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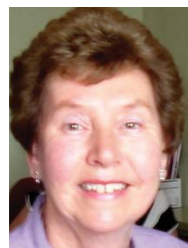
We also welcome **Colin Sims** (Finance Assistant), **Merry Carol Schoberg** (Administrator of Postgraduate Research), **Naomi Pendlebury** (Support Services Assistant), and **Eeva John** (part-time Administrator of the Masters Programme). New staff in the nursery are **Sabina Hook** (nursery nurse), **Christine Jones** (senior nursery nurse), and **In Sook Rho** (cleaner).

### Goodbyes

Three long-standing members of staff have retired; we send them our thanks and best wishes.



**Hazel Trapnell** came to Trinity 17 years ago to work as John Nolland's PA, and soon became an invaluable member of staff with great expertise in the academic office, eventually becoming Postgraduate Administrator. During her time with us her own sense of vocation deepened and she was licensed as a lay minister for St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop. We are pleased that, although Hazel has retired from her work in the Courses Office, she continues to visit the college as part-time tutor on the Myers-Briggs course, and to offer spiritual direction to some of the students and spouses.



**Donna Buckland** was a conscientious and friendly member of our support staff for 18 years, firstly working for the Administrator, Roger Wilman, and subsequently for Andrew Lucas. After this, she worked for Colin Chapman and the Faith to Faith organisation. She also worked for the Values Development Unit while it was based at Trinity College and in latter years she was a versatile member of the Admin Office team. Donna's memory for people and events was phenomenal and was a very useful asset in her work. Donna retired at the end of April 2007 but, despite being very busy in her retirement, still maintains a lively interest in the college.



**Pat Gordon** originally came to supervise our part-time crèche but the vision to develop a full-time day nursery was soon born. After helping us realise this vision, Pat managed the nursery for 10 years until her retirement in April 2007. The nursery thrived under her and it is a measure of her considerable achievement that it continues to go from strength to strength.

We also said goodbye to **Rosemary Gornall** (Finance Assistant), and to three nursery staff: **Sarah Bilal** (cleaner), **Cynthia Calvert** (nursery assistant), **Clare Ackrill** (senior nursery nurse).

## Presidents' dinner



*The Revd Dr Emma Ineson (front left), Student President at Trinity 1999-2000 and now Tutor in Practical Theology, with the Revd Corin Child (Trinity Student President 2001-02) and (opposite) the Revd Simon Holland (Trinity Student President Trinity 1990-91) and his wife Ann.*

Over 30 past Student Presidents and Senior Students and spouses came back to Trinity for a special dinner on 23 October. Guests (who ranged from five who were students at Clifton and Tyndale in the early 1950s to last year's President), joined faculty and the current Student Committee for drinks and canapés in the downstairs lounge, followed by an excellent five-course dinner in the dining room, prepared by the Trinity chef Henry Bromberg and served by a team of students.

After dinner George Kovoor spoke of the strategic importance of Trinity for mission: 'I have a one-point agenda', he said; 'the re-evangelization of Britain and then of Europe.' Trinity's role is not to support the church as it has been, he said, but to serve the church as we would like it to be.

More dinners are planned for year groups, as a way of keeping in touch with our alumni and of raising awareness of and support for what Trinity is doing.

### We'd like to hear from you...

We would like to include more news about former students from Trinity, Tyndale, Clifton and Dalton House/St Michael's. Please let us know of anything that you think might interest readers. We can't of course guarantee to include everything, but we would love to hear from you! We expect to compile the next issue in March. Contact Clare Wenham (see page 3).

We'd also like to complete our records with your date of leaving (so that we can invite the right people to year-group dinners, for a start!). Could you let us know which college you were at, your dates there, and any other information (were you a Student President, for example?). Please fill in the enclosed form, or email us the details (to [jean.williams@trinity-bris.ac.uk](mailto:jean.williams@trinity-bris.ac.uk)).

# Trinity NEWS

## College

BRISTOL

### NEW YEAR 2008



### PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Our friends in the Church in Africa spontaneously declare that 'God is good'. This is met with the response 'all the time!' I have always found this declaration incredibly moving particularly because of the challenges and hardships they face daily. What is it about the faith of our African brothers and sisters that enables them to be joyful in spite of acute physical

and consistent lives. Our walk must match the talk.

I am deeply concerned about the spiritual temperature of the United Kingdom. There are many parts of this great nation where the name of Jesus is rarely heard unless it is a swear word. The church is more often than not dismissed to the margins by academia, industry, the media, politicians and other opinion shapers. This new year I feel called to give the college a clear orientation to engage with the city of Bristol and to the vast majority who are unchurched or on the very edges of the church.

## 'God is good ... all the time!'

deprivation and struggle? They have a real sense of the presence of God in the midst of conflict and human suffering. The Bible and the stories of a great God who protects and provides for his people have given them hope and the will to survive.

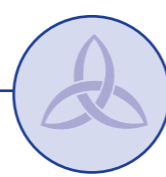
My experience of world missions and learning from the world church has convinced me of the power of prayer, the need to teach the Bible as Holy Scripture, and surrender to the Holy Spirit so that we can live authentic

The college must give a lead in its mandate to train and equip the saints by enabling students and others to recover confidence in the gospel. As a community we must support mission and encourage churches in their witness and ministry. Context-based training (see pages 4-5) is one way of making a difference on the ground. The vicar of Henbury, the Revd David Lloyd, and the Revd Peter Grimwood, the Methodist superintendent,

*The Principal's letter is continued over the page*



Photo: Bristol Evening News



both testify that the life and witness of St Mark's Brency has been transformed by God and the faith, spirituality and energy of our cohort of students. The church is growing and being blessed.

I have a deep burden for a new evangelization of this nation, by helping people who have drifted away from the Christian faith to return to God. To reach out to people who have no faith, assuring them that Jesus who was killed on the cross is indeed alive and cares deeply about them. In the new year I would like to see many of our Trinity students involved in local and international mission; this would help enlarge the vision of our students. It would help them to take a leap of faith and truly trust God for their needs. It would help people gain a new confidence in the gospel.

The audacity of the mission of the Anglican Province of South East Asia is staggering in terms of faith and the scope of their God-given vision for mission (see page 6). I am inspired by their commitment to discipleship training, prayer and church planting. This province is led by one of our own graduates, Archbishop John Chew. The Assistant Bishop of Singapore, Rennis Ponniah, and his family, and the Dean, Canon Kuan Kim Seng, and his wife spent their sabbaticals in Trinity.

After a very positive internal and external review of our innovative Context Based Training track (CBT) we have launched our second CBT cohort within the inner-city partnership of Easton Christian Family Centre, St Agnes, St Anne's and St Luke's in one of Bristol's toughest neighbourhoods. Our hope and belief is that our ten students with their families will make a positive difference to these churches in terms of their life, ministry and mission and be equipped and inspired for their future ministries. We were very sorry that the cohort tutor, the Revd Bill MacDougall, suffered a heart attack early in the term, but are thankful that he is making a good recovery and plans to return to work in the new year.

In September 2008 we are hoping to launch an exciting new training opportunity in preparing people for the challenges of rural ministry. We are calling it 'Christ in the Countryside' and we are working with the Woodbridge group of six rural churches, off junction 17 on the M4. This could really add value to what Trinity has to offer in resourcing the national church. A lot of meticulous planning and resources still need to be put in place.

In my office I have a plaque which reads 'It is amazing what God will do when we don't care who gets the credit.' I might amend it to read 'It is amazing what God will do when the only thing we care is that he gets the credit and the glory.' At Trinity College there is much to be thankful for. The college is in a growth phase. Our student recruitment has been very good. The House of Bishops raised our quota from 47 to 75 ordinands. Ministry Division has gone most of the way towards meeting our full funding requirement this year and is talking to Archbishops' Council about meeting the small amount still needed. We have an expanding faculty. The Revd Dr David Wenham and his wife Clare have joined us. We have, for the first time, full-time Chaplains in the Revd Dr Ronald and his wife Patty Jackson who come as missionaries from the USA. We have just appointed Eeva John and Merry Carol Schoberg as part-time academic administrators. The property at 3 Bishops Close (see photo) has been purchased. It was made possible through your generous gifts and loans. This year we will have to repay some of the loans and I want to encourage you to continue to trust our great God and support the college financially. I am confident that the Lord will provide for all our needs.



The college was delighted to invite neighbours, friends and dignitaries to a most enjoyable Garden Party in September. The Lord Mayor of Bristol, Royston Griffey (in the photo, top left, with the Principal), and the Lord Lieutenant, Jay Tidmarsh, and his wife Virginia graced this occasion, visiting the college for the first time. They thanked the college for our contribution to the city.

In October the college had the pleasure of hosting a dinner for former Student Presidents (see page 8). The joy of renewed fellowship and the privilege to be in touch with so many former students who have made a mark through their life and ministry was tremendous.

It has been great to have our college Trustees taking an active interest in the life of the college. Canon Mark Bailey made a significant contribution when he talked on leadership and church growth. This evoked a healthy debate on leadership styles and growing churches. The Revd Mark Balfour spent a few days at college engaging with our students. The Revd Steve Hollinghurst has been here several times. Tony Miles has been helping us to explore the growing links with Bristol Baptist College.



## Student numbers on the increase

We are delighted that student numbers have climbed again this academic year; we currently have 123 full-time students. This includes 74 ordinands (thanks to an increase in our quota), 13 independent students from the UK, and 36 students from a variety of countries overseas: Australia (2), Canada (1), Denmark (1), India (2), Moldova (1), Philippines (1), Solomon Islands (1), South Korea (20), Sweden (1), USA (5) and Zambia (1). In addition to the 25 full-time research students there are another 31 part-time students completing research degrees (PhD, MLIIT and MPhil). (Some students come into several categories; that's why the numbers don't add up!)



## Welcome weekend: a good time!

We enjoyed lovely weather for our welcome weekend (photo above) for new students in mid-September, which meant that there was scope to relax together out in the grounds, where the bouncy castle was enjoyed to the full by the younger members of the community.

Michelle Parkman, our current Student President, writes: 'This year the welcome "weekend" was spread over five days! It worked really well with less pressure being put on the weekend and more time for the first years to really take in all of the information. There were various sessions explaining the life of the college and how things work, with a good time for spouses and children on the Saturday, so that they got to know others as well. It ended on the Sunday with all-age worship and lunch together ready for the start of "Trinity Life" on the Monday! A big thank you goes to everyone involved in giving up their own time to make sure the first years were welcomed so well.'

## Purchase of new house

We are most grateful to those who contributed money to the purchase of 3 Bishops Close, right next door to college. This opens up all sorts of exciting possibilities for future development, which need to be carefully thought through as part of a strategic plan. Until we are able to do this, we are pleased to report that we have let the house in the short term, which will help us meet the ongoing maintenance costs.

I have been active in leading parish missions and weekend house parties in the UK and the USA. It was a huge privilege to be invited to address the Colston Day celebrations of the charities in Bristol, and the Merchant Venturers invited me to speak at their autumn banquet on the theme of 'Education for Life'. I used this occasion to present Christ as the Wisdom of God.

It was good to accompany the Revd Dr Ron Jackson and three students on a visit to the USA. We were guests of the Right Revd John David Schofield, the Bishop of San Joaquin. We were profiling the college in the USA and the students had the opportunity to visit churches and organisations and to get involved in a number of events. It was an opportunity for all of us to experience the pain of our brothers and sisters in ECUSA. We returned thanking God for the faithfulness and endurance of those who were standing for biblical truth.

Do pray for us all, that we would be obedient and faithful to the calling of God upon our lives. Continue to support Trinity College Bristol with your finances. This is your college – it is a wonderful community with a heritage of biblical scholarship, doctrinal orthodoxy, a real openness to the Holy Spirit and a commitment to innovation in the training of leadership for the mission and ministry of the church.

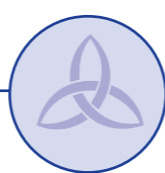
On behalf of our faculty, staff and students I would like to wish each one of you a Christ-centred, Spirit-led and God-honouring new year.

*George I Kovoor*

## Prayer points

- Our relations with the University: we are currently negotiating a renewal of our partnership agreement.
- Finances: we still need over £100,000 to pay off the loan for the purchase of the house next to Trinity.
- Preparation for our new Context Based Training parishes (from September 2008), Shirehampton and the rural group in Woodbridge, and the right students to train there.
- A full recovery for Bill MacDougall, Director of Pastoral Studies, after his heart attack.
- Mission in south east Asia: the Diocese of Singapore in their huge task, and plans for a Trinity team to join them for short-term experience.

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## Context Based Training – a year on



Photo: Bristol United Press

**Last year a group of Trinity ordinands embarked on a new form of training: instead of being based largely in college and going out to local churches, they opted for Context Based Training (CBT), living and working in Brentry, on the northern edge of Bristol.**

The Brentry CBT is now in its second year. It has already gained the recommendation, to the Diocese of Bristol and to the wider church, of its external review in May. A second CBT parish in inner Bristol has been added from this year, and two more, in Shirehampton and in the Woodbridge group of six rural parishes in Wiltshire, are being launched.

CBT is especially appropriate for those who relish pioneering work, and who learn best on the job and function most effectively as part of a team.

Here Vanessa Parr, a second-year student in the Brentry cohort, and the Revd Gervais Angel, theological mentor to the group, give a few comments on their experience of CBT.



### Vanessa Parr

Being part of the Brentry team has been – and continues to be – exciting, challenging, demanding and rewarding. Learning as a team and reflecting as a group has meant that each member is able to contribute to

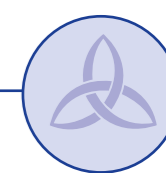
the pattern of mission and ministry and to be part of shaping a vision for context. It also means that we encounter in each other different perspectives, different understandings, different ways of working, and are forced to respond and to change through that process.

As we enter the second year in Brentry and Henbury, we are enjoying getting to know new members and establishing ourselves as a new group. Context encourages close collaboration and it is exciting to discover the gifts and abilities within the group as well as to encourage each other to step out and try new things. Most importantly, I have found context to be a place of great friendship and support, a place in which we are shaped and moulded by seeking to live out together our call to serve God in Brentry/Henbury.

### Open Day on Context Based Training Saturday 15 March 2008

For prospective ordinands interested in joining one of our Context Based teams: come and visit the 'context'; hear more about what it involves; meet the current team members.

Contact Barbara Clifton, Admissions Secretary, tel. 0117 968 2803, email [admissions@trinity-bris.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@trinity-bris.ac.uk).



## Gervais Angel

**Excitement ...teamwork ...risk ...vision  
...stretching ...incarnational ...community ...unity  
...training grounded in reality.**



What on earth are these? One-word comments on CBT from Trinity members currently engaged in it. Admittedly they were panting to get to a delicious spaghetti bol. seconds after writing their comments, to be served at the Wednesday lunchtime community (members, spouses and under-school-age children) meal, but they meant these positives.

Here are some more key words on CBT, from the group's theological mentor:

- **Collaboration.** A group of Trinity students pray, think, play and work together in one location for up to two years, spending half a week in the theological classroom/chapel/dining room and half a week in community in the 'parish'.
- **Supervised ministerial tasks.** Serving the locality in schools or church fellowships, or charity work, or organising, leading and preaching in Sunday worship and children's ministry, promoting community relationships with meals, observing Christian work overseas: tasks like these are supervised by vicars and ministers responsible for the 'parish'. Both the planning and debriefing are supervised, and most of the execution.
- **Tuition.** CBT is headed by a Trinity faculty member whose academic competence is matched by considerable pastoral experience. The tutor is the paedagogus, the one to see that training happens, a friend to listen to personal reflections and at best a role model for ministry.

- **Corporate theological reflection.** A principal theory underlying CBT is that studying the Council of Trent can be seen to contribute towards resolving deadlock between PCC members over re-leading the church roof recently laid bare by unauthorised scrap-metal merchants. A theological mentor enables the group to analyse the personalities, social relationships, dynamic and perspectives at work in a 'critical incident' (the PCC meeting) alongside analysis of similar factors in a recently learnt piece of theology (or Christian tradition in general), and probe until connections emerge between the two. The connections provide a basis for framing judgments and decisions which resolve the challenge presented by the critical incident. Once the group settles for one decision, steps for translating it into action are set out and agreed. The whole process calls for dependence on the Holy Spirit, humility and determination in sharing and receiving inputs, and perseverance to reach a point of action. As I write, it sounds so manipulative and capricious, but the wonderful thing is that at Brentry we have been given some amazing ministerial resolutions to genuine challenges encountered in the church and community. At the same time we have seen how much practical missional and pastoral mileage there can be in what we are taught in class by our faculty. A former member is using the method to handle weddings and funerals in his first curacy!

**A final word...** This is adult education at its best. 80% of the talking comes from group members, 20% or less from the theological mentor. But woe betide the group if it tries to slip into sharing ignorance! I can be a bit strict, if necessary.

*Gervais Angel was on the staff of Clifton Theological College and then of Trinity College (as Dean of Studies 1981-1990). From 1990 until his retirement in 2002 he was South West and Wales Regional Secretary of SAMS (South American Missionary Society).*

## News in brief

### Old Testament tutor honoured

Congratulations to Dr Gordon Wenham on being made Professor Emeritus of the University of Gloucester, and on being the recipient of a special Festschrift produced by former pupils and staff of the University. Gordon teaches Old Testament and Hebrew part-time at Trinity.

**Two receive doctorates** Two Trinity students have recently completed their Bristol University PhDs. The Revd Rico Villanueva, who wrote his thesis on the Psalms of Lament, is returning to the Philippines to teach in Manila. Dan Warner, an archaeologist from Florida, has been studying Bronze Age Canaanite temples and worship. He is currently taking part in excavations at Gezer. They received their degrees at the University Awards Ceremony at the beginning of December. Congratulations to them both – and to all last year's students who also received their awards!

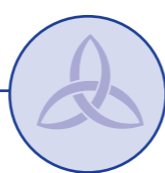
**Commentary on Matthew** Revd Dr Dick France (Tyndale 1966) has written a major commentary on Matthew's Gospel in the New International

Commentary on the New Testament (NICNT) series, published by Eerdmans.

**Trinity Tigers roar ahead** On the sad day of England's defeat by Croatia in the European Cup, Trinity had cause to rejoice: our football team, the Trinity Tigers, won a league match 10-2. Well done!

**Open days** We are now holding Open Days on Saturdays rather than on weekdays, which has led to an increase in the numbers attending. At the last Open Day in November we welcomed 40 visitors including prospective students, spouses and friends. They had the opportunity to attend taster lectures, ask about courses and accommodation, tour the college and come to a service in chapel. We have had some very positive feedback and some of the visitors have already booked interview dates.

**Do you know people who might be interested in coming to our next Open Day? It is on Saturday 2 February 2008, 10.15 am – 3.00 pm; lunch and a crèche for children provided. Contact Barbara Clifton, Admissions Secretary, tel. 0117 968 2803, email [admissions@trinity-bris.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@trinity-bris.ac.uk).**



## Mission opportunities multiply in south-east Asia



'The whole of south-east Asia wants to learn English!', Canon Kuan Kim Seng (in the photo with his wife in chapel), Dean of Singapore Cathedral and Director of Mission, told a group of staff and students at Trinity at the beginning of October. The Diocese of Singapore – which consists of not just Singapore but also of Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand – sees this as the best platform for Christian outreach. The diocese has a programme of inviting westerners to come to teach (see [teachenglish@anglican.org.sp](mailto:teachenglish@anglican.org.sp)). As part of the course, students are exposed to Christianity, which includes attending services in the cathedral and watching the Jesus video in English. Even communist cadres in Vietnam are sending their children to join the programme. Canon Kuan, who has recently returned to Singapore after a sabbatical term in Trinity with his wife, told us that Vietnam is starting to open 'in a dramatic way'; the evangelical wing of the church is seen there as 'good for nation-building'. This year the diocese has been able to start a church-planting programme in the country. There are many opportunities in Indonesia, too; Canon Kuan described it as 'one of the most open countries in the world for preaching the gospel'.

The diocese grew out of western missionary activity in the nineteenth century, which established Anglican chaplaincies. In the late 1960s, 1970s and 1980s many came to faith in Singapore. It was not until 15 years ago that the diocese, under Bishop Moses Tay, began to take seriously its responsibility of evangelism and began to organise outreach in the other countries.

The Diocese of Singapore has only 20,000 church members and 27 parishes – not many to evangelise south-east Asia – and so lays great emphasis on lay leadership and multi-tasking of the clergy (who all have mission, as well as church, responsibilities). In the church-planting programme, directed at selected major cities, schools rather than churches are built; church buildings are too conspicuous and can be the focus of anti-Christian attacks. It is hoped to set up separate dioceses in the other countries within 10 years. They have adopted the slogan 'The Great Commandment [love your neighbour as yourself], when it is faithfully obeyed, fuels the Great Commission [go into all the world and preach the gospel]'

They are sharing the task of evangelism with the three other dioceses in the Province of South East Asia, and formed PROSEAMS (Province of South East Asia Missions Services) 10 years ago. Anglicans from the west are also being called on to join in the mission effort. It is hoped that a team from Trinity will go to Singapore in 2008 to learn from and to help the diocese in their mission.

To find out more go to [livingstreams.org.sp](http://livingstreams.org.sp) (St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore), and [anglican.org.sp](http://anglican.org.sp) (Diocese of Singapore).

### A new book on mission...

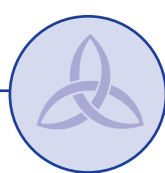
Dictionary of Mission Theology, a new book edited by the Revd Dr John Corrie, Head of Postgraduate Studies who also teaches Mission, has recently been published by IVP. It is subtitled 'Evangelical Foundations', and it is John's hope that it will establish an evangelical theology of mission that is biblical, integral and contextual. He writes: 'I worked hard to get a "majority contribution from the majority world" which would reflect the reality of mission today in which the various world contexts have to be taken seriously. These contexts have poverty, injustice, health and education as dimensions which the mission of the church cannot ignore, and that is why evangelicals in the global South have much to teach the western church about an integral approach to mission. This book sets an agenda for evangelical mission thinking that we should not ignore.'

### ... and new mission modules

We will be offering new modules in mission next year: Integral Mission and World Development (to be organised by Dr John Bimson), Revivals and Revivalism in British and American Religion (to be taught by the Revd Dr Nigel Scotland), and Mission and Anglicanism (to be taught by the Revd Dr John Corrie). They will be part of our two MA courses, Applied Theology and Theological Studies.

'These are intended to strengthen the mission content of the taught MA course, whilst offering a distinctive angle which we hope will fill a niche in the market', writes John Corrie. 'For example, Integral Mission and World Development is seeking to explore the relationship between ecology and mission; this is something distinctive, especially in the evangelical world. Also I am not aware of anywhere else offering a course which brings together Anglicanism and mission. Revival and Revivalism strengthens the historical dimension of the course.'

The modules, which have recently been approved by the Academic Board, will be on offer from September 2008. We hope that there will also be another half module, to be taught by the Revd Dr James Steven, called Liturgy and Mission, to complement the one on Anglican Mission.



## Staff comings and goings

### We were glad to welcome new faculty members at the start of the academic year.



The Revd Dr **Ronald Jackson** is Tutor in Practical Theology and co-Chaplain with his wife **Patty**.

'For the past 35 years my passion has been parish ministry. I believe deeply in the importance of the local church. It is the local church that incarnates Christ's

message of redemption and caring in cities, towns and villages throughout the world. It is through the local church that the gospel was made real to me and my life transformed.

Conversion for me was a process. I was raised in a Christian home but never really questioned my faith until I was in university. My college years occurred at the height of the Vietnam war and there was much discord and protest. What did I really believe? My academic major was Soviet Studies and I began a comparative study of Christianity and Marxism as belief systems. More and more I became convinced of the truth of Christ and his gospel for the healing and transformation of the world. I became intellectually converted to Christ. In graduate school I continued to study Christianity and Marxism and was the only professed Christian in the graduate department. One of my self-described Jewish agnostic professors said to me, "Jackson, you should be a priest." I knew he was right.

I went to the Anglo-Catholic seminary of the Episcopal Church, Nashotah House in Wisconsin. I came away with a profound sense of appreciation of the sacraments and of the clergy being "stewards of the mysteries of God". My first parish was a poor, black, inner-city congregation. It was here that my faith expanded from my head to my heart as I was introduced to charismatic renewal through the saints in this local church. The Holy Spirit became real to me and I discovered that ministry isn't just what I do for God, but is also what God wants to do through me! The Scriptures came alive to me and I became committed to lay ministry. My theology began to deepen. A few years later, during the time of apartheid, I was asked to serve in a multi-racial, evangelical congregation in Wynberg, South Africa. It was here that the sacramental, evangelical, charismatic, and social strands of the gospel came together for me. Again, it was through this local church that I found my home as an Anglican.

Since that time, I have been privileged to pastor congregations in such places as Nashville, Tennessee and La Crescenta, California. I was a founding board member of SOMA-USA (a Christian mission agency of the Anglican communion), and a national conference speaker and leader for Episcopal Renewal Ministries,

and have done missions and training in 30 countries for bishops, clergy and lay leaders on empowering the local church. It is a joy to be at Trinity College and to participate in the training of missional clergy and leaders for the church.'

Patty, a former middle school teacher, has an MA from Fuller Seminary in Religious Education for children and families and has worked in that field for many years. 'As co-Chaplain with Ron, I am available for prayer, mostly to women students and wives, and also an Advisor/Worker with the Strype (Special TRinity Young People's Events, for 5s-12s) Team. Outside college, I am working with Open Air Campaigners to train for school assemblies and other evangelistic work. It has been a very warm welcome and a good transition at so many levels. We love our home, our closeness to the Downs, and life at Trinity.'



'I take particular pleasure in trying to make the Bible intelligible and exciting in classroom and parish contexts', says the Revd Dr **David Wenham**, Senior Lecturer in New Testament. He

has had wide experience of New Testament teaching and research: 24 years at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford (seven of them combined with rural parish ministry), three years in charge of a research project on the Gospels at Tyndale House in Cambridge, and five years supported by BCMS teaching in Union Biblical Seminary in central India (where George Kovoor was one of his students!).

For David this is a return to Bristol: he spent most of his school days here while his father, the Revd John Wenham, was Vice-Principal of Tyndale Hall.

'I am delighted to be back in Bristol,' David writes. 'What a beautiful place it is! And I am very glad to be in Trinity, working under a principal with a big vision, and with excellent colleagues and students. It is wonderful to be in a college which is developing new and imaginative ways of training and which is clearly going places in the Lord's service.'

His wife **Clare** worked as an editor for IVP, helped to edit and write for the Oxford diocesan newspaper, and produced the weekly newsletter for Oxford University library staff. She has taken over from Andrew Lucas as editor of the Trinity Newsletter and would be delighted to hear from readers.



David replaces Dr **Craig Smith**, who left us in December 2006 after six years on the faculty. He is now happily settled in Kansas, where he teaches Biblical Studies at Sterling College and Anne is Chaplain for Academic Life. Craig taught New Testament and Anne was involved in our Spirituality

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