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The Danish Lutheran Church & Cultural Centre of Southern California.





A VIEW FROM THE VICAR

By: Robert Stanier

A simple way of understanding the proximity of history is to do the following exercise.

Take the age you are now. Now imagine someone who was that age on the day that you were born. What year would *that* person have been born and what historical events would they have lived through?

So I'm 43. A person who was my age now at the time I was born would have been born in 1932; they would probably have been evacuated somewhere during the war. They could remember life before the NHS and before television. But it's among older members of our congregation that this method really starts getting interesting.

Take someone who is 90 now, and there are a few members in the congregation older than this. Someone who was 90 when they were born would themselves have been born in 1838. In their youth, they would have read the news reports about the Charge of the Light Brigade, although they probably didn't go to any school at all, because compulsory primary education did not arrive until 1870. Had they been educated, perhaps they would have read 'David Copperfield' when it first came out. The First World War would have been a disaster that arrived in their old age.

This November marks one hundred years since the end of the First World War. No one who fought in that war now survives, but equally, it is not *that* long ago. I think we are still shaped by it. Most summers, I travel around England or France, and every single village has its war memorial, with a varied decorative monument but inevitably a list of names of those who died.

The slaughter on the Western front was a high watermark of the depths of inhumanity which humans can bring upon themselves, and the victims' names are still with us, in churchyard after churchyard, town centre after town centre.

So this year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we will be marking the event as we do every year, but we will also be reading out in full the names of Surbiton's fallen. On the one hand, we are just another parish church, but that, perhaps, is the point. Those fifty-one names can be multiplied out on memorials across England, France, Germany, Russia, Serbia, Italy and more until the names become tens of millions.

The script from a children's worship liturgy describes it well.

"They started fighting for lots of reasons.

But once they started, they couldn't stop.

More people joined in

And then more

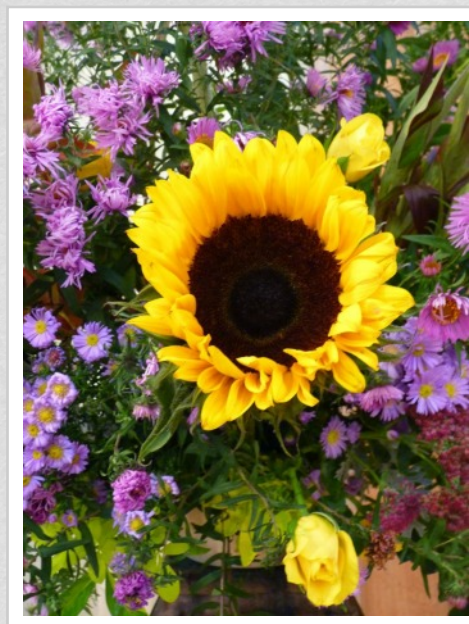
Until almost the whole world was fighting..."

This history is something we are part of. One day, we pray that we write a new phase of history that means war never happens again. The fear is that such a prayer is futile; the hope is that somehow it will come true.

IMAGES OF HARVEST FESTIVAL



Photographs courtesy of John Kelly



COMPETITION



I had hoped to announce the winner of the "Wish You Were Here" competition in this issue, but disappointingly, we didn't receive any entries. The £10 Amazon gift voucher will be kept back for next time.

Editor

WISH YOU WERE HERE.....



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE GREAT WAR

11.11.1918–11.11.2018



People celebrate the end of war on a London bus.



By: Private Herbert Ernest Howard.

*'Verses from the trenches'
published after his death in July
1916.*

For the Fallen

With proud thanksgiving,
A mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.





WEAVING CAROL

This poem/carol written in 2017 by the Rev'd. David Head (ex St Mark's now vicar of Holy Trinity, West Runton and several other churches in rural Norfolk). Music for the carol, the tune "Prediction" composed by Michael Finnissy 2017. First performance in Holy Trinity, West Runton 20:12:2017.

*A strand of Joseph's beard Was twisted round his thumb He'd
dreamt the angel's word: "Immanuel will come".*

*The lock of Mary's hair That fell upon her boy While binding
him to her Conveyed the joy she bore.*

*The fuzz on Jesus' crown
Had caught a silent light
And like a halo shone
Inside this earthly night*

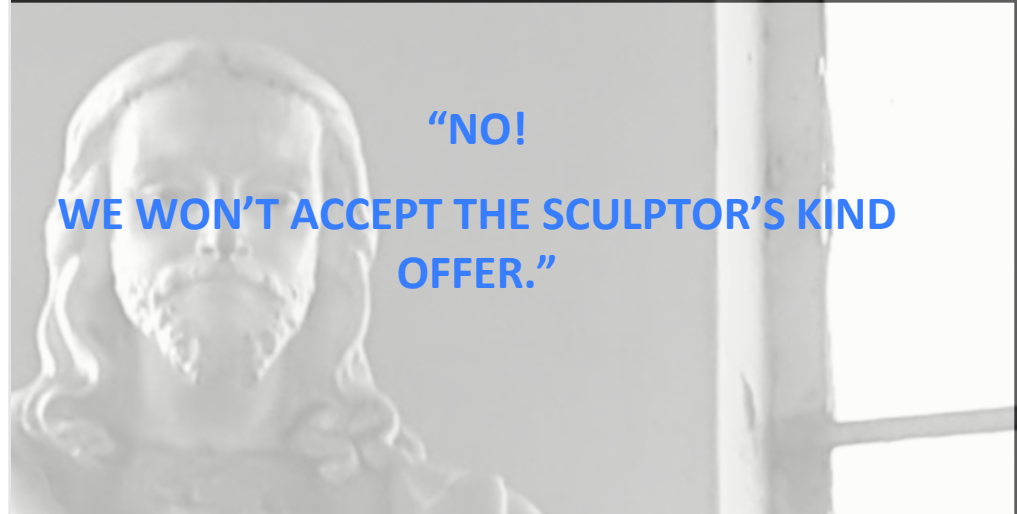
*The cross on donkey's back
Imprinted in his fur
Already marked in black
The load he had to bear.*

*The ripples on a lamb
Were soft but white as ice,
Predicted his I AM
Of love and sacrifice.*

*We weave them into one,
The threads that start the cloth
With which God's only son
Will clothe us in his love.*

Thank you to Jean Webber for providing this lovely poem.





**“NO!
WE WON’T ACCEPT THE SCULPTOR’S KIND
OFFER.”**

GRACE

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Autumn Reflection

Ann Railton, Lay Preacher

During World War II, an old church in Germany was bombed. Everything was destroyed – except a life-size STATUE of JESUS, which had stood at the east wall, near to the altar.

Just like a miracle – the statue was completely unharmed! Except, both of its hands were totally shattered and had fallen off.

The statue was carefully wrapped in straw and put into a wooden box. Then hidden away in a cellar. After the war ended the church was re-built, and the statue put back in its place of honour near the altar.

Several years later, a sculptor visited the church. He offered to make the statue some beautiful new hands – free of charge. “O thank you, how wonderful!” said the Pastor.

But a strange thing happened. At a discussion meeting, the congregation said, “No! We won’t accept the sculptor’s kind offer, we’ll leave the statue just as it is.”

In the words of St Teresa of Avila:

“Christ has no body now on Earth BUT YOURS.

No hands, no feet on Earth BUT YOURS.

*Yours are the EYES with which he looks with Compassion
on this world,*

Yours are the FEET with which he goes about doing good.

*And, yours are the HANDS with which Christ helps other
people in the world Today.”*

So let us strive to reach out a helping-hand, a listening ear whenever we can. Always following in the footsteps of Our Saviour, JESUS CHRIST.

Article kindly provided by Chris Ennis

THANK YOU TO ALL AT ST ANDREW'S & ST MARK'S

I am writing this after my last service as part of the Ministry Team at St Andrews and St Marks on 9th September. It was very moving to be prayed for by the whole congregation at the end of the service and that will give me strength for a long time to come. I want to say thank you for all the prayers and good wishes as I move to St Matthews Raynes Park as part of my training for ordination as a Deacon.

Being part of St Andrews and St Marks has been a tremendous experience and I have loved these last 12 years. However, I have felt the call to ordained ministry for a long time and I knew it was time to follow that call when the possibility of the Distinctive Diaconate emerged. When God calls the only response is to follow.

The Distinctive Diaconate is a ministry of service and mission. The role of the Deacon in the liturgy is to make connections between the church and the world. This has been the heart of my ministry for some time. I will be training for 3 years at St Augustine's College of Theology. I am enjoying the training enormously and relishing learning more theology and practical ministry. This is a special opportunity and I will make the most of it. What happens beyond training (if I get through it!) is unknown. Whilst I won't be part of the Ministry Team at St Andrews and St Marks I hope to keep in touch through social occasions and some parish events. I will value the support from continuing friendships in the congregation.

Janice Price

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

It's the time of year for us to ask if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of decorating both churches with flowers for the Christmas celebrations. Contributions should be given to Anne Barker / Jackie Page or any of the Church Wardens, Thank you all for continuing to support the decorating of both churches.



'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.'

Describe yourself. – What is your name & where were you born?

Catherine Harding - born in Sydney, Australia.

What family do you have?

Mum and a husband. It's about quality not quantity!

What is your occupation?

I'm the Digital Creative Manager for the Conservative Party - which means I create social media content and can often be found photographing the PM somewhere.

I also am a music theatre performer and have performed internationally in such shows as Cats, Fame and Fiddler on the Roof. I currently sing with the London Philharmonic.

How long have you been attending St Andrews's & St Mark's.

Since Easter 2017

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

That everyone recognizes Jesus is Lord... but on a day to day basis it's playing with animals.

What is your most treasured possession?

One of my most treasured possessions lives in Australia still, but it's a Barbie mug I've had since I was 5.

How do you relax?

Having a gin and tonic somewhere with a good view.

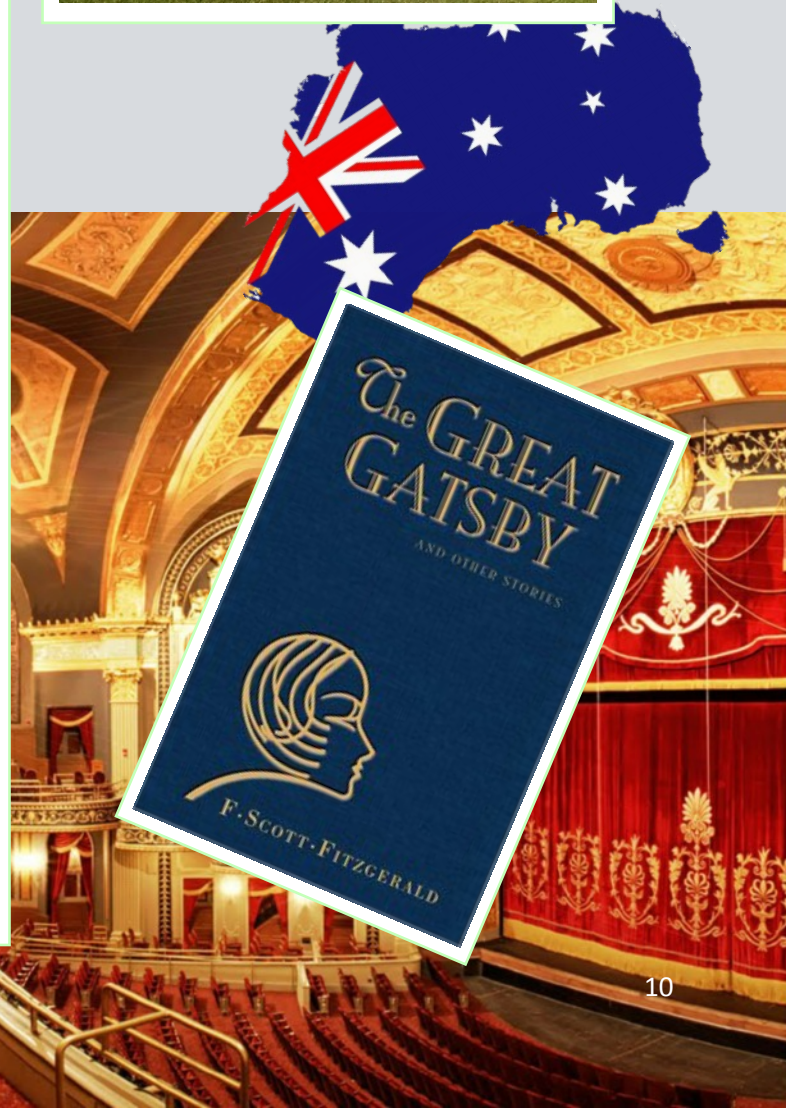
Which character in the Bible, after Jesus, inspires or interests you most?

I find Jonah interesting. I think we can all relate to running away from God in some level.

What are your favourite Bible verses?

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.



'GOD IS IN CONTROL'

What do you think is the hardest thing about being a Christian?

To try and drown out the message of the world which tells you "live for now".

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

Having my Mum move here from Australia.

What is your favourite journey?

I love walking along the Thames at Kingston and rejoicing in God's wonderful creation. There are always so many ducks and swans. It's lovely.

What is your favourite meal?

Garlic bread?! Food is always best when the ingredients are fresh and high quality. I love cooking meals made with produce from the Surbiton Farmers Market.

Most enjoyable book?

The Great Gatsby is one of my favourite books.

Where do you like to go for holidays?

I like exploring new places with lots of history, good food and drink and nice weather. I loved Ljubljana last year.

If you had a choice where would you like to live?

I do have the choice luckily, and I picked right here in Surbiton.

What is the most important lesson life has taught you?
God is in control.



“Consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

Describe yourself. –What is your name & where were you born?

My name is Philip Harding & I was born in Edinburgh.

What family do you have?

I have four brothers.

What is your occupation?

I run a drinks agency.

How long have you been attending St Andrew's & St Mark's?

I have attended for a year and a bit.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Being with my family.

What is your most treasured possession?

My cook book collection.

How do you relax?

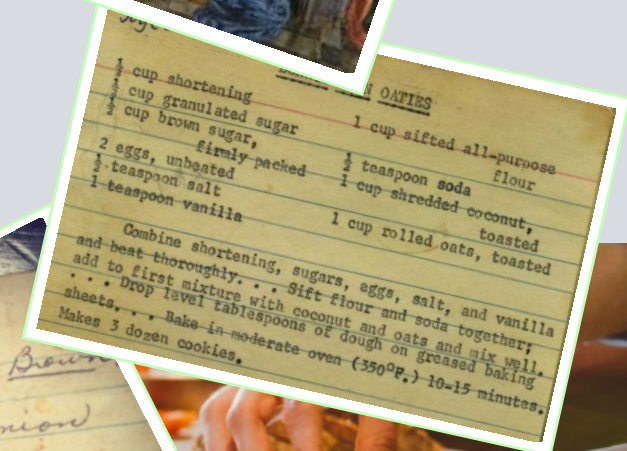
In the kitchen making food.

Which character in the Bible, after Jesus, inspires or interests you most?

King Solomon - because of his wisdom.

What is your favourite Bible verse?

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”



'Spending time with family and loved ones is far more rewarding than anything else.'

What do you think is the hardest thing about being a Christian?
Living your faith all the week rather than just on Sundays.

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?
Getting a dog.

What is your favourite journey?
The long flight to Sydney to see friends and family.

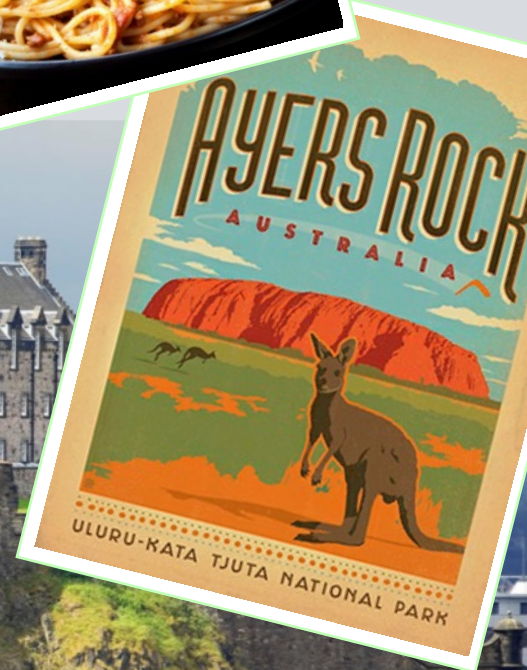
What is your favourite meal?
Have so many it's hard to choose - slow cooked beef brisket with truffle mash? But I could eat Spag Bol everyday if needs be.

Most enjoyable book?
Pilgrim's Progress has always been a favourite since childhood.

Where do you like to go for your holidays?
Italy or Australia.

If you had a choice where would you like to live?
Right here in Surbiton by the river!

What is the most important lesson life has taught you?
Spending time with family and loved ones is far more rewarding than anything else.





ST ANDREW'S & ST MARK'S MOTHERS' UNION



From the beginning of 2019 The Mothers' Union have a new Worldwide President. She is Mrs Sheran Harper from Guyana, part of the Anglican Church in the Province of the West Indies and has made history as the first non-British Worldwide President of MU. She will lead the newly elected Board of Trustees made up of 11 trustees – five from the provinces within Britain & Ireland; and six from the rest of the world.

Once again, Mothers Union will be involved in the worldwide campaign '16 Days of Activism' to end Gender-Based Violence. The campaign raises awareness of and promotes action to combat GBV. From the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25th November) until Human Rights Day (15th December), Mothers' Union members will hold vigils, attend 16 Days church services and advocate for an end to GBV. To learn more about the campaign, access resources and get involved, by visiting www.themothersunion.org

Our branch has meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, usually in St Mark's Church, and all are welcome. If you would like more information, please telephone Christine on 01372 373 024.

In September Janice Price gave a talk with a presentation of pictures called 'Reflections from World Churches'. Branch members and visitors enjoyed asking questions and contributing to the discussion.

In October Maria Bailey gave an enjoyable and informative talk on deafness.

Forthcoming meetings:-

Wednesday 21st November 2018, at 2.30pm – 'Working with Ministers' - A talk by Jackie Robbs.

Wednesday 19th December 2018, at 8.00pm – Christmas Service in St Mark's Church, followed by seasonal refreshments.





In the last Spire & Tower magazine we said a fond farewell to David Candlin before he took up his appointment at St Martin's Church, Epsom. During his training in 2017 he did a placement in the Anglican Diocese of Cameroon. This summer David returned to Cameroon to join in the Diocese celebrating its 10th anniversary. He took with him some 2019 Lectionaries kindly donated by St Andrew & St Mark's friends and Mothers' Union members.

Celia O'Neill commented, "I am so glad he was able to use our donation to purchase something needed. This is a very good way of supporting the Church overseas and our Christian brothers and sisters."

By: Christine Waller

Back Image: Pen & ink sketch of prisoners being taken on horse & cart to Tyburn.



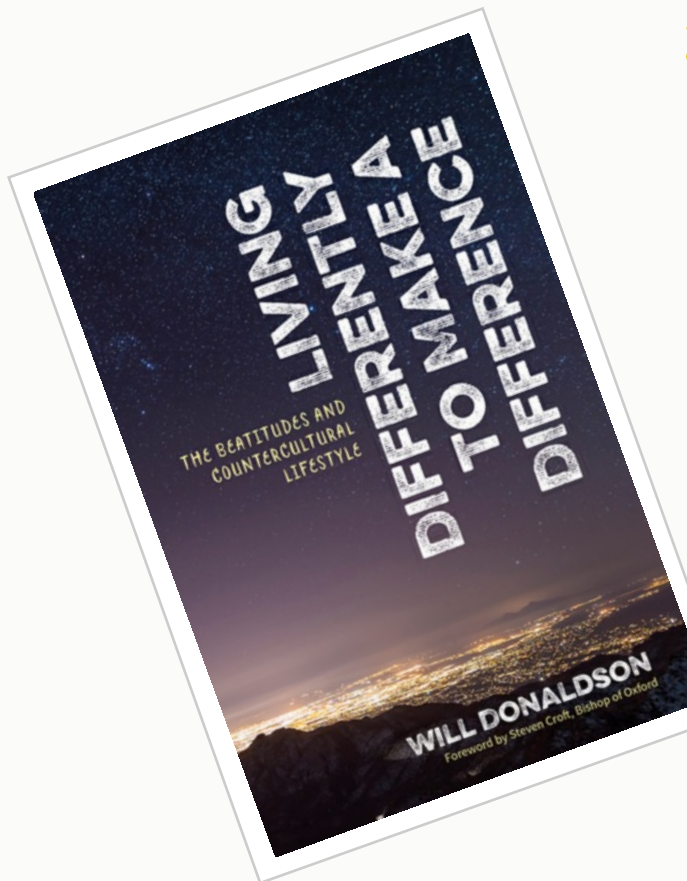
MODERN TIMES

One of the churches in the City of London has had to display notices to remind laptop junkies that some of the pews have been set aside for the people who actually come in to pray. Footnotes to a couple of visits that Flying Circus made last year: one was to an exhibition of finds made during the digging of Crossrail. Recently, the towers of St Mary Abchurch had to be braced because of tunneling beneath the church. The bell must not be rung for six months. After that time, TfL claim, it will not be the fault of the tunneling if the tower falls down!

Another visit was to Charterhouse. In 1611, Thomas Sutton set up an alms house here as a home for elderly unmarried men. Now, the "Brethren" not only have a female member, but also the first woman "Master" in the foundations history. The last Prior of the preceeding monastery refused to acknowledge Henry VIII as supreme head of the church. He was carted off to Tyburn to be hung, drawn and quartered. How comforting to learn that on the anniversary of his execution, the nuns of Tyburn join the Brethren at the memorial service.

By Colsten Hartley

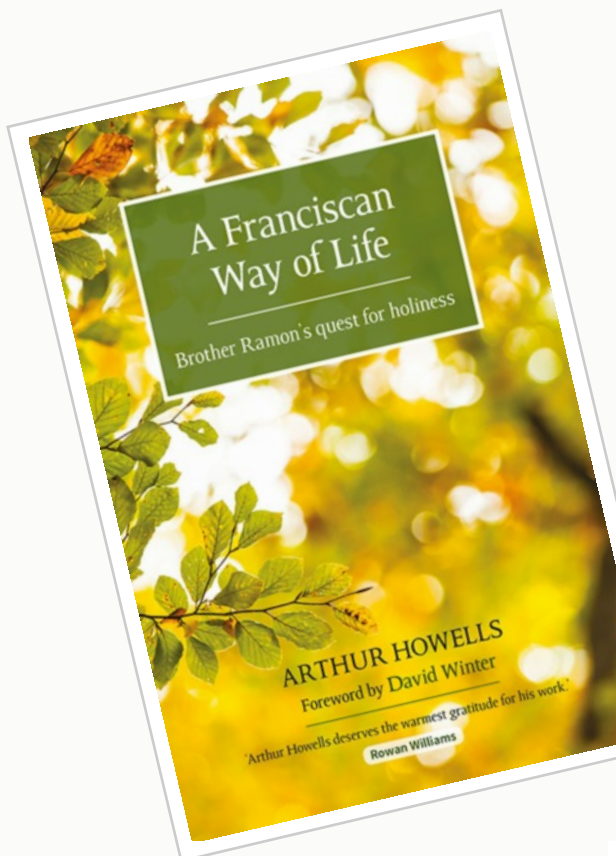
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Content

Few would doubt that we live in a wounded and broken world. But God has sent a Saviour, Jesus Christ, who calls us, in the beatitudes, to live an authentic, countercultural lifestyle. By being different we can make a difference, becoming the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Through living the beatitudes, we could make the world a better place.

Will Donaldson explores and applies Jesus' beatitudes for today, exposing the value systems of the world and challenging us to live differently. As Christians, we can make a difference in the world through lives that reflect the values of the kingdom of heaven.



Content

Be inspired by one man's unflinching faith in God. This is the first biography of Brother Ramon. It tells of his life's pilgrimage, his quest for holiness as a Franciscan friar, his inner journey of discovery and transformation, his love of God and his influence on others. The selection from his writings which concludes the book illustrates his spiritual journey. It will be an inspiration to readers to live lives fully for Jesus Christ.

Both books can be obtained from the BRF online shop at £8.99 each.

Kindly suggested by Olga Wickenden

Life after delivery

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other, "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?" The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd; walking is impossible and eating with our mouths is ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded." The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore." The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere." "Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us." The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?" The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist." Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist." To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my Mother's womb."

PSALMS 139:13

Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from him."

PSALMS 127:3



“USE YOUR FEAR...IT CAN TAKE YOU
TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU STORE
YOUR COURAGE.”

AMELIA EARHART 1897-1937



“ALL THE GREAT THINGS ARE SIMPLE
& MANY CAN BE EXPRESSED IN A
SINGLE WORD: FREEDOM,
JUSTICE, HONOUR, DUTY,
MERCY, HOPE.”

WINSTON CHURCHILL 1874-1965



We Three King's

1 We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse so far.
Field & fountain, moor & mountain,
Following yonder star.

Chorus

2 Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain;
Gold we bring to crown Him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Chorus

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stoneold tomb.

Chorus

O, star of wonder, star of might,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer & praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on High.

Chorus

5 Glorious now behold Him arise,
King & God & sacrifice,
Heaven sings, "Hallelujah!"
Hallelujah!" Earth replies.

Chorus



The Journey of the Three Kings by L. Kupelwieser 1825



THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME

BY JOHN HOBDAV

Enter St Mark's Church from Church Hill Road, up some steps and to your right there is a modest stone monument (the one facing the wrong way). It's a memorial to a Churchill, so from Church Hill Road to Churchill the man. Charles Edwin Churchill in fact.

Apart from his birth and death dates, there is no other information on the monument. Nothing to link him to Napoleon I; a local World War One military hospital; a well known matchmaker; the famous Hamleys toy shop or even the trial of a man accused of handling forged bank notes – at a time when this crime carried the death sentence.

Read on and I will explain.

At its base, the inscription reads "In loving memory of Charles Edwin Churchill born September 6th 1837 died August 24th 1912". Chronologically, however, this is a secondary inscription for it is also a memorial to Charles' infant son, Charles Nelson Churchill, who died in 1889 aged a little under two years of age.

So what is Charles senior's story? Curiously he was born with another name – until 1866 when he was 29 he was Charles Edwin Bones. He changed it by deed poll stating that Churchill was a name on his maternal side. His mother's maiden name was actually Harrison, but possibly his grandmother's name was originally Churchill – it's difficult to know for sure without a lot more research.



Charles Edwin Churchill 1837-1912



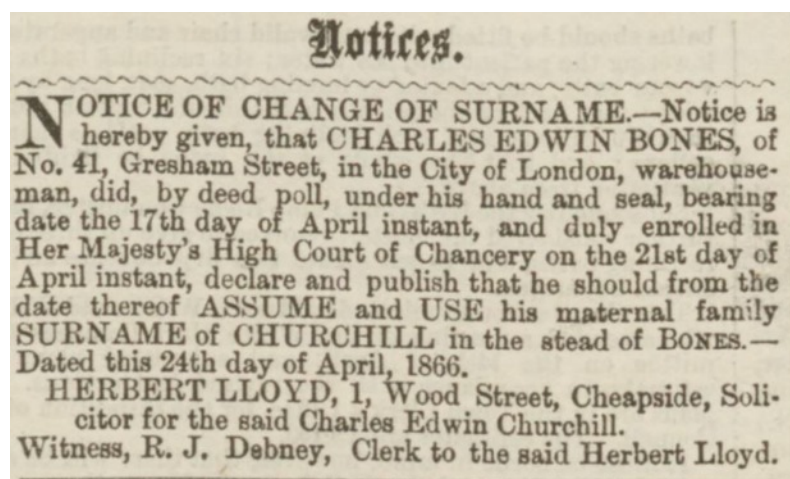
Charles Nelson Churchill 1887-1889

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>Kingston on Thames</i>								
Registrar's Sub-District <i>Kingston</i>								
1889. DEATHS in the Sub-District of <i>Kingston</i> in the County of <i>Surrey</i>								
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No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.
89	<i>Twentyfourth April 1889 6 Wyburn Villas Ewell Road Surrey</i>	<i>Charles Nelson Churchill</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>21 months</i>	<i>Son of Charles Edwin Churchill a Silk Merchant</i>	<i>Encephalitis certified by C. C. Gibbs M.D.</i>	<i>Charles E Churchill Father present at Death 6 Wyburn Villas Ewell Road Surrey</i>	<i>Twenty sixth April 1889</i>
								<i>John Harris Registrar</i>

Death certificate of Charles Nelson Churchill

Charles' father was Christopher Bones, born in Bath in 1803 who traded as a boot and shoe maker there – following in the footsteps of his father, also Christopher Bones as he was another boot and shoe maker (born 1766).

Christopher Bones senior seems to have had a rather colourful life. He may even have been French. When he died on 17 November 1859 he was renowned enough to have an obituary in the local newspaper. This mentions that "The deceased was in Paris during the Reign of Terror, at the French Revolution, served under Napoleon I during his campaigns in Italy, and personally messed with him. He eventually escaped as a French servant to an English gentleman." The report doesn't mention the circumstances of his need to escape. And who knows why our Charles [Bones] Churchill felt the need to change his name – no simple matter then as now – but he might have had a lot of stick regarding his grandfather's connection with Napoleon – "Old Boney". This most certainly would have been bad for business.



Around 1828 Richard Millard carried out a series of attempts to pass off forged bank notes as genuine. One of his victims was Christopher Bones senior who was given a fake £10 note for a £2 pair of boots when Millard called at his shop in Melson Street, Bath. Eventually he was indicted and Christopher Bones (with his son) was one of several witnesses called in the trial at Bristol Assizes.

According to the London Evening Standard for 14 April 1828 "The jury retired for half an hour, and on their return into court returned a verdict of Guilty, Death." Millard was subsequently hanged in public – witnessed by about 25,000 people – on Friday 2 May 1828 at a quarter past one. The newspapers further added that "he was launched into eternity without the least struggle" and "His body was cut down after an hour and delivered to his friends who were waiting." He was 35.

On a happier note, Christopher Bones junior had six children including Charles, the subject of the memorial in the grounds of St Mark's.

They were:

Charlotte Harrison Bones, born 1831, Bath. She married Frederick Stephenson Wells on 13 August 1859.

Mary Bones, born 1835, Bath. She married Thomas Gibbons, a grocer, on 6 September 1859.

Charles Edwin Bones, born 6 September 1837, Bath.

Eliza Bones, born 1839, Bath.

Georgina Bones, born 1841, Bath. She was unmarried and living with her widowed sister Mary in 1891 according to the census of that year.

Edward Bones, born 1845, Bath. He also changed his name to Churchill around the 1860s.

Charles Edwin Churchill's family

Charles Edwin (now Churchill) married Emma Lane in 1878. She born in 1848, Taunton and died in 1931, Surbiton. They had five children:

Charlotte Ethel Churchill, born 22 June 1879, Surbiton. She didn't marry, but was a volunteer with the British Red Cross Society at Oakenshaw Hospital during WW1 from 10 April 1916 until 9 August 1918. The hospital was actually the private home, since demolished, of Hugh Frederick Marden Ranger. Oakenshaw Close, Oakhill now occupies the site. (More on this hospital later.) She died in 1969.

Gertrude Mary Churchill, born 1881, Surbiton. She married Robert Astley Beer (born 1874, Highgate) in 1908 and had two sons John Astley (born 1910) and Charles E A (born 1912).

Margaret Elsie Churchill, born 1883, Surbiton. She married William Hodges in 1919 and was also a volunteer with the Red Cross at Oakenshaw Hospital from 20 April 1915 until 28 September 1918.

Charles Nelson Churchill, born June 1887, Surbiton. He died of encephalitis on 24 April 1889 at 6 Wyburn Villas, Ewell Road, Surbiton and is remembered on the monument at St Mark's.

Howard Churchill, born 2 April 1889. He was a rifleman in 16th LDN reg QWR during WW1, but discharged on medical grounds on 17 September 1916 – he had a heart condition. He died at 8 Langley Avenue in 1957 and didn't marry. He was a silk merchant like his father.

Incidentally, there may be another child as Charles Edwin states on his 1911 Census return that he had six, not five children. But no record can be found of a sixth (and he did get the year of his marriage wrong!)

Charles Edwin Churchill became quite a prosperous silk merchant and moved to Surbiton sometime soon after his marriage to Emma Lane in 1878. Their address was 6 Wyburn Villas on the Ewell Road. This building still exists and I believe is now known as Wyburn Court.

The family later moved to Raynham, 8 Langley Avenue which remained in the family until Charles' son Howard died in 1957.



Wyburn Villas on Ewell Road, Surbiton.

Oakenshaw Hospital

Oakenshaw Auxiliary (sometimes Military) Hospital operated between 1914 and 1919. Charlotte and Margaret Churchill were among several voluntary nursing assistants there whose duties would have included such things as bed making, feeding patients, giving blanket baths, cleaning, cooking, driving ambulances and administration. It is reported to have had 46 beds.

The hospital opened on 18 November 1914 and closed in April 1919. It was the private home of Hugh Frederick Marden Ranger born 1875 (possibly died 1946, Battle, Sussex) and his wife Catherine Sarah Marden Ranger (nee Marden, born 1876, Hong Kong). Catherine helped run the hospital. The house had 16 rooms (1911 Census); the address was Oakenshaw, 9 Oak Hill, Surbiton.

Hugh Frederick Ranger, a solicitor and later an insurance broker, married Catherine Sarah Marden on 20 June 1900 at St Mark's Church, Surbiton. They adopted combined names on marriage – an early 'modern' couple? By 1911 they had two children – Beryl Kathleen, born 1901 and Hugh Basil, born 3 December 1902 (died 1981, Ashford).

Beryl Kathleen married Thomas Menzies Ferguson on 30 September 1929 in Rangoon.

Hugh Basil married Marjorie Annadale Bain (born 1911) in 1934, Rangoon. Her father was a steamship owner John Hitchins Bain, JP, who died on 20 March 1903.

OAKENSHAW



Mrs Bryant & Wilberforce

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In July 1916, William Henry Hamley (born 1843) died and left over a thousand pounds worth of GWR shares to Hugh Frederick. Hamley was a member of the family running the famous toy shop started by another William as Noah's Ark (because that's what they initially sold) in High Holborn in 1760. It was later renamed Hamleys. The Regent Street's branch dates from 1881.

A previous occupier of Oakenshaw in the 1870s was William Bryant (born 1804) and his family, the co-founder of Bryant & May (with Francis May) the exceedingly prosperous match manufacturer. His wife, Ann Jago, commissioned a dolls house about 1865 said to be modelled on Oakenshaw. You can see for yourself whether this is likely to be so as it was donated to the V&A in 1930 by Wilberforce Bryant's daughters and is on view in the V&A Museum of Childhood, Bethnal Green. (Or visit YouTube and search under "Dolls House – Mrs Bryant's Pleasure".) Wilberforce was William's son.

One final connection concerns Wilberforce Bryant. He once owned The Gables in Surbiton which had a theatre in the grounds where Glenbuck flats are now situated. Although he had moved away by 1900, the current owner (Alfred Cooper) also converted this theatre into a military hospital, but this time for the Boer war. Named the Princess of Wales Private Military Hospital, it was for sick and wounded soldiers of that war and visited by the Prince and Princess of Wales on at least one occasion.

We are indebted to John Hobday for his skilled & painstaking research & for this most fascinating article.



Mrs Bryant's Dolls House



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2. PEACE Of Heart
3. PEACE Of Soul

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1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant Four Rows Of Lettuce;

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No Garden Should Be Without Turnips- So Plant 3 Rows Of Turnips;

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

Finally, Your Garden Must Have Thyme;

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends
4. Thyme for prayer

Water Freely With Patience & Cultivate With LOVE.

There should be much fruit in your garden, after all “We Reap What We Sow.”

Anon

This charming poem was included in the last Southwark Mother's Union magazine & kindly supplied by Sadie Beasley.



Focus on: Remembering World War 1 & Christmas

We have two very different themes this edition. First, Remembrance Sunday on 11 November, which sees the Church remember men and women who have died in active service. Additionally, this year there are events taking place up and down the country in commemoration of the end of World War One, 100 years ago, and all the people who lost their lives in that conflict. Then in December it is Christmas: one of the Church's most important festivals. Christmas is a celebration of Christ's birth, his life and his living amongst us.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday of November each year. This Sunday is the nearest to 11 November, also known as Armistice Day: the day on which, in 1918, after four years of conflict, the First World War ended at 11am. Aptly this year, Remembrance Sunday is 11 November.

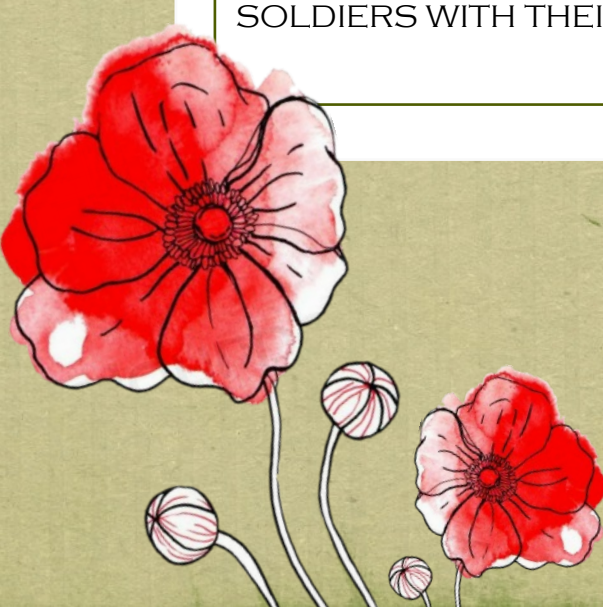
People hold a 2 minute silence at 11am to remember all those who have died fighting for our country and its allies. We also wear poppies and lay wreaths at war memorials up and down the country as an act of remembrance. The most famous war memorial is The Cenotaph in London where the Queen and Prime Minister go to lay wreaths. If you are a Beaver, Cub, Brownie, Guide or Scout, you might be part of a procession.

Do you know where to find Surbiton's war memorial? Next time you are visiting the Surbiton Library – have a look next door and see all the names listed there of people from Surbiton who died.

VICARS AND WORLD WAR ONE

VICARS WENT TO THE FRONTLINE DURING WW1 TO SUPPORT, COMFORT AND WORSHIP WITH SOLDIERS.

ONE SUCH MAN WAS A CHAPLAIN NAMED GEOFFREY STUDDERT KENNEDY. HE WOULD HAND OUT WOODBINE CIGARETTES TO SOLDIERS WITH THEIR BIBLES & BECAME KNOWN AS WOODBINE WILLIE!





SASM CHILDREN'S CORNER BY CHARLOTTE NEW

After the thoughtfulness and reflection that comes with Remembrance Sunday, the following month is a time to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS

How well do you know the Christmas story? Can you put the following parts in the correct order? Each part has a letter at the start and when the parts are in the correct order, they spell a word.

I. Angels visited shepherds in the fields and told them about Jesus. They hurried to visit him.

J. So many people were in Bethlehem, there was nowhere for Mary and Joseph to stay, so a kind innkeeper, seeing Mary was about to have a baby, let them stay in his stable.

R. The Angel Gabriel visits Mary in Nazareth and tells her she is going to have a special baby that she must call Jesus.

C. Three wise men followed a star which showed them the way to where Jesus was.

E. Mary and her husband, Joseph, travel to Bethlehem to take part in a census.

O. Jesus was born in stable, surrounded by animals, and laid in the animals' manger for a bed.

E. The wise men bought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The word is _ _ _ _ _ .

INTERESTING FACT – We give each other presents at Christmas time – remembering how the wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, signs of kingship and holiness. Have you thought about what would you like for Christmas and what you might give your friends and family?

AND FINALLY SOME CHRISTMAS JOKES

What did the Christmas Card say to the Stamp? Stick with me and we'll go places!

Why are Christmas Trees like bad knitters? They keep losing their needles!

How do snowmen get around? They ride icicles!

Happy Christmas Everyone! See you in 2019.





THE FORMER ST MARK'S WAR MEMORIAL

BY: JON MOORE

A few years ago, as a result of the anticipated commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War, I started some research on the names on the tablet outside St. Andrew's Church. Some of the results of that research have been published in *Spire and Tower*. The names found are not just names, and I feel that the people mentioned deserve to be individually remembered for their sacrifice.

Looking at old Parish Magazines held in the Parish Office as indicated below, I found that St. Mark's also once had a War Memorial; and much of what has been found relating to that Memorial below is taken from the Parish magazine. I have quoted verbatim to provide an indication of the progression of the process:

- "It has been decided to place a simple memorial in the Church of St. Mark with the following inscription: —To the Glory of God and in memory of those connected with this parish who gave their lives for their country in the Great War, 1914-1919".

[A partial list of names was given here]

"The tablet will be executed with a frame of rich Rosso Antico marble of Laconia, with the inscription slab in first quality statuary marble of Mount Altissimo of Seravezza, the letters being incised and coloured a dark red to match the frame in order to make them distinct.

The cost will be about £75, of which £28 12s. 3d. was subscribed through the Offertory at the Morning Service on Sunday, the 6th July.

The Churchwardens will be glad to receive donations towards the balance required, and also any names in addition that should be placed upon the tablet, as they are anxious to make it as complete as possible".

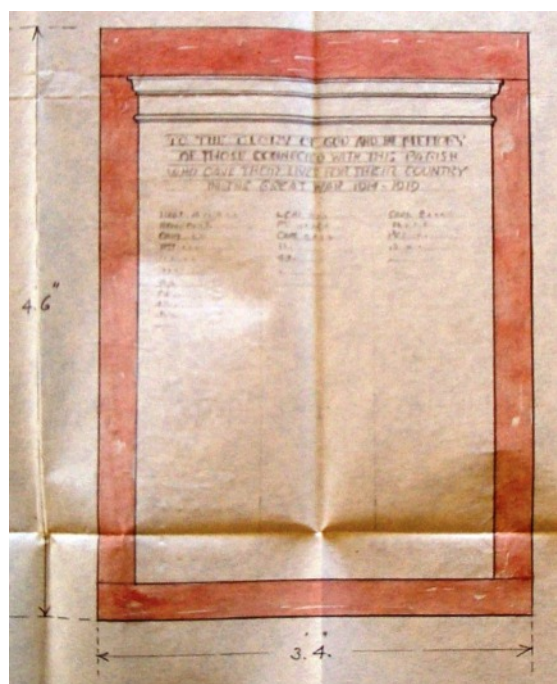
(Extract from the parish magazine of St Mark's and St Andrew's, Surbiton; August 1919, pp. 6-7).



Note that the following is the latest list I have found, and it still may not be accurate as to who was finally included or who was not. The names are not only of those I've identified as parishioners but in some cases are of former parishioners, their children, or their friends.

"C. **Armer**, Capt. G. W. **Ashby**, Corp. E. G. **Bacon**, L. A. **Baker**, R. F. C. **Ballard**, Scout C. J. **Banks**, H. J. **Beavis**, Corp. R. J. T. **Beazley** M.M., Capt. F. E. **Belchier** M.C, Lieut. A. F. **Bell**, A. H. **Berg**, E. **Bradford**, Sergt.-Major W. T. **Brine**, G. F. **Brown**, C. W. **Bryant**, R. F. **Cooper**, C. T. **Cooper**, J. **Chandler**, Sergt. R. **Cardy**, 2nd Lieut. R. C. **Chilvers**, G. R. **Cooper**, Lieut. C. L. **Cornish**, H. A. **Coxon**, C. L. **Crisfield**, H. K. **Crooms**, 2nd Lieut. C. J. **Dadswell**, J. A. **Dadswell**, J. **Daynes**, Col. G. A. **Edsell**, W. C. **Elworthy**, R. A. **Ferguson**, Capt. H. C. **Fielding**, W. G. **Frankling**, C. M. **Freeman**, Lieut. V. **Godfrey**, H. C. **Gover**, Lieut. J. A. **Green**, Lieut. G. **Hall** M.C., G. F. **Hyde**, Sergt.-Major J. H. W. **Hall** M.M., A. C. **Hards**, G. F. **Hatchett**, W. E. **Hayward**, W. H. **Hedgecock**, Capt. L. F. **Hepworth**, Capt. G. P. **Hepworth**, S. C. **Hepworth**, S. H. W. **Herbage**, J. **Howell**, N. B. **Howell**, P. **Howell**, D. W. **Imber**, W. J. **Jackson**, A. H. **Jupp**, Gunner S. **Jeffrey**, H. **Kenny**, T. H. **Kinder**, H. **Maddick**, G. W. **Mills**, Capt. E. S. **Molyneux**, A. **Mooring**, Lieut. P. **Mytton**, D. G. **Nisbet**, F. W. **Nisbet**, T. W. **Nops**, Lance-Corp. C. F. **Packham**, T. D. **Parkes**, G. **Poland**, E. **Potter**, A. **Powell**, S. C. T. **Powell**, W. **Read**, F. L. **Reading**, H. W. **Reed**, J. W. **Saunders**, H. A. **Seach**, D. **Scott**, H. **Squelch**, T. S. **Stacey**, M. A. F. **Turner**, N. C. **Whitehead**, R. **Whittall**, H. A. **Wilson**, C. F. **Windeler**, C. K. **Woollatt**, P. R. **Woollatt**, J. G. **Woolgar**, S. **Woolgar**".

(Extract from the parish magazine of St Mark's and St Andrew's, Surbiton; December 1919, pp. 8-9).



"A full sized drawing of the proposed tablet, with all the names on it, so far as they have been ascertained, has been placed on the wall of the south aisle in St. Mark's Church. The Churchwardens will be glad to receive any additional names, the rank of those not already shewn on the drawing, and any correction of spelling in the names".

(Extract from the parish magazine of St Mark's and St Andrew's, Surbiton; April 1920, p. 7).

The results of the last request were deemed to be appropriate, and as the installation of the memorial required other memorials to be moved, an omnibus faculty was applied for, the petition being received at Southwark Cathedral on the 18th of May 1920, a citation was sent on the 20th, and it was submitted to the Court on the 2nd of June 1920 (LMA: DS/FO/1920/48/1). Note that Faculties for this memorial's erection and others are held at the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA).

(Extract from: LMA: DS/FO/1920/48/2 (1920))

Presumably the Faculty was granted as:

"The War memorial will be dedicated at the 1 a.m. service on Sunday, October 24th, [1920] by the Bishop of Kingston, who will also preach".

(Extract from the parish magazine of St Mark's and St Andrew's, Surbiton; April 1920, p. 7).



The bombing of St. Mark's on the night of the 2nd October 1940 and the subsequent fire resulted in, amongst other more significant damage, the destruction of this Memorial tablet, which was mounted in the south aisle of the Church. Also destroyed were two wall tablets respectively commemorating the death in the war of Lieutenant-Colonel George Alfred Edsell (died 1915) and Captain Eric Seymour Molyneux (killed in action 1917), both of whom are in the list above. Another tablet destroyed was one that jointly commemorated (with a brother who died in 1910) the brothers Major Philip Martin Large, Captain Herbert Edward Large, and Captain Harold Emmott Large (all killed in action in 1915), none of whom were included in the list above.



The shattered remains of the War Memorial, with about a half of the names visible, can be seen in a photograph held at the Kingston Local History Room in the "*Surbiton Bomb Damage Photographs*" album, photo no.49. This album also has several photographs of the St. Andrew's Parish Hall in Balaclava Road which was bombed and destroyed later in the Second World War. A copy of the Memorial photograph can be found in the book "*Surbiton bombed : Second World War air raids in Surbiton, Tolworth & Berrylands*" by Mark Davison and Paul Adams (2002).

Thank you Jon



IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, —
Give my heart.



Ecce Ancilla Domini By Dante Gabriel Rossetti 1850

Christina Rossetti (5.12.1830 - 29.12.1894) was an English poet who wrote a variety of romantic, devotional and children's poems. She wrote the words to the well known Christmas carol "In The Bleak Mid Winter", later set to music by Gustav Holst and then Harold Darke. Her brother Dante was one of the founding members of the avante-garde artistic group the Pre Raphaelite Brotherhood. Christina modelled for several of her brother's works, including Ecce Ancilla Domini, which can be seen at Tate Britain. Dante changed Christina's hair from brown to auburn to compliment the red upright in the foreground.



SERVICE CALENDAR

Nov Dec 2018

Sunday 4th November: All Saints

8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

9.15am All Together Eucharist with Children's Choir, St Mark's

11am Morning Worship with Baptisms, St Andrew's

6pm All Souls Choral service; Commemoration of the Faithful departed, St Andrew's

Sunday 11th November: Remembrance Sunday

8am BCP Communion, St Mark's

9.15am Family Service, St Mark's

10.50am Choral Eucharist including Act of Remembrance with Sunday Club, St Andrew's

6pm Compline, St Andrew's

Sunday 18th November

8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

9.15am Morning Worship with Baptism, St Mark's

11am Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club, St Andrew's

6pm Service of wholeness and healing, St Andrew's

Sunday 25th November (Christ the King)

8am BCP Communion, St Mark's

9.15am Family Service, St Mark's

11am Choral Eucharist with Baptisms, and with Sunday Club, St Andrew's

6pm Evening Prayer with silence, St Andrew's



SERVICE CALENDAR

Friday 30th November: St Andrew's Day

7 for 7.30pm, Agape Eucharist for St Andrew's Day, St Andrew's

Sunday 2nd December (1st Sunday of Advent)

8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

9.15am All Together Eucharist followed by Parish Breakfast, St Mark's

11am Morning Worship with Baptisms, St Andrew's

6pm Advent Carol service, St Andrew's

Sunday 9th December (2nd Sunday of Advent)

8am BCP Communion, St Mark's

9.15am Family Service, St Mark's

11am Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club, St Andrew's

6pm Worship in the style of Taize, St Andrew's

Sunday 16th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

9.15am Morning worship with Baptism tbc, St Mark's

11am Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club, St Andrew's

6pm Christmas Carol Service, St Mark's

Sunday 23rd December (4th Sunday of Advent)

8am BCP Communion, St Mark's

9.15am Family Service, St Mark's

11am Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club, St Andrew's

6pm Evening Prayer with silence, St Andrew's

Christmas Eve, Mon 24th December

3.30pm Christingle service, St Andrew's

5pm Christingle service, St Andrew's (there are two Christingle services)

11pm Midnight Mass: Carols start at 11, service starts at 11.30, St Andrew's

Christmas Day, Tues 25th December

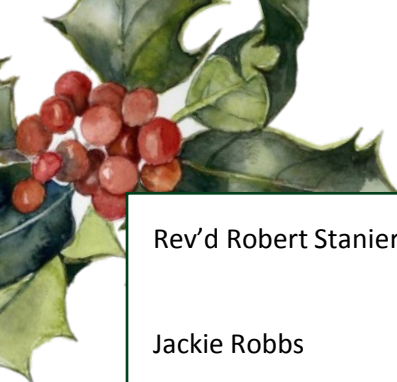
8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

10am All Age Choral Eucharist, St Mark's

Sunday 30th December (1st Sunday of Christmas)

8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

11am Sung Eucharist with hymns and carols, St Andrew's



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