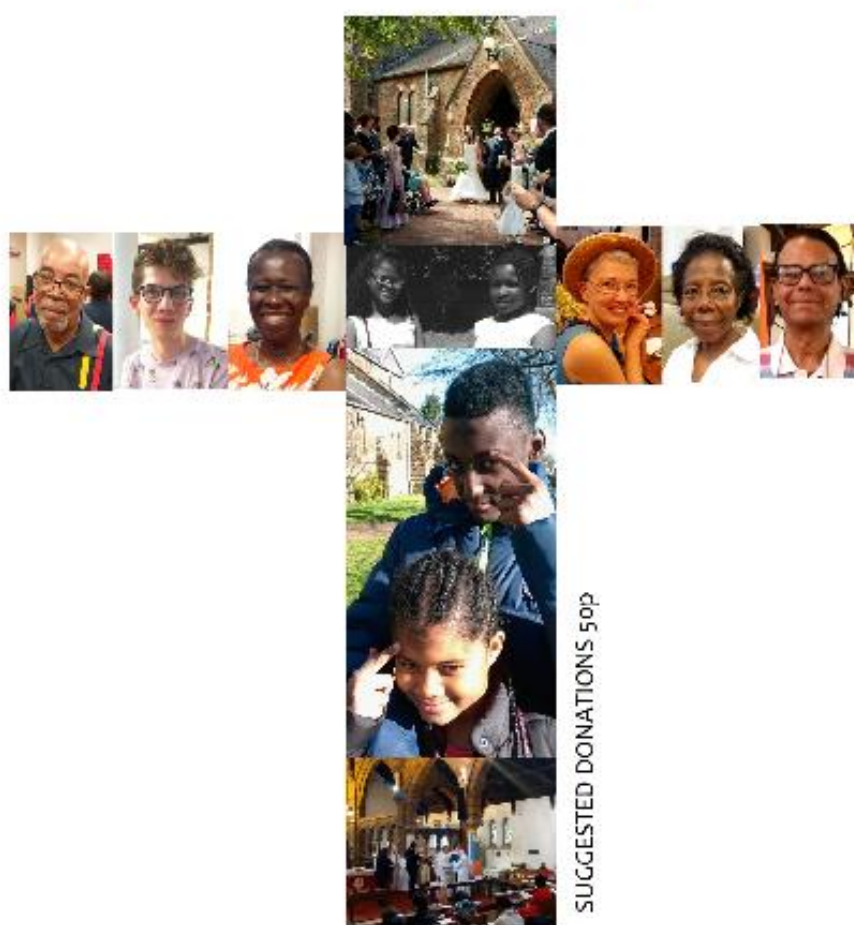


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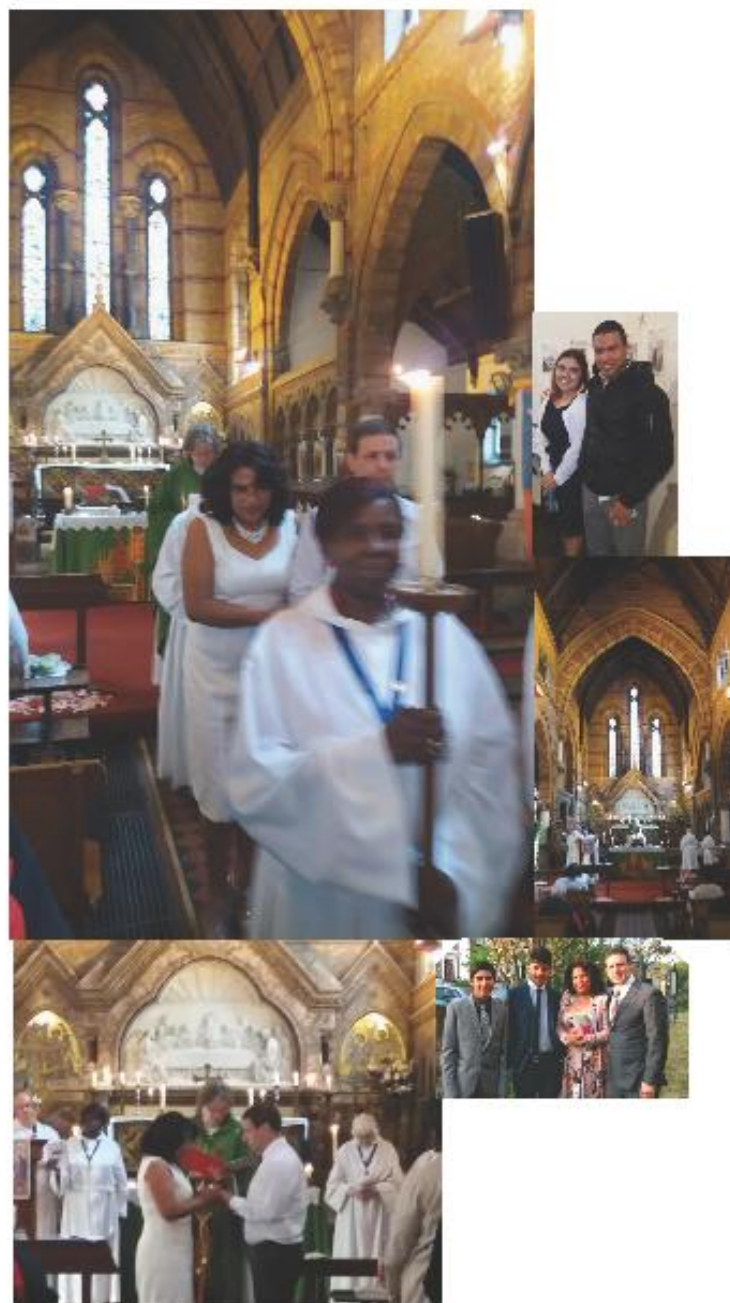


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Sunday 13 August 2017
Blessing of the Marriage of our
beloved James and Maria Lewis





September Services 2017

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father**

The divine Christ, the Word through whom all things have their existence, was with God before the beginning of time. Therefore, the divinity of Christ, the Son, is of the same essence and substance as the divinity of God, the Father. (To hold otherwise, is to be to open the possibility of polytheism, many gods, and to imply that knowledge of God in Christ was not final knowledge of God.)

Every Tuesday:

7am-7.30pm. **Morning Prayer** start the day with God and He will give you peace throughout the day.

9.30am-11.00am (term time only) **Stay & Play** for babies and their parents

7.30pm-8.30pm **Tuesday Night Prayer** with mindfulness meditation

Every Wednesday:

10am-10.45am **Holy**

Communion: Peaceful and Prayerful
6pm-8pm: **Church Open** for personal prayer feel free to drop into the church for as long or as short as you wish, spend time in the calm of silence and stillness.

Every Thursday:

6pm-6.30pm **Evening Prayer** and the last Thursday of the month **Bible Study** 6pm-7pm

Sunday 3rd September 10am
Holy Communion & Sunday School
& Anointing Trinity 12
with affirmation of Christian Vows,
Marie Williams
12 noon **Bring & Share Lunch**

**12.30pm Mission & Communication
Action Team Meeting**

Sunday 10th September 10am
Holy Communion & Sunday School
Trinity 13 Our Gospel is Matthew
13:15-20
'blessed are your eyes, for they see,
blessed are your ears for they hear'

Sunday 17th September 10am
Holy Communion & Sunday School
Holy Cross Day
12 noon 150th Action Team meeting
Young People's Group tbc

Sunday 24th September 10am
Holy Communion & Sunday School
Matthew the Apostle
Reader James Lewis is preaching
12 noon Pastoral Action Team
meeting.



Save the Date

save the date **August 2017**

**Events are in normal text and
the church meetings are in italics.**

Sun 3 September After the Service:
Bring & Share Lunch

Tue 5 September 6pm: *Faith Action
Team Meeting*

Sun 10 September 5pm-7.30pm:
Interfaith Forum

Christian/Muslim/Hindu at St James's
Road Mosque. Rev Catherine is one
of the speakers, all very welcome

Tue 12 September 7pm-9pm:
Parochial Church Council, (PCC)

Fri 22 September 4pm-7pm:
Advocacy Café Open Day in the hall,
organised by Mission &
Communications Action Team &
Deanery.

Sat 30 September 10am-12.30am:
Macmillan Coffee Morning in the
church hall

Sun 8 October 10am: **Harvest
Festival Service. All Together.**

Sat 14 October 7pm: **Harvest Supper**

Sun 29 October after 10am service:
Talk on 'End of Life Care', organised
by Pastoral Action Team

Sun 29 October 4pm **All Souls
Service.**

'We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church'

This line comes towards the end of
our Creed, which we say together
every week. The word '**catholic**' here
does not mean 'Roman Catholic' but is
used in its original meaning which is
'everyone' - a holy church for 'all'.

The word '**apostolic**' relates to the
succession of spiritual authority from
the 12 Apostles. As Church of England
(Anglicans) this succession,
we believe, has come down
from the Apostles through our
Bishops since then.

Young in the Sun

Mid-Wessex Christian Youth Camp

Three of our young people from Holy Saviour Church told me about their experiences at Mid-Wessex Christian Camp, this summer.



Interview and image by Carole Young

Efua 17.

We went on the 5/6 August 2017, for a week. The best activity for me was the water park and inflatables. It was not far from the camp. I was at the youth camp as a leader, although I was not quite there yet as it was my first year, it

was good. I would recommend going as you learn about faith if you are not a Christian and you find out more about your own faith if you are a Christian.

Sylvia, 12. Best bit was was the forest. The Leaders set little challenges. We had to get buckets of water across an assault course and fill up a big container. It teaches you team work and strategy. A challenging part of the camp were a few of the words in an old bible were confusing at times. I definitely recommend going even if it is your first time. The activities are team building if you worry about making friends, don't worry, you will.



Constance III, 17

The atmosphere is really nice. I have been going since I was 10 years old. You are surrounded by lots of Christians, everyone there is really nice and welcoming and you do fun activities. I look forward to it every year. I



transitioned from a Youth Camper a Youth Leader, this was my 1st year. I was with age group 10, working with excited children. One one of the activities was in the forest. It was really muddy, as it rained the night before, and one boy kept running into the mud and I was telling him not to. It was a good experience.

There are many Christian camps for children, young people and families. Or if you wish to plan your own feel free to check out the Christian Residential Membership Organisation website www.cci.org.uk

Devon Delights

by Lilian Thurgood

Ron and I recently went on a coach holiday to Torquay. We left home about 8.30 am and eventually arrived just after 5 pm as we had to pick up people on the way and drop off at two other hotels in Torquay. After a wash and unpacking we had our evening meal and then walked down the hill to Torre Gardens. These are very beautiful gardens which overlook the sea. There is also a pitch and putt course and a crazy golf course. I would love to have a go at these but as it was late we just sat and people

watched in the evening sunshine. The next day was a free day so we went to Torre Abbey. The building started as a medieval monastery, then a grand family home and is now a historic house, garden and art gallery. The ruins of the abbey, which was destroyed at the time of the Dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII, are still there and are very interesting. Windows rescued were used in the main house when the extension was built around 1803. The Palm House was fascinating as was Agatha Christie's

Potent Plants. The author lived in Torquay and used her knowledge of poisons from plants in her novels. After enjoying a cream tea (at lunch time) we got a bus to Paignton for the afternoon. On returning I went for a swim in the heated outdoor pool. Very refreshing! The next day we went to Totnes and Brixham. We visited the church of St Mary's. They are fortunate enough to have a Father Willis organ, which has been restored (1986) after an appeal for £25k. We stopped for coffee at



the Methodist church where there was a table top sale to be told coffee and cakes were free as it was John's birthday. Apparently John was running the table top sale. What a lovely

church on the site for almost 1200 years. Unfortunately during heavy bombing in 1941 the church was burnt out leaving only a shell. The rebuilt church was re-consecrated in 1957. There are six

and same ways as a 1000 years ago. The Abbey church serves as a parish church and local Catholics gather to worship here as a parish community. The Abbey church, however, also provides



gesture! Brixham was quite interesting with a marina and lots of boats. After an evening of entertainment, including bingo and the unexpected necessity of having two ambulances for people needing medical assistance, we retired to bed. Fortunately they were both recovering in hospital when we left on Friday. Thursday we visited Plymouth where we explored the Minster church of St. Andrew's. There has been a

beautiful stained glass windows, the east window representing the four elements of creation, water, earth, fire and air. We then went for a ride on the land train down to the Hoe and Mayflower steps before returning to the Guildhall. We next visited Buckfast Abbey which is the only English medieval monastery to be restored and used again for its original purpose. The monks here pray and work in the exact spot

a quiet and peaceful place for people from all denominations and backgrounds to spend time in prayer and contemplation.

We travelled home the next day, mentally rested, but rather tired after walking round so much. Still, a very enjoyable time in beautiful Devon.





Interview and picture by Carole Young

Michael Williamson

Michael Williamson, 31. I lived in Streatham until I was about 9, moved to Thornton Heath from that point onwards. Mum, dad and half-sister and I have had lots of pets. Lots of cats that I would re-home, re-home hamsters from other people

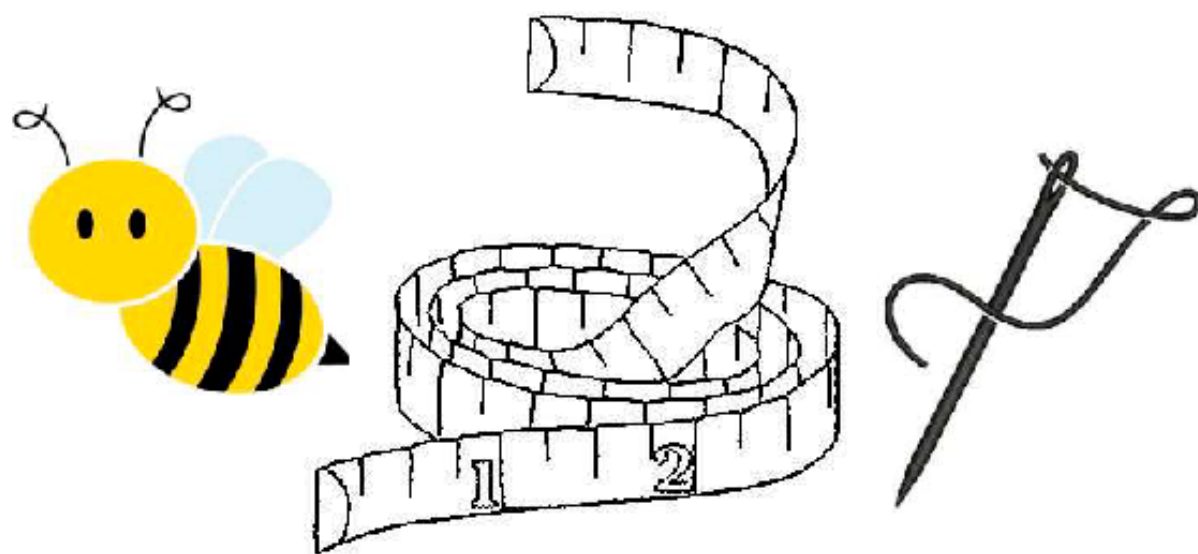


Getting to Know Us

at school that they didn't wish to look after any more, guinea pigs, bunnies, fish. Yeah, I have had quite a few pets. I now have a Chihuahua called Alex.

I never really liked school that much when I was younger. I always found that I was bullied as a child but when I got into college, I loved those years onwards. It was fantastic, loved those years. Always at school, I loved Art lessons, Religious Education, anything kind of science-y. But Art was my favourite. I used to escape to the Art rooms, all the time, when I had the chance.

When I was younger I used to go to another church, St Andrews, and Catholic church. I used to like it however I asked a lot of questions



and they were never kind of answered so I stopped going to church. I always believed in God and prayed while at university. Then recently, while working in a shopping centre, I was so fed up with the attitude at Christmas time where I felt people had forgotten the meaning of giving. It was all about shopping, basically. I started looking to do some charity work, couldn't find any anywhere. I think I was too late as everywhere was booked out, never knew finding charity work would be so hard if you want to donate time. I found out about Holy Saviour Church though their charity work, popped in on Christmas Day and I have been going ever since and really enjoying it. And am now thinking about confirmation for myself.

I just changed my job recently, which has been good. I am working in customer services for a fashion brand. It can involve anything from giving people styling advice to a parcel that has gone missing and having to track it down in another country. I have to be patient and calm at all times and deal with people when they are stressed.

Also, I have been working on setting up a Sewing Bee with Carole Young (our own Magazine Editor) that

aims to reuse old clothes and making them new again. And how to train new people in how to sew, to have that skill, and pushing it a little bit further maybe showing people how to mend their own clothes and make the Sewing Bee a real fun, positive environment through sewing.

Invitation to join one of Holy Saviour's Action Teams.
Come and try out some of our meetings
and see if you like them!

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!



1. **PASTORAL ACTION TEAM**, the 'caring team'
Chair is Mitzi Isaacs. The group meets 4 times a year, 12noon-1pm after the Sunday service. Come and care. The next meeting is on Sunday 24 September, 12 noon in the choir room. See what it's like...

This team builds up our local home visiting for the congregation, of all ages, and reaches out to the Parish area with care home activities, hospital visiting and includes Home Communion, intercessory prayer, safeguarding, mental health and bereavement. This team is organising some guest speakers on interesting pastoral topics this autumn and planning a 'health and faith' day event next year.



2. **FAITH ACTION TEAM**, imaginatively plans our worship, prayer, music, theology and faith courses.



Chair Rev Catherine. Meets 4 times a year, 6.30pm-7.45pm on either Friday or Tuesday evenings. The next meeting is on Tuesday 5 September, 6.30pm in the choir room. Come with your creative & prayerful ideas. See what it's like.

Every quarter in Faith Action Team, we discuss, plan and review the focus on Worship, Music and Faith, planning services and Introductory Courses, Bible Study, Confirmation, Baptism, Marriage Preparation, Pilgrimages, Sunday School and Young People.



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3. **BUILDING & FINANCE ACTION TEAM**, holds the physical place together and plans for the future!

Chair, Redva Williams. Meets 10 times a year at 12noon-1pm after the Sunday Service. The next meeting is on Sunday 1 October, 12noon in the choir room. Come and join us, brick by brick. See if you like it!

Looking at our building and financial needs now and in the future: our garden & land, disused buildings, equipment, hall hire, parish property, faculties, Parish Support Fun, gift aid, cleaning, flowers, environmental issues. Talking to our architect on the Thanksgiving Garden and old organ chamber.



4. Mission & Communication Action Team, getting the message across in church and out.



Chair is Christine Babin. Meets 4 times a year for an hour after the Sunday service. The next meeting is Sunday 3 September, 12.30pm. Come and join us. We are planning an 'Advocacy café' this time, your ideas welcome.

Looking at how we relate to the rest of the Parish outside of the Church and how we tell people what's going on in the Church! Focussing on discerning the needs of the area and creating community links and projects. We're the ones who have got our website going plus posters and leafleting, noticeboards, membership/contacts data, publicity, banners, media links, and parish magazine.



5. 150th Celebrations Team, and for the future 'church merchandise' and 'church friends' and 'archiving'.



Chair is Barbara Truttero. Meets about 3 times year after the Sunday service. The next meeting is Sunday 17 September at 12 noon-1pm in the choir room. Come and join us and see what you think! We are quite jolly really! And planning lighting the spire for November!

This started as a major mission opportunity to plan, advertise, implement and review the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the opening of this church which was in June 2017! Targeting our current congregation and hall users; our local multi-cultural community; past church users; and our young people. An historical exhibition, a visitors' book, a new guidebook, a calendar, lighting the spire, special services, church merchandise and a Holy Sav friends' scheme, doves.



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6. Social Events Team, congregation and community meals and fun.

Meets regularly for briefings after church and meets in church or team's homes. Date of next meeting to be announced in church.



Chair is James Lewis and Secretary is Sheri Yusuf. Come and join us. It's creative, fun and social!



Organises our social events like the Fish & Chips and Quiz Night, Fun Day, Parish Outings, Harvest Supper and Christmas Fayre.

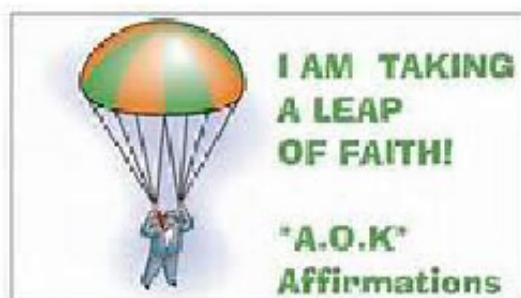




Rev's End

September 2017

Hello Holy Savs. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **With the help of God, I will.**



We have seen, in the last few months, some baptisms, confirmations, weddings and wedding blessings. All occasions when people's faith, either individually or in couples, is publicly declared and witnessed by those in church. But what if, either you've done all those things (ages ago?), or you simply feel that you are in a new stage of your faith, and feel so

strongly at this time that you would like to declare that publicly and before God again? Perhaps you have started a new way in which you serve the church. Perhaps you have new realisations and your faith has deepened recently. Perhaps you have come back to church after a period away 'in the wilderness'. Whatever your reason, this is your chance, you can.

Affirmation 
of Faith

'Renew and affirm your Christian vows' in church on Sunday in a short ceremony and blessing which includes these words:
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent
and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and
example

the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all
people,

loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's
authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by
seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your heart(s)
through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded
in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
All: Amen.



Just come and see me any time now
or in the future and we'll have a short
chat about why and when!

Blessing

Rev. Catherine