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Taken last year on the Palm Sunday parade to St Andrew's church.

Taken by Katie Smith.



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A VIEW FROM THE VICAR

By: Robert Stanier



I am writing this on what may prove to be the hottest February day in England since records began; the sun is caressing the church stone; I am contemplating eating my lunchtime sandwich outside, and the daffodils are starting to bloom.

It's full of pleasure but this last aspect is somewhat disturbing, for we have fully five and a half weeks to go until Mothering Sunday when we rejoice in nature's bounty, gather together daffodils and place them in sprays for those who have been like mothers to us. This will still be happening, by the way, but we may have to import the daffodils down from Scotland or something rather than look outside: our natural processes have been disturbed.

The disconnect is partly because Easter is late this year; it is largely to do with natural seasonal variation; it is also slightly to do with a wider global warming. And this is not the only such sign; many of you will know I am interested in Burgundy wine. In the last fifty years, the vigneron's harvesting dates have moved forward by an average of three weeks. Nobody ever used to do any harvesting in August; now it is commonplace.

It is all still nature, of course, and on one level, what does it matter? The flowers just appear sooner; the grapes are ripe earlier; and it's marginally warmer in the summer.

Who among us can feel a degree's difference anyway?

But this is a limited argument

The Church year has been built out of the European experience of our environment. The solemnity of Lenten abstinence makes sense because in the natural cycle there is little food around at this time of year; most of it has been harvested and eaten long ago, and the new vegetables are yet to sprout; the joy of Easter resurrection is matched by the world budding into life; lambs are born, the flowers are out and it is natural to feel joy.



If global warming goes on, gradually all this connection will be eradicated. It is not just that this is an unfortunate de-coupling. Without getting too druidic, I would suggest it is a sign of a wider spiritual malaise, for much of what has driven global warming is rooted in excessive consumption. We are consumers of clothes, food, travel, cars and more at a greater rate than previous generations; and this consumption is - at least sometimes - driven by a false notion that consumption leads to personal fulfilment.

It is interesting that so many of scripture's oldest and most potent images are not just nature based but garden based. Think about Eden, or Gethsemane. Note also that things go wrong in these gardens; Adam and Eve mismanage the garden; Gethsemane is the location for betrayal. In global warming, do we see the effects from when we as a race been tempted by our own serpents of consumption and more? And if so, how do we respond now? How do we adjust our collective lifestyles?

PS If you want to help with the church garden, the grass will be growing sooner than ever. Do see Mike Smith and he can point you towards how you can help. We are always looking for volunteers!



CHRISTIAN AID

We stand together.

For dignity.

For equality.

For justice.





*I am the Resurrection & the Life.
He that believeth in me, though he
were dead, yet shall he live.*

John 11:25

*Heavenly Father,
thank you for your
unconditional love.*

*Help us to see
ourselves as you see
us, and others as
you see them: your
beloved children.*

**Taken from the
church Prayer
Calendar,
February – April
2019**

*Thank you Olga for
sourcing this beautiful
prayer.*



Friday's

Drop in for a coffee or tea on a Friday morning at St
Andrew's Glass Room

anytime between 10.30—12.noon.

Coffee and Cake £2.00 Tea and Cake £1.50 Just tea or
coffee £1.00

All profit goes to the Charity of the month.



QUESTION HOUR

What is your name?

Gary Buckley.

Where were you born?

I am from Manchester.

What family do you have?

I have a partner Piers who I live with along with two companion dogs who are equally part of my family and I have a very large family all of whom still live in the greater Manchester area.

What is your occupation?

I am the Operations and Business Development Manager for a small West London charity called Action West London who focus on socially excluded people with a focus on Education, Enterprise and Employment. They are called Action West London and are based in the Ealing/Hammersmith area.

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

I have attended for about 3 years.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Walking in the countryside with my dogs.

How do you relax?

I walk my dogs in the local nature reserves around Berrylands where I live.



QUESTION HOUR

What are your favourite Bible verses?

By far is Matthew 5: 3-10 known as the beatitudes many years ago in a confirmation class we examined them I was going through a tough time particularly around my sexuality and those words literally sang to me and I thought in the end all shall be well.

Another verse that spoke to me was 1 Corinthians 3: 4-8 again it's a message of love and compassion.

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

Lose weight, my weakness is having a very sweet tooth. I think its a compensation re. abstinence from alcohol.

What is your favourite meal?

Beer Battered Cod and Chips

Most enjoyable book?

Lord of the Rings/ The Hobbit (I still now love Tolkien's world)

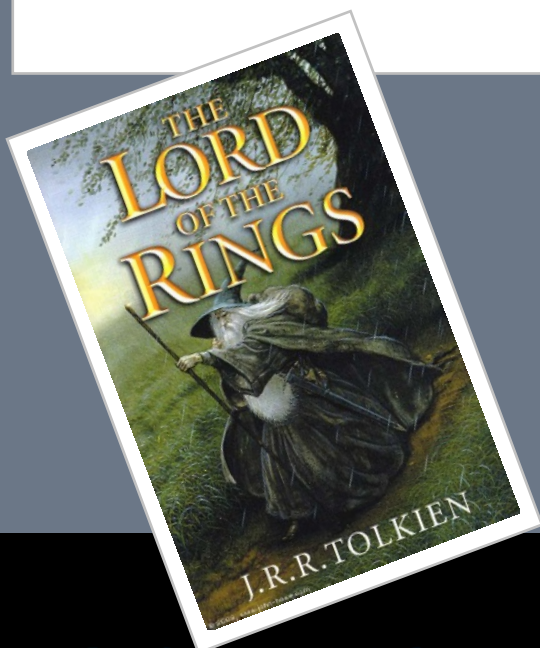
My favourite film is Star Wars, followed closely by Blade runner (as an aside I'm a big SIFI geek. I love Star Trek & Babylon 5).

Favourite musical artist?

David Bowie is my favourite artist & band is The Smiths.

Where do you like to go for holidays?

I love the Channel Islands especially Guernsey.



A long time ago in a galaxy far,
far away....



EVER TRIED PRISON FOOD?

Have you ever thought of visiting a prison for lunch? I hadn't until I saw a documentary on BBC in 2011 about The Clink Restaurant at High Down Prison, Sutton. I found it interesting but I didn't do anything about it until an opportunity arose to join Rose Theatre Volunteers for Christmas lunch there in 2013 (I am a volunteer usher at the theatre). Since then I have visited every year for Christmas lunch (both with The Rose and with other friends) and at other times in the year for the à la carte menu and it is somewhere I would encourage everyone to visit.

The Clink at High Down was the first restaurant opened by the Clink Charity in 2009 with the aim of reducing reoffending through training and rehabilitation and was the brainchild of the then catering manager, Alberto Crisci. It is highly regarded in the local area and is rated among the top ten restaurants in Surrey. Since then three more restaurants have been opened at HMP Brixton, HMP Cardiff and HMP Styal and the lower reoffending rate of graduates from the scheme compared with other former inmates has proved it is a success. Prisoners nearing the end of their sentence can apply to join the scheme and, if successful, will be trained to a high level with City & Guilds qualifications. They work a 40 hour week and get practical experience in working front of house and/or in the kitchens. The aim is to place them in jobs in the hospitality industry but even those who eventually choose not to take this route have proved that it gives them a better chance on the outside. Graduates are mentored for the first year after release. Further information about the charity can be found at www.theclinkcharity.org, there is a Wikipedia page and if you Google Alberto Crisci you will find an interview in The Caterer that explains how the restaurant came about and another in www.italymagazine.com. High Down has its own Facebook page – The Clink Restaurant at HMP High Down.



THE CLINK
CHARITY

LUNCH MENU

Starter

Soup of the Day (V)

Pan-seared pigeon breast, hazelnut and radicchio salad, bitter chocolate sauce

Potted brown shrimp, sourdough crisps, watercress and lemon dressing

Roast fig, fennel and comice pear salad, caramelised walnuts (Ve)

Ox cheek ravioli, grilled treviso, smoked garlic and tomato dressing

Main

Roast red-legged partridge, squash and chestnut puree, buttered winter greens, parmentier potatoes

Charred king oyster mushroom with truffle fondant potatoes, kale crisps and porcini sauce (Ve)

Creamed leek, sweet potato and Cornish Yarg pie, artichoke and white bean mash, sauté spinach (V)

Braised short rib with colcannon, leeks, parsnip crisps and beef jus

Roast fillet of hake, smoked haddock, corn and clam chowder, laver bread

Side Orders

Triple-cooked chips with red wine and salt vinegar

Seasonal vegetables

Side Salad

Dessert

Warm chocolate tart, gingerbread ice cream, stem ginger and vanilla syrup

Sticky date pudding, toffee sauce, buttermilk ice cream

Poached pear and vanilla Charlotte Russe (Ve)

Selection of ice cream

Local cheese board, fruit chutney, celery, grapes

EVER TRIED PRISON FOOD?



I can imagine you wondering about security and, yes, there are procedures to be followed but it is certainly not intimidating. When booking you need to give your full name and date of birth and you must take photo ID with you – passport, driving licence or Freedom Pass. Personal possessions are left in lockers in the Reception building just outside the prison walls, a photo is taken if it is your first visit and men may have a fingerprint taken. You are escorted in small groups into the prison and across a yard to the restaurant, where the door is locked behind you. From there on you wouldn't know you are inside a prison. The décor matches any other restaurant (and a lot better than many I have been in) and you are greeted by the waiter assigned to your table, who will take your coat before escorting you to your table. At the end of the meal there is an opportunity to purchase various items, including delicious chutneys made in the kitchen, and/or leave a donation if you wish – no tipping.

The meals served in the restaurant are superb and definitely on a par with top restaurants and the front of house staff are efficient, polite and friendly. The kitchen is open and when we asked that the chefs be congratulated and thanked for our meal we were encouraged to go and thank them ourselves. Obviously alcohol is not available but if you choose the daily “mocktail” you won't miss it. The à la carte menu changes with the seasons and leaves you with a terrible decision – just which dish do you prefer. I know people who have taken friends there as a birthday treat and anyone we have taken has been impressed and keen to spread the word.

What more can I say? If you are over 18, can give a minimum of three days' notice and enjoy good food, get over there and try it.

By: *Shirley Casey*

THE CLINK
CHARITY

JOKES & QUOTES



Hannah B
@haychbee_

Follow

If I was to create a church sign

9:42 AM - Jun 7, 2017



Ann Mercier
@Mercierjustus3

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I love #christianhumor!! 🍏 Church signs are my favorite!!! One of the few thing I miss about PA! There are no fun Church signs in CA!

3:12 PM - Jul 3, 2017



THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TIME WHEN GOD DIDN'T DIRECT, PROTECT, OR CORRECT ME. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN TIMES WHERE I WAS LESS FAITHFUL TO HIM, BUT HE HAD FAITH IN ME.

DENZEL WASHINGTON B 1954



BEING A CHRISTIAN ISN'T FOR SISSIES.

IT TAKES A REAL MAN TO LIVE FOR GOD- A LOT MORE MAN THAN TO LIVE FOR THE DEVIL.

JOHNNY CASH 1932-2003



MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers' Union news from St Mary's Church, Diocese of Liverpool

When Rosa aged 12 and Ella aged 11 approached the Mothers' Union branch leader about joining Mothers' Union, she encouraged them to start their very own "Mini MU". Many of those attending branch meetings had children, so a corner was set up with crafts and pretend membership cards so that the children were kept entertained whilst the adults met. The children obviously enjoyed this time together and it led to them wanting to be involved more with Mothers' Union and discussions began about setting up their very own "Mini MU". The "Minis" have already started running branch meetings and have lots of plans for 2019 including a sponsored bike ride and a danceathon to raise funds for their branch. Rosa and Ella, the "Mini MU" branch leaders, have already spoken publicly about their group to other members and trustees which is giving them excellent life-skills and helping them grow in confidence. The branch leader said we are thrilled to welcome them into the Mothers' Union family. The adult branch is absolutely delighted with and fully support "Mini MU". The hopes for the future of "Mini MU" are that they and the adult branch work alongside each other to create a real family movement.

How amazing is that. Our own branch had their AGM in January and a very well attended and entertaining talk from the Revd Simon Hill in February. Simon grew up in Surbiton and his parents, Florence and Bert, were involved with many church activities. Florence was a very active member of the Mothers' Union at both branch and Diocesan level.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:-

Wednesday 20th March 2019, 14:00 – Lent Reflections led by Valerie Baxter in St Mark's Church – please note the time.

Wednesday 17th April 2019 - Attending the Parish Holy Week Service – please see pew sheet for details.

By: *Christine Waller*

THE BIGGEST GOSPEL AUDIENCE EVER



When Bishop Michael Curry was asked to speak at the wedding of the year, he thought it was a joke. "I got the call from a member of my staff and I was like, 'Is it April? Is this an April Fool?'" It did seem unlikely - a charismatic African-American preacher in the pulpit at one of the Royal Family's most intimate occasions. But the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the soldier prince and the Hollywood star, broke down cultural barriers in a way unprecedented for the House of Windsor. And the surprise guest star was this 65-year-old from Chicago, raised in the civil rights movement, with a message of love that touched so many in St George's Chapel, as well as those watching on televisions around the world. "The power of love is demonstrated by the fact that we're all here," said the Bishop, beaming. "Two young people fell in love and we all showed up." The groom laughed when he heard those words and held the hand of his bride, who looked delighted. The Queen and other senior Royals visibly wondered what to make of the Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, who was dressed in familiar Anglican robes but talked with an unusual ease, fluidity and warmth.

He certainly had the potential to be controversial. The church he leads supports same-sex marriage. And the Bishop did not shy away from mentioning slavery, as the descendant of slaves himself. The pressure was on for him too; with a global audience of 2 billion, this was the biggest single presentation of the gospel in human history. But what a presentation it was - funny, generous, inclusive, human, twice as long as scheduled and unapologetically full-on about the reason everyone was there in church. "It's not just for and about a young couple, who we rejoice with. "It's more than that," he said, seizing his moment. "The source of love is God, who is also the source of life, and he made that love known in Jesus."

What is your name?

Hi, my name is Noëlle Balfour, I moved to Surbiton 5 years ago and love being here. I previously lived in Greenwich and I was born in Tobago W.I.

What family do you have?

I've got quite a large family; I'm the first of 6 sisters and the eldest grandchild for both sets of grandparents. I've had an amazingly close relationship with my grandparents and have lots of memories of them that I'll cherish always.

What is your occupation?

Retirement isn't in sight anytime soon, nor will I want it to be. Ten years ago I started off as a practicing Interior Architect, a couple years later I did further training and began work as an Interior Designer whilst doing freelance Management Consulting for several organisations. All of which I loved doing; I think the variety of work and my personal excitement at excelling in different business sectors kept me going, but there came a point where I wanted more freedom; personally and creatively so I started a year ago my own interior design business – Tricia Noëlle Interiors. It's been an exciting and at times challenging journey but I truly love what I do and that's what matters most to me.

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

I've been attending St. Andrew's since I moved to Surbiton. There was an element of serendipity coming to St. Andrew's. When I lived in Greenwich, I attended St Alfege's Church and I told the vicar at the time that I was moving to Surbiton, he expressed his well wishes but said that I must at least attend one service by Rev. Stainer at St Andrew's Church and that I wouldn't leave disappointed. I was pleased by his kind suggestion as I thought what a better way to get familiar with my new neighbourhood, but what I was lit up by was the name of church recommended as St. Andrew's was the church in Tobago my grandparents took me to as a child and immediately I felt connected.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Having a peaceful and clear mind – apart from my moments of meditation, this is a rare occurrence. Flying off to some far flung destinations whether its for work or pleasure. I love experiencing the culture and traditions of others, doing so influences my life and my work.

Visiting my family, especially my sisters. This doesn't happen as frequently as I would like so I cherish it even more when I have the chance to.

QUESTION HOUR



QUESTION HOUR

What is your most treasured possession?

A photo of my Grandma Rose. I miss her dearly and I suppose it's a way of keeping her close.

How do you relax?

Again this is a rare opportunity but I try to make this happen on a Sunday morning; it starts off by going to a Bikram Yoga class as my mind completely empties in those 90 minutes which makes me very happy, then I attend church which keeps me inspired, at peace and ready for the week ahead and if you find that I quickly disappear after church you can find me at No. 97 having a lovely brunch!

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

I learned a long time ago that perfection is a myth and that I should avoid being self critical, so with that in mind being a Christian isn't hard... sometimes I succeed, sometimes I fail but everyday is a clean slate and a fresh opportunity to thrive and be my best self.

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

Living more in the now and having greater self-belief.

What is your favourite journey?

It's more of a location than a journey, but I love going to the beach/seaside when the sun's shining and I can just sit and hear the waves crashing, birds flying past and people watching is always interesting.

What is your favourite meal?

Roti.
Veal & Potato Gratin & Cheese Fondue.

Most enjoyable book?

Can't hurt me by David Goggins & Becoming by Michelle Obama.

Where do you like to go for holidays?

Over the past couple of years I've been extensively exploring South East Asia and it has me smitten. I also love returning to Tobago and Switzerland to visit my family.

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

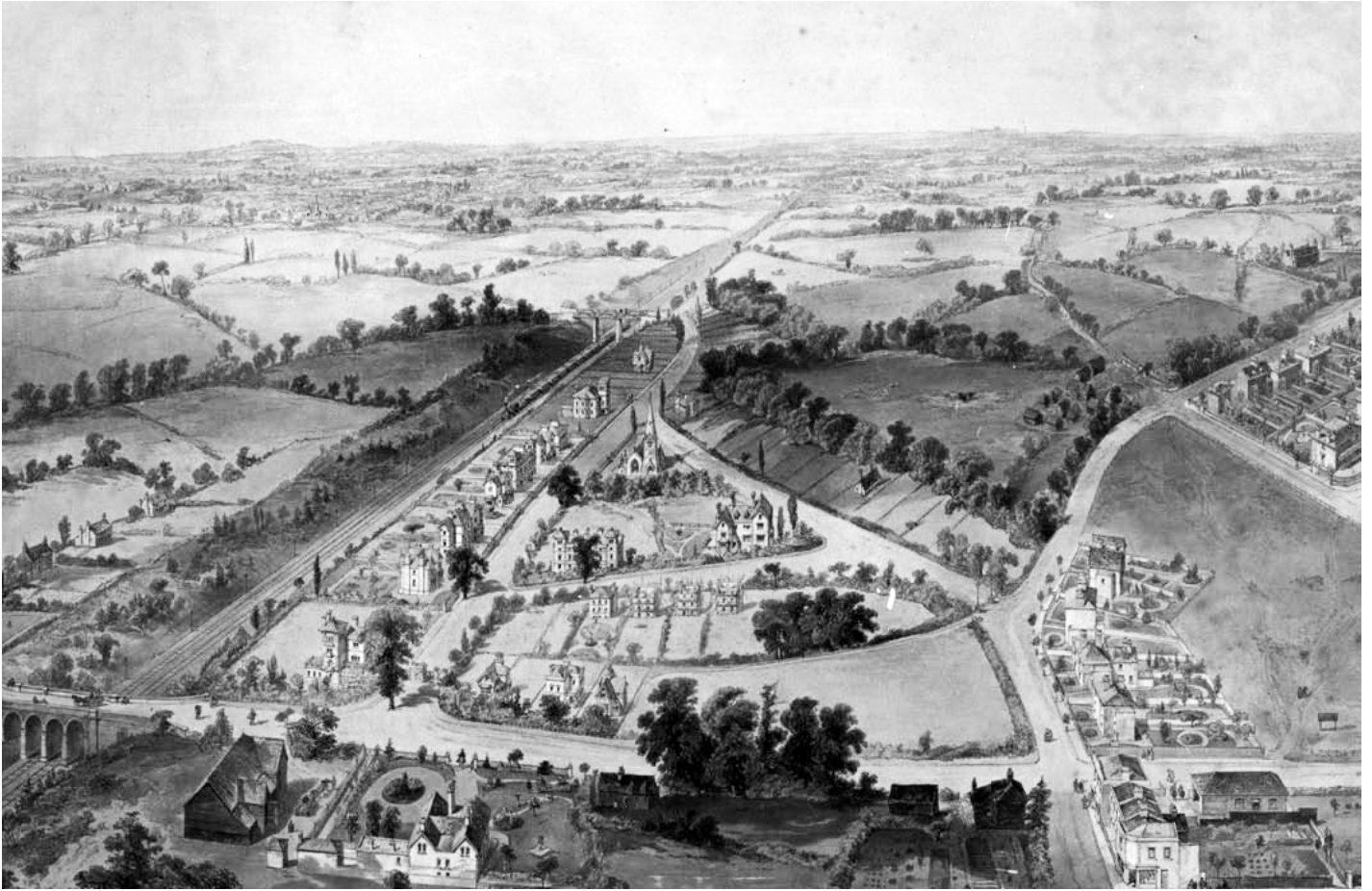
Singapore – it'll be my next house move.

What is the most important lesson life has taught you?

Patience, self love & finding a way of being a blessing to someone else.



PAST TIMES



Surbiton Hill Park in the early 1860s.



Surbiton station in 1930



15th September 1936, flying the flags in Surbiton to celebrate the presentation of a Charter of Incorporation of Surbiton as a Borough.

PAST TIMES



ABOVE: The old ODEON on Claremont Road, Surbiton, 1934

RIGHT: Inside the auditorium. Designed in the art deco style, the lighting & stage emphasising the grand scale of the building.



Surbiton lagoon, designed by the architect H T mather, opened in 1934 & closed in 1980.

SASM CHILDREN'S CORNER BY CHARLOTTE NEW



INTERESTING FACT

Hang on - when is Easter?

Unlike other festivals, like Christmas or Candlemas, it changes every year.

Why?

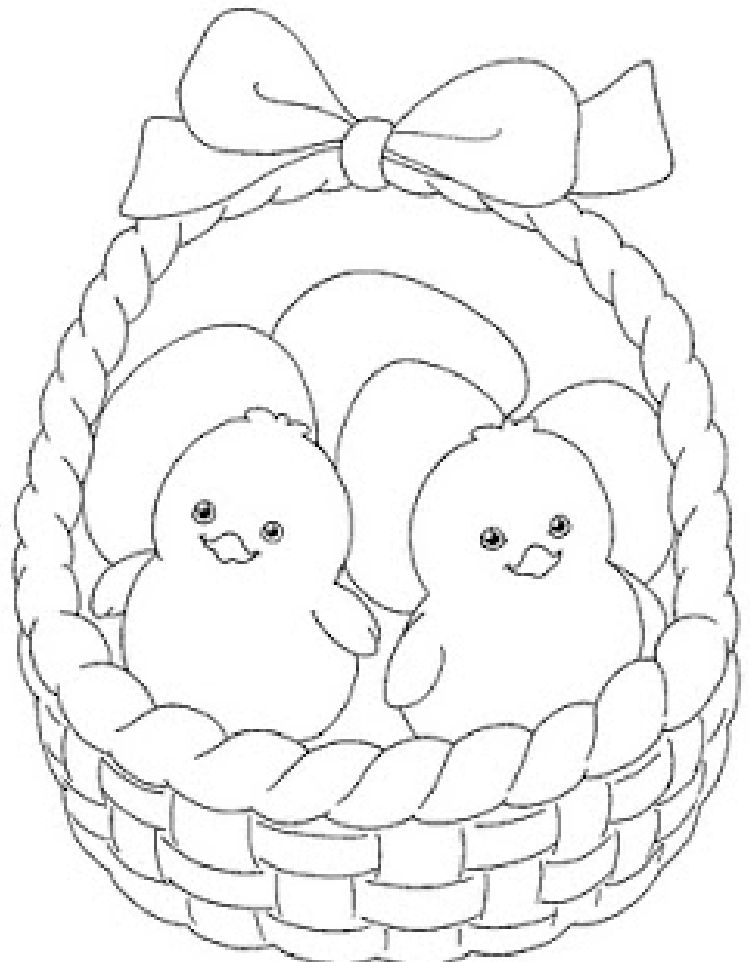
It falls on the first Sunday following the full moon called the Vernal Equinox. This means it can be as early as 22 March or as late as 25 April.

This year Easter Sunday is 21 April. This is really quite late – this is why your holidays might be later than normal & you go back to school soon after Easter Sunday!

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar – we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, three days after he was put to death on the cross. The week leading up to Easter Sunday (which is the day marking Jesus' resurrection after his death on Good Friday) is called Holy Week & starts with Palm Sunday.

Springtime

Spring is a time of new life.... which reminds us of our new life in Jesus. Here is a spring pictures to colour in:



EASTER WORDSEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THE FOLLOWING EASTER & SPRING RELATED WORDS?

EASTER JESUS HOLY
CROSS LAMB TOMB
EGG MAUNDY BUNNY
DAFFODIL CRUCIFY SAVIOUR

Y N O I G Y F I C U R C
M F W X J R G S O R S R
A V H G E C G H A C A U
U T B R S A E A S T V C
N C C R O S S L U O I P
D S U B E T T T S E O F
Y N N U B L I O E G U X
Q L A M X G E M J R R O
D C R S R T O B M G B I
S S A V C A M M D E M L
D A F F O D I L U P A J
D A F F S A E W H O L Y

CODED PUZZLE

What day is described below?
Put together all the italicised &
underlined letters to find out!

*P*eople *c*ame to see Jesus riding
into Jerusalem on a donkey. It
was a *S*unday *a*nd the people
threw *d*own *b*ranches before
Jesus. To commemorate this day,
churches give out crosses, which
some people keep all year to
symbolise their faith.

Can you fill in the blanks to complete the below about
another day in Holy Week:

HOT FRIDAY JESUS WOODEN CROSS
LIFE

On Good _____, we remember how _____ was put
to death on a _____ cross. This is why the _____ is
such an important symbol for the church today. You
will see many all around church buildings. At Easter,
we eat _____ cross buns with a cross shape on the
top and remember how Jesus gave his _____ for the
good of everyone.

Happy Easter everyone! Answer: Palm Sunday



Member editor 2019

STRAPLINES

Treat the earth well, because it is not inherited from your parents, it is borrowed from your children. *(Old Kenyan Proverb)*

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. *(Mahatma Gandhi)*

Some people spend their time either re-living the past or worrying about the future and forgetting about the important bit in between.

Prayer is important when things get hard and you find it difficult to keep going. It's worth remembering it's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock.

People who sing their own praises usually do so without accompaniment.

Our church welcomes all denominations, especially tenners and twenties.

Many parents find that by the time their son or daughter is fit to live with, they are living with someone else.

THE MOST POPULAR BIBLE VERSE

The most popular verse in 2018 was Isaiah 41:10 which says: "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." It overtook Joshua 1:9 ("This is my command: be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go") which was the most popular quote in 2017. Offering 1,800 versions of the Bible in 1,250 languages, the YouVersion Bible app has now been downloaded more than 350 million times globally since its launch a decade ago. Founder and pastor, Bobby Gruenewald said: "This year's data shows people worldwide are continuing to turn to the Bible in search of comfort, encouragement, and hope."

Member editor 2019

GIVING & RECEIVING

Have you ever wondered whether there was something more meaningful you could do with the money sitting in your savings account? Well, microfinance charities help you invest your pounds and pennies in worthwhile causes. Unlike a donation to charity, you get your money back, so although the loan won't provide you with interest, it means money that would be gathering dust - or, as the Bible says, destroyed by moths - can be put to better use. Take Miriam, for example. She owns a small hairdressing business in Chipadze, Zimbabwe. Alongside two other hairdresser friends she is requesting a £906 loan to re-stock the weaves, wigs and other quality hair products she sells to clients. She's planning on using the profits to expand her business. You could have loaned Miriam part of the £906 she needed for her new venture or the whole amount, and can expect to be repaid within six months. Once you receive your loan back you can reinvest it in another small entrepreneur or put it back into your savings account....to gather some more dust. For more information, go to: lendwithcare.org.uk.

(This appeared in "Christianity" magazine and we use it with permission.)

NEW LINKS FOR SPIRE & TOWER

"Just to let you know that we will now be linking with St Mark's and St Andrew's Junior School, who produce an excellent weekly newsletter. For this edition we've used the pre half term newsletter almost complete to give you an idea of the wonderful range of activities the school is involved in. The newsletter can be found on the following two pages. Future editions of Spire and Tower will carry just a selected version of the SASM newsletter.

Special thanks to Lisa Hawkins who produces the newsletter and for her enthusiastic assistance!

The school have also given a 'Forever Home' to my colony of Tiger Worms, who now reside in the schools ecology garden.

Editor

PS: The SASM School Mini Market in aid of the Bishop's Lent Appeal made £1816.53.

Fantastic Result!



St Andrew's and St Mark's

Church of England Junior School

Headteacher: Mrs A. Vigurs (MA)

NEWSLETTER 6 SPRING TERM - 13TH FEBRUARY 2019

A sense of place week

The children have been investigating our local area. Some year 4 children have been conducting surveys on the river, years 3 and 5 have been visiting the History Centre and Kingston Museum where they have been viewing historical records.

Year 4

On 12th February some year 4 pupils went down to the river side to interview members of the public. Groups of people from 4J walked up to people and asked questions like 'Does the river effect your job?' Our last question was 'How do you think the river will be used in 100 years' time?' Most people answered that they thought it would be very similar. On this outing we also learnt social skills because we were talking to members of the public.

Year 5

Year 5 went to the Kingston History Centre (KHC) and Kingston Museum, on Tuesday 12th February 2019. In the KHC we got the chance to look at archives about Surbiton and Kingston. They were so special we had to wear white gloves to handle them. We also got to touch a will written on cow skin, from 1754. In Kingston Museum, there were lots of artefacts such as an old skeleton of a human and some ancient coins which were fascinating. Thank you to all the adults who helped us go on the trip! – Kacey



I loved going to the KHC because it gave me a chance to learn new things about the history of Kingston and Surbiton. My favourite part was feeling the 250+ year old cow skin will, and touching the special photos with gloves. Yagmur



Going to the KHC was very fun because we got to wear special gloves. We got to see inside the old cells from the court house – I loved it! Also we got to touch a 250+ year old will. Laura



Year 3 WW11 Day

As part of their curriculum topic on WW11, year 3 have enjoyed a day dressed as evacuees and soldiers. They baked rock cakes and enjoyed a party in the hall to celebrate VE day. Squash, rock cakes, and dancing to 1940's swing music was enjoyed by all!

Mini Market – Friday 15th February

The children have been planning their stalls and advertising their wares on colourful posters around school this week. All proceeds from their business ventures will go towards the Bishops Lent Call 2019. The following projects will be receiving support from the proceeds of this year's fund raising efforts:

- Improving Leprosy – affected communities in Sri Lanka
- The Church Army's Carlile College, Nairobi, Kenya Zimbabwe
- Helping the dioceses to develop – Supporting retired clergy and providing a diocesan bookshop
- Piggery Project & Greenhouse Farming
- Sutton Women's Centre

Easter

IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE
JESUS.

He is not here; He has risen!
Mark 16:6

**I AM THE RESURRECTION &
THE LIFE. HE WHO BELIEVES
IN ME, THOUGH HE MAY DIE,
HE SHALL LIVE. AND
WHOEVER LIVES & BELIEVES
IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE.**

John 11:25-26





HYMN FOR THE SEASON

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY- TRINITY HYMNAL No. 198

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!



We have introduced a new feature in our magazine to celebrate & enjoy a variety of Hymns. If you would like to have one of your favourite Hymns used for our forthcoming editions please email Katie Smith: kns78@outlook.com

HOME-THOUGHTS, FROM ABROAD

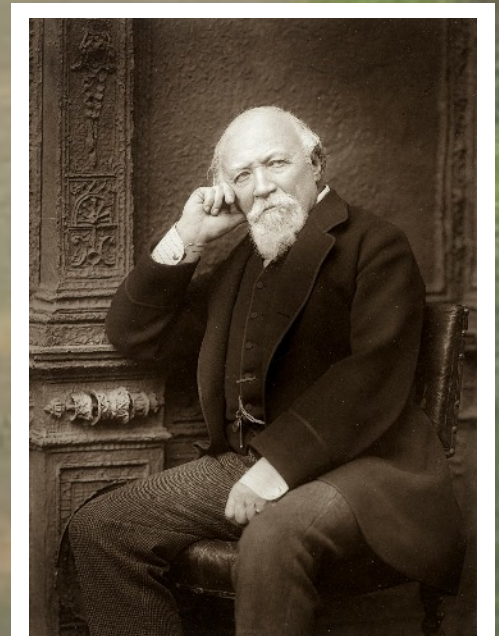
Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there,
And whoever wakes in England
Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf

Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England—now!
And after April, when May follows,
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows!

Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover
Blossoms and dewdrops—at the bent spray's
edge—

That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice
over,
Lest you should think he never could recapture
The first fine careless rapture!
And though the fields look rough with hoary
dew,
All will be gay when noontide wakes anew
The buttercups, the little children's dower
—Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower!

Kindly suggested by Colsten Hartley



By Robert Browning 1812-1889

SERVICE CALENDAR

March 2019

Sunday 3rd March Last Sunday before Lent
8am St Andrew's BCP Holy Communion
9.15am St Mark's – All Age Eucharist, with children's choir
11am St Andrew's – Morning worship
6pm St Andrew's - Choral Evensong

ASH WEDNESDAY 6th March

7.30am St Andrew's - Morning Prayer including Litany for Ash Wednesday
12 noon St Mark's - Eucharist with Ashing
7.30pm St Mark's - Choral Eucharist with Ashing

Sunday 10th March 1st Sunday of Lent
8am St Mark's – BCP Holy Communion
9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship
11am St Andrew's – Choral Eucharist with Lent teaching and Sunday Club
6pm St Andrew's – Taize style service

Sunday 17th March 2nd Sunday of Lent
8am St Andrew's – BCP Holy Communion
9.15am Morning worship with Baptism, St Mark's
11am St Andrew's – Choral Eucharist with Lent teaching and Sunday Club
6pm St Andrew's - Service of Wholeness and Healing

Sunday 24th March 3rd Sun of Lent
8am St Mark's – BCP Holy Communion
9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship
11am St Andrew's – Choral Eucharist with Lent teaching & Sunday club.
6pm St Andrew's – Evening prayer

Sunday 31st March, Mothering Sunday
8am St Andrew's – BCP Holy Communion
9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship
11am St Andrew's – Choral Eucharist with Parade service
6pm St Andrew's - Compline

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SERVICE CALENDAR

April 2017

Sunday 7th April 5th Sunday of Lent

8am St Andrew's BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – All Age Eucharist, followed by APCM

11am St Andrew's – *NO SERVICE due to APCM at St Mark's*

6pm St Mark's - Choral Evensong

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday

8am St Mark's – BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship

10.45am St Mark's – Liturgy of Palms and procession for Palm Sunday

11am St Andrew's – Choral Eucharist with Palm Sunday drama

6pm St Mark's – Compline

HOLY WEEK

Monday 15th April

8am St Andrew's – *Said Eucharist*

8pm St Andrew's – *Candlelit Compline*

Tuesday 16th April

8am St Andrew's – *Said Eucharist*

8pm St Andrew's – *Candlelit Compline*

Wednesday 17th April

8am St Andrew's – *Said Eucharist*

8pm St Andrew's – *Candlelit Compline*

Thursday 18th April: Maundy Thursday

7.30pm St Mark's – *Eucharist with footwashing followed by watch until midnight*

Friday 19th April: Good Friday

10am St Andrew's – *Good Friday service for children*

12 noon: St Mark's – *Beginning of Good Friday meditation*

2pm-3pm: St Mark's – *Good Friday Liturgy*

Saturday 20th April: Holy Saturday



SERVICE CALENDAR

Sunday 21st April: Easter Day

5.45am St Mark's – Easter Vigil Dawn service with service of light

8am St Andrew's – BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship for Easter, followed by Easter Egg Hunt

11am St Andrew's – Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club, followed by Easter Egg Hunt 2!

No evening service

Sunday 28th April: 2nd Sunday of Easter

8am St Mark's – BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship

11am St Andrew's – Sung Eucharist (no Sunday Club)

6pm No evening service



EASTER GREETINGS



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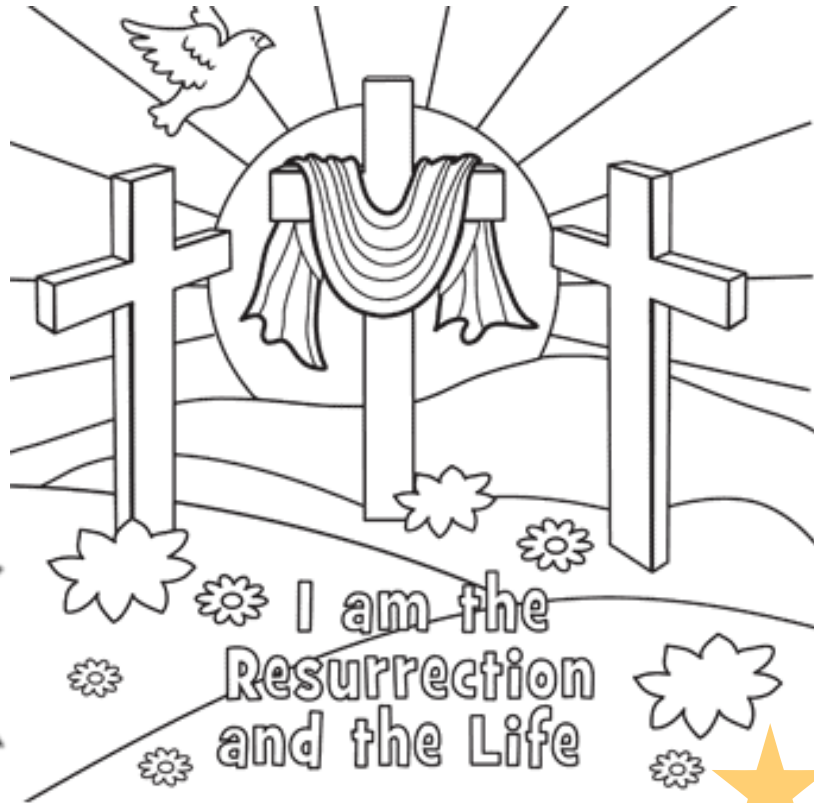
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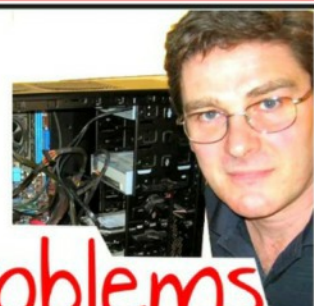
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