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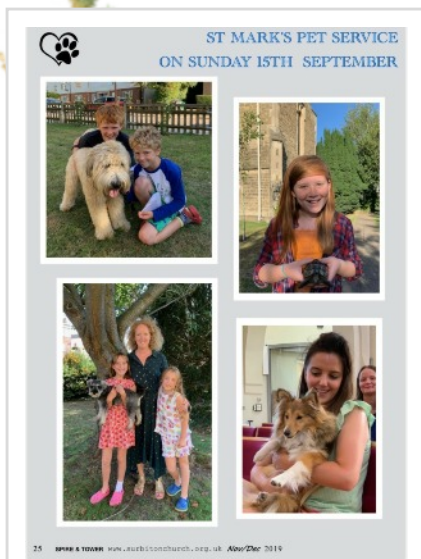
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A VIEW FROM THE VICAR

By: Robert Stanier

Amid the Brexit soap opera, you may have missed a piece of news that piqued my interest last week, namely that the Archbishop of Canterbury is on daily anti-depressants. Part of me admires not only his honesty but also the fact that this didn't create more waves; people today are much more knowledgeable and accepting of mental illness than they once were.

There was another part of me, though, that was concerned. Because while Welby is more open about it, it is reasonably well known that his predecessor as Archbishop, Rowan Williams, also experienced such periods of blackness during his primacy that it was effectively depression, even if it was not formally diagnosed as such.

Depression is a complex condition, with connections to genetic predisposition, grief, childhood upbringing, past experience of abuse, reactions to other medicine, and also drink or drugs. My fear is that in the cases of Welby and Williams, part of the problem has also been the role of Archbishop of Canterbury itself; the expectation upon these men and their behaviour as archbishops is so fantastically high, that they just have not felt able to thrive as people while still in the role.

Welby was terribly matter of fact, almost breezy, about it. He pointed out that he also carried an inhaler for asthma, and this was just something he was dealing with. And the fact that he is publicly so competent in what he does, while at the same time needing his medicine, must give hope to the millions of people in the UK who are either experiencing depression right now, or who have experienced it in the past.

But the worrying fact is that depression seems to be increasing, and not just among archbishops. Even as our overall income and health increases, depression is on the rise. It feels as if it's connected not just to biology and personal circumstance, but our cultural context.

Of course, it does not lead to easy answers. It was Welby's daughter, Katharine Welby-Roberts, who has publicly spoken about her struggles with depression, who has written as follows:

"[The church often does not know how to respond]... If your first response is, 'Can I pray for your healing?', then you're not listening."

I hope that I would not simply pray for healing, but I share the wider church's difficulty with how to respond to depression. From conversations with people, at any one time, I suspect that 10% of the congregation is experiencing depression at some level, and probably one in four have had a significant episode of it in the last decade. It's not something I have personal experience of, and this is arguably a weakness. While I was on a parish placement at theological training college, someone once said:

"You shouldn't be allowed to be ordained until you've had at least one breakdown."

While this feels a touch excessive, I had some sympathy for the point she was making. I hope that St Andrew's and St Mark's is a welcoming place for people at all ends of the mental health spectrum, but I can see that I may miss something, through lack of sensitivity born of personal experience. And maybe in years to come, we will all find ways not just of removing stigma, but living better with depressions, as and when they come to people, and working out how God would wish us to respond.

LEST WE FORGET

Perhaps some day the sun will shine again,
And I shall see that still the skies are blue,
And feel once more I do not live in vain,
Although bereft of You.

Perhaps the golden meadows at my feet
Will make the sunny hours of spring seem gay,
And I shall find the white May-blossoms
sweet,
Though You have passed away.

Perhaps the summer woods will shimmer
bright,
And crimson roses once again be fair,
And autumn harvest fields a rich delight,
Although You are not there.

Perhaps some day I shall not shrink in pain
To see the passing of the dying year,
And listen to Christmas songs again,
Although You cannot hear.

But though kind Time may many joys renew,
There is one greatest joy I shall not know
Again, because my heart for loss of You Was
broken, long ago.

*Armistice Day also known as Remembrance Day
marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on
the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.*

*On 11th November we will all come together with a
two minutes silence to remember all the people who
have died and suffered in man's wars.*

*May God rest all their souls in
peace.*

Perhaps, by Vera Brittain

*(Dedicated to her fiance Roland Aubrey
Leighton, who was killed at the age of 20 by a
sniper in 1915, four months after she had
accepted his marriage proposal)*



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

SUMMARY OF MATTERS ARISING SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2019

THE ROOF AND TOWER AT ST ANDREW'S.

- In July, the PCC committed £165,000 of the church's reserves to a major overhaul of the roof and tower at St Andrew's, incorporating all sorts of masonry issues that had been noted in recent 'quinquennial' inspections; it is part of the PCC's duties to ensure the buildings are in good condition and we have been anticipating a large bill for some time.
- In September and October, we received progress reports. Broadly speaking, the project is coming in within budget, but there have been some delays, one of which was caused by the bizarre traffic accident that destroyed an outer wall in July. At the October meeting, a further £2,000 was committed to newly identified problems, including a leak in the Blue Room roof.

CASHLESS PAYMENT

- While the PCC were keen to support the possibilities of cashless payment, after many months of trying to make our first supplier's version work, the PCC noted that the costs of using that supplier were not actually value for money: moreover, the terminal was unreliable, so the PCC has decided to switch to Goodbox, a system recommended by the diocese. The new device is currently being personalised for our parish.

J. JOHN, THE EVANGELIST AND A CHURCHES TOGETHER PROJECT

- In July and September, the PCC examined whether they wanted our church to be a formative part of the team of churches involved in bringing J. John, an evangelist, to the Rose Theatre in Kingston. On balance, the PCC decided it would. While J. John's style might not exactly be 'our' style, there was lots of merit in it. At the October meeting, the progress report noted that the big event would be on June 28th, 2020 at the Rose Theatre, Kingston.

WELCOME PACK

- The PCC noted the work of the Welcome Committee on a new map for between the churches and also possibilities of a Welcome Pack. A small amount of money had been spent on professional graphic artists (In the case of the map, £300.)

FIRE DRILL

- A briefing for sides-people and concert organisers has been scheduled. Both churches will have fire drills in the coming months.

ECO CHURCH

- Southwark Diocese and the Deanery have decided to become more ecological. The PCC is looking for members to form an Ecology Committee to come up with a strategy to improve SASM's carbon footprint.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Tudor Mass got a very positive review and had won over even sceptics, though people did not want it all the time.
- There were discussions about improving the experience of the 9.15 am Eucharist at St Mark's for very young children and their parents.
- The bread making event before Harvest had been very successful and the work of the Children's Sub Committee was praised.



2019 HARVEST FLOWERS AT ST MARK'S

Photographs by John Kelly



LIFT UP & LOOK ON
YOUR EYES & THE FIELDS
FOR THEY ARE RIPE FOR

HARVEST

JOHN 4:35



SITUATIONS VACANT

Two of our stalwart volunteer production team are looking for help, either as a direct replacement or as a job share. **Are you able to assist in any way?**

1. Our Creative Layout Editor Katie Smith is responsible for setting out our bi-monthly magazine in an imaginative and visually appealing way: the role is vital for the continuing production of our magazine. This is an exciting and highly rewarding creative opportunity for someone with reasonable IT skill. You will work closely with the Editor and will be free to develop your own 'style'. As a minimum, are you able to take on two magazines per year?

2. After 6 years of producing a high quality Children's section for every magazine, Charlotte New is looking to hand over the reins, or at least share her duties with someone else. This is a more independent role which also allows freedom to develop a personal style and content.

For more information, please feel free to contact me direct, or Katie or Charlotte through the Parish Office. My contact number is at the back of this magazine.

Thank you.
Michael Smith Editor

ADVERTS & NOTICES

Are you available to transport guests to and from this year's Christmas Party? It would also be helpful if you are only able to do one way. Please contact Michael Smith to confirm your availability.

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home 0208 399 8865.

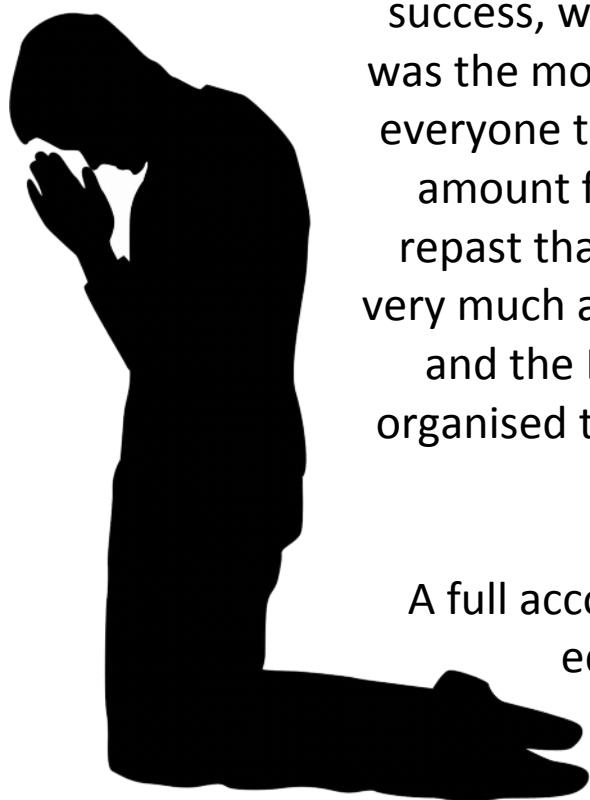
THANK YOU



PRAYER WORKSHOP

The Prayer Workshop on 12th October was a tremendous success, with nearly 40 people taking part. Brother Sam was the most engaging and wonderful facilitator: I'm sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and gained a huge amount from it. The fabulous home made lunchtime repast that Anne and Clare Mannell prepared was also very much appreciated! Very many thanks to Jackie Robbs and the Discipleship Committee who suggested and organised the event and to Anne and Clare for their hard work in the kitchen.

A full account of the workshop will appear in the next edition of Spire and Tower in January.



GUESS THE PLACE?

We've gone for an easy one this time!

Answer on page 31

Photography by Michael Smith



All Creatures Great & Small



A celebration of our beloved pets on pages 26 & 27.

QUESTION HOUR

What is your name & where were you born?

My name is Joy ABOIM. I was born in High Wycombe, and of Nigerian heritage. I am one of six children and the only girl. I am very much into my sport; I am a runner and a tri athlete. I love the theatre, art and travelling.

What family do you have?

I am blessed with a very close family. I have my devoted parents, 5 amazing brothers, 6 unique and strong nieces and 5 special and strong nephews, soon to be 6 just to balance things out again.

What is your occupation?

I am a Technical Consultant and work for a global technology company. I very much like what I do.

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

I have been attending St Andrew's and St Mark's for about 4 years. Don't quite remember when, but I am delighted to have 'discovered' it.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Perfect happiness for me is (Godly) contentment.

What is your most treasured possession?

I don't know that I have one. I have many things that I value. If pushed to identify one I'd say my relationships with my family and my friends.

How do you relax?

A long run. A lovely hot chocolate. A good book. A good movie. Listening to music. An evening with friends.

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

King David. He is such a flawed and inspiring person.

What are your favourite Bible verses?

Isaiah 41:10. Micah 6:8. New King James Version.



QUESTION HOUR

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

Not being *fashioned* into some generic mould.

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

I confess I am quite content.

What is your favourite journey?

The journey to victory and triumph.

What is your favourite meal?

Has to be Nigerian Jollof rice and fried plantain. Yum!

Most enjoyable book?

I can't say I have a most enjoyable book. There are many books that I have enjoyed reading... and re-reading. Some books have been seminal (in my life); Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare by Charles and Mary Lamb. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe.

Where do you like to go for holidays?

Exciting and new places. Scarcely the same place twice, there is so much of the world to see, to discover and to enjoy.

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

I am fortunate to have a choice, (and for now) I like to live in the UK.

What is the most important lesson life has taught you?

Not to take things too seriously. Not to hold on too tightly. That things will always work out, and that life is truly what you make it.

“HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD; AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU BUT TO DO JUSTLY, TO LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?”





St Andrew's and St Mark's

Church of England Junior School

Headteacher: Mrs A. Vigurs (MA)

Parent Governor Election Result

On behalf of the staff, governors and children, we would like to thank Claire Johnston and Steven Ward, for standing as candidates for our new parent governor. It shows how committed our parents are in supporting our school. As a result of the ballot we are pleased to welcome Claire as Parent Governor. Thank you to everyone who took the time to cast a vote.



Year 6 Trip

Thank you to our PTA who funded a trip for our year 6 classes last week. The whole year group enjoyed a visit to the Milestone Museum in Basingstoke as part of their topic on the Victorians and Philanthropy. They participated in a class with a Victorian teacher dressed in Victorian clothes.

Later in the term our year 5 classes will be visited by Thorgil the Viking in an interactive workshop in school. Once again this has been funded by our PTA.

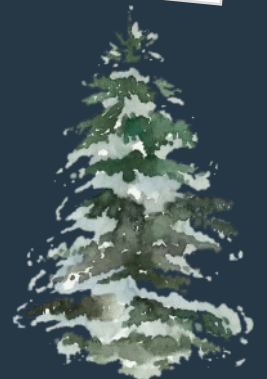
SURBITON LIGHTS UP

Over the years Surbiton has been lit up during the Christmas period with a beautiful fir tree put up on the roundabout at the bottom of

St Mark's Hill.

Quite an operation it is to set up but what a joy it gives us all on those dark winter evenings and to stir up the Christmas spirit and joy in us all.

Kingston lights switch on Thursday 14th November at 6.00PM.



CROWDS FED WITH 5,000 FISH ROLLS

Seven local churches handed out nearly 5,000 fish rolls in Portsmouth recently, to display one of Jesus's most well-known miracles. Worshippers from St Jude's Church in Southsea, together with St Simon's Church, St Margaret's Church, the Vineyard Church, the Methodists and Kings Church in Southsea re-created the feeding of the 5,000 as part of a free community festival. One hundred and twenty volunteers gave out free food to members of the public, together with a copy of the story recorded in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, as part of the #Feeding5K event. The initiative was organised to bring to life the miracle of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish and encourage people to consider his life and works. Speaking before the event, Rev Neil Smart of St Jude's Church said: "We want to put Jesus back at the centre of the life of our city by showing that he still does miracles among us today." The community festival included live music from Christian singer Jessie Dipper, talks, interviews, and specialist activities for children and youth. The event was financially supported by the Love Portsmouth Fund and the Portsmouth Diocese's Mission Opportunities Fund.

YES, THEY CAME FROM THE BIBLE

Some Common English Phrases that Originate from the Bible

Nothing but skin and bones and By the skin of your teeth - from Job 19:19-20 (NIV). "All my intimate friends detest me; those I love have turned against me. I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth."

The Love of Money is the Root of All Evil - from 1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV), is usually misquoted without the word love. "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

The Powers that Be - from Romans 13:1 (KJV). "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

Rise and Shine - from Isaiah 60:1 (NIV). "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."

Eat, Drink and Be Merry - from Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NKJV). "So I commend enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him ...all the days of his life."

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Wit's End - from Psalm 107:27 (NIV). "They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wit's end."

Wash your hands of the matter - from Matthew 27:24 (NIV). "When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. 'I am innocent of this man's blood' he said. 'It is your responsibility'".

Strait and Narrow - from Matthew 7:14 (KJV). "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Broken Hearted - from Psalm 34:18 (NIV). "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

SEEN IN A NORTH YORKS CHURCH

WELCOME TO
BEWERLEY GRANGE CHAPEL.
WE WELCOME YOU IF YOU GOT LOST IN
TRAFFIC AND WOUND UP HERE BY MISTAKE.
WE WELCOME TOURISTS, SEEKERS,
DOUBTERS AND BLEEDING HEARTS.
WE WELCOME ANYONE NEEDING A BIT OF
PEACE AND QUIET
AND
WE OFFER A SPECIAL WELCOME
TO THOSE WHO COULD USE A PRAYER RIGHT NOW.



STRAPLINES

Repentance is breaking out of old patterns of behaviour and not repeating old mistakes.

Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it. (William Penn)

People will rarely care about what you know until they know that you care.

One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today is tomorrow

The best advice anyone can give you is to live your life and forget about your age.

What other people think of me is becoming less and less important, but what they think of Jesus because of me is critical. (Sir Cliff Richard)

What you give is not what counts; it is the love with which you give it that matters. (Mother Teresa)

“NOT JUST ANY OLD POSTCARD” TAKE 3

Regular readers of this magazine may remember two articles we published which examined a picture postcard of St Mark's Hill sent in the early 1900's . The postcard was addressed to Vi Fullick of Mandeville, Lovelace Road, Surbiton and was sent by Jesse Bowring, an affluent, Surbiton resident. The second article by John Hobday, a skilled local Genealogist who volunteered his services, progressed the enquiry very substantially, but Vi's identity was still a mystery.

I recently received a letter from Jane Cronley, who lives in Stockwell; Jane is the great great niece of Jesse Bowring and came across our articles online while researching her family history. Jane is also an experienced Genealogist. Jane finally identifies who Vi Fullick was and has provided a fascinating summary of her findings so far. John and Jane are now working together and have already uncovered some interesting details, such as a touching photograph of 15 year old Jessie's dance card at a ball, which includes Jessie's name in her own hand. They also found a menu card from a family golden wedding anniversary dinner which Jessie also signed.

Editor

At the end of the article about this postcard, the Editor says he has three outstanding questions and asks if ANYONE can help. The Jessie Bowring in question is my great great aunt and I think this may be the Vi Fullick he is asking about:

Violet Kate Fullick, b. 1900, is listed in the 1901 census as living at 84 Meadow Road, Kennington (aged 10 months). Her father Henry William is a Railway Engine Driver.

Henry died in 1906 and in the 1911 census we find Violet an inmate of the London & SW Railway Servants' Orphanage in Woking (aged 10), together with her brother Frederick (8).

There is another 10 year old girl there called Jessie Bott. Maybe they remained friends and this is the Jessie of the postcard?

The Southern Railway Servants' Orphanage initially accepted children over the age of 6 who had lost their railwaymen fathers. Many were not orphans however - financial concerns forced the mothers to choose an orphanage upbringing for their children.



From the orphanage it is very likely that Vi went straight into service when she was 16. The postcard is probably dated 1916-1918. It is not written in an educated hand.

When the 1921 census is available (in early 2022), we should be able to see what Vi's position was at Mandeville. She married a Mr Plummer at Kingston in 1933 and died at Canterbury in 1983.

Jessie Bowring was my great great aunt. Her father Andrew Bowring was my great great grandfather and her sister Emily (my great grandmother) married my great grandfather Malcolm Cooke. It was they who lived at Tankerville. As you say, the family was very wealthy and owned a lot of property. *Jessie came into some money and property of her own when her father died in 1900. (This I have not been able to verify myself).*

Granny & Grandpa Cooke's Golden
Wedding - Mum wrote the menu



Malcolm S. Cooke
Emily J. Cooke
Jessie Florence Bowring
Philip A. Cooke.
Ethel M. Cooke
Marie Cooke -
Winifred R. Kidd.
Jean Cooke
Sutton Cooke.

Golden Wedding Menu

Programme.	Engagements.
1 QUADRILLE	1
2 VALSE	2 Mabel
3 LANCERS	3 Miss A. Fildes
4 GALOP	4 Miss A. Fildes
5 QUADRILLE	5 Miss A. Fildes
6 VALSE	6 Jessie
7 LANCERS	7 Miss A. Fildes
8 GALOP	8 Miss A. Fildes
9 QUADRILLE	9 Miss A. Fildes
10 VALSE	10 Miss A. Fildes
11 LANCERS	11 Miss A. Fildes
12 GALOP	12 Miss A. Fildes
13 QUADRILLE	13 Miss A. Fildes
14 VALSE	14 Miss A. Fildes
15 LANCERS	15 Mabel
16 GALOP	16 Emily
17 QUADRILLE	17 Miss A. Fildes
18 VALSE	18 Miss A. Fildes
19 LANCERS	19 Miss A. Fildes
20 GALOP	20 Miss A. Fildes
21 QUADRILLE	21
22 VALSE	22
23 LANCERS	23
24 GALOP	24



Jessie Bowring's Family

She was born in 1860 and never married, living at home until her mother died in 1908. The 1891 and 1901 census returns show the family at Meadow Lodge, Kingston Hill.

We next find Jessie in the 1911 census (aged 51), when she is living with her younger brother Walter and his daughter Sybil (aged 15) at their house, The Pines, Furze Hill, Hove. Presumably she went there to take charge of the running of the household, as he had been widowed the previous year. When Walter remarried in 1913 she most likely left.

In 1912 Jessie's sister Frances and her husband Charles Biggs bought Mandeville, Lovelace Road, from the Liversidges (who were recorded there in the 1911 census). The Biggses remained there until Charles's death in 1933 aged 87. Frances died aged 80 in 1932. They had no children.

So, between (say) 1913 and 1933 we do not know where Jessie was living. She may have lived with Frances and her husband at Mandeville for some or all of this time. The Bowrings were a very close family and all lived in large houses near to one another.



Front of dance card, 30th November 1876.

Bottom left: Inside of dance card.

Since at least 1901, Frances's elder brother Edward and his wife had also been living in Lovelace Road (their house was called Westcroft). They were still there in 1911.

In the telephone directories of 1933-1935, Jessie's address is given as 13 Osmond Gardens, Hove. Osmond Gardens is very close to Furze Hill where Walter is living. Jessie died in 1935 (aged 75). Walter not until 1951.

JOKES & QUOTES

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we're one short."



A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"



"BEHOLD THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD; BE IT UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD."

VIRGIN MARY

LUKE 1:38

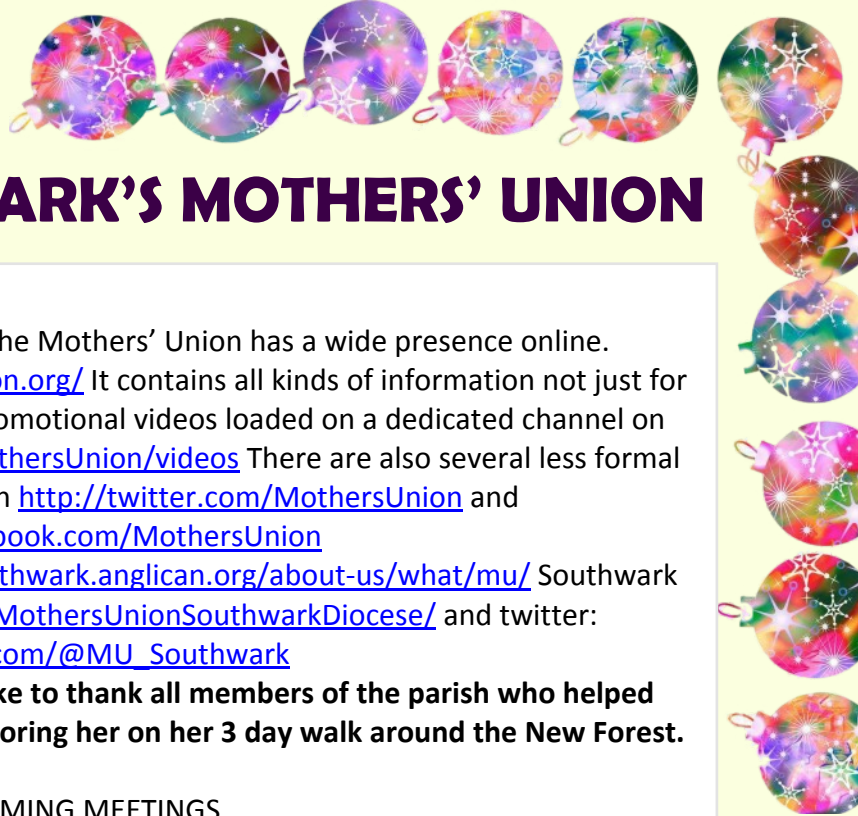


"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

JESUS OF NAZARETH

JOHN 3:16





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

As befits an international organisation the Mothers' Union has a wide presence online. The main website is <http://www.mothersunion.org/> It contains all kinds of information not just for members but for all enquirers. There are promotional videos loaded on a dedicated channel on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/user/MothersUnion/videos> There are also several less formal places to find the Mothers' Union <http://twitter.com/MothersUnion> and <http://www.facebook.com/MothersUnion>

The Southwark Diocese website is <http://southwark.anglican.org/about-us/what/mu/> Southwark facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MothersUnionSouthwarkDiocese/> and twitter: http://twitter.com/@MU_Southwark

Christine's granddaughter, Rosie, would like to thank all members of the parish who helped finance her expedition to Dominica by sponsoring her on her 3 day walk around the New Forest.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday 20th November, time tbc, in St Mark's Church – Discussion led by Moira Greenfield.
Wednesday 18th December, at 20:00, in St Mark's Church – Christmas Service followed by seasonal refreshments.

If you would like more information, please telephone Audrey Eldridge 020 8399 4867, or talk to her in Church.

*Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill
His promise to her.*
Luke 1: 45

*It is not fancy hair, gold jewellery, or
fine clothes that should make you*
BEAUTIFUL
*No, your beauty should come from inside you-
The beauty of a gentle & quiet spirit.*
That beauty will never disappear.
AND IT IS WORTH VERY MUCH TO GOD.
1 PETER 3 3-4

Back in September, we were fortunate to have Christine Waller's granddaughter Rosie come and talk on her environmental expedition.

Rosie and some of her school friends raised money for themselves to help in an ecological project in the Dominican Republic. The island they visited had been devastated by a hurricane 18 months before her visit and biologists and environmentalists were wanting to find out the extent of the destruction of marine life - coral reefs and fish, insects and mammals (mainly bats).

It was fascinating to hear how they accomplished the goals to collect data for the projects but they also enthused it with fun. From collecting birds and measuring/identifying them to then cooling down in a local river after their work was completed for the day.

Thank you Rosie for the most enjoyable evening and for the song that your group had written for a project presentation.

By Anne Oram

ODE TO THE CHOIR

Immortal, invisible, God only knows
How tenors and basses, sopranos, altos,
At service on Sunday are rarely the same
As those who on Friday to choir practice came.

Unready, unable to sight-read the notes,
Not counting, not blending, they tighten their
throats.

The descant, so piercing, is soaring above
A melody only a mother would love.

They have a director, but no-one knows why,
No-one in the choir deigns to turn him an eye.
It's clear he is waving, he wants them to look,
But each of them stands with his nose in the book.

Despite the offences, the music wins out,
The folk in the pews are enraptured, no doubt.
Their faces are blissful, their thoughts appear
deep,
But it is no wonder – they're all fast asleep.

Anon

This was seen pinned to a notice board in the Church of St Thomas the Martyr, Winchelsea and was contributed by a choir member, who also wishes to remain anonymous, but assures the congregation that the above could not possibly apply to the choir of St Andrew and St Mark!

INVEST IN PEACE- "SOLUTIONS NOT SIDES"

Back in September, I was privileged to attend a talk at the Kingston Liberal Synagogue(KLS). Two Israeli peace activists – one of Jewish ancestry and one of Palestinian ancestry came and spoke on their hopes for reconciliation between the various communities in Israel.

The two women spoke on their family backgrounds and how they came to become peace activists. After which they answered questions from the audience. It was not just the histories of the two women but some of the comments about living in their communities such as issues on communication where many Israeli-Jews does not speak Arabic and many Israeli-Palestinians do not speak Hebrew (Genesis 11-1 Tower of Babel as well as the Erasmus translation of John ch1v1 – in the beginning was communication). After their histories, the women took questions from the audience including "how can we in the UK help promote peace?"

As asides from the main meeting, I found out that the KLS community is the same as our own community. We have the Flying Circus that goes out on visits, they have a similar type group, that had gone for a walk to Malden Rushett and once there had tea and cake!!.

The hospitality at the event could not be surpassed and I had a great time talking to a couple who live round the corner to me in Berrylands. I asked her about Purim, as from the pictures it looks like great fun!! And I enjoyed talking about the new KLS garden and how I could understand their excitement of having their own apples for Rosh Hashanah instead of paper ones.

Anyone interested in the work of Invest for Peace can look up the organisation on the internet. The group is supported by the Board of Deputies of British Jews and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

A final quote from the KLS Rabbi, which sums up the whole evening, "It was a truly inspiring evening, listening to two young peace activists talking about their work and demonstrating how working together and talking to each other is the best path towards peace".



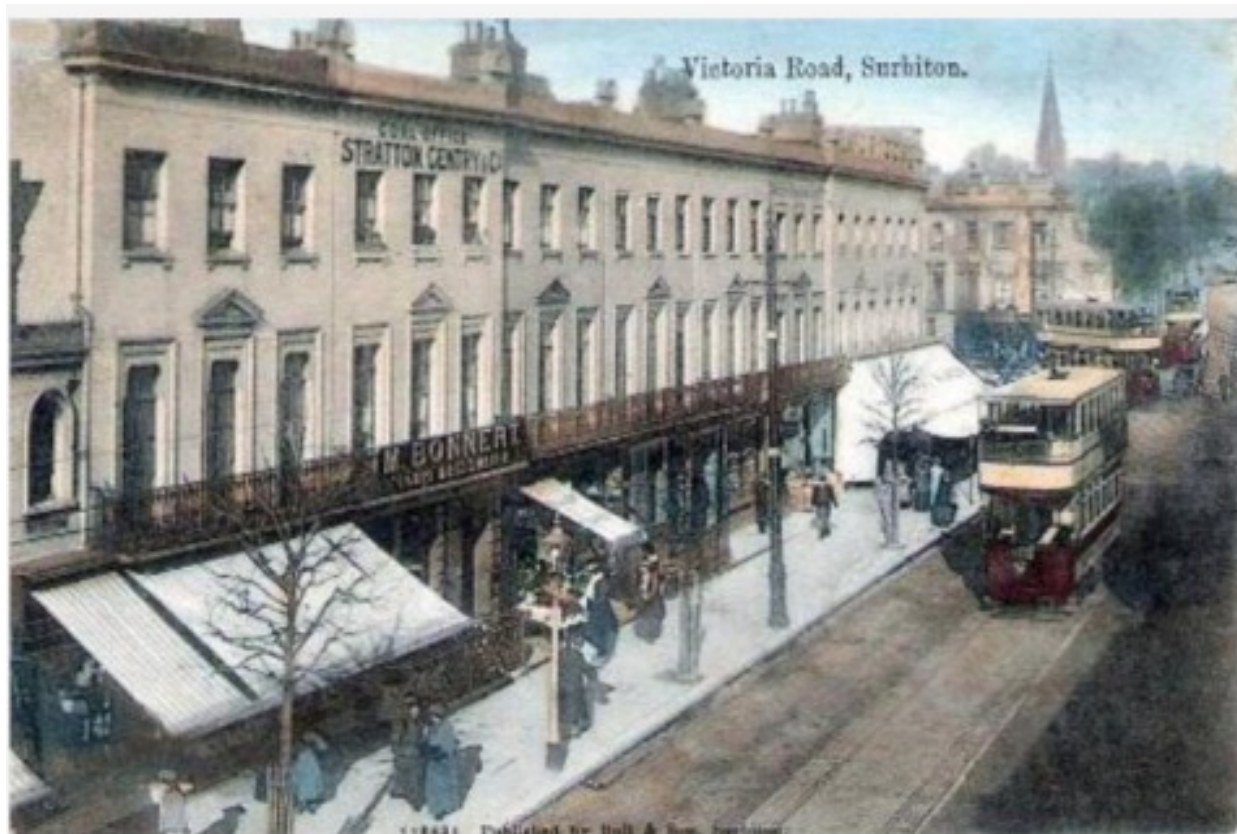
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Claremont Road, Surbiton, around 1910.



Victoria Road, Surbiton 1906.

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Ewell Road, Surbiton.



The Queen's Promenade, Surbiton.

SASM CHILDREN'S CORNER BY CHARLOTTE NEW

Focus on: Travelling at Christmas

We now lead up to Christmas in December: one of the Church's most important festivals. Christmas is a celebration of Christ's birth, his life and his living amongst us. At Christmas, you may travel to see family and friends or they may travel to see you. This edition of the Children's Corner thinks about travelling at Christmas.

THE SASM POSADA 2019 – Mary and Joseph travel around our Parish at Christmas

Each year small knitted figures of Mary and Joseph travel around the SASM parish in December – this is known as the Posada - remembering the journey of Mary, Joseph and their unborn child, travelling to Bethlehem and seeking lodgings. They move from family to family and arrive at church on Christmas Eve for the Christingle.

If your family would like to be part of this, especially if you have Infant School age children/grandchildren or younger and would like to be part of this, please could a grandparent/parent/carer email me via the Parish Office by 16 November with a preferred email address, the children's names, an up-to-date mobile number and address so I can plan their route round the Parish*.

The idea is for Mary and Joseph to be delivered to you by the family or group that had them the night before; there are a few words/prayers said as you hand them over (and sometimes you may be asked into a house to see where Mary and Joseph will stay for the night); they then stay at your house and the next day you take them to their next family. It is a lovely tradition to be part of, leading up to Christmas, and a chance to meet other families in the parish.

Also, as this is my last year organising the Posada, if you would like to take over next year, please could you let the Parish Office know and I will hand over to you.

Thank you. Charlotte New

*These details will be held by me, used to plot a route and will be shared with the Parish Office and the other Posada participants to help the figures' journey and give instructions about the Posada and will be passed to whoever organises the Posada next year). Details would be held until the following year to ask if you wanted to be part of the 2020 Posada.

GETTING TO THE STABLE - WHO IS TRAVELLING FROM WHERE?

CAN YOU MATCH THE PEOPLE TO THE PLACE THEY TRAVEL FROM?

1. WISE MEN 2. SHEPHERDS. 3. MARY AND JOSEPH
A. THE FIELDS ABOVE BETHLEHEM. B. NAZARETH C. THE EAST

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS ANAGRAMS

Many of the hymns we sing at Christmas are about travelling. Can you unjumble the anagrams below to work out which carol is described. There are some clues to help you!

1. KINDLY EEL TOT – In this carol, Mary is carried safely on her way.
2. SWEET GHERKIN – In this carol, the travellers bearing gifts, traverse afar.
3. HATE IS WHISPERS – In this carol, the Virgin Mary & Christ travel by sea!

THE CHRISTMAS TRAVEL WORD SEARCH

Below is a word search containing 8 words to do with travel at Christmas. To make this word search harder than usual, we have not given you the words to find... but, as it's Christmas, we have given you some clues as to what they might be. Good luck!

1. Who travelled to Bethlehem for a census? (Two names (4) and (6))
2. Where did they travel from? (8)
3. What did Jesus's mother travel on? (6)
4. Who arrived following a star? (4, 3)
5. How else are those in 4 known? (5) and (5)
6. Jesus travelled to Jerusalem after his birth. Where was he then presented? (6)

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AND FINALLY SOME CHRISTMAS JOKES

What do reindeers hang on their trees? Horn-aments!

What says Oh Oh Oh? Father Christmas walking backwards!

What do you get if you cross Father Christmas with a duck? A Christmas Qwacker!

Happy Christmas Everyone! See you in 2020. If anyone would like to take over writing these pages or share the writing next year, please do let me know via the Parish Office.

Answers: Getting to the Stable (1c; 2a; 3b). Christmas Carol Anagrams: Little Donkey, We Three Kings and I Saw Three Ships. Word Search: Mary, Joseph, Nazareth, Donkey, Wise Men, Three, Kings, Temple.



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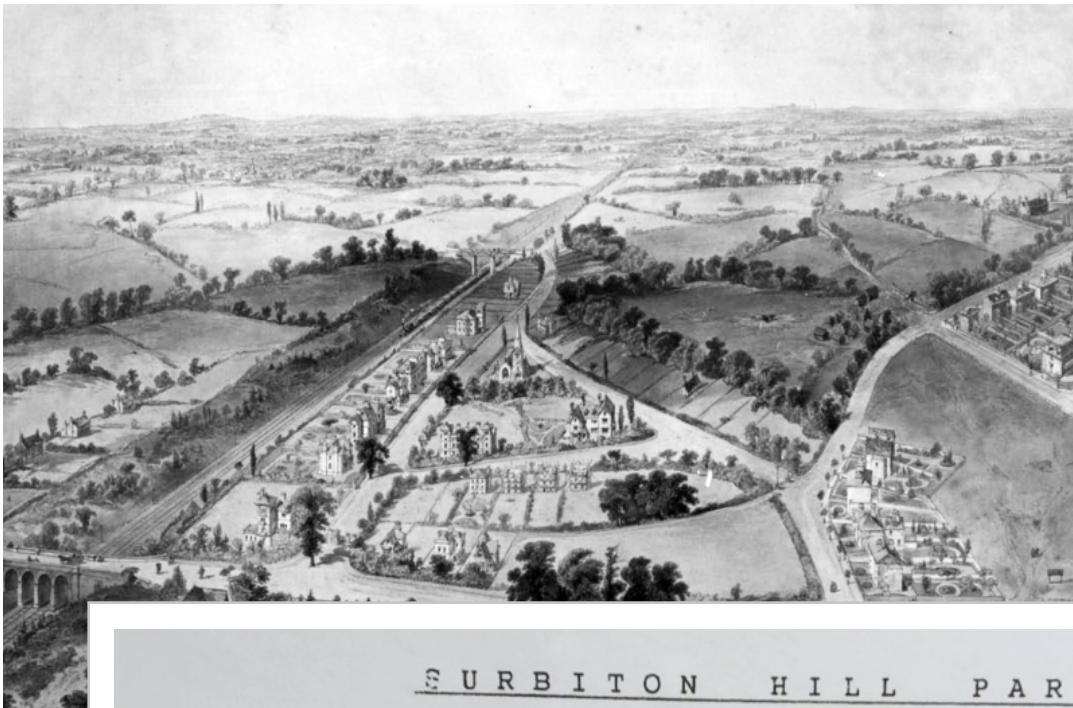


We previously included an old artistic, ariel drawing of Berrylands, which attracted some interest together with a little confusion as the church in the centre of the drawing is no longer present. My mind must be playing tricks as I was sure that when we moved to the area in 1976, the church still stood on the corner of Park Road and Surbiton Hill Park but it is now clear that it never existed.

Chris Ennis has sent me a short article he produced some time ago when he researched the history of Surbiton Hill Park. It appears that the funds for the church could not be raised and that the church was later built nearby and still stands as Christchurch. If the drawing is studied, it is apparent that the original church design was retained.

Many thanks to Chris for his interesting further report and for helping to finally sort this out!

Editor



SURBITON HILL PARK

The engraving opposite, an original of which is in the North Kingston Centre archive centre, is described as a bird's eye view of Surbiton Hill Park (formerly Selfe's Park). It is believed to date from the last quarter of the 19th Century and was possibly used by estate agents to show what the Observer called 'the snug aristocratic villas' that were being built at that time. There are some interesting features; a church, complete with spire, appears at the junction of what were later named as Park Road and Surbiton Hill Park. A footbridge crosses the railway beyond the last house on the hill. This may have been a farm accommodation necessitated by the building of the railway. A sturdy four-arch bridge carries King Charles Road over the railway where a three-arch bridge now spans the line. What is now Burney Avenue was probably a narrow lane as four houses are visible. Close examination shows that some villas are still under construction and just visible on the horizon is the Crystal Palace which had been moved to Sydenham Hill in 1854. On the upper right hand side the building may be a part of Berry Lodge Farm and what is now Berrylands (the thoroughfare) appears as a narrow track or muddy lane.

ABOUT PLASTIC

A poem by Ann Thomas

2019

When plastic was invented
and first came on the scene,
it made such a difference to our lives
that never before had been.

Came plastic cups and saucers,
and plates and dishes too
bottles, jars and flower pots, that's just to name a
few.

People love the plastic
large factories came about,
plastic was the greatest thing
of that there was no doubt.

Then slowly came a problem
for all the world to see,
the plastic would not fade away
like leaves fall off a tree.

After six months a fallen leaf
has gone to mud and dust,
but plastic after many years
won't even start to rust.

it's put into our rubbish dumps,
and then without a notion,
someone has the awful job
to tip it in the ocean.

Some sinks down to the ocean bed
so many miles below,
and even little tiny bits
are in the arctic snow.

Some floats and stays upon the top,
the patch called North Pacific,
is very large and dangerous
and for the fish, horrific.

The poor old fish just had no say,
it spoiled their habitat
they thought a lot of extra food
had dropped upon their mat.

What's going to happen to our world
if things go on and on,
Please someone find a remedy,
before the fish have gone.



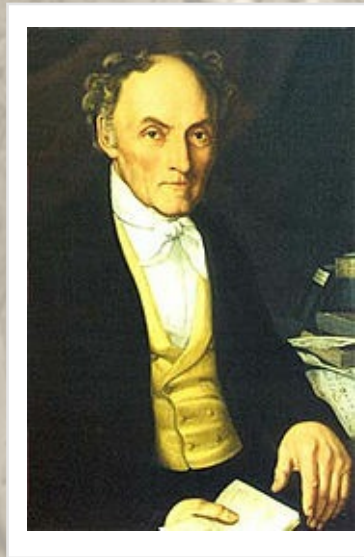
O CHRISTMAS TREE

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
How are thy leaves so verdant!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How are thy leaves so verdant!

Not only in the summertime,
But even in winter is thy prime.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How are thy leaves so verdant!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

For every year the Christmas tree,
Brings to us all both joy and glee.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!



Written by Ernst Anschutz

Published in 1824

*Based on a 19th century Silesian folk
song by Melchior Franck.*

O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE HOW ARE THY LEAVES SO VERDANT!



1848 Engraving of the Royal Family decorating a Christmas tree.

Prince Albert sent decorated trees to local schools and army barracks around Windsor.

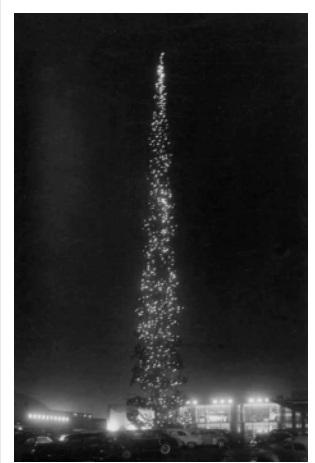
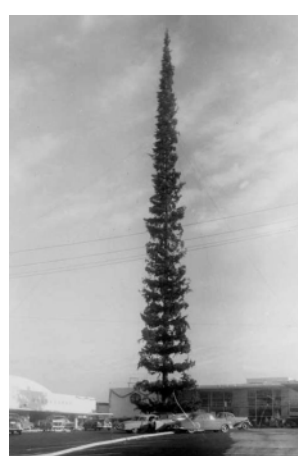
Queen Victoria and Prince Albert would bring a tree into Windsor Castle on Christmas Eve each year to decorate it themselves. The tree was lit up with candles and gingerbread men and their children would be brought in.



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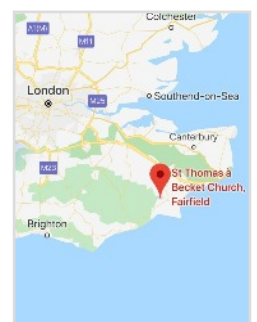
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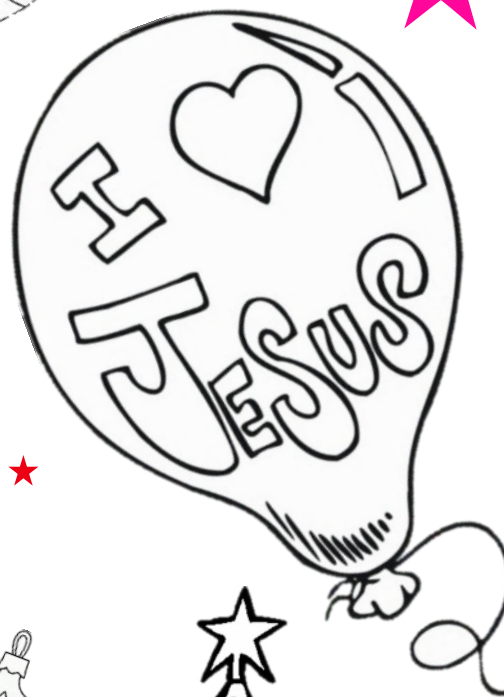


NOVEMBER

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CHRIST IS BORN



SERVICE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd 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 10th November: Remembrance Sunday

8am BCP Communion, St Mark's

9.15am Family Service, St Mark's

10.55am Choral Eucharist including Act of Remembrance with Sunday Club, St Andrew's

6pm Compline, St Andrew's

Sunday 17th November

8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

9.15am Morning Worship Café Church, St Mark's

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

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

Sunday 24th November (Christ the King)

8am BCP Communion, St Mark's

9.15am Family Service, St Mark's

11am Choral Eucharist with Dedication of baby Jacob, and with Sunday Club, St Andrew's
6pm, Evening Prayer with silence

NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER

Friday 29th November: St Andrew's Eve

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

Sunday 1st 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 8th 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 Compline, St Andrew's

Sunday 15th 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, Service of wholeness and healing, St Andrew's

Sunday 22nd 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 Christmas Carol Service, St Mark's

Christmas Eve, Tues 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 Mark's

Christmas Day, Wed 25th December

8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

10am All Age Choral Eucharist, St Andrew's

Sunday 29th December (1st Sunday of Christmas)

8am BCP Communion, St Andrew's

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

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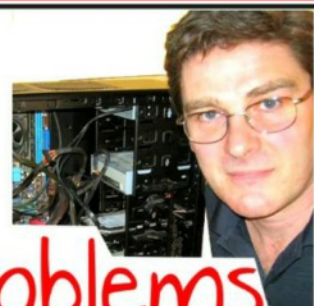
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