Flu? Maybe they are the embroiderer’s initials but they look as if they have been added afterwards? Possibly they are the initials of the person who donated the money to buy the cloth? Do the initials mean anything to you?

Hilary Forbes

Memorial Service at Holy Trinity

3pm, Sunday 29 October

Each year we hold a service as close to All Saints Day (1 November) as we can, an occasion to bring before God our memories of loved ones in a shared act of remembrance. With the lighting of candles and reflecting quietly through prayers and music, we are free to engage with those feelings of loss that we live with.

Grief and the sense of loss cannot be tamed or neatly stowed away; memories bubble up unbidden and sometimes at the most awkward of moments, catching us out with recollections held in our subconscious, triggered by a smell, a sound or just 'that moment'.

Whilst for many of us memories may evoke feelings of sadness and emptiness, equally they can sometimes be strong enough to inhibit us from 'moving on' with our lives. By bringing the remembrance of a loved one before God in a service such as this we are given licence to engage our emotions and to seek the reassurance and comfort

that only God can provide; a calming presence, the "still, small voice" breaking into the silence of loss, a salve to our wounds, the giving and receiving of hope. As Isaiah wrote: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". God connects with our pain and suffering, he 'gets it' and is compassionate in the totality of his love for us in ways we can find hard to grasp.

Although we specifically invite those who have been bereaved in the previous three years and for whom we have led a funeral service, this service is open to anyone who wishes to bring memories of a loved one before God. The potential to experience God's reassuring love can be life enhancing.

The service is followed by afternoon tea in the hall opposite where there will be an opportunity to talk with members of our ministry team.

Walking Therapy

As a child you would not have described me as a keen walker but over the years it has grown on me and now I consider it to be one of my main pleasures in life. It seems to me that it is beneficial on so many levels - mentally, physically, emotionally and of course spiritually. We are fortunate to live in a particularly beautiful area of our country, with woods, hills and the river to enjoy.

So I recommend walking therapy to one and all, which brings me nicely to the fact we still require some help delivering the Parish Newsletter in the Sandelswood End and Forty Green Road areas. Just think how you might benefit in all the ways mentioned above as well as helping us by delivering some Parish Newsletters every couple of months. Please get in touch with Pat Seddon on 01494 813268 if you think you can help.

Dates for your Diaries

Harvest Festival - 01 October 9.30 at St Margaret's and 11.00 at Holy Trinity. Please bring dried goods which will be donated to the Wycombe Women's Aid

Joint Service - 22 October 10.00 at St Margaret's to commemorate St Margaret's Inauguration

Memorial Service - 29 October 3.00 at Holy Trinity followed by afternoon tea

Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse)
05 November. Please bring your shoeboxes to any of the morning's services. Further details from: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Service of Remembrance - Friday 10 November 10.45 on The Front Common, Tylers Green

Remembrance Day Services - 12 November 9.30 at St Margaret's and 10.50 Holy Trinity with processions to the War Memorials. Please check our website for more details: <https://holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk>

Sunday services

Each week - 8am Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion Service at Holy Trinity

08 October - 9.30 St Margaret's and 11am Holy Trinity - Morning Worship

15 October - 9.30 St Margaret's and 11am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

22 October - 10.00 am St Margaret's Joint Service with Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

29 October - 9.30am St Margaret's and 11am Holy Trinity - Morning Worship
3.00pm Holy Trinity Memorial Service

05 November - 9.30 St Margaret's and 11am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

12 November - 9.30 St Margaret's and 10.50 Holy Trinity - Remembrance Day Services

19 November - 9.30 St Margaret's Morning Worship; 11.00 Holy Communion

26 November - 9.30 St Margaret's and 11am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

Weekday services

Monday to Thursday - 8.30am Holy Trinity: Morning Prayer
5.00pm St Margaret's: Evening Prayer

First Thursday of the month
10am Holy Trinity: BCP Holy Communion

From the Registers

July to September 2023

Holy Trinity

Baptisms

Olivia Florence Meriel Pitcher 09 July
Bobby Rickson 13 August
Francesca Eliza Dales 20 August

Funerals

Allan Rowland (Crem.) 11 July
Dorothy Joan (Ann) Sudlow 25 July
Pat Hoare (then Crem.) 4 September

Burial of Ashes

Dorothy Joan (Ann) Sudlow 25 July (Memorial only)

St Margaret's

Baptisms

Archibald Stuart McCarthy 27 August

Funerals

Brian Clarke (then Crem.) 5 September

Burial of Ashes

Margaret Mayo 11 September

Deliverers Needed

We have an excellent team of people who deliver our Parish Newsletters every three months to all the houses in the Parish of St. Margarets, Tylers Green and Holy Trinity, Penn. Of course from time to time for various reasons, people can no longer help with the delivery. At the moment we are short of two people, one in the Sandelswood End area and the other in the Forty Green Road area. If anyone feels they could help with other of these deliveries please get in touch with Pat Seddon Tel: 01494 813268.

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A reflection on Prayer

Sometimes we are able to understand our own perspective and ideas most clearly when we encounter an idea which we find unsatisfying. A few years ago there was a discussion online about the nature of Prayer where it was treated primarily as a mental habit which can help with your mental health. I found that quite unsatisfactory.

In the weeks which followed I pondered what I thought and believed instead, and wrote a little something of my answer to the question:

What is Prayer?

Prayer is the waves of a greater – a Holy – Spirit crashing upon the shore of your soul. It is the tidal rhythm of life which ebbs and flows, trickles and cascades. The power of this Spirit can be terrifying, it can be exhilarating; it can be still and calm – peaceful. We often try to run away, yet no matter how fast – how far – we run; we find him already there. We meet with this Lord of Life by ourselves, crying out from the tangible shadows of death and sin which isolate us. We stare with eyes wide shut for the light which haunts us as a forgotten promise. We meet together and say words of truth which shake the foundations of the world over one another. We, broken and scarred, dare to utter the name of Jesus – we breathe in the Life of his Spirit and speak in his name and with his heart, as he presents us before his – our, heavenly Father. Alone and with: friends, families, the church; we are called 'Friends of God, Children of the Most High' – known by name by the One who was claimed by death, and claimed for himself our deaths; he was claimed by the Giver of Life and claims that life for us – breathing it into us in prayer. Of course this changes us, how could it not?

WHAT'S ON?

If you are new to the community you may not know yet all that is happening in our churches. The best way is to have a look through our website (www.holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk) but to summarise events during the week...

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity 8.30am

Evening Prayer at St Margaret's 5.00pm

MONDAYS

Bell Ringing Practice at Holy Trinity 7.45-9.15pm. Ringers meet in the bell tower. Contact Peter Barrett 07720 594880

TUESDAYS

Coffee in the Sanctuary

Please drop in any week between 10 and midday for coffee at St Margaret's Sanctuary. Everyone welcome!

Bible Study Group every other Tuesday morning at various local venues. Call Annik Heal (673188)

Afternoon Home Groups

Every 1st and 3rd week, 4.00pm at various venues. Contact Sue Wallace (812879).

SUNDAYS

Service at 8.00am Holy Trinity 9.30am at St Margaret's with TYGRE Club 11.00am at Holy Trinity

COME AND JOIN US AT TYGRE CLUB!

Tygre Club is church for children! We share Bible stories, sing, play games and do crafts. Why not pop into church to see some of our colourful creations? We meet every Sunday during term time, except the first Sunday in the month. We meet in St Margaret's Church at the start of the 9.30am service before going across to The Sanctuary. We come back to rejoin the adults during Communion. If you are very young, we have a creche, with toys for you to play with. Parents are welcome to join us or remain in church during the service. If you are twelve years old or younger, come and join us to find out more!

