

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Trinity College and Summer Placements



June is the month of Placements from Trinity College in Bristol. It coincides with placements from Sarum College and Cuddesdon, and also for Licenced Lay Ministers in Training (LLMIT). This year we enjoyed the company of three Ordinands from Trinity College.

The experience they gain in an active parish, especially one of a different tradition (to which they are used), is hugely beneficial and adds to their future thinking. This year the three Ordinands developed an understanding of worship and mission that was very different to what they had expected and also impactful in creating a very positive shift in thinking about their future ministry.

Thank you everyone for ensuring a great welcome at ASC and also for talking about what's important here and how this shapes how we worship and live out our faith.

Sean Doherty, the Trinity College Principal, sent me the following response to a General Synod discussion. We reprint it here because the penultimate paragraph relates to the 'ASC – Trinity College' experience. Sean was also very appreciative of our work with Trinity Ordinands.

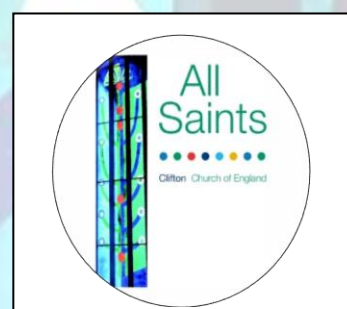
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Trust and Training

by Revd Dr Sean Doherty, Principal, Trinity College, Bristol



Last week at General Synod, we debated an important and very substantial report on Trust and Trustworthiness in the Church of England. Some impressive scholars were involved in researching and writing the report (including Professor Veronica Hope Hailey, an expert on trust in organisations, and the well-known theologian Professor David Ford), who generously gave what must have been a very considerable amount of their time on a pro bono basis. Prof. Hope Hailey conducted extensive qualitative research via interviews (which the paper sets out). The Church owes them a debt of gratitude.

Unfortunately the amount of time we had available to discuss the report could not do it justice (this is no criticism of those who arrange the Synod's timings, who had an enormous number of important items to schedule). It grapples with a dizzying array of topics, including a theological account of trust, the role of social media, the impact on trust of church-related abuse and the Church of England's response, and an analysis of the current dynamics of trust and distrust within the Church of England! I hope that we can find further time and ways to consider the document further and in greater depth, and it sounds like further work on the topic is planned.

In the spirit of fostering that conversation, in this post I want to comment on two aspects of the report. First, on page 25, it raises concerns (substantiated by comments made by two interviewees) about 'identity and church tradition groups' which 'may not seem to have porous or flexible boundaries.' One interview suggested that ordination training might be partly responsible for 'baking in this tribal division ... right from the beginning' (paragraph 112). (A couple of speakers drew attention to the potentially clerical framing of some of the report. This would be an example, since of course training for ordination is not the beginning of anyone's engagement with the Church of England!)

The report then adopts this 'tribal' language itself. For example, on p. 40 it says, 'Concerns are voiced, and these are not new, that the theological education and formation for the Church's ministers, and particularly of the clergy, as one interviewee put it, "bakes in" tribal differences from the outset' (paragraph 189). One TEI principal colleague noted that the term 'tribal' betrays a rather colonial mindset. No doubt some people are uncritically loyal to their tradition, but in our analysis I think it is important for us to say that, rather than perpetuating stereotypes of tribal cultures as something inherently negative.

Second, in the next paragraph (190) there is a reference to 'institutions and programmes that are designed to form candidates in a particular strand of Anglicanism.' In the run-up to this Synod meeting, I took a straw poll of a cross-section of TEI principals to ask, 'is your institution/programme designed to form candidates in a particular strand of Anglicanism?'

All of those who responded said no. We see our task as preparing candidates to serve the whole of the Church. Indeed, this is one of the criteria against which our programmes are assessed when we apply for approval, and one of the things for which we are rightly scrutinised.

Furthermore, nowadays the majority of candidates train in TEIs which gather students from across traditions, and even TEIs which have historically been associated with particular traditions are probably much broader these days than perhaps at times in the past. This is because many students choose their TEI for practical reasons such as location. Others deliberately opt to go to a TEI outside of their 'home' tradition precisely to get a broader experience through training.

But even helping people to be rooted in a spirituality that feeds and sustains them need not come at the expense of breadth. Traditions can be inhabited defensively and naively, but they can also be inhabited generously and self-critically, as a healthy basis from which to be open to others and receive their gifts.

Then, of course, the actual process of formation involves varied experiences of community worship, and encountering the full range of theological ideas in reading and seminars. Sometimes teaching is shared between staff from different TEIs such as in the Cambridge Theological Federation, or in the partnership between Bristol Baptist College and Trinity College, where I work. Perhaps most crucially, we all offer placements in a range of traditions. At Trinity, we sometimes have a little debate with particular students about why they need to go to a parish for their placement which will broaden their experience. Occasionally they are a little reluctant! But they almost always come back absolutely delighted by the experience, and grateful for the generosity of the parishes who welcome them and the clergy who supervise them and explain things.

I hope this reassures readers that TEIs really want to ensure that candidates for ministry have 'a deep understanding and empathy for other traditions' (paragraph 190). No doubt there is more to learn about how we can do so, and more we can do to foster a culture in which people can be confident in their own tradition but open to others. We therefore look forward to engaging further with this work as it develops.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

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struggling with homelessness can get
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For those who need us most

The Wild Goose Chase!

The aim is to raise funds for the Wild Goose (our day centre for people sleeping rough), as well as helping families to engage with the issue of homelessness in Bristol and our work

The Wild Goose Chase is a family-friendly trail around the centre of Bristol to find 15 knitted Wild Geese hidden in public buildings, cafes and shop windows around the city centre. Each Wild Goose will be accompanied by a poster explaining about homelessness and the work of the Wild Goose, our day centre on Stapleton Road for people experiencing homelessness. As well as being a fun family activity, it will also help participants to understand the challenges of homelessness in Bristol.

Trails are just £3 to buy, so for the cost of delivering a meal to someone at the Wild Goose, families can take part in a fun, family activity throughout the summer holiday.



Julian Trust Sock Appeal

There is an urgent need for clean / new socks for our guests.

Please place your donation in the box in the Parish Office

Walks for All - July walk



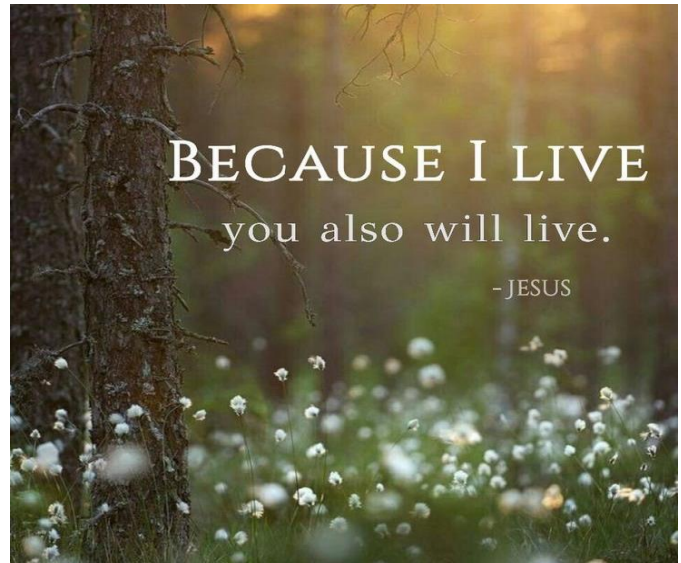
Ten of us met for July's walk last Saturday and took in the Downs, refreshments by kind invitation of Remi in her beautiful garden then Bishop's Knoll woods, Old Sneed Park, the Sea Mills Roman villa and the riverside. The train we had intended to take back to Clifton Down was of course cancelled so we spent a pleasant 40 minutes in the shade by the river watching the rising tide waiting for the next one which was full of happy revellers heading for the Pride Festival on the Downs. It was good to welcome some new walkers and hope they will join us again.

Prayers Requests

'In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.'

(John 14: 19).

Please let Fr Charles know of anyone who would like to be remembered within the weekly prayer list or anyone who you would like to be remembered in prayer.



Those of the parish and our hearts whom we remember in our prayers:

Sunday

Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Elisabeth Morgan Sathia Aruliah Sister Rosina Jean Detheridge Nicholas Parker John Badman Jack O'Sullivan and family Susie King Arthur Cleaver

Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lympelopoulos Pam Parker

Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Diana Verity, Samantha Tucker, Maureen Mumford

Thursday

Steve Cooper Barbera Freeman Remi Clarke

Friday

Charlotte Hopkins, Caroline Semon, Nicole Kaneza Nadine Benn

Saturday

Jenny Rogers

The Departed

Myra York Raymond Clarke David Reed

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Margaret Hill Marilyn Bateman Michael Morgan Michael Ball Anne Hancock Margaret Edwards

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 22	<p>Mary Magdalene</p> <p>Today we remember Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus' inner circle of followers and widely noted in the gospels. Pray for women in the church, especially those in positions of leadership and influence.</p>
Tue 23	<p>Pray for child carers of ill or disabled parents, that they will know practical and emotional support as they balance education, care and their own necessary social lives.</p>
Wed 24	<p>Mass 10.00am Food poverty has a huge impact Continue to pray for all those who work to enable communities to be better able to feed themselves; and for all suffering from malnutrition</p>
Thurs 25	<p>James the Apostle</p> <p>James, son of Zebedee, one of the first disciples to be called by Jesus, along with his brother John, also witnessed the transfiguration.</p> <p>Pray that those who hear the call of Jesus in the midst of everyday life and work will respond wholeheartedly.</p>
Fri 26	<p>Mass 10.00am Anne and Joachim Parents of BVM</p> <p>Pray for parents, including step-parents and adoptive parents, especially those who parent amidst the extra pressures of disability, poverty or illness. Pray that despite the inevitable challenges, parents will recognise the privilege of parenting and the joy that comes with it.</p>
Sat 27	<p>Pray for those who will this weekend be setting off on any kind of pilgrimage: for safety, companionship, insight and spiritual growth as they journey.</p>
Sunday 28	<p>Trinity 9 Pr 12</p> <p>Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;</p> <p>Early Worship 9.00am Mass 10.30am</p>

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