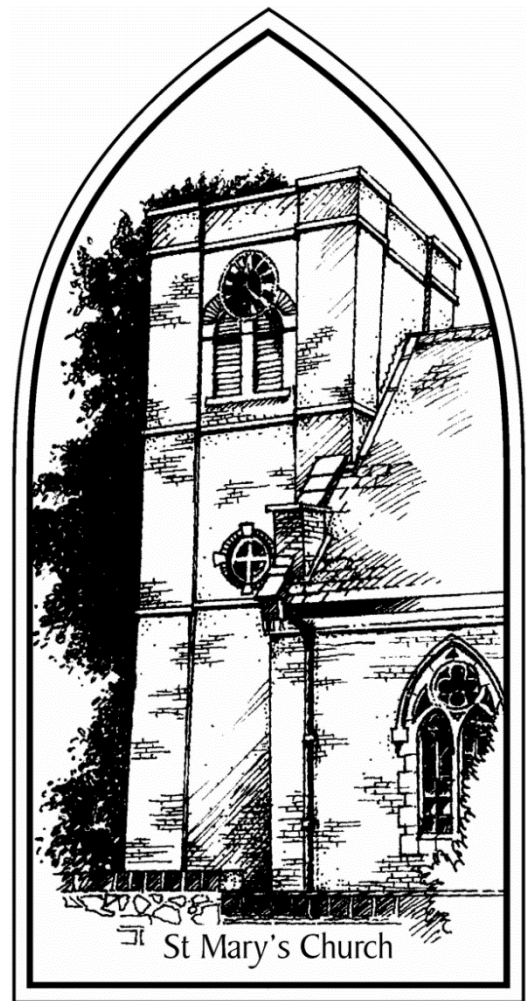
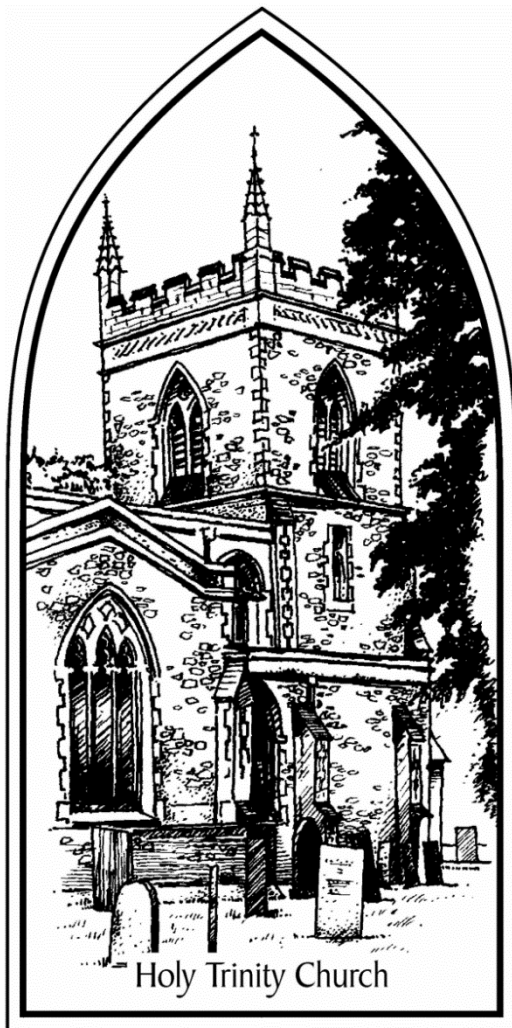


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## OCTOBER IN OUR CHURCHES

Having said a fond farewell to Rev. Fiona on the last Sunday of September it is time to look forward to a busy October and on the first Sunday (October 5<sup>th</sup>) we will be celebrating the Harvest at Holy Trinity with our special Morning Praise service at 10.30am and the Afternoon Tea at 3.30pm. Tickets are still available for the latter event but must be booked in advance to help with the catering. Those of you attending Sunday morning's service are invited to bring with you food items, most of which will be taken to Project 5000 – for further details of this and for how else you can help, please see Beverley's article within. As the morning offering will be sent to WaterAid, I will also remind congregation members who normally donate to the church by direct debit that they might like to bring some cash with them that morning.

The following weekend, October 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, I hope you'll all be able to join us for this year's TRINITY Festival which offers concerts on Friday and Saturday evenings and Arts and Crafts to see and perhaps buy on Sunday afternoon. The concerts feature young performers on Friday and, as usual on the Saturday evening, light classical music played by the small orchestra and soloists organised by the TRINITY festival's overall organiser, Kath Eastwood Paramore. See the flyer in this magazine for full details including how to buy concert tickets in advance, although you can also pay at the door.

The following Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the annual Children's Society/Church Mission Society Coffee Morning will replace the Community Café in Trinity Rooms (10 – 11.30am). Those of you who have collection boxes for either of these charities are invited to bring them for opening but the event is open to all-comers and has always been well attended. There will be the usual raffle and cake stall and the Children's Society Christmas cards will be on sale.

Richard Hudson

**Late September highlights** – if you receive this magazine early enough it may not be too late to enjoy the **Charnwood Orchestra concert on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** or **Rev. Fiona's Farewell Service at 10.30am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### Services at Holy Trinity, Barrow

October 5<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am HARVEST MORNING PRAISE

- 6.00pm Holy Communion

*October 6<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) – 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer (at Baptist Church)*

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am Holy Communion

October 19<sup>th</sup> - 10.30am Holy Communion

- 6.00pm Healing Service

October 26<sup>th</sup> - 10.30am Holy Communion

***Wednesdays – 10am Morning Prayer (8<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>)***

***Wednesdays – 10am BCP Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>)***

### Service at St. Mary's, Walton

There are no services at St. Mary's during October

***Readers of this magazine from both Barrow and Walton (or from anywhere else) will be welcome at all the above services.***

### **HOLY TRINITY FLOODLIGHT SPONSORS FOR OCTOBER**

DATE	SPONSOR	DEDICATION
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Jean King	In memory of my late husband Geoff King

If you would like to dedicate the floodlights to a loved one, then please get in touch. My contact details are: David Laughton, tel. (mob) 07913 953005, or email [Davel1000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Davel1000@yahoo.co.uk)

**Gwen Rex** would like to thank all the members of the congregation who sent cards to celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Community Café.**

**The bad news** – there will be no Community Café on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The good news** – it will be replaced for that day by the **Children's Society** and **Church Mission Society Coffee Morning**. Look for the advert within this magazine.

## Pastoral Letter

It's not been a good summer. Oh, I don't mean the weather; with sunshine from May onwards it will become the stuff of memories such as we have of our own childhoods. No, I mean health wise, for me, it has not been a good summer. I had thought that I might be having a cataract removed; then I wasn't but had laser treatment on the other eye instead. Alongside that I was at last scheduled for knee replacement surgery, only for it to be cancelled in the week the operation was due. Just as I was rescheduled for the cataract surgery I was given a new date – the exact same date – for my knee! The eye surgery was rescheduled from having been rescheduled, but had to be postponed, again, as I had been put on antibiotics for a bout of gout: that condition which is amusing for everyone but the sufferer.

This catalogue of woes drew the attention of my GP and I am now awaiting hip x-rays and an MRI on my spine. What drew my attention, in trying to make sense of it all, amidst this heightened awareness of my own mortality, was those brutal words of Jesus, "If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." The authenticity of such a saying cannot be in question because the Talmud (the Jewish commentary on the Torah – the first five Old Testament books) refers to eye surgery, drawing on Egyptian sources. In my case it's the left eye, and by the time you read this the lens of that eye will have, literally, been plucked out – and hopefully replaced – postponements permitting.

Yet, I don't think this is a true equivalence. Jesus words come from a collection of what are known as "the hard sayings": "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God", and "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God"; these are two others from this same category. In all these sayings Jesus says something that we find almost impossible to comprehend, let alone interpret realistically to our everyday lives, but are at the same time a serious challenge to our outlook on this life and our readiness for the life to come. My "eye plucking" or knee surgery are deemed to be necessary for my health and quality of life. Jesus was speaking about the conditions required to secure our

eternal destiny. How seriously do we desire for the Kingdom of God to come? How many sermons have you heard explaining the procedure by which camels might pass through needles' eyes, rather than their focus being on "wealth-shedding"? As Western society appears to be on the brink of implosion through hubris, greed and apathy how "Kingdom-ready" are we?

What should I be getting rid of, along with a foggy eye lens? I have been invited by my nearest and dearest to make sure my affairs are in order – charming! Though, more seriously, I do worry that I will leave a huge amount of detritus behind me when I finally "down-size" to a 6' x 18" box. Unless we are in that blessed generation that will still be here when our Lord returns, we have to be following Jesus as we seek first his Kingdom and his "righteousness" – living right by God and our neighbours (of every creed and colour).

Alongside our "spiritual and eternal bags" being packed, we are encouraged by Jesus to get rid of all that is superfluous and holds us back from being "on message" with the good news of God's coming Kingdom, the only society worth having. Jesus' parables were always more about process than destination: being the most fertile soil, seeking until the object is found, buying the right field (the one with the horde buried in it), selling the inferior to acquire the superior pearl.

So what are we to do about all that holds us back? Let preserving the planet for its natural duration (approx. 7.5 billion years) be the chief part of that Kingdom business.... "your Kingdom come *on earth* as it is in heaven" is both prayer and business model. To that end for example, delete old emails that can use up to 20g of energy we can ill afford to waste. Ditch the bigotry and casual racism that mars God's image in us, as it belittles those we (usually silently) besmirch. That way we will be clear sighted for all the wonders of God's Kingdom that await us – in this world and the next.

Rev. Simon G Richards, retired Priest in the Barrow Benefice

**We will be selling Children's Society Christmas Cards again this year but the samples haven't yet arrived. Order forms will be in your November magazine which will also contain raffle tickets for the Christmas Tree Festival**

## **Soar Valley Minster Community – a message from the Rev. Clive Watts**

Some time ago, the Diocese of Leicester decided to rearrange the organisation of its parishes into new “Minster Communities.” Minster Communities are groups of churches and fresh expressions working collaboratively and sharing resources to enable effective mission.

Accordingly, the four churches of the Barrow and Wolds Group (Holy Trinity Barrow, St Mary’s Walton, St Mary’s Wymeswold and St Andrew’s Prestwold), have wholeheartedly agreed to enter into a Minster Community to be known as the “Soar Valley Minster Community”, joining All Saints with Holy Trinity Loughborough, St Michael and All Angels Diseworth, St Peter and St Paul Hathern, St Mary the Virgin Osgathorpe, St Andrew Keyworth, St Bartholemew Quorn, St Lawrence Swithland, All Saints Long Whatton, and St John the Baptist Belton. This new alignment of all the parishes is not merely administrative, it is to enable the sharing of faith across local communities, working together in mission and ministry. This new arrangement has now been approved and we are about to move into the implementation phase. **A Commissioning Service for the new Minster Community will take place at Holy Trinity, Barrow on 20 November at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend.**

The Bishops realise that this is a significant change and that there may be some concerns, please do speak to Rev’d Clive or one of the ministry team if you have any questions or concerns. As we move further on into the details of how this will work, we will keep everyone informed. We look forward to discovering how the Soar Valley Minster Community will enable us to seek ‘the Kingdom of God’ through growing in depth of discipleship, the number of disciples, and loving service of the world.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

in aid of

**The Children’s Society and Church Mission Society**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 10 – 11.30am in Trinity Rooms**

***An opportunity for regular contributors to these charities to bring their boxes for emptying and for everyone to have a great time!***

**Cake stall, Raffle and Children’s Society Christmas cards**

## Harvest Festival Sunday 5th October

We look forward to our Harvest Festival and other harvest festivities at Holy Trinity and St Mary's Walton. At Barrow our Harvest service cash collection will go to Water Aid, a charity that works towards the goal of reaching everyone, everywhere in the world, with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

We look forward to seeing the harvest gifts from Hall Orchard School and our own congregation adorn our church on Harvest Festival Sunday. Many of the non-perishable gifts will be donated to Project 5000 which provides a weekly cooked meal and food bag to needy and homeless people in Loughborough. In addition, we shall again this year distribute gifts of harvest produce to members of our own community who are not able to get out so often or who have been experiencing particular challenges in recent weeks and months.



**The Pastoral Care Team, which organises the distribution of harvest gifts, would like to appeal to you again this year to bring harvest gifts for distribution to members of the congregation and wider community.** Many of our recipients live alone so for them small luxury food items or pot plants are more suitable than big vegetables! Thank you in

advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity and this outreach to those we want to assure of our support.

**On Monday 6th October volunteers will be very welcome to help with packing the harvest gifts and with delivery. If you are able to give an hour or so of your time, please have a word with me or ring 01509 412876. It's good fun and there will be tea and coffee.** Without a team of helpers it will not be possible to allocate the harvest gifts so please ring this number and put the date in your diary. Thank you.

*Beverley Lott, Pastoral Care Team*

### **Advance notices**

**Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>** is All Souls' Day and our annual **service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance** for those who have died will be in Holy Trinity at 6pm.

**Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Sunday**

This year's **Christmas Tree Festival** at Holy Trinity will take place between **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**





# Trinity Festival 2025

**Holy Trinity Church,  
Barrow upon Soar**

**10th—12th October**

## **Youth Concert**

**Friday 10th October 7:00pm**

Performances from pupils of Humphrey Perkins alongside a variety of instrumental and vocal solos from local young people.

Refreshments. Bells from 6pm.

**ADMISSION £5, UNDER 18 FREE**

## **Classical Concert**

**Saturday 11th October 7:30pm**

Featuring an all-British programme spanning centuries from Purcell to Queen, showcasing soloists Jeremy Kimber on Piano and David Morris, Tenor. Refreshments.

Bells from 6:30pm.

**ADMISSION £10, UNDER 18 FREE**

## **Arts and Crafts Fair**

**Sunday 12th October 2:00pm - 4:30pm**

Arts and Craft fair by local people with musical entertainment. Refreshments. Bells and tower tours (limited availability, sign up during the event).

**ADMISSION FREE, DONATIONS WELCOME**

Tickets available to buy at Taylors Florist on High Street, online at [www.barrowtrinityfestival.com](http://www.barrowtrinityfestival.com) or on the door.

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**Barrow and Wolds Group**

✦ HOLY TRINITY ✦ ST. MARY ✦ ST. ANDREW ✦ ST. MARY

## Recent Services at Holy Trinity

### Morning Praise on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>

The first Sunday morning service of each month is a Morning Praise service, one without Holy Communion. As such, the words spoken are somewhat different and the leaders of these have more opportunity to be imaginative in their approach to exploring a theme.



Jay Jones, as he has been for several recent MP services, was the leader but on this occasion but he was joined by five teenagers from Barrow and Walton, a combination not always available as some are away at universities during term times. Jay and his assistants, Issy Eastwood-Paramore, Florence Bowman, Seb Eastwood-Paramore, Ned Pritchard and Isla Boldrin, had met together more than once before the service to decide what they would do. Their theme was 'The Lord's Prayer' and, having divided this up between them, each of the five presented their own ideas on what the words meant. I think many of the congregation felt moved and inspired by seeing these young people leading our worship. The photo shows the 5, left to right in the order listed above, with Jay. Many thanks to them all!

### Churches Together in Barrow Pet Blessing Service on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>



This was billed as an outdoor service in the Memorial Garden adjacent to Holy Trinity but on the day before, due to the prospect of heavy rain, it was moved into the church. The service was a great success with approaching 80 people present including around ten children, and we were very



pleased to welcome nine dogs, a cat, tortoise, guinea pig and chicken. Of these, only the dogs made any noise and all were well behaved!

The Bible reading was part of the story of God's creation in the book of Genesis and the Rev. Neil Jones of the Baptist Church talked about the importance of pets to so many people and the use of dogs to guide blind people, to help with rescues and to sniff out drugs and explosives; about the importance of animals for providing us with food and the many inter-relationships between humans and other animals – all being part of God's creation and that all should be valued and treated with respect. He also referred to the disobedience of Adam and Eve in the Bible as an illustration of the way sin entered the world and that God sent his Son Jesus to make possible the restoration of the relationship between ourselves and our creator.



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**Hello**

**At our closing service, it was suggested that it would be nice if we tried to meet together at the first Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer and have a drink afterwards.**

**This is now happening. If you cannot make it for 10am, why not come along at 10.30 for a coffee. Wednesday 1st October is the next date.**

**It was also agreed that we should keep using the MU bowl by keeping the rota going and someone putting a plant or flowers in it. If you would like to do this please contact Rosemary Sholl.**

**Please remember that once you are enrolled you are a MU member for life. If you would like to keep up to date and become a deanery member speak to Annette Hall.**

**Annette Hall 413331 [annette.hall43@talktalk.net](mailto:annette.hall43@talktalk.net)**

## 100 YEARS AGO

### *From the East Akeley Deanery Magazine*

October 1925

**Harvest Festival** – There was a profusion of flowers in the church, thanks to the kind friends who have sent them and to those who tastefully arranged them. We have had various gifts of fruit, eggs, vegetables and other produce and our best thanks are due to those who brought them, but the amount of vegetables was disappointing when compared with other years. The Rev. A.E. Kimpton preached at the first service on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September and the Vicar of Syston at the service on Sunday morning, the 27<sup>th</sup>. At this service two beautiful anthems were performed by the choir, “Father of mercies, God of Love” and “Ye shall dwell in the Land” with solos taken by Mr. W. Hull, Tom Dilks and Willi Taylor.

Later, a letter was received from Leicester Infirmary, thanking the church for the two hampers of fruit and vegetables. “Gifts of kind are not only received with gratitude on account of their freshness, but because they relieve our funds of considerable financial cost and perhaps equally because they bring with them the remembrance of many old friends. Please convey our warmest thanks for the valuable help they have so generously afforded us in our great task of providing for the daily needs of an ever-increasing family.”

**Nigeria** – Elizabeth, the girl who you have been helping for several years at St. Monica’s School, was married on September 8<sup>th</sup> to a C.M.S. evangelist. We trust that her life may be an example and help among those with whom she now lives. Your further help is asked for a girl who has been hindered from becoming a Christian in the past, so that she may have a two years’ course in the school and prepare for Baptism.

**Church of England Men’s Society** – A service for men only will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the church, when the Rev. H. Hurst, Vicar of Hollowell will speak on the following subject: “Are All Men Equal?”

**Here is the latest Newsletter (dated August) from Ben and Katy Ray, our Church Mission Society missionaries, based at the SAFI headquarters near Arusha in Tanzania. SAFI's aim is to help 80 deaf and physically handicapped people to gain skills and earn a living.**

Dear friends,

**Delicious developments**

"Too much salt."

"Not enough cumin."

"Maybe a bit too sharp?"



Such are  
the

musings

of a mission partner fine-tuning the menu for a new deaf-run cafe in northern Tanzania. As design director at SAFI Tanzania, Katy wears many creative hats: interior designer, artist,

product developer and recipe creator. Together, we've been project-managing the physical transformation of the site. It's been both exhilarating and, at times, exasperating. Almost every possible setback seems to have found us – especially when it comes to our water supply. Please pray for spiritual protection over our utilities! Katy and Ben trialling recipes Wherever we could, we've relied on SAFI's in-house carpenters and tailors to make all the furniture and upholstery by hand. Please pray that we're able to train a wonderful team of deaf cooks and waiters, and that this new venture helps us to create sustainable livelihoods for up to 84 people with disabilities over the next 18 months. There's already a growing buzz in the community around the long-awaited cafe and crafts shop and we hope it will finally open its doors this September. We pray it offers not just a great cup of coffee, but becomes a place where people encounter God's love and creativity working through our inspiring participants.

*(photos show Ben and Katy and the grow SAFI team)*



**High hopes** We may soon need your prayers for a new accountant. Our current accountant, Jema Mdegella, is currently on the campaign trail to become a member of parliament. She has her eyes set on being elected to a “special seat” for supporting the minister for disability in Tanzania. She is fairly confident of winning this year after narrowly missing out in the last elections. Please pray for God’s wisdom, strength and protection as she travels the country. We’d love to see Jema succeed and make an even bigger impact on the lives of people with disabilities across Tanzania!

### **CMS-Africa visit**

In June, we were delighted to host the CMS-Africa team at the SAFI Centre. After a brief tour, we explored how our NGO might collaborate more closely with CMS-Africa as they focus on Tanzania’s coastal regions. Unexpectedly, Ben and SAFI chairman Rev Dr Duncan Ndimbo were whisked off with the team for an overnight visit to Zanzibar to meet church leaders. It was a powerful time of vision sharing, marked by unity across the denominations to communicate the gospel in this challenging context. We were especially encouraged by the enthusiasm to include the deaf and disabled community as part of this mission.

### **Elinaja’s story**



Elinaja was an able-bodied man in his early 30s with a job, a wife and four children. One day as he was returning from work, his motorbike was hit by a bus as it veered off the road. His right leg was severely injured. After six painful weeks without improvement, the doctors advised amputation. The months that followed were some of the hardest of

Elinaja’s life. Unable to work, he stayed at home, struggling to move and to support his family. He helped care for their youngest daughter, but as time passed, his hope faded. With no income and no way to afford the £900 needed for a prosthetic leg, despair crept in. Three years passed before Elinaja found a sponsor who helped him get a prosthesis fitted at the Usa River Rehabilitation Centre. He had already been in contact with SAFI Tanzania in search of training



opportunities. On the day he received his new leg, he visited the SAFI office to show how he could now stand and walk with a single stick instead of heavy crutches. At the time, SAFI was looking for a new trainee to join the Sawawa group (one of 12 micro- enterprises that SAFI is setting up over the coming 18 months). Sawawa produces handcrafted wooden homewares. A week later, Elinaja returned to begin his training with Doris, a skilled deaf carpenter, who had trained with SAFI just six months previously. He initially trained on the large standing lathe and seemed to have a natural talent for woodturning. Unfortunately, standing all day on his prosthetic leg was painful for Elinaja, and so he waited at home until a suitable solution could be found. SAFI reached out to Tools For Solidarity, an organisation that supplies refurbished tools. By chance, they had just received a compact table-top lathe – ideal for Elinaja. He was soon called in and measured up for the new lathe so it could be set to the perfect height. Two months into his training, Elinaja is now producing his own range of wooden items – bowls, pots, honey dippers and light fittings. Elinaja is so pleased to be part of a



purposeful, friendly community at the centre and to have found work that not only supports him and his family, but also gives him a great deal of satisfaction as he uses a newly discovered talent. Please pray for Elinaja and the carpentry team as we look to raise funds to build a more spacious workshop further from the cafe.

### **Family time**

We hope to come back June to August 2026. The three Ray children, Zaki (11), Alessia (9) and Julia (6), are all flourishing at school here. They shared two academic prizes and a sporting prize between them this year. Zaki's Year 6 checkpoints went particularly well for him. It's rare to see Alessia without knitting needles these days – somehow she's picked up a love of crafts. The best sixth birthday present for Julia last month was discovering five baby bunnies in the rabbit cage!

Wishing you a refreshing summertime, Ben and Katy X

## **Pam Bozon (continued from September issue)**

*You'll perhaps remember from last month, that Pam Bozon (Jane Laughton's mother) who quite recently reached the age of 95, was something of a pioneer as a woman and science undergraduate in that she entered Cambridge University in 1948 to study Natural Sciences. Here is the concluding part of her early life, taking us up to 1965.*

While at Cambridge Pam was a member of the Student Christian Movement and worshipped at St. Benet's Church. During the summer holidays some of the students, Pam amongst them, volunteered to support families who had travelled from the East End of London to work at picking fruit in Wisbech or hops in Kent. The families stayed in rather basic chalets, the students in tents. One part of the students' responsibilities was to look after the younger children while the parents and older children worked in the fields. It was there that Pam met her future husband, Hamish, who was studying for a degree in theology at Fitzwilliam College before further study in Lincoln to become the Rev'd. Hamish Bozon. After graduating, Pam completed a teacher training course and taught in a Canterbury School.

After they were married, Pam and Hamish decided that they would like to work overseas (Pam says that they were both quite adventurous people) and through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) obtained a posting to Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Hamish was responsible for three churches in the township of Bindura where the congregations were almost exclusively white but he also spent short periods of time in an area about 60 miles from his home where members of the African population, clearly the more wealthy, were allowed to buy land which they could farm; these were called native purchase areas. The people there had their own churches and pastors. Pam said that she would have loved to join her husband on these trips but that was not possible.

After six years Pam, Hamish and their two children, Stephen, four years old and Jane, at just four months, felt they had to return to England, principally because Stephen was deaf and the special needs for his education did not exist there. In the week that the family left Rhodesia in November 1965, the Prime Minister there, Ian Smith declared Rhodesia independent in defiance of the British



government, the famous (or infamous) Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI).

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### **Ride and Stride Day – Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Many thanks to members of Holy Trinity who volunteered to be stewards to register people who visited Holy Trinity to earn sponsorship money in support of Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. Many thanks also to the many people who sponsored me to do my 17 mile walk which visited ten churches. Your support has raised over £300 for the charity.

My route was: Barrow to St. Mary's, Walton, to St. Mary's, Wymeswold, to St. Andrew's, Prestwold, back to Barrow (Methodist and Holy Trinity), to Quorn (St. Bartholomew's and Baptist), to Mountsorrel (St. Peter's and Baptist) to St. Mary's, Sileby and back to Barrow.

It was a real pleasure to meet the kind people who were there to welcome me to their churches. All offered refreshments; St. Mary's, Walton were holding a coffee morning and St. Mary's, Wymeswold was also open for people to view a fascinating exhibition of textile crafts (lace, cross stitch and embroidery). All four churches in our benefice were doing their bit in supporting me on my walk – their help is greatly appreciated.

If any of you would like to add to the sponsorship total for this very worthwhile charity, please contact me. *Richard Hudson*

### **Greenbelt Festival – Boughton House, Northamptonshire, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

This year's Greenbelt Festival of arts, faith and justice took place, as usual over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The thing that was unusual at this year's Greenbelt was, however, that the weather was just about perfect, something which is highly significant in that most attendees live in tents while they are there. As usual, Rev. Clive offered me a lift and we collected Bev. in Glenfield. Clive had told me that his car would not be packed as tightly with camping equipment and cooking facilities as in the past, but this proved to be over-optimistic as Clive needed to push and heave, as in past years, to close the back door of his very large vehicle. On arrival we met the other members of our group, most of them with strong associations to Leicester Cathedral. We were very happy, however, to welcome newcomers, a family of asylum seekers from

Malawi who were being supported financially for this weekend outing by generous friends. We pitched our tents in a large circle and were ready to enjoy the Festival.

For me, one of this year's most interesting talks was by Dr. Jenny Goodman, a member of the British Society of Ecological Medicine whose talk was entitled 'What's Got Into You?' about the harmful chemicals that our bodies are constantly absorbing from the air we breathe, the water we drink, the clothing and furniture not made from natural fibres and the liquids we use to keep our houses clean; fortunately she was able to offer advice about avoiding at least some of these.

As a contribution to the commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first use of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Essential Theatre presented a powerful retelling of this story in a play with just two actors, a British man and a young Japanese woman, who each played a multitude of parts. It was entitled 'The Mistake' and featured the story of Leo Szilard, a Hungarian born physicist who developed important theories that led to the building of the bomb but who later in the war campaigned vigorously but unsuccessfully against its use, which he had decided was unnecessary.

*There will be more from Greenbelt next month. Richard Hudson*

#### **FROM THE HOLY TRINITY PRAYER DIARY**

**Please pray for:**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> – All those who make and serve refreshments at our Sunday  
services and social events**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> – Members of His Majesty's Armed Forces & the  
Royal British Legion**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – Uniformed Youth Organisations in our parishes  
and their leaders**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> – Baptism Visitors: Jenny Boldrin, Pam Knowles, Melanie  
Castledine and Lesley Blount and all who come to be baptised  
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