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Cover photo: "Getting together again" - Valerie, liturgical deacon, sacristan, server, acolyte, choir member, PCC member, Eco Committee member, Charity and Social Action Committee member, and Evening of Entertainment organiser (among other things), enjoys a recent social gathering. Photo contributed.

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From the (Guest) Editor:

Welcome to the September/October 2021 edition of *Spire & Tower*, under the continued guest editorship of the Curate. This edition is a bit pared back owing to time constraints, but we hope to be able to provide a fuller offering in future editions. A big thanks to all our advertisers, including those who have recently decided to keep advertising with us for another year—your generosity at a difficult time for business is very much appreciated.

Autumn is my favourite time of year, even this year when it has felt like we have had our fair share of autumnal weather already. The maple tree in our garden is already giving us a foretaste of its full glory—the odd branch has turned a blazing red colour. And the crab-apple tree is weighed down with a bumper crop—I only hope my jelly-making skills are an improvement on last year's (I burnt the lot—NB "smoked" crab apple is not that appetising).

As the start of another term, autumn is a time of new beginnings. To help us think of the new school year, we hear from Matt Gates, Deputy Head of St Andrew's and St Mark's Junior CofE School (our Church School) about how things have been for staff and students alike during a pandemic. To celebrate the school's recent Gold RE Quality Mark there is also a selection of the children's RE work.

The summer months are over and, coupled with the further easing of restrictions (for how long is another matter), things are getting busier again—in church and in the wider community. Don't forget our Friday morning coffee mornings at St Andrew's. During September we will host a Climate Weekend. And, for the first time since 2019, the Surbiton Festival is back (St Andrew's will be open), in addition to our annual Evening of Entertainment (a variety show).

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A View from the Vicar

“What makes it difficult is that we are frail beings who underestimate our lack of persistence and lack of willpower in doing even simple things.”

Think back to the last time you washed your hands. Did you spend at least 30 seconds washing them?

There are lots of debates about mask-wearing; and we've had to think about it a lot with regard to church services too, but one of the completely uncontentious bits of advice the doctors give us during this pandemic, is to take care and time washing our hands. For obvious reasons, this is likely to improve the chances of wiping off stray bits of virus, and limiting the spread of the disease.

To go back to the original question, my guess is that you didn't spend as long as 30 seconds washing your hands. Of course, there may be legitimate reasons on that particular occasion; you may just have been at home and not in a public place, exposed to bits of virus. But – let's be honest – is it not the case that we don't follow that protocol as carefully as we did, say, 18 months ago? We don't have any particular view against it, we don't have any reason not to do it; we just don't do it because, well, we got out of the habit of doing it.

It strikes me that many more of the failures of our spiritual life are not to do with flagship moments where we decide that aspects of our faith are wrong, and we should give them up. Rather, they are to do with a gradual withering, a fading away of good intention, that gradually gets ground down by the wearying patterns of modern life.

Taking up a virtuous pattern of life is not difficult in the sense that it takes great amounts of wisdom, in the same way that it doesn't take particular intelligence to acknowledge that washing our hands for at least half a minute is a good idea. What makes it difficult is that we are frail beings

who underestimate our lack of persistence and lack of willpower in doing even simple things.

Perversely, we far prefer to focus on things that are contentious (in this case, the public debates on mask wearing) and fail in the humdrum, but actually all important. I think we should spend a lot less time on the argument and focus a lot more on the practice, which is underestimatedly difficult. ✕

The Reverend Robert Stanier is Vicar of St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton

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The big picture:

Our church school



This photo was taken a little while ago now, but it reminds us of the time we have all been through—and continue to go through still. It has been a difficult time for all us, including our children. Despite the challenges of the past 18 months or so, with class bubbles, periods of self-isolation, and home learning (often at the same time as home working), our church school has sought to provide “life in all its fulness” for all its pupils (go to page x for an article written by the Deputy Head). We also give our thanks to Alison Vigurs, who will be stepping down as headteacher at the end of this calendar year, after well over a decade of service to our church school and the wider community. ☒

Hh is for Harvest



Join us for our Climate Weekend

18th & 19th September 2021

Saturday 18th

12:30-14:30	Litter Pick/Nature Trail	St Mark's
15:00	Piano Concert & Talk "What can I do?"*	St Andrew's
21:00-00:00	Prayer Vigil for Nature	St Andrew's

*** With retiring collection for the World Land Trust.**

Sunday 19th

In addition to our usual services of Holy Communion (08:00 at St Mark's), Family Worship (09:15 at St Mark's), and a Sung Eucharist (11:00 at St Andrew's) which will all include a reflection on our care for God's creation:

16:00	All Creatures Great and Small Bring-a-Pet Service	St Mark's
18:00	Creation Themed Service and "Chime for Climate"	St Andrew's

We all have a part to play. Can you help us?
Find out more at [**surbitonchurch.org.uk/eco**](http://surbitonchurch.org.uk/eco)



Life in all its fullness

Matt Gates, Deputy Head of St Andrew's and St Mark's CofE Junior School reflects on life lessons from teaching during a pandemic

If you ever visit our St Andrew's and St Mark's Junior School (or visit its website), you will repeatedly find the verse "I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). The summer break has given us all time to reflect on what has been two exceptionally challenging years in the life of a school. Through 2 national lockdowns and the ever-present threat of the dreaded isolations, it has never been tricker to live-up to the promise of a full education.

Our school is so much more than the lessons we teach. We are a diverse community and we run on the interactions between pupils and staff. Beyond anything else, we have missed the opportunity to speak to one another. The lockdowns and restrictions have taught us the value the conversations in the classroom: that excellent idea from a pupil that takes the lesson in an unexpected direction; having group work where pupils move around discussing a topic or hearing a year 6 pupil read with a year 3 pupil. These things have not been possible in the same way during the last year. For our team, being 'siloe'd' in year group bubbles has meant the sharing of ideas has been restricted to Google Meet which, for all its wonder, allows only one conversation at a time. For pupils, being limited to a specific area of the playground, not interacting between year groups and having to remain in your seat in the classroom has been very limiting. Collective Worship - the heart of our Christian school - has not taken place in-person for over a year; Father Robert, Father Michael and Carole have become YouTube masters, streaming directly into our classrooms.

Despite the challenges, St Andrew's and St Mark's has continued to be a place of learning for all. The ability to deliver lessons, collaborate with pupils and give feedback remotely would have been an unthinkable leap even three years ago. At the height of the second national lockdown, our school welcomed disadvantaged and SEND pupils as well as teaching several 'live lessons' each day - when pupils were isolating they joined lessons from home. Whilst this was

tough experience (for staff and pupils), we were still able to keep teaching and learning!

So what about, "life in all its fullness"? Where are all the things outside of lessons that make our school a rich and exciting place to be? It was saddening not to have any residential visits this year. The Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight - a rite of passage and highlight of life at SASM - could not take place. However, the ingenuity of our team has been exceptional. An 'Isle of Fun' week took them to West Wittering, bowling and beyond! There has been Courageous Advocacy, Careers and Community Weeks, dragon boat racing on the Thames, visits to Buster Farm to experience life in ancient times and so many more opportunities besides. It hasn't been the same, it has been much harder to deliver but it has been successful.

Although this year has been the toughest of my career, I won't remember it for lockdowns, isolations, bubbles or positive cases. I will remember the joy of seeing Year 3 take their first educational visit in over a year. I will recall a pupil telling me about getting up at 4am to use the school telescope to see the moon. I will savour seeing Year 6 pupils excitement as see that over 50 languages are spoken in our school. Yes, it has been a challenging year but "life in all its fullness" lives on at SASM! ✕



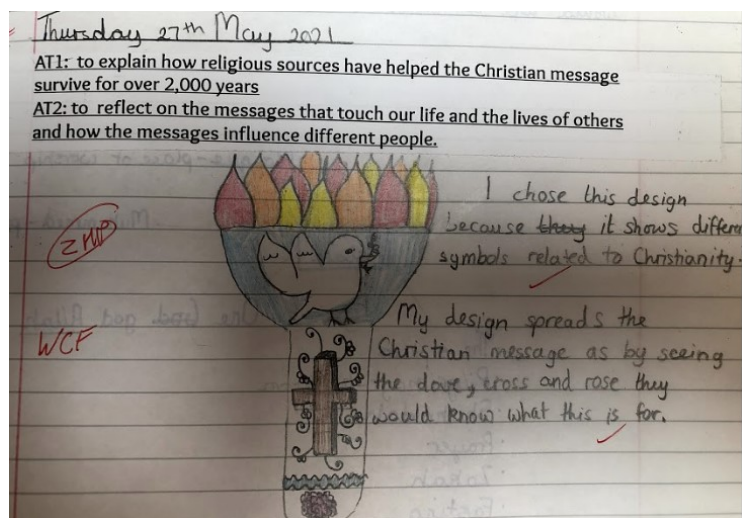


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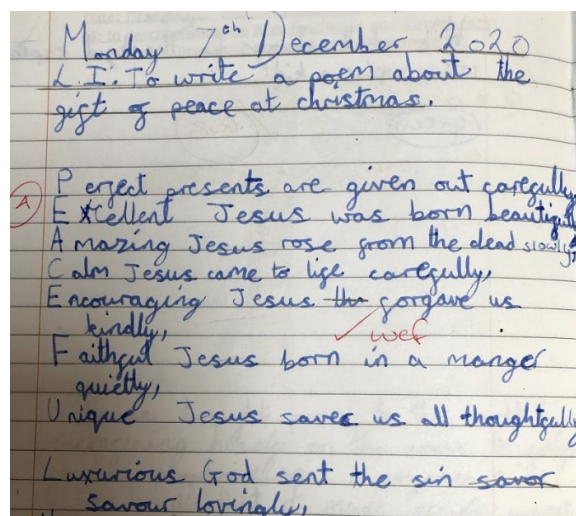
Outstanding learning in religious education at St Andrew's and St Mark's Junior School recognised

Matt gates writes: "We are delighted to announce that St Andrew's and St Mark's has been awarded the gold Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM) by the Religious Education Council of England and Wales (REC). This is a nationally recognised award that celebrates outstanding RE teaching. Under the excellent leadership of Emily Woodward, our school has continued to embody Christian values.

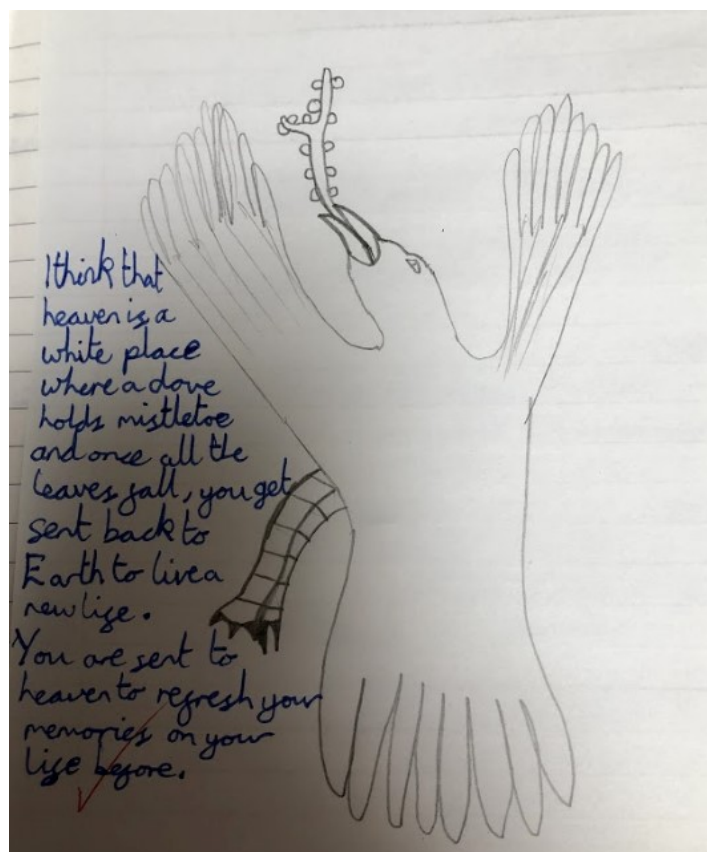
As a church school with strong Christian foundations, we are extremely proud to receive this award and be recognised for our work in religious education. We are committed to sustaining progress in this area and further establishing SASM as an exemplary Church of England school. This gallery of outstanding work was used as part of our submission for the mark."



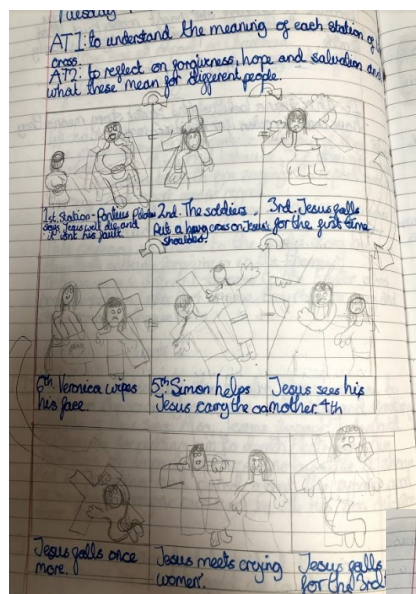
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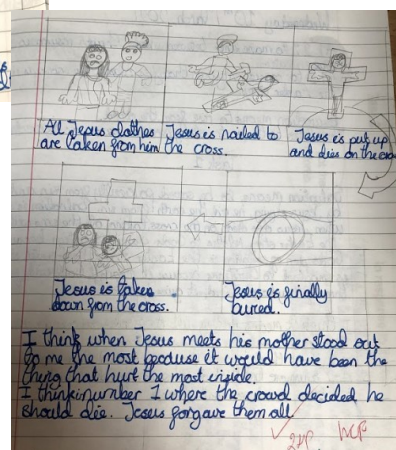
RE across the curriculum - poems in Year 4

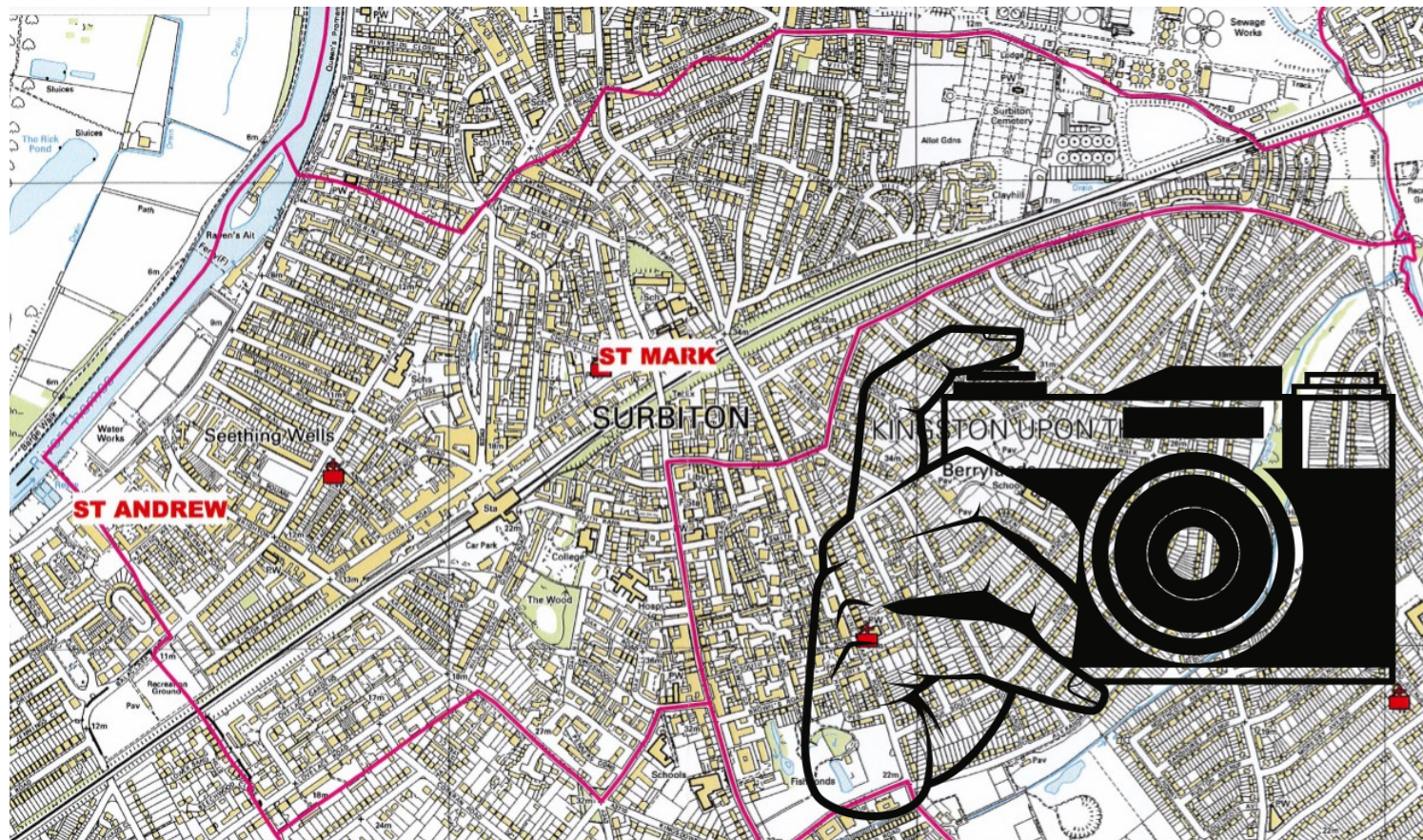


Spiritual development through considering their beliefs about Heaven- Year 6



Work considering the stations of the cross - Year 6





Get clicking: Parish photography competition!

We are inviting entries for our parish photography competition. Photographs can be of any subject, but must be taken within the boundaries of our parish (see map above—you can also consult the “A Church Near You” website for the parish boundaries). **We are looking for striking images that capture an aspect of our local community.** There are two entries: adults (18+) and young people (up to 17 years). The best photos will be published in our Nov/Dec magazine, with the winning photo by a young person going on the cover. The winning adult photographer will receive a certificate and a bottle of our church gin. The winning young person photographer will receive a certificate and an introduction to digital photography book.

Entries by e-mail to the Editor (sasmscurate@outlook.com) by 12 noon on Tuesday 21st September 2021.

No entry fee (although donations always welcome!). No limit on the number of photos one person can submit (within reason!). Please include details of what your photograph(s) is/are of, and a title for your photograph(s), if any, and whether you are 17 or younger (the task of submitting can be delegated to a parent or carer on your behalf) or 18 or older. Judging to be done by Editor and Assistant Editor.



Toni Mitchell

Find out more about another familiar face and PCC member

Describe yourself. Name. Where were you born?

Hi Everyone, I'm Toni Mitchell. I am a woman of a certain age (lol), and I am of Irish and Caribbean heritage. I was born in England but grew up in Ireland and yes, I have kissed the Blarney Stone, hence my 'gift of the gab.'

Some of you will know me from Jackie's Bible Group or perhaps from meeting in the Zoom break out rooms. I have the picture of Petra as my background, but I am preparing to leave now that I am jabbed! I am a member of the PCC and am privileged to belong to the Charities and Social Action Committee. During Christmas week I was blessed with my second new hip and am now a member in good standing (ouch) of the Parish Hip Replacement Group. Thank you, Margaret and Rod, you know what you did...

What family do you have?

I was an only child and both my parents died quite a while ago.

Job/ retired?

Throughout my professional life, whether working in the city, local authority, national charity or university, my deepest interest has been in helping people to be the best that they can be. I am a CIPD accredited Developmental Coach and Mentor and my recent training in Mindfulness Life Coaching has served to strengthen and embed my skills and abilities. I have recently left my part time post as a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Kingston University to pursue my passion in helping people to see what life could be like, whether personally or professionally, and to take the steps to make that happen. All prayers gratefully received!

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

I have been attending St Andrew's since moving back to Surbiton 3 years ago. I previously worshipped at St Mary's in East Molesey where I have the support and

encouragement of the Rev. Carole, and then in St Paul's in the same parish. While there I trained as an Assistant Minister, server and a crucifer, and co ran a bereavement course among other tasks. I completed the Growing Leaders Course and went on to mentor a member of the congregation in their growth and development in the Church. A great learning and humbling experience.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

A long luxurious dinner in a favourite restaurant with some close friends, having a laugh and putting the world to rights.

What is your most treasured possession?

A tiny Teddy Bear known as 'Travelling Ted' who is with me wherever I travel. He is always available for a chat, keeps his own council and never, ever tells stories. And there are some stories that he could tell...

How do you relax?

Prayer and meditation play a big part in my life as do yoga and walking. I love a good book and am an avid member of the Church Book Club. I also like to just sit, allow my thoughts to wander and listen for what God or the Holy Spirit might have to say to me. The messages are not always comfortable but that's God for you...

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

I have a growing interest in Mary Magdalen. She seems to have found her passion in following and supporting Jesus and stuck with him to the end and beyond. She did this despite difficult and challenging circumstances, not the least of which that she was a woman in a predominantly male world.

What are your favourite Bible verses?

The second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians v11:14, although we may not be able to 'Greet one another with a holy kiss' just yet. The Grace at the end is one of my favourite prayers and clarifies for me the purpose of the Holy Trinity.

'May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' Mary's Song (Luke 1 V46:55) also speaks to me especially currently when the Pandemic is a great leveller.

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

Being patient with those who have not yet heard the Word or seen the Light. Accepting that there are many pathways to God and practicing humility in my own service to fellow Christians.

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

I am blessed to have reached the stage where I am able to be satisfied with what I have and where I am. The grass may be greener on the other side, but it still must be mowed and watered (lol).

What is your favourite journey?

Any journey that involves a train whether it be India, China, the Rockies, or Surbiton to Waterloo, I am in my element.

What is your favourite meal?

Any dish that includes roasted, boiled, stir fried, barbecued or otherwise cooked pork is the one for me...with plenty of crackling of course!

Most enjoyable book?

My most enjoyable recent read was Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café by Fannie Flagg. There is a movie if you can find it, but I would suggest you read the book first.

Where do you like to go for holidays?

I have been fortunate to have had the time and the means to travel to some far-flung places and have had some amazing experiences. Just ask me and I'll happily bore entertain you for hours. This year I am going to concentrate on visiting friends in various parts of England, collecting hugs and new experiences along the way. I am seriously contemplating Michael's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022.

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

Exactly where I am now. I lived in Surbiton for a short time many years ago and am delighted to be back.

What is the most important lesson life has taught you?

God is good and he said He would. Taught to me by my Irish Grandmother and relevant throughout my life.



Toni (pictured here in real-life Petra—not a background filter) was questioned by Olga Wickenden. ✕

Motorcycle diaries

Do you recognise this much loved member of our church community from these early photos? On a Friday morning, you may have had a cup of tea and slice of cake with her (Her identity will be revealed in in the next edition)



Notices & messages

If you would like a notice or a personal message included in a future edition of our magazine, please contact the Editor.

Come dine with us

Join us for our next Parish Lunch at Glenmore House (6 The Crescent Surbiton) on Sunday 3rd October at 12pm for 12.30pm.

£24 per person. Meat, fish and vegetarian options available, and gluten-free. Service charge included.

Michael, the Curate, went along to the July lunch and says “these lunches offer great food, at a reasonable price, and pleasant company—I would recommend this to all parishioners, old and new”.

Please book and pay by 25th September.

Contact: Olga Wickenden 07963 878 218

The Flying Circus Lunch Club returns

After some time off, and the odd virtual adventure, the Flying Circus Lunch Club will be returning this September. Look out for more details!

The art of flower arranging

Our flower arranging team is looking for new members. Contact Jackie Page for more information on how you can get involved.

Help for our feathered friends

We would very much appreciate contributions to our bird feeders in the grounds of St Mark's. And if you would like to top up the bird bath that would also be appreciated. And if anyone would like to top up our 5* bug hotel with twigs and pine cones that would be great! Thanks very much.

Eco Committee

There's no business like show business

Do you act? Do you sing or play a musical instrument (or both)? Can you breathe fire and juggle, whilst riding a unicycle? Can you be sawn in half over a tank of ravenous piranhas? (oh, go on!) Well, if the answer to any of the above is “yes”, then get in touch with Valerie Baxter, who would love to sign you up for our Evening of Entertainment (25th September), an annual variety show in aid of Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability (ABCD).

Right under your feet

In the last edition, you were asked where you could find St Andrew & St Mark, Surbiton, written in the paving (and no, despite visits from the likes of Stormzy, we haven't made our way onto Hollywood Boulevard just yet). Well, it turns out you can find the above floor tile at our Mother Church (Southwark Cathedral), in the passageway between the main part of the cathedral and gift shop and café, along with tiles for other parishes across the Diocese.

Come on then, AV a go!

The AV team is looking for more volunteers to help broadcast our services. After the 11am service at St Andrew's on Sunday 26th September, there will be a “Stay and Play” session, to let you have a go at the AV system and learn how easy it is to use (honest). No previous experience required. Anyone who is interested will be trained up and supported (and not expected to be on the rota every week).

AV Committee



News from the Diocese

New Lay Ministries Set to Launch in Southwark

The Diocese is expanding its vocational offering by launching a series of new lay ministries this month, which will complement the ordained and lay pathways already in place. Entry into the new ministries is via three different routes — affirmed, commissioned and licensed. The aim is for a renewed focus on vocations and ministry within the Diocese to strengthen our existing ministries, and to strengthen the relationships between clergy and laity as each support the other in mutual flourishing.

Bishop Christopher said: “I am delighted that we are offering these new and exciting lay ministries. Our laity play a very important role in the Diocese working alongside the clergy in leading, enabling and serving our parishes and communities. My prayer is that those who feel called to lay ministry will pursue it, in the full knowledge and assurance that they will receive excellent training and support, equipping them to carry out their calling effectively and to God’s glory.”

The new ministries are:

- Lay Children’s, Youth, and Family Workers (affirmed, commissioned and licensed)
- Licensed Lay Pioneers
- Pastoral Lay Ministers (affirmed and licensed).

They will sit alongside the Diocese’s existing lay ministries:

- Readers
- Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPAs)
- Commissioned Lay Pioneers
- Church Army Evangelists.

Affirmed lay ministers are chosen within the local parish where they will serve and training happens locally. Commissioned lay ministers serve in their parish or local community having gone through a discernment and selection process run by the Diocese. Licensed ministries are discerned at Diocesan level and nationally recognised; the ministry is transferable across dioceses.

Publicity about the new ministries will be sent to all churches in the Diocese later this month. You can also read about them here: southwark.anglican.org/layministries.

Retirement notice

The Revd Gordon Jeanes (former curate), presently Vicar of Wandsworth, St Anne, is to retire on 9 November 2021.

Black History Month service

Saturday 2 October, 11.00am-3.00pm, Southwark Cathedral

This year's Black History Month service, celebrating Science, the Arts and Business, will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 2 October at 11.00am, followed by workshops in the afternoon. The Bishop of Woolwich, the Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu, will preside at the Eucharist. The preacher will be the Revd Les Isaac OBE, founder of Ascension Trust and Street Pastors and Ecumenical Canon to Southwark Cathedral.

Further details and information on how to sign up will be available at: southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/whats-on

Prayer Vigil for COP26

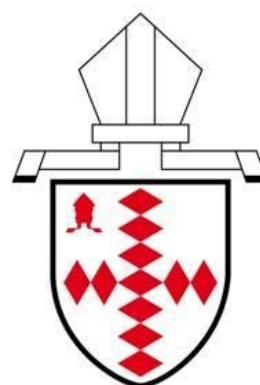
Saturday 23 October, 2.00-3.45pm

The planet needs our prayers. South Bank Churches and the Diocese of Southwark invite people of all faiths to a prayer vigil for the success of COP26, the international conference on climate change being hosted by the UK in Glasgow this November. You are encouraged to make a pilgrimage from your place of worship – on foot, by bike, on public transport, or however you wish – to arrive at Southwark Cathedral between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

Book your place here: <https://www.stjohnswaterloo.org/page/1791/vigil-cop>

Can I still get The Bridge (our Diocesan newspaper?)

Yes you can, but it is currently available online only. It is available here: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper>



From the national church

Afghanistan crisis: advice for parishes on helping refugees

The Church of England has published a 'toolkit' of resources for parishes seeking to help refugees and asylum seekers from Afghanistan in the wake of the Taliban takeover of the country.

The material, available via the CofE website, brings together links and information on how churches can welcome people arriving from Afghanistan through giving, longer-term practical support such as community sponsorship, prayer and advocacy.

Staff in the Church of England's national Mission and Public Affairs team say they have been overwhelmed with messages from churches and individuals concerned by the situation in Afghanistan and asking what they can do to help.

The toolkit includes a range of prayer and theological resources from the Church of England and other sources alongside details of an array of charities and NGOs also working to support refugees and asylum seekers.

It also includes a simple explanation of the two main resettlement schemes and the asylum system and offers suggestions on how Christians can speak out on behalf of those unable to do so.

In a foreword to the toolkit, the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Refugees and Asylum, said: "The challenge for the whole nation is to welcome these families and help them build new lives here in the United Kingdom.

"Alongside this is the reality that there are thousands of Afghan citizens already here and stuck in the asylum system awaiting a response to their claim.

"God's call on God's people has always been to welcome the stranger and help provide for them.

"So here is a fresh opportunity to live out this calling.

"It has to be very practical; hence this toolkit.

"It is not a quick short-term response that is most needed but a willingness to befriend families and support them for the long haul.

"It is also a call to stand up for justice and advocate for the most vulnerable."

The Church of England is a longstanding supporter of refugee programmes including the Government's Community Sponsorship scheme set up in 2016 to offer support to Syrian refugees coming to Britain.

Bishops in the House of Lords regularly raise issues relating to refugees and asylum seekers and last year played a key role in supporting series of amendments to the Immigration Bill calling for child refugees to be reunited with close relatives in the UK.

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Services for the remainder of September 2021

with apologies for the lateness of this magazine

SUN 12 Sep	0800	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's / Facebook
	0915	Family Worship	St Mark's
Trinity XV	1100	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's / Z + F
	1800	Compline	St Mark's / Facebook
THU 16 Sep	1030	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's
FRI 17 Sep	0830	Eucharist	St Andrew's / Facebook
SAT 18 Sep	2100-1200	Climate Prayer Vigil	St Andrew's / Facebook

SUN 19 Sep	0800	BCP Holy Communion	Facebook Live
	0915	Family Worship w. Baptism	St Mark's
Trinity XVI /	1100	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's / Z + F
Climate	1600	Bring-a-Pet Service	St Mark's
Weekend	1800	Climate Service of Word	<u>St Andrew's</u>
THU 23 Sep	1030	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's
	2100	Compline	Zoom
FRI 24 Sep	0830	Eucharist	St Andrew's / Facebook

SUN 26 Sep	0800	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's / Facebook
	0915	Family Worship	St Mark's
Trinity XVII	1100	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's / F + Z
	1800	Wholeness & Healing	St Mark's
THU 30 Sep	1030	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's

ALL SERVICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WATCH FOR UPDATES

Holy Days/Commemorations for the remainder of September

13 John Chrysostom, Bp of Constantinople

14 Holy Cross Day

15 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr

16 Ninian, Bp of Galloway

Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest

17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen

19 Theodore of Tarsus, Archbp of Canterbury

20 John Coleridge Patteson, Bp & Martyr

21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

25 Lancelot Andrewes, Bp of Winchester

Sergei Radonezh, Russian Reformer

26 Wilson Carlile, Church Army Founder

27 Vincent DePaul, Founder of the Lazarists

29 Michael and All Angels

30 Jerome, Teacher of the Faith

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Could you be our next Glynne?

Changing professions was the best thing I ever did. I joined Home Instead in June 2018. After my training I was introduced to my first client, whom I still visit. She is such an interesting person and has done so much in her 90 years.



In September 2018, I met another client. The first time I met Jack I was very impressed. I could not believe this man was 100! This was the start of an amazing friendship and journey that has taught me so much about myself and what a difference I can make in someone else's life.

Through our time together, Jack has become a valued friend and a big part of my life. It is a great joy for me to see what a difference I have made and how appreciative he is. I help Jack with lots of his daily needs including help with his showering and dressing, to making him meals or simply reheating the heating pad to ease his back pain or accompanying him to his various appointments.



Jack keeps on saying how lucky he is that I came into his life, but it is me who is the lucky one.

Would you like a job like Glynne's?

Give our recruiter a call on 020 8942 4137 or email laura.hillier@homeinstead.co.uk to see if CAREGIVING is something you could do too!

Each Home Instead® franchise office is independently owned and operated.



Holy Days/Commemorations in October

1 Remigius, Apostle of the Franks

Anthony Cooper, Social Reformer

4 Francis of Assisi, Founder, the Friars Minor

6 William Tyndale, Martyr

9 Denys, Bp of Paris

Robert Grosseteste, Bp of Lincoln

10 Paulinus, Bp of York

Thomas Traherne, Poet

11 Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking

James the Deacon, Companion of Paulinus

12 Wilfrid of Ripon, Bp and Missionary

Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer

Edith Cavell, Nurse

13 Edward the Confessor, King of England

15 Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith

16 Nicholas Ridley, Martyr

17 Ignatius, Bp of Antioch, Martyr

18 Luke the Evangelist

19 Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures

25 Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome

26 Alfred the Great, Scholar

Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham

28 Simon and Jude, Apostles

29 James Hannington, Martyr

31 Martin Luther, Reformer

Services in October 2021

FRI 1 October	0830	Eucharist	St Andrew's / Facebook
SUN 3 October	0800	BCP Holy Communion	Facebook Live
	0915	Family Worship	St Mark's
Harvest	1100	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's / Z + F
	1800	Choral Evensong	St Andrew's / Z + F
THU 7 October	1030	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's
	2100	Compline	Zoom
FRI 8 October	0830	Eucharist	St Andrew's / Facebook
SUN 10 October	0800	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's / Facebook
	0915	Family Worship	St Mark's
Trinity XIX	1100	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's / F + Z
	1800	Compline	St Andrew's / Facebook
THU 14 October	1030	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's
FRI 15 October	0830	Eucharist	St Andrew's / Facebook
SUN 17 October	0800	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's / Facebook
	0915	Family Worship	St Mark's
Trinity XX	1100	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's / F + Z
	1800	Wholeness & Healing	St Andrew's
THU 21 October	1030	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's
	2100	Compline	Zoom
FRI 22 October	0830	Eucharist	St Andrew's / Facebook
SUN 24 October	0800	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's / Facebook
	0915	Family Worship	St Mark's
Last after	1100	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's / F + Z
Trinity	1800	BCP Evening Prayer (said)	St Andrew's / Facebook
THU 28 October	1030	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's
FRI 29 October	0830	Eucharist	St Andrew's / Facebook
SUN 31 October	0800	BCP Holy Communion	St Mark's / Facebook
	0915	Family Worship	St Mark's
All Saints /	1100	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's / F + Z
All Souls	1800	All Souls Service	St Andrew's / Facebook



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Open Tuesday to Thursday: 9.30-3.30pm, Friday, 9.30-noon. During the current pandemic, the office may not always be open during all these hours as Clare also works from home. It is always best to call ahead to save a wasted journey.

CHURCH SCHOOL

St Andrew and St Mark CofE Junior School	office@sasm.rbksch.org	020 8390 2976
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Please contact Clare in the parish office for all hall lettings and applications for banns of marriage. We have a range of different size rooms for hire, including a large hall. Both churches are also great concert venues. There are procedures in place to make sure our spaces are Covid secure.

If you are interested in you or your child being baptised, please speak to a member of clergy. You can email them or just catch one of them after one of the Sunday services.

surbitonchurch.org.uk

Climate Change Piano Recital & Talk

Where: St. Andrews
Church, Maple Road,
KT6 4DS, Surbiton

When:
Saturday
18 September 2021,
3pm

Suggested donation £10



Come and enjoy an informal session of classical piano music with Terezie Wickenden, as part of the St. Andrew and St. Mark Climate Weekend.

Hear pieces by S. Rachmaninoff, J. Haydn and R. Schuman and also learn about the World Land Trust.

The World Land Trust fights climate change and biodiversity loss by purchasing land in tropical rainforests.

All proceeds will go to the World Land Trust.

