



Photos: Lesley Hewish

'What touched me most was seeing Christians from all over the world with different colours, languages, nationalities walking together the road from Bethphage to Jerusalem. I was so excited and full of joy':

Veronica Vesethe (small photo), an ordinand from the Solomon Islands, was one of the students who joined our 10-day pilgrimage and study tour of the Holy Land, ending in Jerusalem at Easter when the group joined in the Good Friday procession from the Mount of Olives. Main photo: Dr Gordon Wenham (front) who led the tour, and Peter Turnill (second-year student) at Qumran.

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News

Outreach to university freshers



One of our Pastoral Groups has been involved in outreach to Bristol University students on the Downs during freshers' week; Trinity is very near to several of the halls of residence. Jeanette Sears, the group tutor, writes: 'Not only did we bless the students with over 1,000 bottles of water, teas, coffees and lots of cake and croissants (and maps!), but we had quite a few good conversations about worshipping locally. Lots of students asked why we were doing it and so we were able to say that the local churches wanted to welcome them to Bristol, which got the response "Cool!", "Awesome!", and "Brilliant!" It was a good witness to be doing this with the Baptist church so they could see we were united. We gave away adverts for Café Worship [a Trinity initiative to help St Mary's Church, Stoke Bishop] when actually in conversation with people rather than just randomly. Our students were very impressive in their energy and dedication. It's been a great start!' *In the photo: student Tae-Seung Lee from Korea used a Jesus puppet to start conversations.*

Chairman of Council honoured

Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali and his wife Valerie paid a visit to Trinity in June to mark the bishop's retirement after 12 years as chairman of the college Council. Bishop Michael gave a public lecture entitled 'The Unique and Universal Christ'. At a dinner afterwards, attended by Council members and faculty, he was presented with a cheque and some Bristol blue glass with the Trinity logo on it (in the photo).



Tony Miles, a Bristol lawyer, has now succeeded Bishop Michael as chairman of the Council; the vice-chair is Julie Jones, Diocesan Secretary and Chief Executive of the Diocese of Lichfield. Two new Trustees, elected by Association members, are Revd Charlie Cleverly and Revd Ian Silk, Trinity alumni (see page 14).

Overseas mission

In February a team of four will visit Petra High School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe for a week at the invitation of the chaplain, Revd Christopher Hingley, taking part in assemblies, classes, discussion groups, etc. He writes: 'I believe that the value of the mission will be in bringing hope through the truth of the sovereignty of God, as revealed in the cross and resurrection, to a community that has been severely traumatised through ten years of political oppression and economic collapse. Our staff, students and families are bewildered and sometimes near despair as they struggle to know where to find hope in a situation that continues to deteriorate.'

In April some of the BS10 context group will be in Uganda visiting Mukono Christian University and shadowing parish priests to gain insight into the life of church ministers in a very different context.

Some of the J18 context group visited Bishop Gwynne Theological College, Southern Sudan at Easter. We are working on ways to maintain the link with the college.

Postgraduates' success

We have 58 students registered in our postgraduate programmes, some based at college and some based elsewhere in Britain or abroad. It is always good to celebrate the successes of our postgraduate students who complete their PhDs. So congratulations are due to Yongbom Lee, Abraham Oh and Keith Krell who gained their PhDs this summer. Jenny Bridgman gained her MPhil. Daniel Lowery and Gerry Schoberg will be having their PhD vivas very soon, and Azariah France-Williams is submitting his MPhil. From January 2011 Revd Dr Knut Heim (see page 6) will take over from Revd Dr John Corrie as Director of Postgraduate Research.

Part-time course grows

Our part-time Certificate in Theology course has now started its second year with 34 new students, of whom 28, including 11 future Ordained Local Ministers and Licensed Lay Ministers in the Diocese of Bristol, are studying through the evening course, and six are studying in the daytime. There are also 31 students in the second year of the course. In June we held a part-timers' residential summer school at Trinity which included a quiet day led by Revd John Samways, teaching on the early church by Revd Dr Nigel Scotland and a talk from Revd David Powe on his work as a prison chaplain in Bristol.

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Principal's letter

Leadership and the Management of Influence

As the principal of Trinity College Bristol and someone who is involved with others in the shaping and training of leaders around the world, I am acutely aware of the potential of leadership to bring about significant positive change in their context and further afield. Leaders are strategic people who offer vision, direction and purpose to the organisation or communities they serve. They are people who make a difference by adding value in a variety of ways. They invest in their personal effectiveness, committed to the development of their colleagues, intent on growing the capital assets they control. Leaders inspire a following and have a wonderful capacity to identify possible resources. They seem to know how to mobilise people, money and other resources for the realisation of their vision.

Great leaders build great teams and surround themselves with highly competent people. Such leaders inspire, influence and shape people's ideas, opinions and behaviour. Leaders who are strategic know that they can make a difference in society by harnessing a range of resources within their leadership toolkit. Many leaders would be far more impactful if they recognised that they possess an amazing and powerful resource called influence. Most people don't understand or appreciate the power of influence to do good and to help bring about positive change. I believe that influence is an under-utilised resource in a leader's inventory and therefore would like to draw it to your attention.

Influence can be defined as the 'ability or the power to affect the views and behaviour of others and shape the destiny of individuals, organisations and communities'. Behavioural scientists recognise that most humans influence some four to ten people during the course of their life span. Leaders influence many more people. Influence is a powerful but subtle force that can be used for good or bad. The challenge is to help us become aware that we each wield influence. The question is do we use our influence for good or bad? Or do we miss a trick by not managing our influence in an intentional manner and thereby wasting this powerful resource? Recognise the influence we each wield and offer it for the glory of God and for the cause of Christ. Influence is never neutral; it either promotes that which is true and good or it is wasted, or worse still we might unwittingly allow our influence to promote the wrong people, or causes.

The Lord Jesus recognised the power of influence! It is not surprising that he used several every-day metaphors like salt, light, and yeast to help his students recognise that they were to be intentional in bearing witness to the presence and the activity of God in their lives.

Jesus said that he is the **light of the world** and calls us



George Kovoov was made Canon Theologian of the Province of the Niger Delta, Church of Nigeria, in May and gave the keynote address to the Synod of the Province, which is the largest in the Anglican Communion. He is pictured with the bishop, the Most Revd Dr Ignatius Kattey.

to be his light (Matthew 5:15-16) where we are placed. Each of us can by our words and deeds bring light to people, who are living in dark places, by offering words of wisdom and truth, by showing compassion through actions, and by comforting those who live in fear and despair. We have the potential to be beacons of hope as we point people to Jesus who alone leads people to true freedom. We live in a world where individuals, communities and nations desperately long for a breakthrough to a better future. Use your influence to bring the good news of Jesus in word and deed to places which are dysfunctional and devoid of hope.

Jesus used the **metaphor of salt** (Matthew 5:13) to indicate that his students ought to affect their surroundings. A good chef skilfully uses the right amount of salt so that it brings out the flavour in food; too much or too little can have disastrous consequences on a dish. Influence properly utilised can highlight issues, and encourage the weak and that which is good. Salt is a preservative and leaders must strive to preserve and protect that which is good and positive in the communities they lead.

The apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 refers to the followers of Jesus as being an **aroma or fragrance** for Christ. A wonderful metaphor! Aroma is invisible, pleasing and has the property to linger. Think of the people who have had a lingering influence over you, possibly a teacher, pastor, friend, a colleague, a member of your family, a leader. What was it about them that impacted you? Was it an act of kindness or was it the personal qualities of the person concerned? Was it their charisma, integrity and character, or was it their expertise and competence? The people who have influenced me are people I have admired for their vision, authenticity, humility, love, their devotion to God and their simple acts of kindness and service to those in need around them. My pastor Geoffrey and his wife Elsie Grose, BMS missionaries in India who served as the pastors of the Free Church in Green Park in New Delhi, were a great example to us. David Wenham, my tutor in Union Biblical Seminary and my trusted colleague here at Trinity College Bristol is a great inspiration.



Yeast is another biblical metaphor for influence. It is an ingredient that works like a catalyst and thereby brings about a change. Yeast is used to make bread, cakes and wine to name a few of its positive uses. It can also be a negative influence. Jesus warns us not to be hypocritical, like many of the Pharisees in his time who were perceived by him to be negative role models, focussing on the external observance of religious practice. Those of us who are teachers are leaders in education and must recognise that we model as teachers and leaders what we really believe. The most influential teachers are those who are consistent and authentic. They walk the talk.

The management of influence has to be strategic in terms of recognising it as a resource for good. Each of us can develop our influence and its sphere by developing competence and expertise in particular areas of life, developing skills in communication in multiple formats, whether it be words, graphics, media, or the web. The writer of Proverbs 3:1-2 indicates that our character has a great deal to do with the development of our reputation in the sight of God and man. He challenges us to be more loving and become people of integrity who are loyal and trustworthy. The management of influence has a great deal to do with our ability to relate to individuals, groups and communities. Leadership of communities has to do with being trustworthy. Managing influence is not rocket science but it is an art! It is about knowing when to act, to be able to discern the appropriateness of words, actions, presence or even absence from certain activities and events. It might mean lending your name to a cause or be willing to be identified with an issue or person, being an advocate to the proper authority for unpopular people, issues or causes.

Barnabas is one of my heroes. I can see he had an amazing ministry of encouragement and that he was also a man of great influence. After the conversion of Paul the leaders of the Jerusalem church were unable and unwilling to offer the hand of fellowship to Paul. Barnabas stepped into that breach and became his advocate and used his influence to commend Paul to the elders of the Jerusalem church. When God started his amazing work in Antioch the Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to investigate and encourage the work of God in that great Gentile city. Dr Luke writes in his record of the Acts of the Apostles that '... when Barnabas saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and faith...' (Acts 11:23-24). Like Barnabas it is my prayer that people of good will and faith will learn to recognise that each of us possess a certain amount of influence and we must learn to manage our influence wisely and strategically. Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:14-16: '... You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.'

Recognise influence as an asset, develop your influence and use it for the glory of God.

George I Koor

Churches see Open Learning potential



George Koor speaking on Mission at Weston Bible Week, Weston-super-Mare. The Weston churches have just started an Open Learning group.

Churches are realising the potential of Open Learning courses. In High Wycombe the Area Dean, Revd David Picken, has encouraged the local churches to come together to form a group which will meet at St Peter's Loudwater, with Revd Tim Butlin tutoring the course on The Pentateuch. We are hoping that this will be the beginning of other groups in the area. In the Spirit of Life Church in Bristol, all 41 members of the Bible study group have enrolled. They are pilot-testing the first of the revised courses, a 10-week course on the Gospel of John. All the 10 courses are gradually being revised to make them even more user-friendly and up to date.

Taster sessions are good ways of introducing Open Learning. At a taster day in St Albans Revd Dr Ron Jackson, Trinity Tutor and Chaplain, led studies on discipleship, giving practical suggestions on how churches might go about developing discipleship programmes. Following the taster course in Bromley before Easter on Snapshots on the Life of Jesus, a group decided to take up a study of The Synoptic Gospels and Acts. This term a new group will be taking up the same course in Weston-super-Mare with Jeff Morgan, a Tyndale graduate, as the tutor.

Those who successfully complete six courses receive a certificate. The most recent award ceremony was held in Hertfordshire at St Martin's Church, Preston, near Hitchin. Meta Reeves, an Open Learning tutor, writes: 'In July, 47 Open Learning students, supporters and tutors gathered for a service with communion. Five students received their certificates for having completed the six required courses (many continuing their studies with other courses!). Each gave a moving testimony to how much these Bible studies meant to them and how their faith had been deepened and strengthened by them. A presentation was made to Canon Mike Butterworth with thanks from his students for his work as an initiator and writer of the courses and for seeing through the transitions from OHEC to ICES to Trinity College Open Learning. Canon George Koor gave a rousing address on the theme of "mission" and our responsibility to share the good news with those around us.'



Theology and the creative imagination



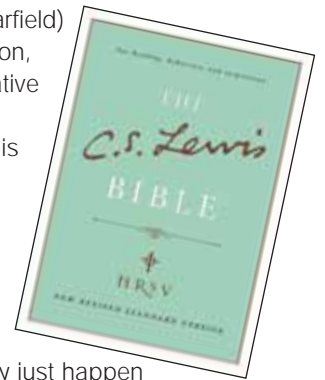
Jeanette Sears at C.S. Lewis' house in Oxford, The Kilns, with a wardrobe....

Strangely, when my specialist PhD subject was the End of the world, I never used to get any one asking me to speak on it. Now that it's becoming known that my main research subject is C. S. Lewis and the Inklings, and Dorothy L. Sayers, I'm getting a lot more interest!

When I lived in Oxford I began doing walking tours based on their lives and that became a booklet called *The Oxford of J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis* (2006) which sells about 1,000 copies a year in various shops

there. The tour itself can take anything from two hours to a whole day, depending on how many pubs you take in! Then HarperCollins in America got in touch and asked if I'd contribute to *The C. S. Lewis Bible* (October 2010), matching sections of Lewis' writings with relevant Scriptures, resulting in a study/devotional Bible for daily use. For part of my sabbatical last year I was a Resident Scholar at Lewis' house, The Kilns, in Oxfordshire; it was great getting to read his works in the place where he actually wrote them. And I've just led the first-ever Narnia Weekend at Lee Abbey, which was tremendous fun!

I'm now working on a systematic theology that looks at the contributions to Christian doctrine by the 'Seven' (Lewis, Tolkien, Sayers, Williams, Chesterton, MacDonald, and Barfield) in both their fiction and non-fiction, so linking theology and the creative imagination in the quest to communicate Christian truth. This promises to be a major task, comparable to doing another PhD! But since a friend has just shared with me some letters of C. S. Lewis sent to her father in 1958, I've been pondering an article on these meanwhile. They just happen to be on eschatology, so perhaps I'll get to speak on my original PhD subject some time after all...



Revd Dr Jeanette Sears teaches Christian Doctrine at Trinity

Our RAF experience

Earlier in the summer a group of Trinity students enjoyed an amazing two-week placement with the chaplains at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire. With the possible exception of James Harding (who had previous military experience) I don't think any of us knew what to expect. Marches at dawn? Lots of shouting and running? Food rations from a pre-sealed aluminium bag?

Thankfully there were no dawn marches, we were welcomed with open arms and the food was great! It wasn't all eating and drinking however. We were somewhat 'green' and up for anything so when asked if we wanted to meet the (in)famous Regiment we thought why not?

These guys are the real deal, the heroes you hear about on the news. Most had spent time in Afghanistan in the war, some had lost loved ones, friends and colleagues but rather than being a melancholy experience the men were willing to chat to us and share thoughts, feelings, hopes and fears. It was such a privilege and blessing to be with them.

Unfortunately chatting is not where it stopped, however;



Rachel Cook (who trained as a nurse) putting on a convincing act as a 'casualty of war' while on summer placement with the RAF.

oh no, they had far bigger plans for us which involved our 'volunteering' to be casualties in a war situation....

Off we went to be bloodied up on a burning runway, whilst being shot at by 'Taliban' forces. I was very embarrassed during my 'unconscious' session however when the stretcher I was being rescued on snapped and they dropped me! (I blame Henry's puddings!)

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Introducing our new faculty

Knut Heim

Tutor in Old Testament

I am a presbyter (= an ordained minister) in the Methodist Church of the United Kingdom. My work at Trinity College includes two roles: Tutor in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and Director for Postgraduate Research (from January 2011).



The role as Tutor involves teaching a range of courses on the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, such as Old Testament Introduction, Biblical Hebrew, the Book of Isaiah and the Psalms. I have a passion for the poetic books of the Bible. My research includes poetics and reception history. Poetics is the technical study of poetry, especially parallelism and metaphors. This is extremely important, for 'what has been written with imagination must be read with imagination' (Alonso Schoekel). Reception history investigates the history of how biblical texts have been interpreted in the past. This is crucial because we learn what biblical texts can mean by paying attention to what they have meant to faithful readers through the centuries. My vision is to help students discover the Old Testament as a resource for ministry and an inspiration for life. The poetry of the Bible has changed my theology and my life. In it I have discovered a God who

creates, saves and sustains – today. Here I have found faith, hope and love.

The role in Postgraduate Research involves fostering a new generation of men and women who are passionate about the study of Theology at the highest level. Postgraduate research in Theology forms people who are 'philosophers' in the true sense of the word: people who love and live the wisdom of God through a deep and sustained engagement with Biblical Studies and Mission (two key areas at Trinity College), as well as Systematic Theology, Church History and Pastoral Theology. Academic study of theology at its best is not a dry ivory-tower existence, but a vibrant engagement with the triune God that opens a new and closer vision of God. My vision is to help students discover academic study of the theological disciplines as a resource for ministry and an inspiration for life. Academic study at its best resources visionary ministry with long-term impact beyond the present generation. It provides inspiration for an intellectual life that draws on the deep wells of the great traditions of the past and inspires new thinking that will inform the very nature of our relationship with God, in the present and in the future, not just for ourselves, but for our society.

I am very keen to speak to anybody who is interested in studying for a postgraduate degree at Trinity College. Send me an email, pick up the phone, come and visit us here at our beautiful campus, and let's talk. I'd love to meet you.

Paul Roberts

Director of Anglican Formation and Tutor in Worship

This September, Paul Roberts rejoined the staff at Trinity after an absence of just over 10 years. He came originally, in 1988, as a young and fresh-faced tutor in worship and doctrine and spent twelve years here, during which he first completed his PhD (on the initiation rites of the Catholic Apostolic Church) and then developing an interest in alternative worship and mission to postmodern cultures. He left at the end of 1999 to become vicar of Cotham and St Paul's Clifton in Bristol.



Whilst working as an incumbent, he served on the Liturgical Commission and General Synod and helped plant a Fresh Expression of Church, 'Foundation', which continues to flourish in Bristol. Over the years, international interest in alternative worship and emerging churches has grown, leading to a number of invitations to speak about the subject in the UK and USA. Paul's research interest has honed down to the basic question of the part worship

plays in the mission of the church, especially in western, post-Christendom and postmodern cultures.

After spending nearly two years on the staff of St Michael's College, Llandaff, where he was responsible for the non-residential training of ordinands and readers across Wales, Paul is delighted to be returning to Trinity. He says, 'Trinity has had an exciting and very significant role in God's plans for the church in this country and internationally. It was a wonderful privilege teaching so many students here in the 1990s, so I'm both delighted and very excited to be joining the faculty once more. Trinity has changed enormously since I left and has proved successful in meeting new challenges for a new century. I'm very much looking forward to giving what I can to further its future and help the college as it continues to work to form ministers with good news, both here and across the world.' Paul will be teaching Worship and also takes on the new role of Director of Anglican Formation, helping focus the training of Anglican ordinands for the needs of the church today.

Paul's wife Sharon is now a primary head teacher in Portishead and their children, Jonathan and Caroline, are both at university.



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Gabriel Anstis

It's been immense. Worship. Love. Encouragement. Challenge. Learning. Living. Equipping. Change. Growth. Vision. Purpose. Passion. Comedy (Big time!). Commitment. Family. Thank you so much to everyone; you are all brilliant. JESUS is passionate about you; keep your eyes fixed on him. Keep pursuing GOD and his kingdom with every ounce of who you are. Death. Resurrection. Love. Obedience. Faithfulness. Power. Transformation. Authenticity. Adventure. Live the dream!

Primary school teacher, youth worker

Curate, Emmanuel, Northwood (London)



Clive Beazley-Long

We have loved the family experience at Trinity and will miss the community hugely. Rest assured we will be putting all we have learned into practice when we arrive in Chertsey. All our love to staff, faculty and friends we leave in Bristol and to those heading further afield; God bless. Clive, Pippa, Jacob and Grace.

Parish youth and children's worker

Curate, Benefice of Chertsey, Lyne and Longcross (Guildford)



Rob Binks

My time at Trinity has been a great few years of looking deeper at the Christian faith, sometimes entertaining, sometimes deeply challenging – definitely made more enjoyable by a great crowd of fellow students and tutors. The highlight has been looking at the span of church history, from the first century through to present fresh expressions and beyond. During my curacy I will be seeking to move forward a vision for forming a new worshipping community in a school and will also return part-time to the Fire Service as a chaplain.

Curate, St Andrew with Holy Cross, Basildon (Chelmsford)



Sue Bradley

I came to Trinity with little formal theological knowledge and lots of questions. I leave with greater knowledge, much experience, and still many questions! What I have learnt is that whilst there are often no clear-cut answers, the joy and challenge of our faith is to reflect on, debate and apply knowledge from Scripture, experience and tradition into the reality of everyday life, guided by the Spirit.

Children's nurse and university lecturer in child health
Curate, St Peter, Glenfield (Leicester)



David Brae

My time at Trinity has been, well let's say ... it's been emotional. It's been a fantastic place for preparing myself for full-time ministry.

Mortgage advisor

Curate, St Michael and All Angels, Bishops Cleeve (Gloucester)



James Bridgman

So many changes since 2007! Then, we had evening lectures, dinner-tables seated eight, chapel began at 8.40am and there were only two contexts. I leave Trinity well fed (spiritually, mentally, physically), more energised to serve God and his people, and more committed to the C of E. Thanks to all our excellent support staff and faculty – your support and wisdom were always appreciated. I leave (willingly and thankfully) for the North...to Pies and Prejudice.

Pastoral assistant

Joint curate with Jenny, St Peter, Heswall and Church of the Good Shepherd, Heswall, Wirral (Chester)



Giles Carpenter

Whilst at Trinity we have discovered the fun of Geocaching, a form of orienteering using a GPS handset to track down hidden 'treasure'. In many ways this has been a great illustration for my time at college. It has been enormous fun to be on a shared journey with fellow students but most thrilling of all has been the privilege of witnessing the 'pearl of great price' being found by those on the streets and in the prisons of Bristol.

Drug runner and estate agent

Curate, St Stephen, Shottermill (Guildford)



Myung-sun Choi

It was a great time for me to study at Trinity. I've learned many things and met some good friends. Especially, I extremely appreciate members of my pastoral group. I will never forget everything I have experienced here. Bless you all and this college.

Continuing work at London Full Gospel Church; hoping to do a research degree



David Churchill

Pastoral assistant in a Bristol independent church

Youth pastor in Canada at a multi-site church called 'the meeting house'



Steve Clarke

I've made some great friends at Trinity over the last two years. I'm sure these relationships will continue to be a support in the coming years. If you were to ask me what has impacted me most about Trinity, it is the mix of people. I've learned so much from being part of this community, from faculty, students and staff. A great place to be challenged and grow.

Associate pastor: students and young adults

Pioneer Minister in the City of Gloucester and Assistant Curate, Gloucester Cathedral



Mark Cowling

Wow! Awesome! Trinity has been such a blessing for our family. We have grown in loads of ways...from four to five, from the brilliant faculty, amazing visitors, life-changing placements, cool students and not least the fantastic cooking from Henry's team. Despite the lack of sleep, I feel much better equipped for helping seek God's kingdom today and go excited to see it come for a new generation.

Sales and marketing management for a medical company

Curate, St Peter, Halliwell, Bolton (Manchester)



AJ Culp

Trinity for us has been a port into British culture and Anglican Christianity. Through it we've entered a world that otherwise would have remained quite foreign. Chiefly, we've made great friends and had great fellowship; these have enriched everything else and made it well worth doing. Highlights here have included hikes in the Brecon Beacons, pub discussions, football matches, and most of all fly fishing!

Part-time lecturing, Denver Seminary, Denver, Colorado; finishing PhD thesis



Trevor Dean

Thanks to everyone at Trinity for a great two years as a part timer. Added to my previous seven years as an independent, I think I've been a student here long enough! I hope to continue strong links though, since I will be continuing my work as a GP in south Bristol whilst being an assistant curate based in my home church, Holy Trinity Nailsea, with a missional focus in Knowle West.

General practitioner

Curate, Holy Trinity, Nailsea (Bath & Wells)



Oli Douglas-Pennant

Curate, St George Kidderminster (Worcester)



Azariah France-Williams

Trinity has been a time of contrasts. My degree was downgraded, my bid for office in the student council was unfruitful. However with loving support, prayerful, and practical friends at Trinity I gathered my hope and pride and dusted myself down. With God's help I was readmitted onto the degree, which revealed unknown dyslexia. The failed attempt at student council provided the necessary time to welcome our first child Eliana.

Youth worker; evangelistic and missional roles in church and parachurch organisations

Curate, Holy Trinity Brompton (London - Kensington)



Marcus Gibbs

Great meals provided daily, the washing up done, a selection of the daily papers to peruse, coffee on tap, table football in the winter, volleyball in the summer, great world class lecturers who love God, chapel worship that sincerely seeks God, life-long friendships made, hands-dirty in the St Matt's/Woodies context and lattes in Clifton Village. It's been a tough couple of years! Thank you Trinity, it's been great!

Management consultant

Curate, St Giles, Northampton (Peterborough)



Robert Gooding

Being at Trinity has been a huge privilege for me. I have learned so much, not least about myself, although God still has a great deal to teach me! Everyone has been so supportive, especially during the difficult times. My wife Carole and I have got to know some amazing people throughout the Trinity family, many of whom we hope and pray will remain close friends throughout the years ahead.

Aviation insurance industry
Curate, All Saints, Walton on the Naze, Essex (Chelmsford)



Peter Hamborg

My three years at Trinity have been brilliant. I've met some great people, had my brain thoroughly stretched, and my faith expanded. I've also gained a great deal from context-based training, getting involved in God's mission through meeting local people, serving the church and local community, and working in teams. In a nut shell, Trinity has helped me to talk the talk, and walk the walk!

Musician and peripatetic teacher

Curate, Christ Church Fulwood, Preston (Blackburn)



Lesley Hewish

If 10 years ago someone had told me I'd be a full-time student and a curate when I was 50, I'd have given them the number of a really good psychiatrist. But here I am in the second half of my century about to fly the Trinity coop after spending two of the most challenging, thought-provoking and exciting years of my life. The best bits have been friendships, my amazing pastoral group, worship and the lunches! The worst bits ...having to now lose all the weight I've gained eating the lunches and saying goodbye to such a wonderful community.

Giftware and antiques business; children's and youth worker

Curate, Tetbury, Beverston, Long Newton and Shipton Moyne (Gloucester)



Jon Hills

Having been here for three years, I will leave with some great memories and even greater friends. Trinity has definitely been a place of 'formation' that has shaped me for years to come. Football, Fellowship and Fee-ology (not in any particular order!) will be the three lasting memories of my time here at Trinity and what a privilege it has been to be a part of Trinity and the community here. Come on Trinity Tigers...!

Architectural assistant and builder

Curate, St Andrew, Churchdown (Gloucester)



Dino Houtas

Coming to Bristol was a huge leap of faith for us: we had been married for less than a year when we left London, church, family and friends behind to press into God's call on our lives. It wasn't easy. Trinity is a great place that is moving and shaking in the kingdom - although we have had a challenging time, by God's grace and the loving care of amazing staff and fellow students we have been greatly blessed and much fruit has been born out of the challenges and struggles. We are extremely grateful to all who loved us and will miss you.

Hairdressing business

Curate, St Paul, Auckland, New Zealand



Paul Irving

Amelia, Harriet, Joseph and I have loved Trinity! Between us we have gained: lots of great friends; knowledge and theology; the ability to walk and talk; life; books; (serious) criticism for wearing brown shoes while preaching; a diabetic cat; great food; too many cans of Coke; a curacy. We hope the next stage in Taunton will be as exciting as this one has been!

Secondary school teacher

Curate, St Michael, Galmington, Taunton (Bath & Wells)



Samuel Kumar

My time at the college has been memorable. We as a family have met many good and great people and made many life-long friends. As I finished at Trinity in October 2009, I joined the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies at Oxford with the University of Wales for my research programme. We continue to live in Bristol and hope to meet many of you from time to time.

Pastor and theological teacher

Research degree



Ki Cheol Joo

Hoping to go on to do theology research, having completed his MA



J-D Lawrence

I have really enjoyed my time here. I have been stimulated and challenged in many ways, and though not all of it was easy, I now feel better equipped to move on to the next stage. We are especially grateful to the Trinity community and nursery for making sure our growing family will have many happy memories. A highlight for me? Being part of the league-winning Trinity Tigers football team!

Financial analyst

Curate at St Michael's Church, Aberystwyth (St David's)



Yongbom Lee

I enjoyed my study at Trinity College. English weather and reserve were difficult to cope with in the beginning. But I made some really good friends and I will miss English style of life, having tea with people in rainy days. I really appreciate faculty and staff members at Trinity. All of them work very hard to help students and deserve my recognition.

MDiv student, Fuller Theological Seminary

Seeking teaching job in a seminary in California; open to doing church ministry



Anne Legge

Studying at Trinity has been a joy and privilege for me. I have loved it all – worship, excellent teaching, good food, community living and especially sharing the journey with so many gifted people, all eager to serve each other and the Lord. My pastoral group's link with the Woodbridge context has added a welcome rural dimension to the experience. I shall always treasure the memories and friendships I have gained.

Ofted inspector

Curate, Newton Ferrers, Noss Mayo and Holbeton, (Exeter)



Jonathan Lowe

Cows, fields, Spirit-filled rural churches, mission in the countryside, diverse worship styles, amazing people, friends for life, real practical training, unrivalled theological education, life-changing, a sacred space, and David Wenham as my tutor! It has been such a privilege training for ordained ministry at Trinity. I am really excited about finding out what the Spirit of Jesus is doing in rural north-west Essex... and joining in. God is good!

Managing director of reinsurance company
Curate, Icknield Way Villages (Chelmsford)



Daniel McCarthy

Time at Trinity has been awesome! Passion, changed, God's unlimited grace, stonkin' Egypt trip, passed driving test, at least 60 life friends, context football, prayer walks, church planting, great tutors, France, smashing my computer, swine flu, brilliant nursery, lovely food (too nice!), prophecy, inspiring principal, Netherlands, awesome walks over the Downs, Blaise, Zoo, prayer triplet, challenged, confused, liberated, ready to tell the world about Jesus! C'mon!

Customer service, RBS

Curate, St Bartholomew, Long Benton (Newcastle)



Annie McTighe

Living and studying in Bristol has provided me with an opportunity to grow in my relationship with God; my theology has been developed and honed by quality teaching; my mind enriched by debate; I have developed ideas and been stretched by reading outside my comfort zone; my spiritual formation has been aided by a fantastic mentor; I have been encouraged and challenged by placement and context supervisors; and even though it has not always been easy I have survived by the love and support of friends.

Leadership team of large comprehensive school

Curate, St Mary, South Woodford (Chelmsford)



Josh Maynard

I have enjoyed my time at Trinity doing context - and college-based training. It has been good to make new friends, think lots of things through and reflect. It has been a special time for us as a family, both our children being born in Bristol. We are very excited about what God has got in store for us.

Youth worker

Pioneer Minister in Stroud and working with two village parishes just outside Stroud (Gloucester)



Phil Medley

I've had an interesting time at Trinity and admittedly I've made lots of mistakes. But I am so grateful to have been challenged, inspired and taken out of my comfort zone and I am so grateful for the friends I have met who have encouraged and taught me such a great deal. Thank you.

Pastoral assistant

Curate, Christ Church Walker (Newcastle)



Phil Michell

My time at Trinity has given me many experiences - from feeling out of my depth to gaining in confidence, from having my theology questioned to gaining a wider perspective. It has been a time of being 'discipled' in order to make disciples, of being broken in order to be healed. There has been lots of fun, many frustrations and I've made lots of very good friends.

Driving instructor

Curate, United Benefice of Brailsford with Ednaston, Edlston, Osmaston, Shirley and Yeavley (Derby)



Peter Ngugi

I have had a fabulous time at Trinity College. I am going away to my curacy with a sure toolbox for ministry in east London. I will miss the community life, my pastoral group and chapel times. I thank God for his promises are yea and amen!

Auxiliary nurse; security guard

Curate, St John, Stratford (Chelmsford)



Abraham Oh

A PhD dissertation was neither the only thing nor the most important thing over my period at Trinity. God wanted to change me! I learned tolerance and acceptance through kind friendship and loving community, and also perseverance through many difficulties and afflictions. I understood Korean Christianity more clearly here. So, now is the new heaven and the new earth! I now am ready for the Lord's command to go for his kingdom.

Student, St Andrew's University

Continuing to be in charge of the Bristol Korean Church



Devasahayam Paulson

I feel so grateful to God and the college that I am blessed enough to take the advantage of doing the postgraduate course here at Trinity. The lectures have inspired and motivated me to see the richness of the Bible and different ways of looking at the Bible in this post-modern era. I acknowledge that my studies here helping me in my internal development in both academic and spiritual journey.

Ordained minister, Church of South India

Pastoral and teaching ministry in India



Ceirion Rees

I arrived at Trinity an unsure independent student with a full head of hair. I leave as a bald Church in Wales ordinand. It's been a strange three years! I've had a great time at college. I've deepened my understanding of the Scriptures and the church. I've been guided by some remarkable tutors. I've built friendships that will last a lifetime. I've been really blessed by God.

Career in politics

Finishing ordination training at St Michael's Theological College, Llandaff



Ann Richardson

Who knew that two years would go so quickly! My abiding memory of my time here is one of laughter...and books. I've been challenged theologically and personally, and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Along the way I've forgotten more Greek than I learned (which ought to be impossible) and made some great friends. Now I'm off to Bromley in Kent, with great memories of college, Carter and Lawrence Weston.

Library and know-how department of London law firm

Curate, St Mark, Bromley (Canterbury)



Jimmy Rocks
Mission partner with SAMS in Brazil
Pioneer Minister, St Michael, Stoke Gifford (Bristol); developing outreach and starting a youth congregation



Roger Samudre
 Heartfelt thanks for your prayers and love which I received from the Trinity family.
Studying accountancy in Bristol. Has started a prayer group for Marathi speakers (the language of his Indian state Maharashtra); involved with Christ Church



Julie Sear
 My time at Trinity has been a wonderful training ground for ministry, great lectures and a diversity of opportunities. I have loved going deeper with the Bible and experiencing the 'world wide' faith with our international students. There are so many things I will take into my curacy and parish work. One area of college life has been constant and strengthening: my pastoral group; thank you!
Church pastoral care coordinator
Curate, Washington and Ashington (Chichester)



Adel Shokralla
 It was encouraging, and insightful two years at Trinity. I experienced growth both spiritually and academically. I am glad that I joined context as I had a great time of training with it members and I am grateful for all the help and support of the tutors of context. I am really proud to be one of your postgraduate students. May God bless you and enable you more and more in your mission.
Youth co-ordinator, Diocese of Egypt
Curacy in UK, then returning to the Diocese of Egypt and North Africa and the Horn of Africa.



Alex Shuttleworth
 I had a great time at Trinity, we've made new friends for life and I have grown in the Spirit with their help. Other than 'Starbucks' with Kat, the other highlights were: modules on Galatians and Corinthians and Doctrine; time with Korky and Anni Davey; our pastoral group; getting to know our neighbours and the guys at the nursery. I leave feeling both gutted, and excited about the next stage.
In-house legal counsel
Curate, Holy Trinity, Redhill (Southwark)



Scott Smith
 I've enjoyed my time at Trinity – the faculty and staff are great, as are the grounds and location. I've appreciated the sense of community, relaxed atmosphere, and openness of everyone. Most importantly in terms of the future – I've made some key friendships that will help sustain me in ministry.
Customer service/logistics in cosmetics industry
Curate, Christchurch Clevedon, North Somerset (Bath & Wells)



Clifford Stocking
 I find it hard to believe that two academic years have passed. I have found my time at Trinity to be challenging and rewarding; allowing me to expand on my previous theological knowledge and to develop a wider range of theological thought and reflection. I have appreciated and enjoyed Trinity's focus on wider mission and look forward to being able to implement varied ideas and theories into my future ministry.
Train driving instructor
Curate, St Mary, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent (Canterbury)



Mark Terry
 Trinity is community. I have made friends in the students and staff that will last a lifetime (snowballs and water bombs will testify!) and I will be forever grateful. A life with Jesus is never dull. I'd like to thank the kitchen staff for letting me hang around so much in coffee breaks and Shelly, for agreeing to marry me. I'm looking forward to our Journey and life together!
Management Information for Lloyds TSB
Curate, Holy Trinity, Margate (Canterbury)



Jonathan Thomas
 It has been a wonderful privilege to spend two years in the community which is Trinity – learning, laughing, worshipping, footballing, greening, Greeking, pastoral grouping, essaying and being challenged every which way. My great achievement has been learning to drink tea, so I now feel fully equipped for ordained ministry! We'll miss Bristol, it's been 'gert lush', but look forward to seeing God at work in Cranleigh.
Team Leader and IT project manager for transport planning consultancy
Curate, St Nicolas, Cranleigh, Surrey (Guildford)



Matt Trendall
 After flogging the corporate horse pre-Trinity, it's been great to lay down some responsibilities and read/study more in two years than in the previous twelve! Trinity has been a great community, I've learnt loads, played footie (table and real), loved our local church and met some inspiring people. I also met my new boss (!) – so am joining Trinity's ex-tutor Rod Symmons as his curate.
Curate, Redland Parish Church, Bristol (Bristol)

TRINITY LEAVERS



48 leavers June 2010:
 39 ordinands
 5 postgrad researchers
 2 returning to parish ministry
 1 youth minister
 1 starting other studies

Most of this was written at the end of last academic year.

Please keep these pages and pray for our leavers.



Theologian, monk and pastor:



Monodeep Daniel talks to John Corrie

Revd Monodeep Daniel is staying in Henry Martyn House, our Centre for World Christianity, for three months as our first Commonwealth Scholar. Here he is interviewed by John Corrie, our Director of Mission

It's been wonderful to have you here at Trinity staying with us. Tell me a bit about yourself....

I'm from Delhi; I am ordained a presbyter in the church of North India, Diocese of Delhi. I did my theology at Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, finished it in 1988, was ordained deacon in 1989 and then a presbyter. I did an MTh later on from the Jesuit theological college Vidya Jhoti in Delhi. I am now writing a thesis for the Free University of Amsterdam.

I come from a Dalit background, which means that in the Indian social setting of the four-caste system, I am outside the caste system, an 'outcaste'. 'Dalit' ('broken') is the term now used for outcastes of themselves. The problem is not merely social inequality but the fact that outcastes are seen to be 'untouchable' by all caste groups and that caste or outcaste status is determined by birth. This has resulted in untold sufferings and has brought millions of people to a broken condition.

My thesis is leading to a PhD. I am working on the writings of Dr B.R. Ambedkar who died in 1957. He was a nationalist, he wrote the constitution of India, and he was a Dalit. He has written volumes on economics, politics and law. He has also written a lot on religion which makes it very interesting material to study. I am exploring his theory of religion. In the end he became a Buddhist so I am exploring what led him to Buddhism, why he did not become a Christian and what kind of Buddhism it was, because he did not accept the classical forms of Buddhism.

As a Dalit would you regard yourself as a Dalit theologian?

I call myself a 'Dalit theologian' because I like to do theology from a Dalit perspective. This fundamentally means that for a Dalit the pain of rejection is a very important thing. He is rejected, devalued, discredited, discriminated against.

When we see theology from a Dalit perspective it means that we try to know God as God suffers and then we try to know how God deals with those who suffer in the world, with reference to Christ. That is the central theme of Dalit theology.

As well as that you are monk. How does being a monk influence your life and faith?

I belong to a very interesting religious order, the Delhi Brotherhood, which was established in 1877 by Anglicans who came from Cambridge University. When the Church of North India was formed in 1970, we became a part of it. We have a religious community with our own head.

After church union, partly due to the curb on funds for mission from overseas, the Brotherhood turned from institutional work in the diocese and initiated work in the slums and leper colonies. We aimed to help people bring about social change. Educational work among children developed as a major programme. Now we run many projects: work with street and working children, a night shelter, men's and women's vocational training, a day care centre for the elderly. More recently, we are stepping into the political arena, working directly for Dalit causes at the grass roots.

We have always been a small community, never more than eight, as at present, with a lot of young brothers. Each of the brothers is involved in one or more of the social programmes; we work from several centres with a staff of over 200 to run all these projects.

Being a monk means that I am single and celibate, a life that is centred on God, and surrendered to God. So that makes me free of other responsibility, to focus on my work completely. It gives me also a strange kind of relationship with people. I don't particularly belong to anyone special in my life but I become special to everyone and everyone in my parish considers me as part of their family. For me they are my family, and my brothers in my community are my family. There is a sense of a wider family feeling because in every home I go to they are always very happy to provide for me. It is secure because I know that there will be some food on the table every time that I don't have to cook. That may be an advantage but that advantage is for the work of God. That is the unique joy that one can have from leading this kind of life.



You mentioned your pastoral work. How are you involved in this?

After my ordination as presbyter in 1990 I have always been involved in pastoral work in the diocese. I do it as my service to the diocese; we are not paid.

I was of course primarily trained as a pastor, so that comes from my heart to teach people the faith. I see my work as a pastor as one who teaches the faith but also accompanies the faithful in all their journeys of doubts in faith and sorrows and struggles and even finding God. I have accompanied a lot of people in their search for God and baptised a lot of people. Many of our young people were married to non-Christians, Hindus, and I accompanied a lot of them in their journey of faith. I find that very fulfilling as I see people coming to faith in the church and growing day by day.

From your perspective what does it mean to be with us at Trinity College?

It is a great privilege for me to be here and a great honour in several ways:

I am enriched by the academic atmosphere in Trinity. I don't belong to a faculty although I do belong to the Centre for Dalit Studies and I have been involved in writing, publishing, organising seminars and teaching there, all from a Dalit perspective.

There is a good community here with which I can interact. Of course I live in the brotherhood which is a community, but this is a different kind of community. Change is always good; when you are in another place and another community you can look back and see where things could be improved.

It gives me a lot of time to pursue my research and writing. Nobody disturbs me; it is such a relief that I am on my own doing more of my work. There is a wonderful library here; many books that I refer to are here. I always go round finding Chris Wright's books. He was my teacher and he taught us fundamental principles and methodologies. I have never departed from these.

Finally, the praying community here resonates with my own discipline of prayer every day.

When you go back to Delhi, what will you be going back to? What are your hopes?

I will be sharing with my community in the brotherhood the experiences I have been getting here, my interaction, the insights I am gaining about community dynamics here, of living together. I would like to inject those insights into our community. Although the brotherhood is a community it has never been very static; it has always had a degree of flexibility. That is the reason why it has continued when the rest of the Anglican communities in India have dissolved.

It has been great to have you with us. We have been enriched by your presence and your contributions to our college life.

WHAT ME, LORD?
Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 April

A vocations weekend of teaching, praying and seeking God's will and call, designed for those considering Christian service and wanting to discern God's will for their lives. Please advertise this in churches and among friends who may be interested.

Cost: £30 for students and unemployed, £50 for employed, to include accommodation and all meals. (£20 extra if accompanied by spouse. £10 extra if staying the Friday night.)

More details from our website, or contact Nicola Willcocks, email nicola.willcocks@trinity-bris.ac.uk

Our RAF experience *Continued from page 6*

The chaplains are a great bunch who took us all in their stride and taught us so much.

Nothing was too much trouble for them. What struck us was how they are so appreciated and respected by those of great or no faith. The men and women told us that it is unthinkable to go on any tour of duty without the padre.

They are so much more than the priest.

They are friends, colleagues and sounding boards; they are integral to the RAF. Their opinions are not only respected but carry much weight at a strategic level. Such is their value.

I was touched and moved by what I saw during the placement. The war memorials, the services and of course the many repatriations which ram home the stark, plain reality about fighting, war and its outcomes.

The padres (who are unarmed even during conflict) encouraged us to think about and theologically reflect upon our own responses to 'what if?' situations. Is it ever right to shoot another? How do we bring Christ to war situations? It was interesting to hear our different responses to these questions. What a moral maze!

Speaking personally, I have nothing but respect for our padres. Regardless of our feelings about the rights and wrongs of conflict, someone needs to be there in the centre as Christ is. The padres embrace this role unquestionably to meet the human practical and spiritual need in very dark places.

Our thanks go out to the Chaplaincy Team for all that they do and the great, Spirit-filled way in which they do it.

Rachel Cook is a second-year ordinand



Rachel at the Runnymede War Memorial



Staff changes



Sam Hands



Nicola Willcocks



Mel Lucas

This year we welcomed two new faculty members, Revd Dr **Paul Roberts** and Revd Dr **Knut Heim** (see page 6). Revd **Rod Symmons** has left us to work full time as Vicar of Redland in Bristol. Dr **John Bimson** has reduced his working days, and Revd Dr **Andrew Goddard** is working part time this term after his move to London, where his wife Lis has a pastoral job. He will continue as an Associate Faculty member.

Neil Buckland has replaced Nigel Terry as Property Manager. At the end of the year we said goodbye to **Diana Lee** who was the first person to hold the post of Postgraduate Administrator. She ably looked after the researchers, initiating postgrad researchers' pages on our website. She has returned to California where she is doing a PhD in Hispanic Studies. She has been replaced by **Samantha Hands** as Postgraduate Research Administrator. The administration of our postgraduate department has been divided, with **Mel Lucas** taking on the new role of Postgraduate Taught Administrator, looking after those studying for master's degrees. Mel, who is a trained language teacher, also gives English-language support in college.

The work of the undergraduate Admissions department has also been divided up, between two Admissions Officers. **Barbara Clifton** continues to deal with ordinand admissions, while **Nicola Willcocks**, who has recently joined us, looks after admissions from independent (non-Anglican) and international undergraduate students.

Introducing Neil Buckland

During the summer, I was appointed as the new Property Manager following the retirement of Nigel Terry. I have responsibility for all of the college grounds and buildings, faculty staff and student housing. I am a Chartered Building Surveyor and I also hold a qualification in construction project safety. Over many years, I had



involvement with the national building surveying board of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and at present I am a member of the local association in Bristol.

Prior to joining the college, I was the Director of Property of St John's Hospital (registered almshouse charity) in the City of Bath, where I acquired a broad range of building surveying and property management skills and experience.

I was responsible for overseeing major capital works projects and prepared a strategy for the mixed property portfolio. I have worked on numerous refurbishment and restoration projects to Listed Buildings.

My main work so far has been the preparation of houses for our new students and I am pleased that the process has gone well. I hope that everyone has settled into their new homes! The largest project was overseeing some refurbishment work at 30 Blenheim Road. I have a good team and I am assisted by Vicki Beese and the maintenance staff.

I am married to Caroline and we have two children, Elizabeth and James. We attend Christ Church Clifton and are involved in various activities including the property group. My hobby is photography and I have been a member of Hanham Photographic Society for many years.

Farewell to Rod Symmons

Rod was appointed in January 1999, when David Gillett was still principal, to be part-time tutor at Trinity and Vicar of Redland (just across the Downs). It was an imaginative appointment to bring into the heart of the faculty someone with his feet firmly planted in parish life. He contributed to the college's teaching in areas that reflected his ministerial engagement:



the Theology of Evangelism, Homiletics (in his time at Trinity he shared his insights through a Grove booklet on *Preaching at Weddings*), Transition to Parochial Ministry, the Gospel in Context and, on David Gillett's departure, Leadership and Management, as well as more generally in the area of pastoral studies. He was at different times a pastoral group tutor and college chaplain.

Bill MacDougall, as his colleague in pastoral studies, writes:

'After David Runcorn's departure, in addition to his other responsibilities, Rod led the team that revised the weekly formation groups for ordinands, Anglican Story, Ethos and Practice, and also led several Vocations weekends, where many came to Trinity and discovered God's way forward for their lives.

'Rod had a difficult task of combining two jobs, both of which could have been full time in themselves; he always seemed to be calm and relaxed, even when he was doing things at the last minute! As a current practitioner, Rod brought a wealth of relevant experience to his teaching at Trinity, and was a repository of sound wisdom. As a marker, Rod always endeavoured to give students detailed feedback on their essays, demonstrating how he valued them and their work.

'He brought an incisive approach to issues at faculty meetings in a gentle and humorous way, and demonstrated a skill unknown by most of us in cooking an entire meal for the leavers and their spouses when he hosted the Transitions farewell plenary forum at Redland Parish Rooms. We will miss him greatly, but our loss is Redland's gain.'



Alumni news

25 years on: Trinity reunion weekend

Friday 3 to Saturday 4 September saw about 30 former Trinity students gather 25 years after they first started in Bristol. We asked Douglas Wren, whose idea it all was, how it went...

So, Douglas, why did you feel the reunion would be a good idea?

I wouldn't claim to be any sort of expert on the spawning habits of wild salmon (quite the opposite) but there's something about returning to one's roots in order to better understand who you are now. Trinity was such an influential experience in my life (I realise that far more now than when I graduated) that I felt it could be good to revisit it. This meant principally the community but I wanted to see the site as well.

I didn't want it to be just a nostalgic event; I suppose I hoped to have a reunion with God when we went back to Stoke Bishop, after all he had most certainly been part of our time there. To be honest I also enjoy working in teams on projects like this and this was very much a team effort.

Why 25 years?

Any date would have been arbitrary in some way or other. We could have picked the year of graduation but that would have excluded those who started with us then left after two years. So it became the year we started or would have started if some hadn't been fast tracked. In the end we could say that we all shared some lectures together at some point.

In hindsight I think it was a good time to meet up. A few had retired but most were still working and in jobs (in and out of the church) where we were established with a reasonable amount of experience. It was also great that there were still a few familiar faces on the staff photo board.

Did it go as you hoped?

I did hope that it would have some real substance beyond being a bit of a jolly. I was delighted that it far exceeded my hopes.

We did all the 'how many children have you got?', and 'you haven't changed a bit' (mostly to the women). We also saw what God had been doing in people's lives and the communities they are now in. Gifts and callings that were beginning to take shape when we studied together were now flourishing. I found that very encouraging. There was a real bond between us but it wasn't so much about the past as about discovering that the God we had worshiped together all those years ago is still inspiring us.

On top of that we had a session ably led by Jerry Gilpin which was very popular and helped us reflect on where we might see growth in our life. The college couldn't have been more helpful and we were wonderfully looked after by Mary Terry. In addition, we had some special guests with us: George and Eileen Carey and John Bimson. Some table tennis was played and excellent food consumed.



George and Eileen Carey with Frank Shay in the Trinity dining room at the 'class of 85' reunion.

What was the best thing?

It's a bit hard to say what I found the best; I'd like to say the whole experience. If it was one part it might be the communion service which seemed to bring the whole experience together.

What did people learn from it?

This is a hard one to answer except for myself. There was something very solid about our time together; it was great fun but it also had substance and I think that was partly due to the initial high-quality Trinity experience a quarter of a century ago but also to the reality of Christ's presence that forms a bond between us in the present.

In brief...

In the last issue we reported on the foundation by Clifton alumnus **James (Chin-Kyung) Kim** (1956-58) of a university in North Korea, Pyongyang University of Science and Technology (PUST). **Graham Windsor** (Clifton 1960-62), who is on the staff of a similar university in China, YUST, also founded by James Kim, tells us that PUST opened this October: 'President Kim came back ... to tell us about the new university in Pyongyang. Twenty-three of our teachers have gone there for the 160 first intake of North Korean students. He showed me the article in New York Times [25 October 2010] which celebrated PUST as being begun as an evangelical college. I am proud I went to Trinity and met him there. What has God wrought!'

Condolences go to **Alec Motyer** (Principal, 1971-81) on the recent death of his wife Beryl. Many readers of this newsletter will look back with profound love and appreciation for all they received from Alec and Beryl.

Lilian Duncan, housekeeper at Trinity until 1976 and before that at Tyndale Hall, died in March at the age of 96; Andrew Lucas attended her thanksgiving service. She used to come to staff functions until she was about 80. We are thankful for the college's rich history of faithful members of staff.

We were glad to have a visit from Revd **Martyn Bateman** (Clifton 1954; in the photo with John Nolland) and his daughter Mary Bateman-Wang who were able to look at the latest progress on Henry Martyn House. Martyn gave us some photographs and books relating to Henry Martyn including a printed copy of his sermon *Christian India: or, An appeal on behalf of 900,000 Christians in India, who want the Bible* (Calcutta, 1811).



We welcome two alumni to the college Council. Revd **Ian Silk** (Trinity 1986-89), Vicar of St George, Lincoln, is a member of the College of Evangelists and on the Board of Grove Books. He promotes vocations and Fresh Expressions of Church in Lincoln Diocese, as well as UK links with the Maasai Evangelistic Association in Kenya. Revd **Charlie Cleverly** (Trinity 1978-82) has been Rector of St Aldate's Church, Oxford, since 2002; before that he was pastor of a church in Paris.

Thank you to those who write in response to the newsletters. We like to get feedback! We hope to print letters from time to time on the Trinity Website. You are welcome to send us your news.

News

Irish clergy welcomed

This term we are hosting clergy from the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe in north-west Ireland. Four groups of about 12 are each spending a week in Trinity with their bishop, Ken Good. The aim is to give them time for study, reflection and refreshment away from their busy parish lives. Trinity is providing talks and Bible studies from George Kovoor and other faculty, as well as visits to local parishes, including those where Trinity students are training in context. The groups are also spending time with the bishops of Bristol and Swindon.

Football

Well done to last year's Trinity Tigers! They ended the season top of the university Football League Division 3. Jon Hills, the sports co-ordinator, has left to start his curacy; Ross Wilson (an ordinand who has been working with CMS in Thailand) has taken over.

Trinity on TV

Readers who watch *Casualty* may be surprised to see Trinity's main building featuring as an orphanage. The episode was filmed by BBC Bristol in August and is scheduled to be televised on 4 December.

Context students commissioned

The 16 students who are starting Trinity's context-based training this year were commissioned by the Bishop of Swindon, the Right Revd Lee Rayfield in a service in Lea, one of the Woodbridge Group of Churches in Wiltshire where one group of Trinity students is based.

'The Diocese of Bristol is very positive about context-based training,' the bishop told the congregation of Trinity staff and students and local people. Traditionally, he said, the philosophy of training for the ordained ministry was to teach the theory in college and to leave most of the application and practice to a curacy. 'Context-based training tries to integrate action and reflection from the beginning of ministerial development. I am very supportive of this model of training.'

During the service the Revd Richard East, the vicar of the Woodbridge churches, was thanked for his vision which led to his invitation to Trinity to start a rural context group. We are glad to report that he has been made a Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral in recognition of his mission work in the diocese.

Trinity exercises grazing rights

We took part in an unusual event in June: exercising our right to graze sheep on the Downs. Stoke House, now occupied by Trinity, is one of the houses near the Downs which were given the right, by an 1861 Act of Parliament, to be Commoners of Durdham Downs and to graze sheep there. In order to maintain this right, and to ensure that the Downs stay as common land unavailable for development, sheep must be grazed at least once every 10 years. Eight sheep and a pen were provided by the School of Veterinary Science of the University of Bristol; the University is one of the Commoners. We at Trinity exercised our rights by looking at the sheep (which didn't seem particularly keen on the idea of grazing) and enjoying a picnic provided by our catering manager Henry Bromberg and the kitchen team, who came to share in the event.



Vicki Beese (left), Property Assistant, and Sally Leader, Receptionist, with the sheep.

THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE

biblefresh
It could change your world

We are planning a series of evening meetings in 2011, in conjunction with the Evangelical Alliance's Biblefresh initiative, celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Authorized Version of the Bible. Each evening faculty members will speak and lead discussion on key issues, such as Genesis and creation, the reliability of the Gospels, and the relevance of biblical ethics today. Look out for more information on our website.



Trinity College Bristol Summer Events 2011

Reading the Bible Ethically

15-17 June 2011

Trinity College Bristol

A study conference for all who want to get to grips with biblical teaching on some of today's vital questions

Papers with responses from biblical scholars:

- **Climate change and environmental ethics:**
Celia Deane-Drummond, Professor of Theology and the Biological Sciences at the University of Chester; Director of the Centre for Religion and the Biosciences
- **Bible and law:**
Julian Rivers, Professor of Jurisprudence, University of Bristol
- **Immigration and asylum:**
Nick Spencer, Director of Studies, Theos public theology thinktank
- **Economic challenges:**
Andy Hartopp, Research Tutor (Development Studies), Oxford Centre for Mission Studies; Advisory Council of the Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics, Cambridge
- **Hermeneutical considerations:**
Craig Bartholomew, Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Religion and Theology, Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario; Director of the Paideia Centre for Public Theology

Cost: £125 (concession rates: alumni £115; students £85; Trinity research students £50) made up of:
Conference, including meals £70;
Accommodation £25 per night.
Additional late fee of £15 if booking after Easter.

The conference will run from dinner on 15 June to lunch on 17 June; it is preceded by the Alumni Afternoon with the AGM of the Association (top right).
Booking forms available online at www.trinity-bris.ac.uk/reading-the-bible-ethically/ or from Samantha Hands at Trinity; tel. 0117 968 2803, email pg-admin@trinity-bris.ac.uk

Alumni Afternoon at Trinity

15 June 2011

- Talk from Bishop Graham Cray
- Garden party
- Trinity Association AGM

This is free of charge for alumni and Association members, but we would like you to tell us if you are planning to come.

Bookings to Jean Williams at Trinity, tel 0117 968 2803
email jean.williams@trinity-bris.ac.uk

Summer Celebration

22-24 June Trinity Church,
Brentwood, Essex

The Gospel – God's Ancient Future:

global perspectives on mission and evangelism

Speakers:

- 22 June **Michael Ramsden**, Director, RZIM Europe
23 June **Albert Vun**, Bishop of Sabah, Malaysia
24 June **William Kumuyi**, Pastor,
Deeper Life Church, Lagos

Bible readings:

Sonja Arnold, Knut Heim, David Wenham (Trinity staff)

Evening celebrations:

Chyeann Soh (former Regional Director, CMS Asia),
David White (Vicar, St Andrew's, Chorleywood),
George Kovoov (Trinity Principal)

Information from Mary Parsons, Trinity College
Bristol: tel. 0117 968 2803,
email mary.parsons@trinity-bris.ac.uk

Look out for more details of all these events on our website
www.trinity-bris.ac.uk