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**A VIEW FROM ANOTHER PEW**

I recently helped with my daughter's school trip to St Mary the Virgin church in Sene, Surrey (a village in the Weydale Valley). I was very excited to visit the church as I had been told by many friends in the area of how beautiful it was. I knew the church was a very old one and with a lot of history (over 1000 years in fact).

The first record of a church in Sene appears in William the Conqueror's record 'The Domesday Book' compiled in 1085.

Upon arrival I was immediately struck with the size of St Mary's. It is not a particularly big building, a very quiet English church. It is a pretty nice setting but there was an air of something historical there. Beautiful weathered walls, exquisite Chancel and North Transept stained glass, a small gallery or balcony the main entrance a most interesting Royal Arms for King George II.

The Vicar Anthony Stoll designed the Chancel clothing for the children, which looked lovely displayed together.

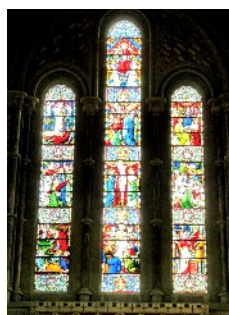
On the following two pages you will see a small collection of photographs I took during the visit.

If you fancy a trip down the A2 to explore 800 years of worship and history then I should thoroughly recommend St Mary's for a trip back in time.

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# A VIEW FROM THE VICAR

*By: Robert Stanier*

It is possible that you are unaware of Jean Vanier, but his story is an incredible one. An ordinary if academically excellent Francophone Canadian, as a young man, he had a startling spiritual insight. This is that, while the society around him took a dim view of those with intellectual learning disabilities, and saw them as, at best, creatures to be helped, in fact, these people were as beautiful and as important a part of God's creation as those with full intellectual capacity. They were not people to be helped, so much as people whose company should be enjoyed and they should be treated as equals.

Instead of helping them as an 'other', he chose to live with them, and he started L'Arche (ark) communities. Today there are hundreds of these all across the world. In them, people who are learning-disabled and those of full intellectual capacity live together, pray together, eat together and have fun together. They are a near miraculous embodiment of the Christian Gospel, and they came from Vanier's personal vision.

He died last year and the obituaries were a mass of tributes to his great kindness and spirituality. It is possible that you have foreseen the 'but' coming in all of this. The 'but' is that last week, a report was published which revealed that Vanier engaged in sexually inappropriate relationships with a string of women over a four decade period. A pattern emerged whereby a woman came to him for spiritual guidance and Vanier offered it, with prayers, and then he encouraged the woman to follow through this prayer with bodily contact with him and then sexual touching, until a sexual relationship was fully formed, but one to which the woman had never actually consented. It started when he was in his forties and he was still doing this in his seventies.

The testimonies are rather creepy: one woman said she tried to stop him, saying contact with Vanier was not the same as praying to Jesus; he is said to have replied, "Jesus and myself, this is not two but we are one. It is Jesus who loves you through me."

And so we are faced with the fact that the same visionary who pioneered an authentic Christian Gospel through his own personal spiritual insight and who lived it out was also a serial sexual predator. Six women independently came forward, all with similar experiences; none had spoken to each other about their experiences beforehand.

On one level, this is gut wrenchingly awful. Personally, I am still coming to terms with it, but at some kind of personal distance. For others it is worse: for example, one Catholic writer, the journalist JD Flynn, has two Down's syndrome children, one of whom is named Vanier; Jean Vanier has been his great spiritual inspiration. But what to do now?

I do not have the answers to that, but there are two positive aspects that have come to mind. First, is that, at last, these women are being heard, believed and supported. I pray that they find some relief in that, though the damage is basically already done. Second, even as a saintly figure is besmirched, the L'Arche communities themselves go on, and they continue to thrive with people living together, who are enjoying each other's company and who are not following the false gods of mammon or status. Despite Vanier's flaws, something beautiful was created in part through him. The spirit of God can work with tainted material and still produce gold. And that is something for which to be grateful.



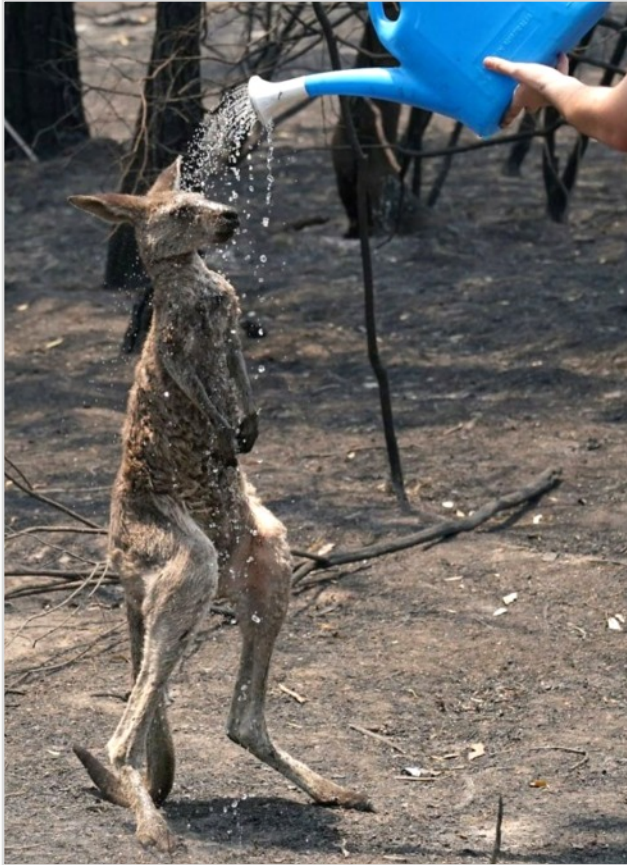


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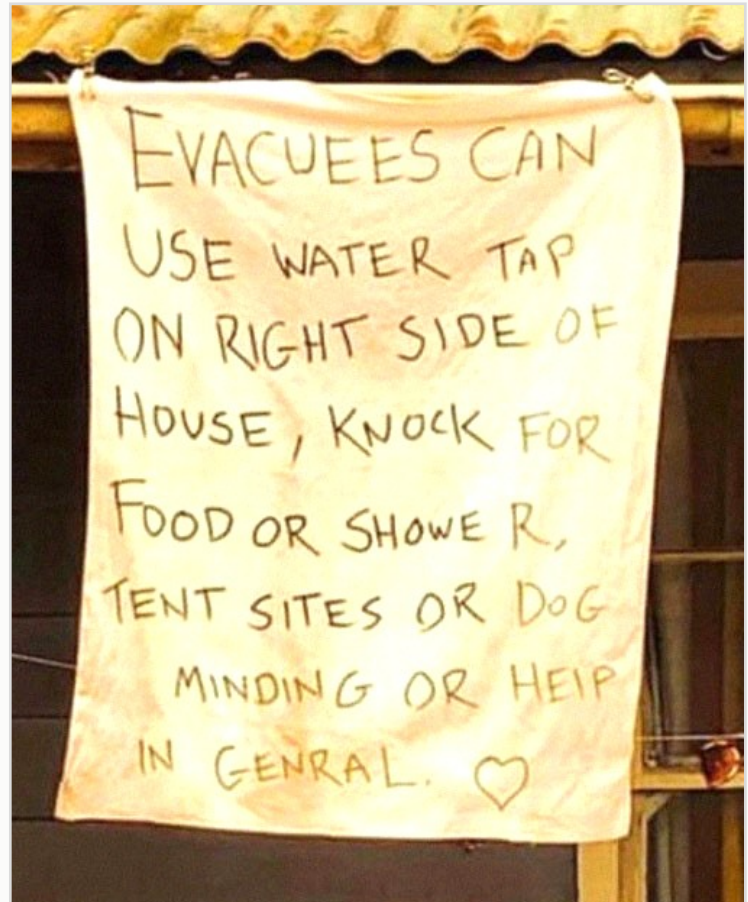
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## Member editor 2020

### **A MORNING PRAYER**

So far today God, I have done alright. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper and I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. And I haven't told anyone to mind their own business and stay out of mine. I'm really glad about all that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot of help.

### **AND WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?**

(This is an extract from a letter dated AD258 sent to Donatus by Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage.)

This seems a cheerless world, Donatus, when I view it from this fair garden under the shadow of these vines. But if I climbed some great mountain and looked out over wide lands, you know very well what I would see... Brigands on the high road, pirates on the seas...men murdered ...and under all roofs, misery and selfishness. It is really a bad world, Donatus, yet in the midst of it I have found a quiet and holy people. They have discovered a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of this sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are the Christians.

### **STRAPLINES**

The fact there is a highway to Hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water

Atheism is a non-prophet arrangement.

By the time a man realises his father was right, he could have a son who thinks he is wrong.

Imagination is far more important than knowledge.

It is far more impressive if others discover your good qualities without your help.

Lord, don't move any mountains that I face; just give me the strength to climb them.

Think of Jesus as being the best photograph God ever had taken.





## Member editor 2020

### TIME FOR A SMILE

- For her birthday I really annoyed my girl friend by giving her a box of Celebrations; I had changed all wrappers around, with the result that she got her Snickers in a Twix
- Four retired bishops decided to keep in touch with each other in their retirement. They thought it would be good to play golf occasionally, so they met one morning as arranged, wearing various styles of golfing dress. They hired a caddy to drive the cart holding them and their clubs. After one particularly bad hole, the caddy asked, "Do you guys happen to be churchmen by any chance." The bishops were puzzled by the questions and one replied, "Yes we are, but why do you ask?" The caddy said, "Oh, that's easy; it's the first time I have come across such bad golf and such clean language."
- A vicar at a small country parish was preparing to leave to take up a challenging position at an inner-city church. At his leaving party, a well-meaning lady told the vicar how much he would be missed. "I doubt if we will get anyone as good as you" she said. The vicar was flattered and said, "I am sure whoever comes here will be a very caring person." The lady responded and said, "No, it's always the same. I've been here for many years, during which we have had at least six vicars and I can assure you that each one has been worse than the one before."
- The brain is amazing. It begins from the time we are born, and works 24 hours a day 365 days a year, right up to the time you get up to speak in public.



## EASTER BUNNY HUNT

Hidden throughout the entire magazine are 7 little Easter Bunnies hiding away.

Can you spot them all?

Answers on page 30.



## 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



## FRIDAYS



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

anytime between 10.30—12.noon.

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All profit goes to the Charity of the month.





## SASM's Choirs on the road in 2020!



(Above, Canterbury Cathedral and Wimborne Minster)

Our adult choir is indeed lucky to have two beautiful and resonant church buildings to sing in each week but we also love to get out and about on our travels!

In recent years we have been lucky enough to sing Choral Evensong in some wonderful Cathedrals around the south of England including Portsmouth, Chichester, Guildford, Southwark and, most recently, Winchester last year. We have joined together with the choir of St Matthew's for these occasions and the joint choirs have performed to a very high standard on each occasion.

2020 will be no less exciting and our adult choir will be singing Choral Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> (Easter Monday) at 5.30pm for which we will be, once again, joining together with the choir from St Matthew's. This promises to be a fantastic opportunity not only for our choirs but also for myself as I will hopefully be playing the newly restored Cathedral organ which is due to be ready just before Easter. It has been lovely to have support from members of our respective congregations on these trips and there will, as before, be a coach provided for anyone who would like to travel to Canterbury with us for the day. Keep an eye on the pew sheets during March for further details.

Then, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, our choir will travel to Wimborne Minster in Dorset to sing Choral Evensong. This will be a trip just for SASM's choir (not with St Matthew's) and will also be an opportunity to reconnect with Peter Cook, former organist of St Mark's Church and known to many of us, who is currently one of the churchwardens at the Minster. It is envisaged that Evensong at Wimborne will be at 6pm but again keep an eye out for further details in September.



Guildford Cathedral

Our Children's Choir seems to go from strength to strength and at the time of writing this we have between 15-20 children singing in this, our still very new singing group, which has exceeded all expectations. We are in the early stages of planning a trip for them to have a day in Guildford on a Saturday in May, a mixture of "business and pleasure" part of which will include a couple of hours singing in the Cathedral. This would be the first trip to sing at a Cathedral for our Children's Choir and could be a very exciting occasion. Watch this space for further news!

Simon Harvey (Director of Music)



## Local Art & Photography Exhibition

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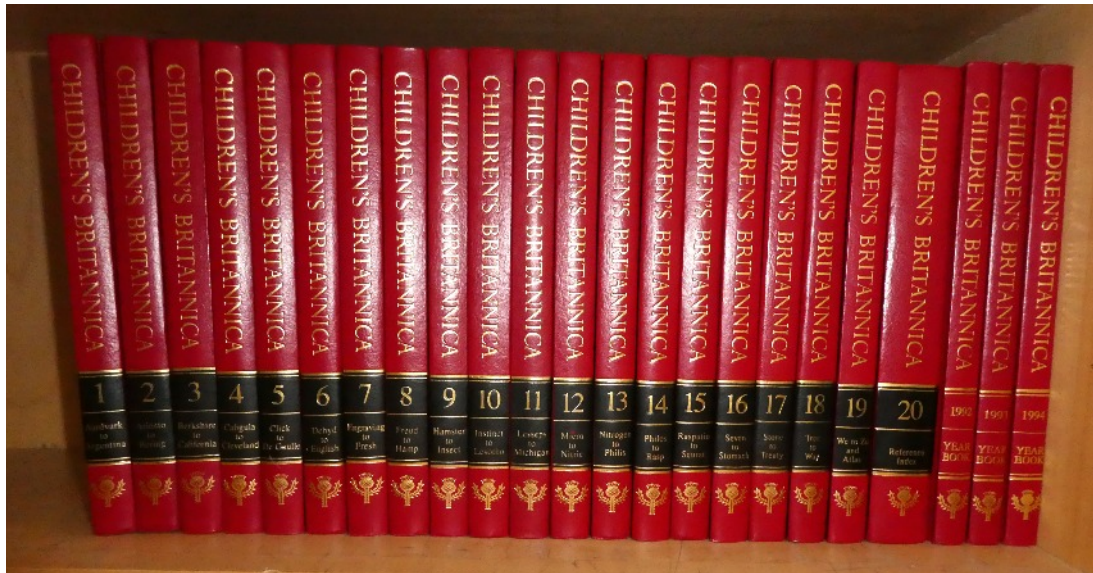
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Just a reminder that the magazine can now be enjoyed online and it looks terrific! Current and back copies of Spire and Tower can be found on the SASM church website under the 'News' tab.





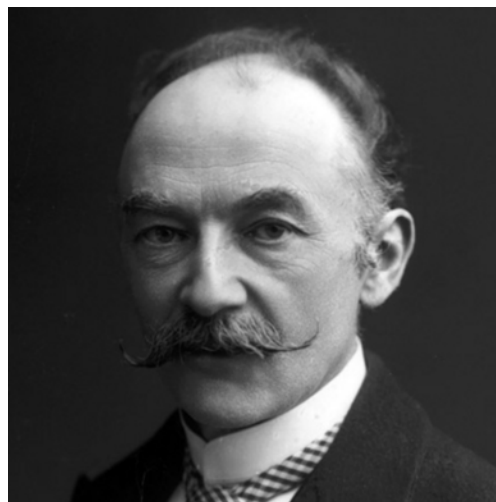
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*The site of Hardy's house, is where the corner of Midhurst Court (left of the photo) now stands.*



*Thomas Hardy 1840-1928*

## SURBITON'S TREASURES

Did you know the English novelist and poet Thomas Hardy lived in Surbiton with his wife Emma in the mid 1870s.

Aged 33, both starting married life together at St David's Villa on Hook Road.

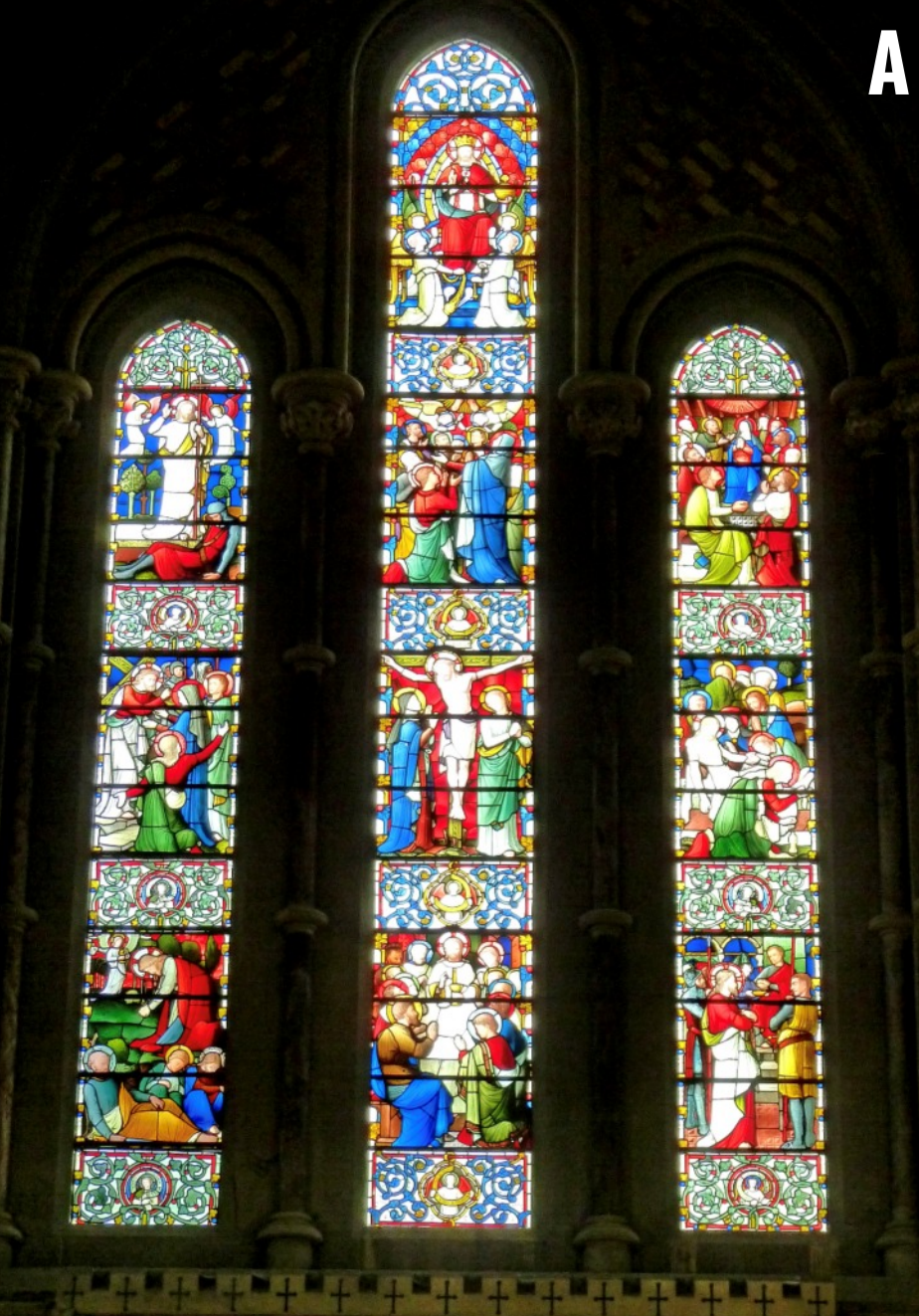
St David's Villa was a row of houses built in 1872 on the Hook Road, also known as Southborough Road. Near to the Maypole Inn.

St David's Villa is no longer there sadly and was knocked down in 1960. Most of the houses were replaced with modern builds and flats.

I wonder if he ever spent an evening drinking a quiet pint of ale at the Maypole Inn writing his next creative masterpiece!



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*Premises of Lavers and Barraud in Endell Street, Covent Garden, London. A grade two listed building.*





*Stunning close ups of the east window at St Andrew's.*



If anyone can shed some light on the stained glass at St Andrew's, particularly the main panel in the Chancel, we would be very pleased to hear from you. It would be fascinating to discover who the designer was.

*Written by Michael Smith.*

*From an idea by Ruth Gilmore.*

*Photography by John Kelly.*

*Research Advisor John Hobday.*





At the Annual General Meeting in January 2020 Moira Greenfield was elected as the new branch leader. She replaces Audrey Eldridge who has held the post for two three year terms. At the meeting the Vicar, Robert, praised Audrey for leadership of the branch and Moira gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the members. Audrey was presented with cards and gifts. Audrey continues to be on the branch committee.

In February our branch invited the parish congregation, friends and other Mothers' Union branches to join them for a talk about The Lily Trust. Julie, founder and CEO of The Lily Trust gave an inspiring presentation about their work from how it started until current day. The Lily Trust was set up to show love and compassion through the giving of essential, practical gifts which are not provided by other sources, and to support survivors of human trafficking and modern slavery. We looked at what is modern slavery and human trafficking and how to spot the signs. We were presented with the shocking statistics of victims in England and Wales. The Mothers' Union branch is looking at ways in which they can support this trust.

To find out more please visit their websites – [www.thelilytrust.org](http://www.thelilytrust.org) and/or [www.facebook.com/thelilytrust](https://www.facebook.com/thelilytrust)

#### **Forthcoming 2020 meetings**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in St Mark's Church – Carole Bourne will lead Lent Reflections

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in St Mark's Church – Delyth Gadd will talk about the story of linen following her trip to Belgium

Meetings are open to all, you do not need to be a Mothers' Union member. For more information please contact Moira Greenfield 020 8241 4743 or Christine Waller 013 7237 3024



*Audrey & Moira*





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!

Sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia!

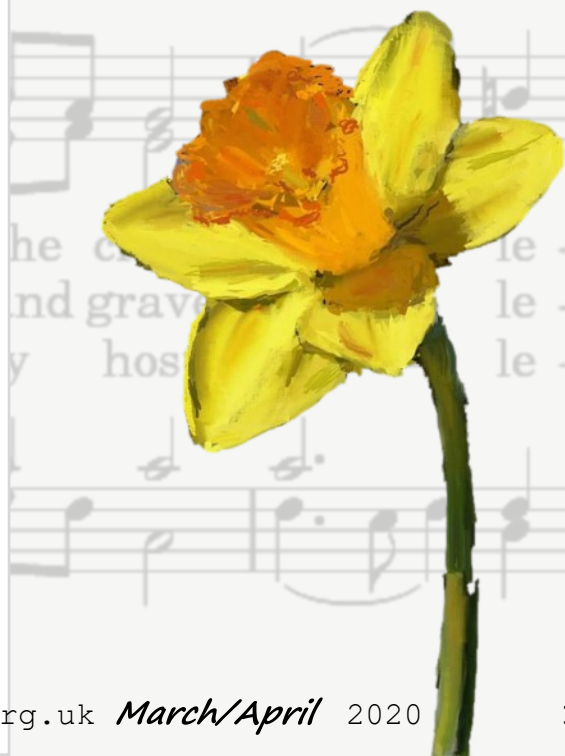
But the pains which He endured,  
Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured,  
Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's King,  
Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!





# QUESTION HOUR

## WHAT IS YOUR NAME AND WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

My name is Katie Smith and I was born at Roehampton Hospital. I was raised in Surbiton.

## WHAT FAMILY DO YOU HAVE?

I am from a large family with my Mum and Dad, a younger brother and older sister, my Husband Jeff and three children, William, Emma and Mary.

I also have 6 incredible Nieces and Nephews.

## WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

I was a Textiles teacher and taught in Guildford and also in Richmond.

I am now a stay at home parent looking after the three monkeys!

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING ST ANDREW'S AND ST MARK'S?

I have been attending St Andrew's and St Mark's for 5 years but as a child I also attended through our primary school SASM.

## WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF PERFECT HAPPINESS?

Spending time with my husband, children and parents doing absolutely nothing but just being together.

Well perhaps West Wittering or Bosham with them all would be nice!

## WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

Apart from the people above.

My wedding ring and my Mum's signet ring I wear on my small finger with her initials on it.

## HOW DO YOU RELAX?

I love spending time in our garden with our four Tortoises and watching the children playing. I also love watching the planes (especially the old classic ones) flying over our house as we live under the flight path to Farnborough Airport.

I love going to the cinema. I recently went and watched 1917 and had to go back and watch it again as I thought it was so brilliant. I may even go back one more time! Lastly LNP (Log burner, Netflix & Pyjamas!).





**WHICH CHARACTER IN THE BIBLE, AFTER JESUS, INSPIRES YOU MOST?**

There are so many characters throughout the Bible with fascinating and powerful stories. I have always been drawn to Mary of Nazareth. I have always loved and admired her. Mary had been learning about Biblical prophecies her entire life and showed such bravery when she accepted the angel's message. "..... may it be to me as you have said" (Luke 1:38). Such a devout, honourable and strong girl she was.

**WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSES?**

Colossians CH 3 V 12-17. ".....and above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body."

**WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE HARDEST THING ABOUT BEING A CHRISTIAN?**

I think many people suffer with the forgiveness of others and also being truly kind and patient 100% of the time.

I have often said a prayer at night when I know I have been short with someone in traffic or yelling in my mind for the never ending queue of people in a food shop to move forward. That is something I am working on through prayer.

**WHAT SINGLE THING WOULD IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF YOUR LIFE?**

Well I have already sorted one of those! We recently purchased a new bed with the most comfortable pillows and mattress. My sleep quality has vastly improved! Zzz.

I cannot think of anything else. I feel rather content at this stage in my life.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE JOURNEY?**

Anywhere in beautiful Italy.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL?**

Christmas Dinner.

**WHAT IS YOUR MOST ENJOYABLE BOOK?**

I am not a big reader but I recently read A Girl with a Pearl Earring and was absorbed.

**WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO GO ON HOLIDAY?**

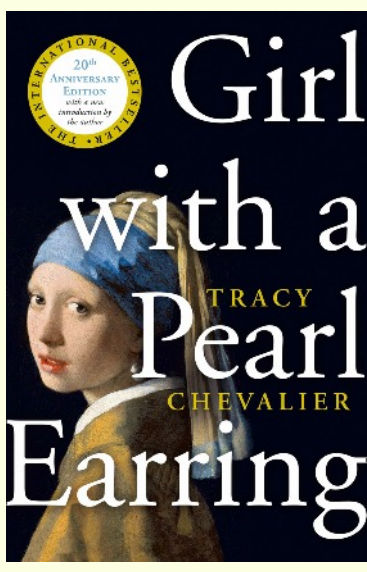
I love Sorrento and Rome. NYC was incredible too.

**IF YOU HAD A CHOICE WHERE WOULD YOU LIVE?**

We have recently moved to Old Woking and have an 1890s red bricked cottage. I absolutely love it and for me there is nowhere else I would rather be.

**WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON LIFE HAS TAUGHT YOU?**

That you are stronger than you think and to always look forward.





# SASMS MONTHLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

**Day** We pray this day for all who live and/or work in the following streets within or partially within the Parish:

- 1 Beechwood Close; Lovelace Gardens; Lovelace Road
- 2 Gloucester Court; Mulberry Court; Corkran Road
- 3 Upper Brighton Road; Mountcombe Close; Penners Gardens
- 4 Oakenshaw Close; Oak Hill; Kingswood Close; Glenbuck Road
- 5 Arlington Road; Saxon Close; Walpole Road
- 6 Oak Hill Grove; The Close; Oak Hill Road
- 7 Oak Hill Crescent; Langley Road; Ewell Road
- 8 Mellish Court; Fire Bell Alley; South Bank; South Bank Terrace
- 9 Hazelwood Court; Hythe Road; South Terrace
- 10 Berrylands Road; Alfriston; Alfriston Close; Meadowbank;
- 11 Fulmar Court; King Charles Road; Park Road
- 12 Parklands; Surbiton Hill Park; Chiltern Drive; Camellia Lane
- 13 Rose Walk; Lamberts Road; Cranes Park
- 14 Villiers Avenue; Burney Avenue; Guilford Avenue
- 15 Minniedale; Ferguson Avenue; Eversley Road
- 16 Hill Crescent; Hillside Road; Minstrel Gardens; Cheyne Hill
- 17 Chumleigh Walk; Cranes Drive; Cranes Park Crescent
- 18 Cranes Park Avenue; Lower Marsh Lane; Villiers Close
- 19 Addison Gardens; Avenue Elmers; Church Hill Road
- 20 St Mark's Hill; Selsdon Close; Ardmay Gardens; Claremont Gardens
- 21 Claremont Road; Maple Road; Grove Road
- 22 The Crescent; St James' Road; Victoria Road
- 23 St Philip's Road; North Road; Ravens Close
- 24 Dolphin Close; Portsmouth Road; Catherine Road; Thames Haven
- 25 Cadogan Road; St Leonard's Road; St Leonard's Square
- 26 Spring Cottages; Cleaveland Road; Westfield Road
- 27 The Mall; St Andrew's Road; Surbiton Court
- 28 St Andrew's Square; Brighton Road; St Mary's Road; Cottage Grove;
- 29 Seething Wells Lane; Akerman Road; Hastings Drive
- 30 Balaclava Road; Calendar Mews; Victoria Avenue; Endsleigh Gardens
- 31 On this day we pray for all who live, work and travel on the River Thames







### Newsletter 5 Spring Term – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020



#### KINGSTON GUIDE DOG VISIT

On Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January Sandi and Kane joined us for collective worship. Sandi and her dog Kane, are part of the Kingston Guide Dogs, which is a very small group of volunteers, who are fundraising to try and give back to the charity that has given them back their confidence to leave the house and be independent.

A small group of children walked around the playground with Sandi and Kane and some children even got to read to Kane.

Here are some comments from children across the year groups:

*I liked walking around the playground with the dog. I got to stroke him too, he was very furry. Falvio Year 3*

*I really enjoyed the assembly because I learnt about the fun things they do for the charity. I liked how talented the dog was. Emma Year 3*

*We walked the dog around the playground and read him a book. It was very fun. I felt happy. I learnt about guide dogs and courses they do. Amelie Year 4*

*The guide dog taught me a lot, like don't disturb it when it's working. I learnt about the harness. James*

*It was really fun when we took Kane around the playground. The assembly was also really interesting because it taught me loads more about guide dogs and I know that they get treated really well since he had his own birthday party, Tom Year 4*

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL RAISING AND GIVING COMMITTEE

Today in collective worship, the School Council Raising and Giving Committee gave a presentation that they had written and prepared on the subject of next week's Mini Market. They explained to the pupils the work of the Bishop's Lent Appeal (with specific reference to a project in Nigeria) and the NSPCC for whom we are raising money. I was very impressed by the standard of the presentation – very well done to Leonard, Majd, Sophia, Joshua, Daria, Benedict and Autumn. Super teamwork!





# Minutes of a Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Attendees:** Naomi Bamford-Hurrell, Anne Barker, Valerie Baxter, Gary Buckley, Mary Elliott, Hugh Evans, Helen Goepel, Andrew Horn, Michael Johns-Perring, Anne Knowles, Jane Kosa, Diana Lewis, Clare Mannall, Anne Miller, Andrew Miskin, Dan Nmadu, Katherine Reed (minutes), Jackie Robbs, Robert Stanier (Chair), Martin Taylor, Ian Wilson

**1. The Vicar welcomed members of the PCC and gave an opening prayer**

**2. Apologies:** John Wickenden

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

**Item 5:** "analogue rather than digital" was corrected to "digital rather than analogue"

The phrase "Helen asked whether RG Jones, who designed the original system, could be asked to submit an estimate" was inserted before "Gary Buckley proposed".

**Item 7:** "Anne Barker will open and close St Marks" was added.

After these amendments, the Vicar signed the minutes as correct.

**4. Matters Arising**

The Secretary will send a copy of the December minutes to Mary Elliott and will distribute the draft minutes earlier in the future.

**Audio System**

After discussion, members of the PCC contributed the following observations:

Positive: We are addressing the problems with the audio system. The volume is better at the back of St Andrews and the induction loop is better at St Marks.

Negative: The system is loud but not clear in the chancel at St Andrews and there is a lot of feedback. The sound from the big speakers at St Andrews is better during quiet services. However, when there was a lot of background noise as in Christingle, the sound is not good. Clergy notice that the volume goes up and down for no reason. In both churches, the volume is loud but often unclear. The clergy microphones are not clear. The lectern is much better. The controls need to be simpler because churchwardens will not have time to operate them and external hirers need to be able to use them. Freestanding microphones are valuable items that can be stolen. At St Andrews, feedback occurs when two members of the clergy stand together. Something happens when clergy go behind the font at St Marks. The induction loop is not working in the south aisle at St Andrews.

Martin explained that the head of Sounds 4 Churches, our chosen contractor, died suddenly in December before the job was finished. His son Stephen is now running the company. Martin is trying to adjust the system to fix the problems and thinks that it will be clear in three weeks whether it can be made to work. At that point a default setting can be implemented that can be turned on with a simple switch. If the problems are not fixed in three weeks, the PCC will ask Stephen to come back. If Stephen cannot make the system fit for purpose, the PCC will return the equipment for a refund. At present, the PCC has paid £9000 of the £12,600 estimate. The PCC will decide at the February meeting whether to ask another contractor to do the job. Meanwhile, the Vicar will explain what is going on to the congregation. The PCC thanked Martin for all his work on this project.

**Parish Reserves Policy**

The Big Picture Sub-committee will propose a Parish Reserves Policy at a future meeting.





**1. PCC Approval of Annual Report format**

Anne Miller is happy to compile the Annual Report again. She will commission input for a draft to be presented to the March PCC meeting. The report needs to meet Charity Commission requirements and also serve as a parish newsletter. The Vicar, as Area Dean, has been invited by the Diocese to attend a conference in Korea from 16<sup>th</sup> April until 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The PCC decided to hold the April meeting on Tuesday 14 April and set the APCM for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May after the 9.15 service at St Marks. Anne Miller was asked to condense the report further as some members of the PCC thought it too long. She will also include a section in which subcommittees can report on their activity.

**2. Photocopier Lease**

The PCC agreed that Clare Chesterman should choose whichever photocopier she thinks best.

**3. Renew Complaints, Domestic Abuse policies**

The renewal of the Safeguarding policy was postponed until a later date when the safeguarding officers will be invited. Andrew Miskin proposed and Andrew Horn seconded the renewal of the Complaints and Domestic Abuse policies.

**4. Review Parish Risk Register and financial controls**

**Financial Controls:** The Treasurer feels that our present controls are not sufficient to prevent some types of fraud. He will consult with the Independent Examiner. Mary Elliott will send him a link to the Charity Commission advice on financial controls. We want to examine our processes to ensure that only genuine invoices be paid. The Treasurer will make a proposal for stricter controls at a future meeting.

**Risk Register:** The PCC adopted a Risk Register in January 2019 with the caveat that financial risks be added. The PCC felt that although the likelihood of a breach of GDPR might be low, the significance could potentially be high. Diana Lewis will work with the Vicar on redrafting the risk register.

**5. Diocesan Safeguarding past cases review**

The Vicar asked members of the PCC to submit a form to the Diocese or speak to him if they remember any safeguarding cases that were not addressed over the past 20 to 40 years. He will inquire whether other parishes extend this request to members of the entire congregation.

**6. Crematorium fee removal**

The £30 fee for crematorium funerals has been eliminated. This does not affect SASM because we use the Deanery system for funerals.

**7. Review of Parish activities and forward planning**

Christmas attendance continues to rise. Children and adults created over 400 Christingles in a little over an hour. The Midnight Mass sermon was very good. The school carol services were particularly successful this year. Our own carol service was very atmospheric. The Christmas lunch move to Surbiton High School worked out well. With the new seating plan, the Christingle services felt safe and comfortable. Members of the PCC suggested that it might be better not to have all members of the clergy on holiday after Christmas. A blue Christmas service might be a nice addition.

**8. Urgent Any Other Business**

The PCC thanked Michael Smith for his beautiful restoration of the cross and candlesticks at St Marks.

Both boilers at St Marks are leaking. Churchwardens are getting quotes on replacement or repair.

The volunteer response to the Night Shelter appeal was very good this year, possible up to 30 people.

The shelter will open in February and March. The food rota is sorted, and everything is going well.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 8.00pm at St Mark's Church.**



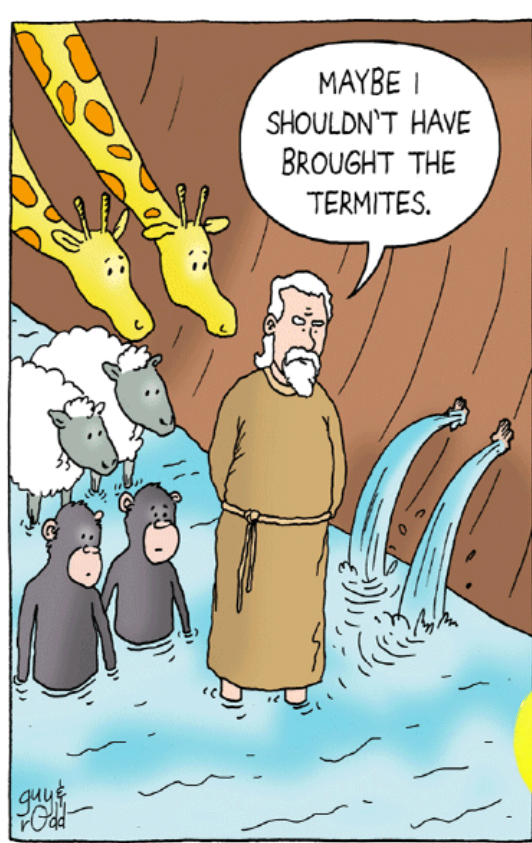


# JOKES & QUOTES

Why didn't they play cards  
on the Ark?



**BECAUSE NOAH  
WAS ALWAYS  
STANDING ON THE  
DECK**

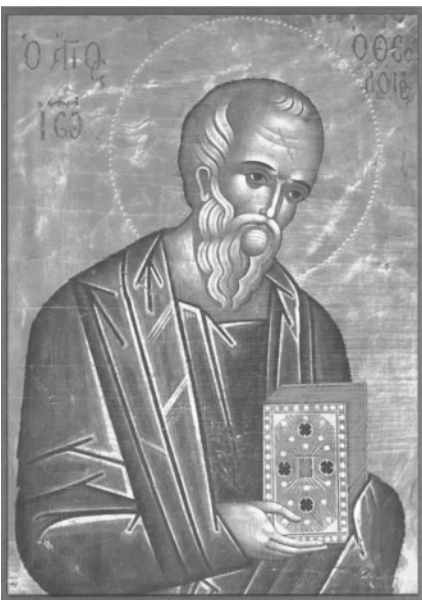


"THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK  
COMETH MARY MAGDALENE EARLY,  
WHEN IT WAS YET DARK, UNTO THE  
SEPULCHRE, AND SEETH THE STONE  
TAKEN AWAY FROM THE  
SEPULCHRE."

JOHN 20:1

MARY MAGDALENE

BORN 22AD, MAGDALA, ISRAEL



"THEN JESUS TOLD HIM,  
'BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME,  
YOU HAVE BELIEVED;

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE  
NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE."

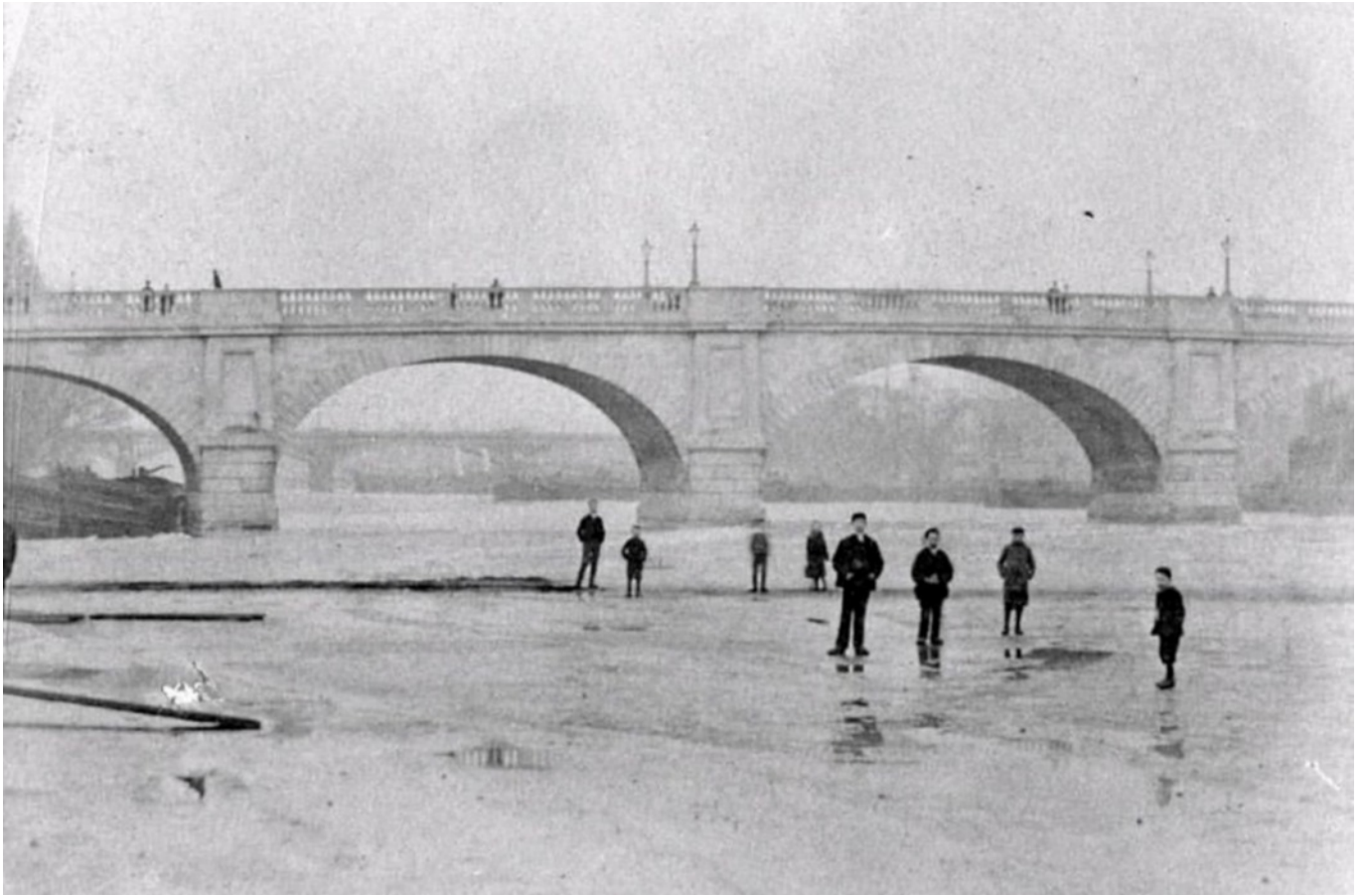
JOHN 20:29

THE APOSTLE JOHN

BORN BETHSAIDA



# PAST TIMES



*The great frost of 1895. Kingston Bridge.*



*Kingston Bridge Circa late 1800s. .*



# A VIEW FROM ANOTHER PEW

I recently helped with my daughter's school trip to St Mary the Virgin church in Send, Surrey (a village in the Weyside Valley). I was very excited to visit the church as I had been told by many friends to the area of how beautiful it was. I knew the church was extremely old and with a love of history I knew I was in for a treat!

The first record of a church in Send appears in William the Conqueror's record "The Domesday Book" compiled in 1085.

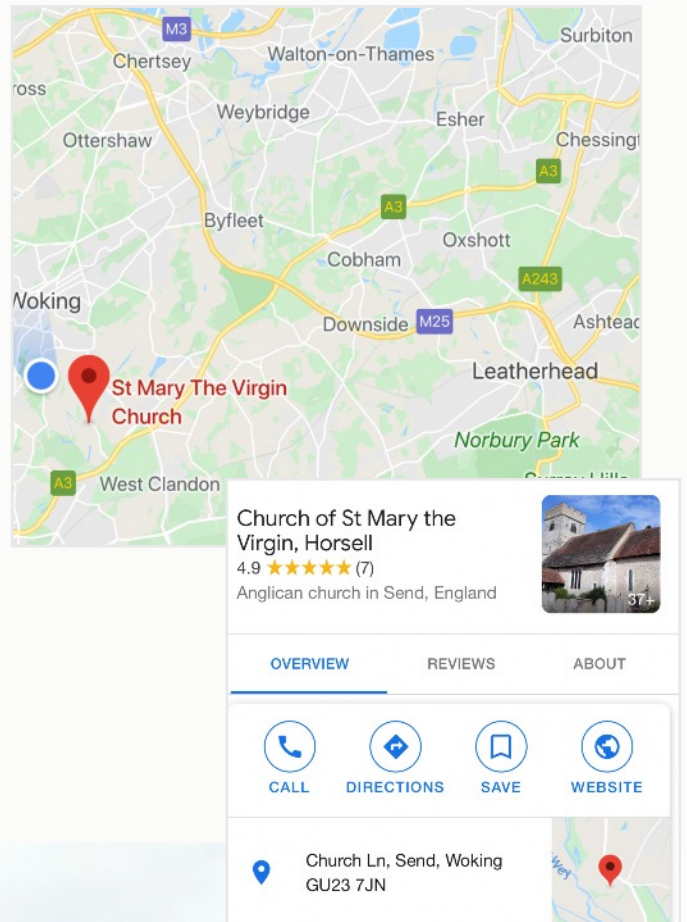
Upon arrival I was immediately struck with the size of St Mary's, it is not a particularly big building, a very quaint English church in a pretty rural setting but inside was an array of fascinating historical items. Beautiful weathered walls, exquisite Clayton and Bell Victorian stained glass, a west gallery and above the main entrance a most interesting Royal Arms for King George III.

The Vicar, Anthony Shull, displayed his Clerical clothing for the children, which looked lovely displayed together.

On the following two pages you will see a small collection of photographs I took during the visit.

If you fancy a trip down the A3 to explore 800 years of worship and history then I would thoroughly recommend St Mary's for a step back in time.

*Katie Smith*







*Wonderful symmetry and detail in the timbers & joists of the roof & above the arch in the church.*



*1837 Graffiti on the side of the Baptism Font.*



*Such a lovely array of colour for the children to see.*



*Royal Arms of King Charles III displayed above the main entrance.*



*Chasubles displayed for the children to touch.*



Saint Mary

the Virgin.



# Roll of Vicars.

## SEND

John de Crandall 1289  
 Hugh de Crandall 1308  
 William de Euham 1314  
 Jno. Hunt de Winton 1325  
 Hugh de Herlaston 1330  
N.B. Registers 1346-1353 are missing  
 perhaps owing to the 'Black Death'.  
 John Messenger 1359  
 John Tresoure assigned for  
 W. Clenden.  
 Robt de Chiltcote 1370  
 Jno. Wrythe de Toytemersh 1375  
 Thomas Smythe 1380

John Evan 1558  
 Richard Harward  
 Vicars of Send and Witley  
 since 1600  
 J. Jackson  
 Hugh French MA 1614  
 Ambrose Frere  
 George Bryan  
 Thomas Bradford  
 Joseph Fairwell 1661  
 Joseph Farver

Edwin M. Girling MA 1921  
 Hon. Canon of Guildford 1928  
 George Guy Moore MA 28  
 Douglas Gordon Legg AKC 35  
 Cyril E. Sylvester B.A. 1945  
 Edgar A. Garrett 1970  
 John Wynburne B.A. 1980  
 Timothy King 1988  
 Anthony Shull BSc 1995

William Agmondesham 1400  
 John Pettijohn 1400  
 William Clere 1401  
 William Smythe 1405  
 William Smythe 1408  
 John Buset 1415  
 Richard Hornsby 1414  
nb. Registers 1415-1446 missing.  
 William Busby  
 John Maltby MA 1455  
 John Jenkyns 1465  
 John Crossall resigned 1485  
 Henry Taylour 1485  
 Will: Goldsmith 1495  
 Thos. Martin bro's tablet  
 in church 1501  
 John Grave appointed Prior  
 of Newark 1534 1533  
 John Lyside or Lyne 1534  
 John Gates 1554

James Tichbourne LL.B. 1666  
 Richard Holdney MA 1684  
 William Holt 1694  
 John Robinson died  
 1735 1701  
 Thomas Buckridge died 1763  
 Lewellen Davies  
 Geo. Walton Onslow MA 1792  
 Hy. Albury Bowles MA 1844  
 Ch: Richard Gate MA 1852  
 Vicars of Send  
 Ernest Ch: Beran MA 1875  
 Ch: P. Littlejohn MA 1889  
 Rich: Tahourdin MA 1895  
 Henry Venn Elliott MA 98  
 Hy: W. L. O'Rourke MA 1901  
 Henry Venn Elliott MA 04  
 George C. Allen D.D. 1908  
 F.W. Morgan Jones MA 12

1289- 1995 (the present Vicar Anthony Shull. An incredible document listing all the previous Vicar's at St Mary's.

I wonder why there was a resignation in 1485? With a swift reappointment in the same year!



# E A S T E R



*Pretty examples of Victorian Easter cards.*

BUT GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE  
FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE  
STILL SINNERS.  
CHRIST DIED FOR US.

ROMANS 5:8

BUT GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT  
WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS.  
CHRIST DIED FOR US.

**HAPPY EASTER**

“Your dead shall live;  
Their bodies shall rise.  
You who dwell in the dust,  
Awake and sing for joy!  
For your dew is a dew of light,  
And the earth will give birth to the  
dead.”

Isaiah 26:19 ESV

**HAPPY E/**

“Your dead  
Their bodies  
You who dwell  
Awake and sing  
For your dew is a dew  
and the earth will give birth to the dead

Isaiah 26:19 ESV



# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

*AFTER YOU FIND  
ALL THE HIDDEN  
WORDS THE LEFT  
OVER LETTERS  
SPELL OUT A BIBLE  
VERSE READING  
FROM THE TOP  
LEFT TO THE  
BOTTOM RIGHT.*



AFRAID	STAR	MATTHEW
ANGEL	UNION	MOTHER
BIRTH	VIRGIN	PEOPLE
CHILD	WIFE	PLEDGED
DAVID	WOKE	PRIESTS
DREAM	APPEARED	PROPHET
EXILE	CONCEIVED	WORSHIP
HOLY	CHRIST	PUBLIC
JESUS	DIVORCE	SPIRIT
JEWS	FATHER	WRITTEN
JUDEA	FULFIL	MARY
KING	HEROD	MAGI
LORD	HUSBAND	IMMANUEL
JOSEPH		

**Matthew 1:16-2:5**



# At Easter Time

**LAURA E.  
RICHARDS**

The little flowers came through the ground,  
At Easter time, at Easter time;  
They raised their heads and looked around,  
A happy Easter time.

And every pretty bud did say,  
“Good people, bless this holy day,  
For Christ is risen, the angels say  
At happy Easter time!”

The scarlet lily raised its cup  
At Easter time, at Easter time;  
The crocus to the sky looked up  
At happy Easter time.

“We’ll hear the song of Heaven!” They say,  
“It’s glory shines on us today.  
Oh, may it shine on us always  
At Holy Easter time!

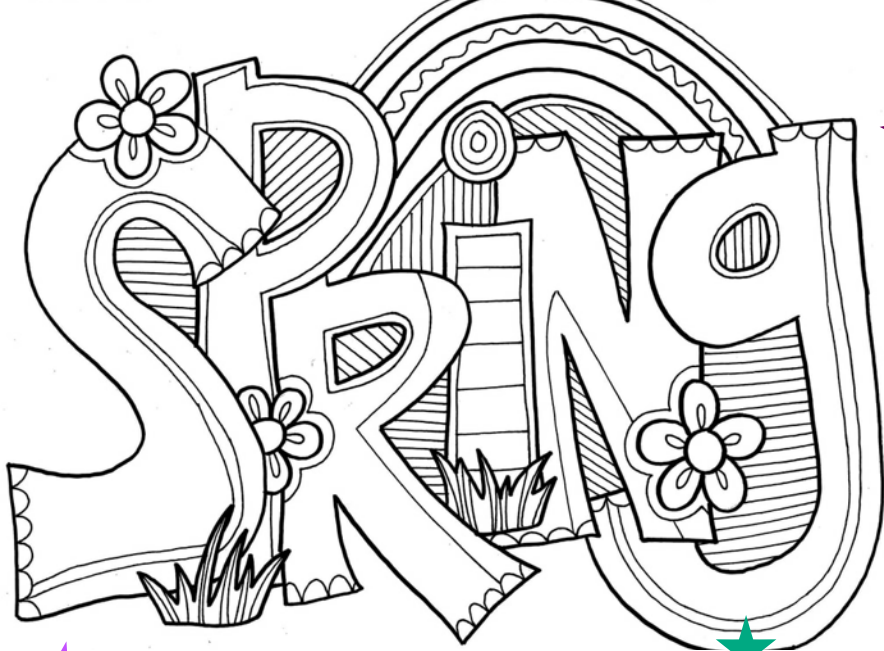
’Twas long and long and long ago,  
That Easter time, that Easter time;  
But still the scarlet lilies blow,  
At happy Easter time.  
And still each little flower doth say  
“Good Christians, bless this holy day,  
For Christ is risen, the angels say  
At blessed Easter time!



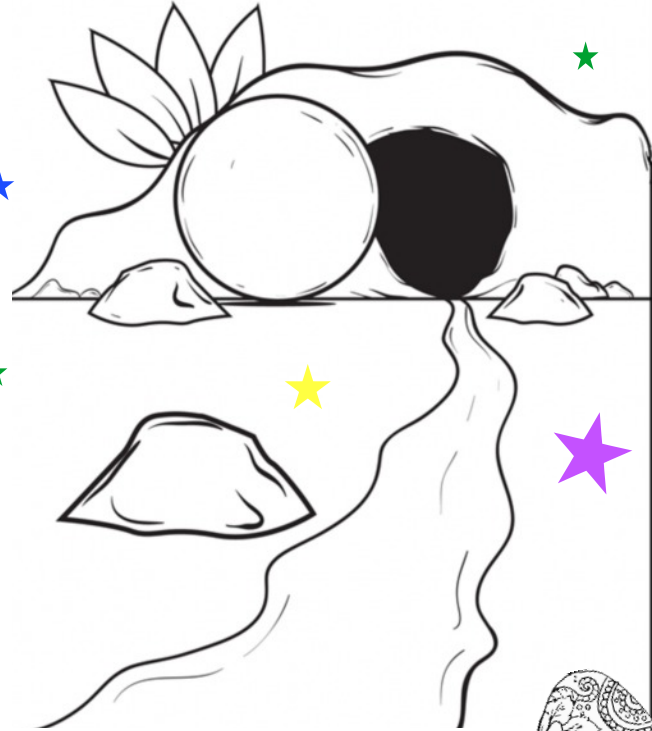
*Laura E. Richards 1850-1943*



HIE IS RISEN



HAPPY  
EASTER



# SERVICE CALENDAR

## MARCH 2020

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of 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

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Compline

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

8am St Andrew's – BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Holy Baptism/ Café Church

11am St Andrew's – Choral Eucharist with Lent teaching and Sunday Club

6pm St Andrew's - Service of Wholeness and Healing

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday

8am St Mark's – BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship

11am St Andrew's – All Age Parade Eucharist

6pm St Andrew's – Compline

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Passion Sunday

8am St Andrew'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 - Service "in penitence and faith"

## Holy Week

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday

8am St Andrew's BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Morning Worship with Baptism

10.45am St Mark's – Palm Sunday procession with donkey down to St Andrew's

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

6pm St Mark's – Evening prayer with silence

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

8am St Mark's – Said Eucharist

8pm St Mark's – Candlelit Compline

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

8am St Mark's- Said Eucharist

8pm St Mark's – Candlelit Compline

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April

8am St Mark's – Said Eucharist

8pm St Mark's – Candlelit Compline

Maundy Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> April)

7.30pm St Andrew's - Choral Eucharist followed by watch till midnight

Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April)

10am St Mark's – Children's Worship for Easter

12 noon St Andrew's – Meditation for two hours

2pm St Andrew's – Good Friday Liturgy with veneration of the cross

Easter Eve (Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April)

8pm St Andrew's – Easter Vigil with Eucharist

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April– Easter Day

8am St Mark's – BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship

11am St Andrew's – Choral Eucharist for Easter with Sunday Club

*No evening service*

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter

8am St Andrew's – BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Morning Worship or Holy Baptism (tbc)

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

6pm St Mark's - Service of Wholeness and Healing

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter (transferred)

8am St Mark's – BCP Holy Communion

9.15am St Mark's – Family Worship celebrating St Mark's day

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

6pm St Mark's – Compline

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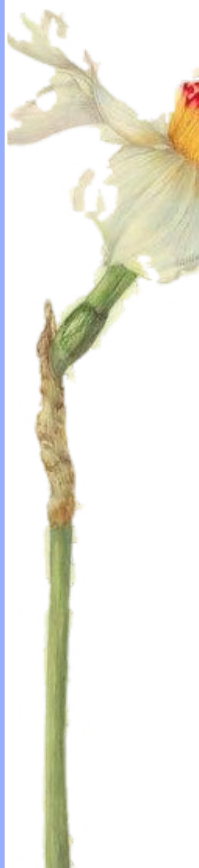
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