Joke for Dave - (with apologies!)

A man was on holiday strolling along outside his hotel on the south coast enjoying the sunny weather. He heard the screams of a woman kneeling in front of a child. The man determined that the boy had swallowed a coin. Seizing the child by the heels, he held him up, gave him a few shakes, and a £1 coin dropped to the pavement. “Oh, thank you sir!” cried the woman. “You seemed to know just how to get it out of him. Are you a doctor?” “No, ma’am,” replied the man. “I’m the PCC Treasurer of our local church.”

Ed

Thank you

For your contributions to this month’s Messenger. Articles for the July edition should be with me by Wednesday 6th July. They can be e-mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham, or given to me at church.

June

Dear Friends,

Fetes, Fayres and Patronal Festivals are part of this season of joy. We leave St Barnabas Church on this second Sunday in June having celebrated the Patron Saint of our church. Yesterday we enjoyed the St Barnabas Summer Fete. A couple of weeks ago we celebrated the Patronal Festival of the Holy Trinity and on Saturday 16th July, we will enjoy the Holy Trinity Summer Fayre. Although worship is central to us keeping the faith, it is complemented by having the opportunity to display unity, good will and fun. St Barnabas is known as ‘a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith’, he is also remembered for ‘his close association with the work of St Paul,’ i.e. faith and work being witnessed together. St Barnabas was a missionary, going out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ amongst all people, so we too step out in faith and in what we do together bring the same ‘good news’ to all.
Collect for St Barnabas
Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

David Harrex.

Parish Funerals in May
Evelyn Ena Berry of Cleeve Thursday 26th at Holy Trinity Church, Cleeve

For any Parish Information or enquiries relating to Baptism, Weddings or Funerals at Holy Trinity, Cleeve or St Barnabas, Claverham, please contact Revd. Canon David Harrex. Tel. 01934 833772.
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Services from second week of June to second week in July 2016

The Third Sunday after Trinity
2nd Sunday 12th 9.30am Patrimonial Holy Communion Claverham
11.00am Holy Communion Cleeve
Thursday 16th 9.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness / HC Cleeve

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
3rd Sunday 19th 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Claverham
9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
Wednesday 22nd 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Claverham

HOLY TRINITY SUMMER FETE
SATURDAY 16th July 2-4pm
IN THE GROUNDS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CLEEVE (inside if wet)
REFRESHMENTS TOMBOLA CAKES GAMES PLANTS BOOK STALL & MUCH MORE
Changing Tunes.

A couple of weeks ago, Clive and I went to prison. No, it was not for the crime of printing all those painful jokes in the Messenger. We had been invited to a concert at HMP Eastwood Park, a women’s prison, following our donation of some of my brother’s guitars. Changing Tunes is a registered charity that uses music teaching, rehearsing, recording, performance, improvisation and composition to aid the rehabilitation of prisoners and ex-prisoners. The common purpose of making music helps to improve self-esteem, build healthy relationships, and to engage in an activity where hard work and perseverance brings rewards. These factors are major steps towards rehabilitation, resulting in prisoners who have been supported by Changing Tunes having a vastly reduced reoffending rate.

We met Lizzie, the Chief Executive in the car park and waited with the rest of our group for the metal door to open at the appointed time. I had never been in a prison before and it was an experience I will not forget in a hurry. The tall walls with razor wire on top, high security, passing through metal doors which clanged and were locked behind us as we were led to the prison chapel where the concert was to take place. Then the women taking their places in the audience, being escorted by the prison officers. The group, supported by their teacher and by musicians from the charity performed a wide variety of songs and showed off their newly acquired musical skills on the keyboard, drums and guitar to an enthusiastic audience. Mingled with the emotion and sheer joy of seeing my brother’s guitar in action was the incredulity of seeing so many women who had lost their liberty. I wondered what paths in life they had taken to land up there,
we raised over £130, which is still growing as we are still selling plants at services. Thank you for your support.

Andrea Stoddart

7@theHall

7@theHall held its very own BAKE OFF last month with a wide range of contestants from Dave Mortimer and Deanery youth worker Neil Wylie to the kids themselves. The challenge was to see who could make the tastiest scones in the allotted time, with one child wearing more of the ingredients than what was in the bowl! Great fun was had by all and with the help of our very own Mary Berry - Lyn Mortimer, a first, second and third certificate was awarded, but best of all they all got to eat the fruits of their labours with lashings of strawberry jam and cream!

Gill

Plant Sale

The plant sale which was held at June Richard’s house/garden on 7th May was a very pleasant way to spend a Saturday morning. Plants for sale were displayed in the front garden where ‘experts’ Andrea and Diana were available to give advice on horticultural matters, while inside there was a roaring trade in cream teas. A total of £448 was raised and an enjoyable if rather calorific time was had by all! Thanks to June for lending her house/garden and to the scone makers and many helpers!

Cleeve and Claverham MU

Tickets for this lunch are £6 which are available from Lin (838515) or Andrea (832458). All proceeds for MU Worldwide Fund which enables valuable work to be carried out in the UK and abroad.

St Barnabas/Claverham news

The next Claverham market, featuring our cake stall and Trevor’s popular plant stall, will be held on Saturday 18th June from 10am until 12 noon. There will be the usual variety of stalls to browse round and it is a good opportunity to socialise with friends and neighbours over a cup of tea and bacon sarnie!

Also in the Village Hall on the second and fourth Friday every month, is the Street Dance group who meet from 7pm-9pm. Entrance is £4 and all 8 - 15 year olds are most welcome.

Holy Trinity Summer Fayre

The Worldwide Lunch will be held on Tuesday 19th July from 12noon – 2pm in the Sinclair Pavilion. There will be a meal of hot main course, choice of pudding and tea/coffee. Cake stall, Bring and Buy, raffle, MU cards and books.

Put Saturday 16th July in your diaries, for this is the date of the Holy Trinity Summer Fayre which is from 2pm-4pm. There will be stalls, games, cakes, tombola, cream teas, all the fun of the Fayre in fact!