

### Our Centre for World Christianity

was inaugurated during our summer celebration Church with a Future and a Hope, when we named Henry Martyn House, which is to be used for visiting World Church Fellows (see page 6). In the photo with Lord Carey and George Kovoor is Mrs Mary Bateman-Wang whose father, Revd Canon Martyn Bateman, a former student of Clifton Theological College, gave a significant contribution to the purchase of the house.



#### Truth with a Mission 15-17 June

You are welcome to join us for our next summer celebration with the general theme of Apologetics. See back page.

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... and lots of news!



## News in brief

### New partnership

We are happy to report an important new partnership between Trinity and the Paideia Centre for Public Theology, an academic Christian study centre in Canada committed to relating the Gospel to all areas of Christian life. As part of this, Revd Professor Craig Bartholomew has become a Senior Research Fellow and Associate Faculty member. He will continue to be based in Canada, where he is Professor of Philosophy and Biblical Studies at Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario, but will be involved in research supervision of Trinity students and will visit us for teaching.



*Craig Bartholomew*

One of the most significant projects from Paideia is the international Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar which has published some of the most important scholarly contributions in that field in recent years. There are eight volumes, most of them edited by Craig Bartholomew and others, and all published by Paternoster and Zondervan. See [http://www.paideiacentre.ca/the\\_history.html](http://www.paideiacentre.ca/the_history.html)

### New context launched



This year Trinity students on our context-based training track are helping to develop a new context in two flourishing Bristol churches about a mile apart, one Anglican (St Matthew and St Nathanael Kingsdown) and one independent (Woodlands Christian Centre). It will give our non-Anglican students an excellent opportunity for church-based practical work appropriate to them. The vicar of Kingsdown, Revd Mat Ineson, is supervisor of the context along with Dave Mitchell of Woodlands.

'Context-based training in St Matt's and Woodlands gives the chance for students to work alongside churches engaging in mission in a lively and interesting local community. It also provides them with plenty of opportunities to reflect on the fascinating similarities and differences between two types of church,' writes

Revd Dr Emma Ineson, who has taken over as tutor in charge of the context. Revd Sonja Arnold has succeeded Emma as tutor for the BS10 (Henbury, Brentry and Hallen) context.

The other two context-based groups are in Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston and Shirehampton (the J18 context) and in six small rural churches near Malmesbury (the Woodbridge group of churches).

### Part-time evening course



We started a new part-time programme this academic year, taught mainly one evening a week with some weekends, leading to a Certificate in Theology validated by Bristol University. We have 31 students this first year, 12 of whom are training to be ordained local ministers (OLMs) in the Diocese of Bristol, and six of whom are training to be licensed lay ministers (LLMs). 'We are really excited about this development in the diocese', said Revd Derek Chedzey, Diocesan Training Officer. 'A big thank you to Trinity for making it happen.' The course started with 'Getting into the New Testament' taught by Revd Dr David Wenham and Revd Dr Steve Finamore.

### Developing our training

This academic year has seen a new college curriculum being introduced and a new weekly pattern for the full-time course. Students have welcomed, among other things, the end of regular evening lectures and the greater space for quiet, reflection and prayer on Wednesday mornings. The key 'cross-curricular' themes are Bible, discipleship and mission. We see these as vital and central ingredients for the training of leaders for today's church and will value your prayers as we continue to reshape and develop our training.

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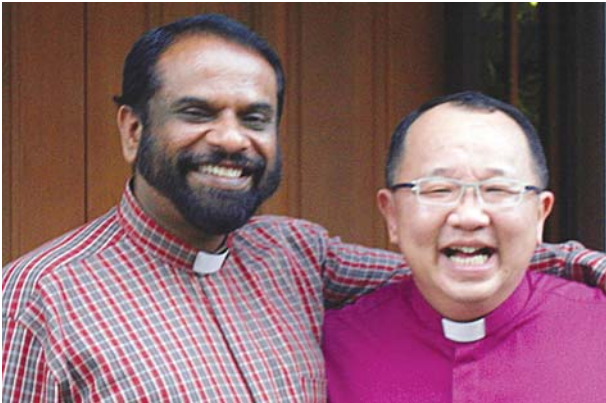
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# Principal's letter



## Training for Transformational Leadership in Mission

I testify to the fact that the Lord is good and worthy of our praise. He has been gracious to me and has spared my life. I had a stroke on 7 September and I was admitted twice to the stroke ward at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. After extensive tests and being put on medication I was released and told to take it easy. Praise God I was not damaged in any way. I am under doctor's orders and am taking life much more slowly. I want to thank God for the excellent care which I received from the NHS and the wonderful support I have received from family, colleagues, students and friends. It is wonderful to know that people care about you.

## Travels in Asia

During the summer I was travelling and ministering in south-east Asia and India, speaking at the centenary evangelistic celebration of the Diocese of Singapore. It was great to renew fellowship with Archbishop John Chew Hiang Chea, a former student of Trinity, Bishop Rennis Ponniah and Dean Kuan Kim Seng who have both spent sabbaticals at Trinity. I ministered at the South Asian Global Christian Summit on the topic of 'Beyond Excellence'.

Then to Kuala Lumpur to lead the prayer conference of the Diocese of West Malaysia meeting Bishop Moon Hing, Canon Fred Davis and Archdeacon Eddie Ong. In India I was speaking to the faculty and students of the South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS), a magnificent institution with very able Indian scholars led by Dr Ian Payne. I met up with Revd Dr Atul Aghamkar, a renowned urban missiologist, and invited him to spend his sabbatical in January 2010 at Trinity as our World Church Fellow. It was a joy to expound the Word for the congregations of St Mark's Cathedral and Bethel Church in Bangalore.

I returned to Sabah in Malaysia to give the Bible expositions at the international Soma conference and have fellowship with my friend Albert Vun, the diocesan bishop (above), and to be present for the consecration of my former student Archdeacon Melter Jiki Tais as the Assistant

Bishop of Sabah. He is the first Kadazan-Dusun to be made a bishop. It was a joy to meet up with many of my former students who are now senior clergy in Malaysia.

## Some reflections

During my travels and from my hospital bed I have been reflecting on the transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the empowering of the Holy Spirit. It's awesome to see the lives of people and communities transformed in Asia and this is happening all over the world. At Trinity we are committed to transformational discipleship and we are working purposefully to shape our curriculum so that our vision, ethos and courses produce men and women who are confident in the Gospel, competent to serve in community and are led by the Holy Spirit to be creative, courageous and contagious for the kingdom. Here are some of my thoughts on training for transformational leadership.

**The status quo is not a safe place for a student of Jesus** because it is a place of stagnation which can lead to irrelevance. The world is in flux and rapidly changing! The collapse of trusted financial institutions has created a crisis of confidence in society. The melting of the polar caps and the depletion of the ozone layer have raised hard ethical and strategic questions about the meaning of human progress. Issues pertaining to the environment can no longer be fudged. Climate change must be a focus of Christian mission! Corruption in public life has highlighted the importance of integrity in leadership, transparency in public life and the need for authority to be accountable. The economic disparity between the haves and the have nots is widening. Demographic shifts, human migration and urbanization have led to stress, violence and conflict. It seems many institutions suffer from the ostrich syndrome: they bury their heads in the sand hoping that the problems will go away. Or from the paralysis by analysis which affects our ability to respond effectively without varying degrees of procrastination. Passivity is not an option for those of us involved in training and education because the situation is desperate. The world is looking for leaders with vision and integrity who are committed to peace, justice, liberty and the wellbeing of their people. The church is desperate for servant leaders and scholar saints who are prayerful, obedient in their listening to God eager to proclaim good news and a message of hope to a struggling world. How do we produce leaders who are committed to God's mission, who will enable others in their growth in the knowledge of God and the extension of God's kingdom?

**Modelling leadership is a commitment to authenticity.** I am committed to the development of transformational leadership. My priority is to help students discern the call and activity of God in their life. We seek to nurture this sense of waiting upon God and growth in faithful discipleship. Ministry and mission are tough; many will complain that they are overworked and underpaid. There will be criticism, misunderstandings, challenges and opposition with very little affirmation and encouragement. Some will be discouraged and want to give up and quit. Therefore, the nurturing of a strong sense of the call of God will sustain people to persevere and overcome these trials for Christ and his kingdom. We need to help potential leaders to develop tenacity, a



strong mental and emotional toughness that comes from a regular time of disciplined prayer and study, counting the cost of Christian discipleship, learning to prioritise our goals, developing support networks and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

Modelling and mentoring is vital in any form of education and training. The writer of Hebrews encourages us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and pioneer of our faith. He is the ultimate role model. After suffering a stroke I am learning to share my vulnerabilities and the dilemmas of leadership in order that colleagues and students can see how one responds to these opportunities and challenges. As the principal of Trinity I explore with our students the 'divine imperative', the 'must' in our lives. This exercise helps them to discover meaning, direction and purpose. It also serves to count the cost of discipleship and encourages them into becoming 'finisher-completers' who have learnt to overcome their fears and fulfil their dreams in Christ.

Change is not new. It is both natural and normal. It is not to be feared but must be faced and managed with courage and imagination. Leaders are called to cast a vision by interpreting the signs of our times and offer both challenge and support. Remember it is those who trust in the Lord, prepare carefully and anticipate the future, who will lead their communities and institutions into a brighter and stronger future.

**Developing an international world view** is vital for today's leadership development, because we live in an interdependent global economy. A Eurocentric and colonial epistemology is deficient on its own because it is partial and often a flawed perspective. Post-colonial studies have helped us develop a hermeneutic of suspicion when reading historical narratives written by servants of the company or the king. Training institutions must develop their libraries to reflect global thinking and multiple world views and approaches even in Christian theology. The worldwide web and modern technologies are tools which offer opportunities to gain multiple perspectives and insights. Travel and exposure leads to fresh reliance and encounters with God. Encountering the other helps dispel prejudice and ignorance. Discovering new truth is liberating! At Trinity we are so glad that our Centre for World Christianity is becoming a reality before our eyes. The Venerable Eddie Ong from West Malaysia is our first World Church Fellow (see page 6).

**Corporate theological reflection.** Participatory learning encourages people to take responsibility for their future by interacting with others. Such learning builds on people's prior knowledge, life experience and skills to respond to community issues. At Trinity we encourage students and teachers to reflect corporately within a given context and learn to develop a strategy collegially. This is revolutionary because insights are discovered and shared corporately. Understandings develop through group interaction resulting in a shared ownership of the vision by the community which leads to strategic action.

**An evolving curriculum.** At Trinity we have pioneered a form of community-based theological training for mission and ministry. We call it Context Based Training. Our curriculum focuses on integration and cross-disciplinary studies. Our matrix highlights Christian worship, discipleship and leadership, biblical scholarship in terms

of its comprehension, competence in research and study. Communication is the skill in translating truth into the local idiom and communicating the Christian message to a given context through the art of biblical preaching. Lessons are learned from the church, its story, and from doctrine past and present in the context of the changing realities of the world. Leadership is modelled relationally and explored in the areas of envisioning, resource mobilisation, managing change and resolving conflict. Mission is the heartbeat of God and it is at the centre of our life together. It affects our governance, structures, recruitment, curriculum development, community life, and our commitment to engage with the world and the church around us.



*This year's context team working in Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston and Shirehampton*

**Conclusion.** We recognise and affirm the advantages of apprenticeship training on location. Contextual education and training has led us to develop a commitment to relevance, authenticity and functionality. This further raises new questions and tools for learning and assessments which must evaluate growth in understandings, competence and effectiveness. Teachers need to engage with both the text and contextual realities in their courses; assignments must reflect both textual issues and dilemmas faced by local communities on the ground. Dialogue is encouraged between practitioners and theorists. Practitioners are challenged and encouraged to pause in order to have space to think, reflect, document, dialogue and write. Academics in their ivory towers need to listen and engage with practitioners and others on the ground. Opportunities abound for the audacious. Innovation and creativity is here to stay. Education must liberate, equip and empower us to be fit for God's purpose within our local communities. Permission to take risks must be given in the knowledge that failure is never final with God.

This is the reason when people think of Trinity Bristol they think MISSION! A lively international community that is prayerful and joyful. Internationally acclaimed scholars who promote rigorous scholarship that is engaging with our contemporary realities.

*George I Kovacs*



Update on

# MISSION STUDIES

We start a series of updates on some of the subjects taught at Trinity, outlining the topics covered and some recent significant books



John Corrie

Mission is featuring ever more prominently in the curriculum at Trinity. We now have an MA in Mission Studies which gives students a wide range of options which include revivalism, current global issues, the environment and world development, mission and Anglicanism, and the latest unit dealing with Christian presence and engagement with Muslims in Britain.

## Christianity and other faiths

Christian relationship with other faiths has come to centre stage in mission studies in recent years, and the undergraduate unit 'Understanding the Muslim World' has been one of the most popular at Trinity. The MA unit is being led by Dr Phil Lewis, who is based at Bradford and is the author of *Young, British and Muslim* (Continuum, 2007), a widely acclaimed study of the issues facing Muslim young people growing up in a very secular and often hostile Britain. (*We are opening part of this course to everyone; see below.*)

Another important, and rather more academic, contribution to the debate comes from Prof Gavin d'Costa, our colleague who heads up the Dept of Theology at the University of Bristol. His book *Christianity and World Religions* (Wiley, 2009) is an excellent summary of current thinking on the theology of religions.

There is much excellent analysis written recently on the place of faith in the secular west, not least of which is *Secularism, Religion, and Multicultural Citizenship*, ed by Geoffrey Levey and Tariq Modood (who is based at the UoB) (CUP, 2008) which argues for a more pragmatic liberalism which does not simply dismiss religion and its potential contribution to civil society.

It's encouraging to see some philosophers such as Charles Taylor and Terry Eagleton arguing against the militant secularism of Richard Dawkins and Co. in favour of a serious reconsideration of radical Christianity; Eagleton's book *Reason, Faith and Revolution: Reflections on the God Debate* (Yale, 2009) was one of the highlights of my summer reading! Worth looking out for also on this theme is *Faith in the Public Realm*, ed by Dinham, Furbey and Lowndes (Policy Press, 2009), and Bishop Nazir-Ali's exploration of religion and conflict in *Conviction and Conflict: Islam, Religion and World Order* (Continuum, 2006). Richard Sudworth's *Distinctly Welcoming* (SU, 2007) is always a useful resource which we recommend to students.

## Integral or holistic mission

World issues increasingly challenge the practice of mission, which makes 'integral mission', in which we seek to hold together the dimensions of mission in creative relationship with one another, increasingly important. The Level 1 unit on Integral Mission, shared between Trinity and the Baptist College, has the largest number of students this year at 22, and Level 2 is being expertly directed by Dr Stuart Murray Williams. Peter Grant, who heads Tearfund, made a significant contribution to this theme with his book *Poor No More* (Tearfund, 2008). One of the leading thinkers on integral mission is Rene Padilla, whose book *The Local Church, Agent of Transformation: An Ecclesiology for Integral Mission* (Ediciones Kairos, 2004) remains an important summary of the principles and practice of what is sometimes called 'holistic mission'.

A number of studies have followed up on Philip Jenkins' important trilogy of books dealing with current global challenges for Christianity, *The Next Christendom* (2002), *The New Faces of Christianity* (2006), and *God's Continent* (2007). One of the most important of these is by Jehu Hanciles *Beyond Christendom: Globalisation, African Migration and the Transformation of the West* (Orbis, 2008), which explores the significance for mission of the huge global movements of peoples.

Another major contribution to this theme has come from Gambian missiologist Lamin Sanneh with his recent book *Disciples of all Nations* (OUP, 2008). This is more of a substantial historical study of how we have got to the current global situation, but it demonstrates Christianity's major role in historical and cultural change and how the faith itself has been transformed as it has taken root in other cultures.

A useful summary of how well Christianity is currently doing worldwide comes from Sebastian and Kirsteen Kim, *Christianity as a World Religion* (Continuum, 2008). It is hoped that with the development of the Centre for World Christianity at Trinity (see page 6), we can explore these massive global trends in depth as we dialogue with scholars from around the world.

## Rethinking the church

There has been a proliferation of books in recent years on how we should be rethinking the church in the light of cultural and global change. A reliable guide to these changes comes from Eddie Gibbs, *ChurchMorph: How Megatrends are Reshaping Christian Communities* (Baker Academic, 2009). Current converging church movements are mapped with Eddie's characteristically careful research, and the book is optimistic about the



possibilities of a fruitful engagement between new ways of being church and today's cultural changes. These trends will be explored by students in the unit 'From Mission to Cell: New Ways of Being Church', which will be taught later on in the academic year. Finally, you would hardly expect me to pass this opportunity to mention a book which now appears in all our bibliographies for mission: the *Dictionary of Mission Theology* (IVP, 2007)!

This is just a brief glimpse of some of the exciting developments in mission studies at Trinity and some of the current resources we will need in order to get to grips with global developments. Students training for leadership in the church need more than ever to engage with these mission developments to understand the local church in its global context.

**Immersion:**  
a new two-week programme, starting with

## Christian Presence and Engagement with Muslim Communities in Britain

**Week 1 Bradford 11-15 January**

**Week 2 Trinity 24-28 May**

We are opening parts of our MA programme on mission as stand-alone units to non-Trinity students, giving the opportunity for study, reflection and practice on topical aspects of Christian discipleship. Leaders include Dr Philip Lewis, author of *Young, British and Muslim*.

**Cost £300**, including accommodation in Bradford.

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## New: World Church Fellows



Henry Martyn House is the new name for the house next to Trinity; it was named during our summer celebrations in June in a simple ceremony (see front page).

When the first stage of the renovations has taken place, we are planning to develop the house as a Centre for World Christianity. It will be used for invited world church leaders to come as our 'World Church Fellows', to study and rest, and to share in and contribute to the life of the college.

This term we welcomed our first World Church Fellow, the Venerable Eddie Ong, Archdeacon of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor in Malaysia. He is leading one of our Gospel in Action sessions as well as a study day, open to visitors, on 'Developing Missional Leadership for the 21st century'. Our next World Church Fellows are the Venerable Geoffrey Molokwu, Acting Rector of Trinity Theological College, Umuahia, Nigeria, and the missiologist Dr Atul Aghamkar of the South Asia Institute of Advanced Theological Studies), Bangalore, India.



## From Buddhism to Christianity

I am a first-generation convert to Christianity. I came from a Buddhist-Taoist religious background. I was taught to revere the holy and respect for the spirit world and I witnessed the reality of the spirits'

manifestations. But it was the love and forgiveness of

Jesus that I received through the stories of the Bible that made me give my heart to the Lord of lords. I was then 17 years old. Since then, my mother, my siblings (two sisters and a brother) have become Christians. A year ago, my grandma, who was then in her late eighties, also became a Christian. A year ago, when my wife and I organized a Chinese New Year reunion for our relatives, I counted that more than half of my relations had become Christians. My mother, who did not speak English, accepted Christ following a dream. In that dream, she saw two figures, Buddha and Christ. There was a conflict between the two. At the end of the conflict, only Christ was left victorious. This dream gave her much confidence to follow Christ, and turn away from the fear of the spirit world. Only my father remained a Muslim until he died two years ago. I was with him until almost the very end. I committed him to the Lord.

I was ordained a priest in 1983. Eight years ago, I was made Vicar of St Paul's Church, in the city of Petaling Jaya (neighbouring Kuala Lumpur). On a normal Sunday, we run eight services – four in English, one in Bahasa Malaysia, one in Tamil, one in Mandarin and one in Burmese. Every Sunday, we have more than 700 worshippers. I am blessed to have the assistance of a team of dedicated clergy, deaconesses and lay pastors, without whom I would not have survived physically.

There are three things I seek the Lord to help me accomplish while I am at Trinity:

- 1 To cover at least five chapters of the Bible each day. Back home ministry is heavy going, and one gets tired easily. Generally I manage to cover one chapter a day, or sometimes, shamefully, only one paragraph a day. Here, I am using NIV.com with audio to help me hear the Word of God.
- 2 I want God to speak to me and bless me emotionally as I reflect on my 26 years of ministry of joy and sorrow, happiness and frustrations, blessings and disappointments. I am also using my time here to reflect on my role as husband and as a father.
- 3 I ask the Lord to use me to speak words of encouragement, comfort and blessings to staff and ordinands of Trinity College. I have been blessed by the lectures that I attended.

Eddie Ong



# Trinity College Bristol Leavers 2009



**Lee Barnes**

I was a bit unsure coming back to Trinity for a second time but being in the BS10 context has made the two years a fantastic learning experience. Pipe Club and my LTG have been a blessing! There are so many people to thank; thank you! Our family go to Malmesbury Abbey waiting and expectant of what God will do!



**Kel Billings**

As I finish the MA course, I plan on returning to pastoral ministry, but not sure if it's back to the United Methodist Church in the USA, here in the UK, or even possibly back to the mission field again.



**Martin Blewett**

Our time at Trinity and in Bristol has been very happy and rewarding. Highlights include (in no particular order): the Curry Club, the Hastings Mission 09, Connect, the Pipe Club Boffins, Henry's Cordon Bleu cuisine, Patmos People, Cornish Day, memorable times of worship in chapel, lunchtime notices and the Corrie Choir. Martin, Rosanna, Toby, Tom and Leo are looking forward to the next few years at St Leonard's, Seaford in East Sussex and any Trinitarians needing a seaside holiday will be most welcome. Glory!



**Christopher Bliss**

I'm passionate about God's Word and came to Trinity as an independent student to learn and study the Bible. At Trinity I've had to radically re-examine my own theology and understanding about mission and am grateful for learning about the biblical languages. I look forward with faith and expectancy for where God is leading me next in my own discipleship and calling to serve him.



**Jenny Bridgeman**

I have never laughed or cried so much as during my three years at Trinity. I've learned so much about life, ministry and myself. I've made some amazing friendships and even found time to get married! And underpinning everything has been the unfailing faithfulness of God. I look forward to serving him and his people for many years to come.



**Jim Caldwell**

In every respect I've had an awesome year at Trinity. From pastoral group to lectures through to life in Carter I have had a fantastic time. I've met some terrific people and made many life-long friends. This September I will begin ordination training at Trinity College Dublin and the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.



**Leighton Carr**

*Trinity.* Lots of laughs. Lots of passion. Thanks.  
*The future?* All I know is that God knows.  
*The hope?* A passionate, funky, creative mission on the margins.  
*Church for the Unchurched.* With God the friend of the Godless.  
*Something to die for.*



**David Carrington**

The brain has been stretched, the heart strengthened and the soul inspired. Now it's off to a curacy in the succinctly-titled St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey with St Mary's Hennock. On the edge of the Dartmoor National Park, the parishes offer scenic beauty, and the challenges of both town and rural ministry.



**Ian Cook**

Roo, Joseph, Leonie, Theo and myself will miss Trinity and Bristol, mainly because of the great people we have met and friends we have made in and out of college. Fond memories include: The Prince of Wales Theological Reflection Centre, football, volleyball and Connect. Only complaint – there should be more rugby! We are off to curacy at St Jude's, Plymouth, so please come and stay.



**Kenneth Cross**

After two formative years as a weekly traveller to Trinity, I insisted that a third year was necessary! It has been a deepening time in all kinds of ways and I thank God for it. My title is to be served at St Michael the Archangel, a single parish in Alcombe (near Minehead). I take with me many fond memories.



**Dan Currie**

Thank you Trinity for the laughs, lectures and lovely food. My dreams of winning the table-tennis tournament and context beating the college football team are dashed but I leave better equipped for ...oh, ministry! Context has been a pleasure. You guys are the BEST.



**Dave Ducker**

Our time at Trinity has been a journey! We are thankful for family time, friends and the opportunity to read lots of books. We remain committed to Bristol and look forward to helping establish missional communities here. I will be tentmaking as a Primary School teacher and we will be living in Easton.



**Joyce Ducker**  
I came to Trinity to study for the Certificate in Christian Ministry. Coming to Trinity was a real step of faith; it has been a great experience and though studying has been a challenge I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I am waiting and trusting on the Lord for guidance on how I can serve him in my future ministry.



**Chris Elms**  
I will return to the savage north-west where wild men run down at you from the mountains. Please pray that I am not rejected by my clan for having taken on the southern manner. I shall tend my racing pigeons, and may acquire a whippet and flat cap to assist my reintegration into the culture. Follow my plight at [www.penningtonchurch.com](http://www.penningtonchurch.com) (Christ Church Pennington, Manchester).



**Linda Fletcher**  
Our time in Bristol has been challenging and faith-affirming. We have felt cared for by God and the Trinity community. My son Arun settled into Trinity's nursery in year 1 and into school in year 2. After a year being college-based, I switched to the J18 context. I will be a curate at St John the Evangelist, Coulsdon, Surrey.



**Catherine Gillham**  
I have absolutely loved my time at Trinity – it has been such a time of fun and learning, of sharing joys and sorrows of life with wonderful people and realising daily what a privilege it is to love and serve Jesus. I am heading off to St Marks, Kempshott (near Basingstoke) with trepidation and anticipation in equal measure!



**Bruce Goodwin**  
Highlights of two years at Trinity: meeting great people, friendships, excellent tutors, stimulating lectures, seminars, and discussions, growing spiritually through worship and prayer, playing football with the Trinity Tigers and finally ...winning the table tennis competition! My ordination is in June and I will be Assistant Curate in Thornbury in South Gloucestershire.



**Tom Handy**  
After a startlingly brief two years in Bristol I'm journeying back to my homeland of deep dark Somerset to the parish of Shepton Mallet. I have really enjoyed living and working in Shirehampton and being part of the wonderful college community. It feels like leaving one home for another.



**Ian Harvey**  
G'day. Three bonzer\* years of life, fun and formation at Trinity are now over, but the study isn't. Believe it or not I'm staying a few more years rather than returning to Australia. I'm undertaking a curacy in Barrow-in-Furness within the South Barrow Team Ministry. Please pray that Felicity and I are quickly accepted into the community and that my ministry with the people of Barrow has a positive impact on them. [\*Bonzer: Australian slang term, an expression of approval or one used as a generally positive reaction, remarkable or wonderful.]



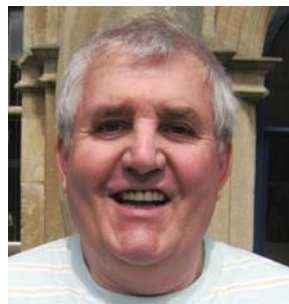
**Simon Be Bin Htu**  
God called me from a small village to serve him with my whole heart. I had never dreamed I would study at Trinity College Bristol. I do believe that God wants me to upgrade my theological education for the benefit of the Anglican Church of Myanmar. Now, I'm serving at Holy Cross Theological College, Yangon, Myanmar training young people to equip pastors and evangelists for the growing number of Christians throughout Myanmar. Please pray for us.



**Liz Hassall**  
Trinity has been a great place to learn, make friends and do the most bizarre things in the name of training for ministry. The arrival of Toby last summer made it even more rewarding. After three years exile in the south, we are off to Yorkshire for a seaside curacy (The Headland Benefice, North Yorkshire). I hope there will be room for all the books.



**Lisa Hitchen**  
I've been part of the ICP context group based at the Easton Christian Family Centre for both years. I've been involved in many of the groups and activities within the church. I'm moving to St Luke's parish, Brinnington in Stockport. St Luke's is in an UPA and has strong links to the community through activities run in the church and church hall.



**Michael Jarman**  
I came to Trinity in 2007 as an independent student. I was however recommended at Selection Conference in June 2008 and returned to Trinity to complete a Diploma Course, as an ordinand of the Church in Wales. I will be serving my curacy in the Diocese of Monmouth, in the village of Caerleon, which is the site of the ancient Roman settlement of Isca Silurum.



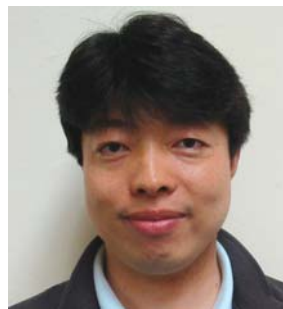
**Ian Jennings**  
I will be going to serve my title in the north of Worcester Diocese, who sent me; I will work in St Peter's Pedmore, Stourbridge. Sue and I were privileged to help arrange the marriage weekend. We will greatly miss the stimulus of studying at Trinity, and the friends made.



**Adrian Jones**  
Trinity highlights: finding God already there when we arrived for mission; learning to eat for the parish on placement; and (strangely) an essay on Exodus 1-18. My travelling companions have been warm, generous, loving, funny, supportive, challenging and inspiring. I'm now headed back to work in Bath, in a curacy at All Saints Weston.



**Chang Kyu Kim**  
Sora and I are very grateful to God for our time at Trinity. We have received support and love all the time, especially during tough times (my father passed away in 2007). Trinity has been a part of my life for a long time of theological studies. Thanks to all faculty and staff. We are nearly ready to go and teach at Msalato Theological College in Tanzania next year.



**Youngjong Kim**  
I was very happy at Trinity. Even though I and my family met many difficulties as foreigners, it was really my privilege to study here. I will never forget the time here. Many thanks to the perfect faculty and fantastic staff. God bless you. Thank you.



**Simon Larkin**  
High points from Trinity: working as a team in context and seeing lives changed, getting deeper into the Bible, Pastoral Group quiet days on boats, getting fit, banter, sharing a study room with some great guys and theological reflection in the pub. Low points: not always getting a space on table 4 at lunch. Next: excited about starting a curacy at St Barnabas Church in Kensington, London.



**Sam Woo Lee**  
I am very sad to be saying goodbye but I leave with many happy memories of my time at Trinity. I am sure these memories will make me happy whenever I think about the UK. Lastly I would like to say to everyone 'I love you in Jesus Christ.'



**Gabby Llewelyn**  
I came to Trinity last September when I had just turned 60! It has been a great year; I have loved being a student again – the academic side especially challenged me! After ordination in December, I shall be an NSM at St Thomas Fair Oak and be part of the Chaplaincy at Winchester Prison.



**Caleb Loan**  
I am an ordained minister from the Anglican Church of Tanzania (1993) and I am ministering at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. I have found Trinity to be a spiritual centre where the community and the staff are very committed to God's mission. The staff have special concern for the international students. I have enjoyed being here and during my stay I have felt at home. My future ministry will be teaching at our diocesan theological college (Msalato Theological College) and ministering in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, probably as assistant lecturer at St John University.



**Tanya Lord**  
God has taken my family on an amazing journey over the last ten years since we came to faith. The last two at Trinity have gone in a blur of fun, friendship and serious study for us all, Glenn with cookery books and Mary with instruction manuals, having realised that clothes don't wash themselves! We look forward to serving the Lord at St Matt's and Nat's, Kingsdown, Bristol.



**Chris Martin**  
Trinity has been an amazing community to be part of. Here I have met some of the finest people I have ever known and have properly discovered that God is GOOD! I'm looking forward to joining a ministry team in rural Norfolk that seeks to sustain and grow the 'inherited' churches alongside developing fresh expressions of church appropriate to a changing context.



**Olly Mears**  
Hannah and I will be moving to Cornwall where we will be serving a joint curacy in St Austell. I'm really excited about the prospect of seeing God at work in a diverse parish in a beautiful part of the world. Trinity's been a brilliant time. I'm leaving somewhat quieter, hopefully more thoughtful, with a wife and a lot of meaty theology.



**Jo Northey**  
It's been a crazy two years really, a whirl of study, friendships and fun. I certainly didn't expect on arrival as a single student two years ago that by the time I left I would be both married and very pregnant! Ed and I are really looking forward to our move down the road to Christchurch Swindon, being parents and for Ed to start his training at Wycliffe. Thank you for an amazing two years!



**Ngozi Njoku**  
Trinity is where intellectuality and spirituality meet. I say to people that 'coming to Trinity' has been one of the best decisions I have made in my life. It has been two years of excitements irrespective of the difficult moments I faced at the beginning of my training. I am being released from the Diocese in Europe and I am going to serve my title in St Albans Diocese, at St Mary the Virgin Goldington, Bedford. My incumbent is Trinity trained and has some exciting plans for the church so we feel excited about what God is about to do. I know God hasn't done with me yet, so I will be in touch with Trinity through the new open learning programme that is emerging. Thanks to Trinity staff for their vision.



**Paul Oxley**

When Laura and I moved to Bristol, the phrase 'credit crunch' didn't exist, and Top of the Pops was still on TV. Other than these two things changing for the worse, we've loved our time at Trinity. We're looking forward to getting stuck into a really exciting curacy in Sunbury, south-west London.



**Jungmin Park**

It was a great chance for me to study at this college. I've learned many things and met some good friends. Especially, I deeply appreciate members of my Pastoral Group. I will never forget all things that I have experienced here. Bless you all and this college.



**Dave Poultney**

I have had two challenging, inspirational and fun years at Trinity. I have been fortunate enough to make many life-long friends and Tuesday nights in the Prince of Wales were really special times. Together with my wonderful wife Ann and our two delightful children Hannah and Rebekah we are off to serve at St Hugh's, Lewsey, Luton.



**Jimin Rhee**

I have had such a nice time at Trinity, except the time has passed too quickly. I thank God that I could spend time here, and have wonderful friends, teachers, and staff. Trinity College is wonderful place for learning theology and various things! I thank everybody in this college and I wish them much blessed in God. am going back to Korea in this summer.



**Suzanne Skepper**

I have made great friends, been challenged and stretched and hopefully grown! I have gone up and down the motorway more times than I can remember, have enjoyed Henry's fab meals. Now I am off to be challenged and stretched and hopefully to grow with another set of great people (at Holy Trinity Longlevens, Gloucester).



**Jude Smith**

I'm really excited about heading to Leeds as a curate (Beeston Team, Cottingley) and pioneer minister in a poor urban area. Trinity has taken my raw dream of ministry among the poor and fleshed it out with some amazing friends, a robust theological framework and not a small amount of determination.



**Becky Stoneman**

I arrived at Trinity three years ago, for a year, and had no idea why. I have had an amazing time here, growing up more than anyone expected me to ... and then growing-down a bit! I will be moving on to live in Sheffield where I will be working on an Eden team, hopefully balancing voluntary youth work with a secular job.



**Alan Walden**

God has profoundly shaped and moulded me at Trinity. I have been enthused learning more about Jesus, enriched by prayer and worship, supported by wonderful friends, battered by bereavement and have rejoiced in the birth of Katherine. I look forward to serving Christ in my curacy amongst the lovely people of Frimley, Surrey.



**Jiawei Wang**

Praise God for giving me this precious opportunity for studying and living at Trinity College for one year. It's really a beautiful and quiet place for reading, studying and meeting many kind and lovely brothers and sisters in Christ. My deep gratitude goes to all faculty members for their wonderful teaching and hard work. Many thanks for all staff here providing us with delicious food and a beautiful environment. May God bless Trinity abundantly in the future! (Jiawei has returned to her teaching post at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary in China.)



**Philippa Wetherell**

I will be starting a curacy at St Mary the Virgin, West Derby, Liverpool. I am looking forward to settling into my new parish and am hoping to do some school chaplaincy as well. I am going armed with a lot of enthusiasm and a copy of Learn Yourself Scouse.



**Patrick Wheaton**

Louise, Evie, Noah and I will be leaving Trinity College, and our home in Cheltenham, for the rural heartlands of West Oxfordshire. I am joining the Shill Valley and Broadshire Benefice. We are all tremendously excited about the move and our future ministry there, and will look back with grateful hearts for our training at Trinity.



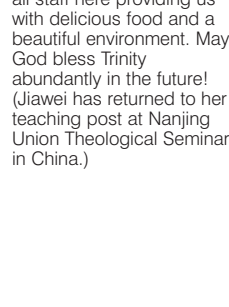
**Mike Wilkins**

Sofia and I have loved Trinity and made some fantastic friends here. I've especially enjoyed: party-planning for the social committee; scoring a solitary goal for Trinity Tigers; the pub after evening lectures; Emmaus Pastoral Group; loads of table-tennis; having friends over for dinner; and (of course) studying. We're really excited about moving to Bath to serve at St Swithin's, Walcot.



**Kate Woolven**

Life has been full of contrasts over the last two years. It's been a privilege to learn from such excellent tutors, but living a double life between Trinity and Lee Abbey has presented challenges. After ordination I will return to Lee Abbey to work as one of the chaplains for a year, and then we will move on to a curacy as yet unknown...



**Tom Yacomini**

We've had a great couple of years at Trinity. I'm leaving a stone heavier than when I arrived, having enjoyed a tasty recipe of fantastic friends, fun footy, fabulous food and fine feellology. Mims, Reuben, Ethan and I are going to St. Paul's in Weston-super-Mare and we're really looking forward to ministering in this growing seaside town. If you fancy the best chips in the west country and a go on the donkeys, do drop in and see us!

**This was written by our final-year students in June 2009 as they were preparing to leave**



## Open Learning steams ahead



In the last issue we reported on the launch of Open Learning at Trinity, a programme being developed with ICES (Interactive Christian Education Studies) to help resource local churches by offering self-study courses backed up with teaching in local groups. We are also working to develop online courses.

Dr David Ball is head of the programme, with Revd Dr Mike Butterworth, who developed the ICES courses, as consultant. ICES will merge fully with Trinity at the end of the year.

### New groups starting

We held three taster sessions recently, aimed at prospective students and tutors, in Bristol, Malmesbury (where Trinity alumnus Lee Barnes has just started as curate of Malmesbury Abbey) and Weston-super-Mare. The response was good (over 40 people turned up in Malmesbury), and we expect to start at least four new groups, two in Bristol, one in Weston and one in Malmesbury. One Bristol group will be led by Trinity graduate Gilbert Wong, who has recently returned from Singapore to lead the Chinese Church in Bristol.

### Established groups continuing

There are already 13 existing ICES groups, some of which have been going for many years.

In Aylesbury five churches and three denominations supply members to Mike Butterworth's two groups studying The Pentateuch and Historical Books of the Old Testament (revised). There is also an experimental group for extra-busy people meeting weekly but doing one session instead of four.

In the Bedford area four people have completed six modules. Of these Richard Janes has become a tutor, enrolling eight new students to study Synoptic Gospels and Acts and also to pilot-test the online materials. Another member of that group, Peter Kay, has just become a student at Trinity.

One group is going to do the short course 'Snapshots on the Life of Christ' as a Lent course; it will also serve as an introduction to Open Learning

**Would your church (or local Christians) be interested in starting an Open Learning course? If so, please get in touch with David Ball at Trinity: [openlearning@trinity-bris.ac.uk](mailto:openlearning@trinity-bris.ac.uk). To find out more, go to the Trinity website.**

“ I have been tutoring ICES for 17 years and groups have always been a marvellous mixture of people: potential ordinands and readers as well as priests and practising readers, lay people of all descriptions, graduates and those who felt failures at school, ages ranging from 18 to 84. They come from many different churches and have a wide variety of theological viewpoints. I have an experienced counsellor on tap for anyone in particular need, and a couple who are our prayer supporters.



ICES really serves the church well because people leave as mature Christians who know their Bibles well, Old and New Testaments, and go on to a variety of ministries: in hospitals, prisons, care homes, teachers in their own churches, leaders of Alpha and other courses, ordination, readerships, and, of course, in their places of work where they can explain things biblical when they come under fire - such as Genesis and evolution with Darwin in the news at the moment.

This is the most deeply satisfying work I have ever done and brings together my previous experience as teacher, counsellor and student of ICES. In fact, it was studying the ICES course that made me realise the Lord was calling me to do this work.”

*Gay Carpenter, Kimpton, Hertfordshire; she has two groups studying the Letters of Paul*



“ At Malmesbury Abbey, the Christian community is committed to life-long learning as a core tenet in following Jesus. We believe that it is vital that we grow as individuals and as a community in our maturity as disciples. There are different ways in which to enable the gifts God has given to individuals to

be exercised in the building up of the church. There are also different ways in which individuals can grow in their understanding and in their personal relationship with God. We, at the Abbey, feel that the Open Learning course through Trinity College is a significant way for people to deepen their understanding of the Bible and, subsequently, be drawn closer to the Trinitarian God. This echoes our vision at the Abbey for our community to not only learn more about God but also live out the truth of that learning in their everyday lives. It is our hope that Open Learning will contribute to that vision.”

*Lee Barnes, Curate, Malmesbury Abbey; a course is starting there in the new year.*



# An Egyptian mystery in Jerusalem



John Bimson

Since the late nineteenth century an extraordinary variety of Egyptian items have come to light from a small area north of Jerusalem's Damascus Gate. These include: a stone fragment bearing Egyptian hieroglyphs; two Egyptian alabaster vessels; a stone slab carved in the form of an Egyptian offering table; an Egyptian-style column capital; a 3-inch high Egyptian statuette fragment; a large scarab; a figurine of a type normally placed in Egyptian burials; and part of an impressive statue of a woman, probably Egyptian royalty.

In terms of biblical history, these items would seem to come from a time about 200 years before David. That's if you follow the conventional Egyptian chronology. There is an alternative (and very controversial) chronology of Egypt which would put them about 250 years later, around the time of Solomon.

What do all these items tell us about Jerusalem at the time? Why this Egyptian interest in a relatively small and out-of-the-way place? In the alternative chronology, could they have anything to do with the palace built by Solomon for the Egyptian princess he married (1 Kings 9:16 and 24)? Or did an Egyptian nobleman just fancy a summer residence with a nice view?

In August these questions took eight intrigued scholars (two of us from the UK, the rest from Germany) to

Jerusalem to investigate. Several of the items I've listed had turned up in the grounds of the École Biblique et Archéologique Française and the adjacent monastery, so with the generous permission of the French monks we carried out a surface-survey there, turning over the top 10 cms of soil. We also searched several ancient tombs that stand in the grounds (see photo) and had fun pretending to be Indiana Jones.



Unfortunately no new Egyptian finds turned up (just bucketloads of Byzantine pottery), and we didn't throw any fresh light on the mystery. But archaeologists are used to failure – after all, their careers are permanently in ruins. In fact we came away with far more questions than answers. That, and the many fine eating places we discovered in the Old City, provide good reasons to go back. So, as they say, next year in Jerusalem.... Watch this space.

John Bimson

## Staff changes

Bishop **Roger Sainbsury**, who has been helping to lead a Pastoral Group, left us this term (see page 14).



For the first time we have a Chaplain for International Students, Revd Dr **Yong Ho Jeon** from South Korea, who joins us for a year as Junior Research Fellow. He has recently been awarded his PhD through Trinity on the portrayal of Solomon in Kings and Chronicles. He studied philosophy at Seoul National University and was ordained

in the Presbyterian Church of Korea; he is also pastor of the Korean Church in Reading.

At the end of last term we said goodbye to **Alan Crosse**, who retired from running our finance office for nearly 12 years. He and his wife Jenny have moved to near Reading to be close to family. In his place we welcomed as Finance Director Mrs **Hilary Phillips**, who came from Price Waterhouse Coopers.



*Andrew Lucas (Executive Director) writes:* 'The finance and accounting function in any organization calls for people of integrity, scrupulousness, consistency and loyalty. We are grateful to God for calling Alan Crosse to this role and for our

partnership in this ministry over so many years. In fact, Alan brought more. He had previously been a senior manager with SWEB and had overseen a £5m project to streamline distribution systems. With a much smaller budget, he must take the credit for moving us out of the manual accounting era into the computerized age.

'Anyone who works close to accounts knows that at certain points of the year you have to work long hours, often late into the night, to meet deadlines. Alan did this, when necessary, with such grace, and for that many of us are immensely grateful to him and Jenny. We wish them both a very happy and fulfilled retirement!'



We also said goodbye to our caretaker **Mike Sijanczuk** and his wife **Joy**, who worked in the nursery and college. **Dave Snell** has taken over from Mike, while continuing as Groundsman.

*Andrew Lucas writes:* 'Mike and Joy came from Nottingham nine years ago and have returned there to be close to their wider family. With Mike as caretaker and Joy as nursery cook, Trinity has literally been their home these last years and their two daughters, Rosey and Steph, have grown up here through their secondary school years. They've not just taken care of the premises; they've taken care of the people too and many, especially students living on site, British and international, have experienced their friendship and kindness. We wish them all much joy back in their original home.'



## Research at Trinity



Some of our researchers and staff at their Induction Day in September. Left-right: Gordon Wenham (Trinity faculty), Doug Holm, Ken Stewart (Baptist College faculty), Sam Edwards, Marcus Bagg, Jon Swales, David Beldman, Daehoon Kang, AJ Culp, David Gray, Greg Wagenfuhr, Joshua Rutere, John Corrie (Trinity faculty), Yongbom Lee, David Thomas, Clare Brown, Sian Murray Williams (Baptist College faculty), Hae Saeng Kwon, Eeva John (Trinity Academic Registrar)

We have 62 students working for the research degrees of MPhil, MLitt or PhD. Most are full-time students; 27 are doing their research part time, scattered around the world. Current research students (resident and non-resident) are from Canada, Germany, India, Kenya, Moldova, South Korea, Spain, UK and USA. Their research covers a wide variety of topics, including (to select just three) Deuteronomy and the role of memory for community formation, the role of theophany in the portrayal of the incarnation in Mark and John, and exploring ministry with the dying and bereaved and its place within the wider mission of the church.

### New Director of Research

John Nolland has been given the new role Director of Research, in order to build up the research side of Trinity's life.

*He writes:* 'We have strong foundations, with a large number of research students for an institution of our size. So what can we strengthen? I will mention two areas. First there is fostering the community of research at Trinity. Researchers work on individual projects and it can be a long and lonely journey to the goal. Our research seminar brings research students together, but it would be good to provide more that links research students to each other and more firmly to the faculty. How can we support each other and our students better in research? A summer school that draws together some of our part-time research students working at a distance is a possibility that we are exploring. Second there is the vision of developing a set of research focuses that channel research into areas that make a real difference in connection with mission vision of Trinity. We would like to attract research students and post-doctoral students to Trinity on the basis of worked out research priorities. What are the topics that are crying out for attention and will support the mission of the church?'



### Latest awards gained: congratulations!

We congratulate the latest four students to gain Bristol University research degrees through Trinity: Craig Smith (PhD on identifying chiasm by design in the New Testament), Brian Howell (PhD on the 'eyes of God' – the language of divine perception), Chang Kyu Kim (PhD on the doctrine of salvation of the German Reformation theologian and Anabaptist leader Balthasar Hubmaier), and Thomas Gudbergesen (MPhil on the creation stories in Genesis).

'The reason that I have studied theology for PhD at Trinity is to serve and help those in need for theological training,' writes Chang Kyu. 'As I was granted a PhD in October, I am going to work as a tutor at Msalato Theological College in Tanzania, where I used to teach. My wife, Sora, who took her MA from Trinity (2006), will also teach there. We hope we can start to teach at Msalato from September 2010. Please, pray for us.' (Chang Kyu and Sora are in the photo above right.)

### Postgraduate Induction Day

Each year the Postgraduate Office organizes an induction day for all postgraduate research students. We aim to foster relationships between students and faculty/staff, as well as between students themselves. We also present the basic requirements of the programme and offer returning students the opportunity to present and reflect on their experience. In addition, the day enables us to inform students of the resources that are at their disposal, which includes advertising our fortnightly postgraduate seminars. Finally, it is a day to have fun together!

This year we went to Chewton Keynsham Parish Church on 11 September, and spent a lovely day presenting and sharing. Twenty students, faculty, and staff attended. The morning started out with worship and continued with presentations about the balance between faith and research and life as a postgraduate student. We ate lunch outside and enjoyed a warm and sunny afternoon. After our sandwiches, we had a presentation on electronic resources which was very helpful for all students. Later we talked about expectations and regulations of the programme and finished off with a discussion on how to write a thesis. Our day ended in prayer.

**Diana Lee**, Postgraduate Programmes Administrator



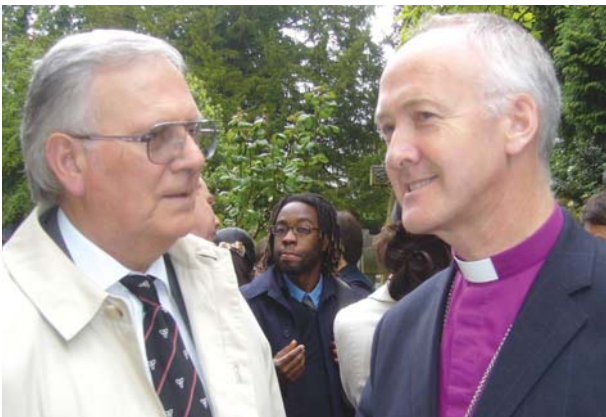
# Alumni news



Anne Quilliam in Carey Lounge during the summer celebration. She was on the staff of Dalton House in the 1960s.

We were delighted with the response to the 2009 summer celebrations, **Church with a Future and a Hope**, when many former students and staff returned to hear Eddie Gibbs and George Carey speak. Over the three days we joined in worship, heard stimulating talks, enjoyed a garden party in the sunshine, and had two simple naming ceremonies. The recently purchased house next to the college is now 'Henry Martyn House' after the pioneer missionary and Bible translator in India and Persia (Iran) and will be used for our visiting World Church Fellows (see front page and page 6). The front lounge was rechristened Carey Lounge to honour Lord Carey, and also to remember that other pioneer missionary and Bible translator, William Carey.

We hope to see you at next year's **AGM on 17 June** during our summer celebration, **Truth with a Mission (15 - 17 June 2010)**. We have an interesting programme lined up over three days (see back page), when we feature the vital topic of Apologetics with the



Right Revd **Nick Baines**, Bishop of Croydon and Trinity graduate (1987), after our 2009 Valedictory Service with his former tutor, Revd Gervais Angel.

help of Revd Professor Alister McGrath, Revd Dr John Drane and his wife Revd Olive Fleming Drane. There is a booking form enclosed with this newsletter, or find it online on the Alumni pages (accessible from the home page).



Bishop **Roger Sainsbury** left Clifton as a student in 1959, and left us again in 2009 from his role as Pastoral Group tutor. (He is in the photo during 'Church with a Future' with his wife Jenny and Horace Busk (Clifton 1960.) In his various farewells from students and staff he told us that his student job was 'head gardener'; he and about six others planted the beech hedge that is now about 20 feet high. He spoke appreciatively of the 'tremendous friendship' he had experienced at Trinity from staff and faculty. He encouraged present students to think seriously about ministry in urban priority or tough parishes. All his ministry had been spent in these parishes and it had greatly enriched his understanding of the Gospel. His favourite part of the Bible, he said, was Luke 15 which clearly illustrates Jesus' friendship with 'sinners', meaning 'outsiders'.

Revd **Steven Faux** (2007) is now the part-time curate working with Revd **Martin Lloyd Williams** (1993) at St Michael's Broad Street, Bath. Steven is also a part-time TV and film composer, and in a fusion of both callings this Advent sees the launch of his Psalms Project CD, originally recorded earlier this year at Abbey Road Studios with the Cool Orchestra of Hollywood feature film fame. Two live performances will take place at St Michael's in November in an exciting multimedia event combining the CD with live performances and film visuals. Proceeds to charities supported by St Michael's. See [www.stmichaelsbath.org.uk/index.phtml](http://www.stmichaelsbath.org.uk/index.phtml)

Revd **Michael Perry** (1999) came to lead a Gospel in Action session with David Hughes of A Rocha UK during this year's Green Week in October. He explained the work his church had undertaken in creating an allotment scheme on church land for the community in Queen Camel, Somerset; the scheme won a Church Times Green Church Award in 2007. We hold Gospel in Action sessions several times a year, to look at practical mission projects around the world.



### Farid and América Lozada

visited us recently. Farid, a Colombian, became a Christian on the streets of Madrid through an open-air evangelist. He was encouraged to study at Trinity in the 1980s by an Open Air Campaigners team and met América, who is from Peru, in

England. They are now in Colombia, working in evangelism, church-planting and leadership training, as well as in social projects, which include help for those affected by the violence in the country. Their current project is to help the 3,000-strong fishing community on the island of Tierra Bomba who live in extreme poverty.



**John Fenwick**, lecturer in Christian Worship from 1980 to 1987, has become a bishop in the Free Church of England. The FCE parted from the Established Church in the mid-nineteenth century to maintain a more Evangelical position in the face of the Oxford Movement. Its structures and liturgies are all unmistakably

Anglican. He writes: 'In addition to caring for the churches of my diocese, I am involved in exploring the way forward for doctrinally orthodox Anglicans through the post-GAFCON Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans.'

### Establishing a strategic building fund

*George Kovoov writes:*

I am thrilled that the work on Henry Martyn House (3 Bishops Close) will be completed by the end of November. It is a beautiful house with five en-suite bedrooms and it will be a wonderful place to receive our World Church Fellows.

This house, which will bring together faithful servants of the church worldwide, has been made possible by your generous and sacrificial giving. It will be a huge asset to the work and ministry of the college. Through it I have begun to recognize the value of strategic investment in appropriate buildings.

For this reason, I am launching an initiative to build up a fund to invest strategically in developing our ministry through plant and buildings. There are many potential strategic opportunities, such as:

- our need for a new library to house our expanding collection and provide a wider learning resource
- more teaching space
- a new chapel for greater numbers of people

If you would like to be one of the founding donors to this new fund please address your gift to:

The Executive Director, Trinity College, Stoke Hill, Bristol BS9 1JP.

Cheques should be made payable to Trinity College (Bristol) Ltd. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation or arrange a Standing Order details are also available from this address)

**We would like to hear from you! Please send your news to the Editor, [newsletter@trinity-bris.ac.uk](mailto:newsletter@trinity-bris.ac.uk). You can send emails direct from the website; go to the Alumni pages from the home page.**

## News in brief

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### Trinity's tutors honoured

Revd Dr John Nolland, former Vice-Principal and now Academic Dean and Director of Research, has been awarded the title Visiting Professor by Bristol University in acknowledgement of his many years' service in teaching, administration, research and writing. Revd Dr David Wenham, Vice-Principal, has been awarded the title Research Fellow.



The awards were announced in June at Trinity's Valedictory Service in St Mary's Church, Stoke Bishop by Professor Gavin D'Costa of the University's Department of Theology and Religious Studies. He paid tribute to Trinity's 'incredible standards'. 'It is an awesome honour for the college', said George Kovoov.

### Accommodation building refurbished



A refurbishment programme was carried out over the summer in the Carter building, our on-campus accommodation for single students and weekly commuters. The aim was to make the accommodation more comfortable by providing additional private space accessible to residents only, refitting the kitchen, and improving the sound-proofing.

The Carter building has 40 rooms for single students and those who need to live in college in the week but return home at weekends. It was named in honour of Charles Sydney Carter (1876-1963), a former principal of Clifton Theological College, which originally occupied Trinity's site.

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## Truth with a Mission

15 - 17 June 2010

The challenges of relating the gospel to aspects of today's western culture: how can we speak about truth with integrity? How should we respond to the 'new atheism'? What should be the church's mission in a 'post-Christendom' world? What will incarnational mission involve?

Our speakers are eminently qualified to address these issues from their many years of writing and engagement with the relationship between gospel and culture:

**Alister McGrath** is Professor of Theology, Ministry and Education, and Head of the Centre for Theology, Religion and Culture at King's College, London.

**John Drane** is a biblical scholar and minister who writes and speaks on modern culture, spirituality and mission.

**Olive Fleming Drane**, his wife, is a theologian and minister who writes and leads workshops on faith-sharing, spirituality, creative worship, visual arts, clowning ministry and dance

### Provisional Programme:

**Tues 15 June with Alister McGrath**, from 9.30am  
Alister will speak at a morning and an afternoon session on 'The God Delusion? Engaging the 'new atheism' and 'The Joy of Faith: reconnecting the gospel and our culture'

**Wed 16 and Thu 17 June with John and Olive Drane**, from 9.30am

John will speak on Wednesday morning on 'Post-Christendom Mission' and in the afternoon he and Olive will be leading workshops, along with others, on aspects of gospel and culture. In the evening John will give a public lecture on 'Down to Earth Mission'. On Thursday morning they will speak on 'Mission, spirituality and lifestyle'.

The event will finish on the Thursday after lunch.

With a Garden Party on the Tuesday afternoon, a special student presentation on engaging contemporary western culture, the AGM for Trinity Alumni on Thursday morning, and many opportunities to connect with students past and present, this event will be the highlight of Trinity's year...

### Registration:

*For each day's programme:*

Tuesday and Wednesday: £10 per day for Trinity alumni; £15 for others (includes lunch and supper)

Thursday: £5 if staying for lunch.

Overnight accommodation: £15 per night per person B and B

Early booking recommended!

Please fill in the enclosed form (also available online)

## News in brief

### Green Week

In October we held a Green Week when students and staff gave thanks for the world God placed us in, explored the theology of creation care and better understood our responsibility of stewardship of the earth. We did this both through our regular activities and with additional events: publicity for environmental charities, a floral display-with-a-message in reception, and relaunching Chooseday, a Bristol-wide initiative, to encourage people to travel on Tuesdays by means other than car.



We welcomed David Hughes from A Rocha who spoke in our Gospel in Action session entitled 'How many Christians does it take to rescue the planet? - why climate change is an opportunity for the church', and giving us some information on A Rocha's eco-congregation project which provides tools for greening a church. He was helped by Revd Michael Perry (see page 14).

'Many students commented on how positive the week had been for them, and have said how they have been inspired to reflect further on appropriate responses,' said Jonathan Thomas, part of the student team organizing the week.



*Theresa Lowe introduces the six Woodbridge villages' first community choir which she had trained. They sang Graham Kendrick's 'Crown Him' as part of a mission week in Trinity's rural context.*