

ST PAUL'S NEWS

July and August
2024



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SERVICES

Sunday 7th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Joint Eucharist at the Church Centre + Zoom
President: The Vicar
Link: Rosemary Romano
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 14th July

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)
President: The Vicar
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton,
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Susan Powley
Link: Jean Kerr
- 6.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
Minister: The Vicar

Sunday 21st July

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher : The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Wendy Anderson
Link: Liz Goddard
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 28th July

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom
President: The Vicar
Link: Chris Bassett
- 6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 4th August

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Daphne Pilcher
Link: Viv Littlechild
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 11th August

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Baptisms (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Daphne Pollard
Link: Karen Miller
- 6.30 pm End of Choir Camp Concert

Sunday 18th August

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar,
- 10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre + Zoom
Lead: Viv Littlechild
Link: Rosemary Romano
- 6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Sunday 25th August

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am Matins (BCP)
Minister & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton
- 10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre + Zoom
President: The Vicar
Link: Jean Kerr
- 6.30 pm Parish Eucharist (CW)
President & Preacher: The Vicar

DIARY

Wednesday 3rd July

10.30 am Julian Meeting at Chancellor House

Thursday 4th July

Parish Hall closed for the Election

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim - May

Monday 8th July

8.00 pm PCC Meeting at The Lodge

Thursday 11th July

6.00 pm Youth Council at Churchside

Wednesday 17th July

3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain Court
- Lois

Thursday 18th July

10.45 am Communion to Rusthall Lodge -Elaine

Thursday 18th July

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim House
- Ronnie

Thursday 1st August

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim - Lois

Saturday 3rd August - Sunday 4th August

Choir sing at St Paul's Cathedral

Monday 5th August

Choir Camp all week

Wednesday 14th August

3.00 pm Communion to Chamberlain
Court - Ginette

Thursday 15th August

11.30 am Communion to Mount Ephraim - John

Monday 19th August

8.00 pm PCC Meeting at The Lodge

Wednesdays throughout the month

9.00 am Play Time at St Paul's - Church Centre

Thursdays throughout the month

12 for 12.30 Rusthall Lunch Club - Church Centre

Fridays throughout the month

12.30 pm Community Larder - Church Centre

Magazine Article Deadlines

Please submit articles for the 2024 magazines in accordance with the following deadlines:

September by Sunday 18th August

October by 16th September

November by 13th October

December/January by 17th November

The time between the deadline and magazine issue is to allow for typing, formatting, proofreading, and compiling the magazine. These all take time and have to be fitted around the volunteer editorial team's other commitments. We would therefore be very grateful if you would keep to the deadlines set. Please send items for publication to magazine@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk.



From the Registers

**Baptisms – we welcome as newly Baptised members
of the church**

Sebastien Patrick Michael Thevenot
Chloe Cadence Grace Thevenot

**At rest – the sympathy of the Parish is extended to
the family and friends of:**

Olivia Rose Grace Moorman
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From the Vicarage

July 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and partnership in God's mission and ministry. I really appreciate all that you do – and who you are. Special thanks to Deborah and Sue for their invariable hard work in producing a remarkably good quality Parish Magazine – and for their inexorable patience with me. I would also like to thank members of the 175th anniversary celebrations committee for all that they have been doing. The calendar of events is beginning to take shape.

When I first came to Rusthall some 15 years ago, I used to organise an annual programme which gave us the opportunity to focus on a particular theme. I recently came across the material I put together for one such programme. It's entitled 'Being the Church God intends us to be'. It is sometimes alluring to want to 'keep up with the Jones' – to be like other people and, as a church, to conduct our worship after the pattern of other churches. A great strength of the Church of England is its breadth in terms of worship styles and 'churchmanship', which should not be sneered. Our parish of Rusthall is quite unique in the sense that we have two churches providing different types of services. This means that we have the ability to appeal to more people, as our circumstance constantly reminds us that 'one size doesn't fit all'.

So, in this context, what kind of church do you really think God wants us to be? What sort of a Christian do you think, believe, and know that God wants you to be? Please ponder this.

When 17 of us reflected on this question about ten years ago, I used selected verses of John 15 as our primary guide, and Avery Dulles' *'Models of the Church'* as a reference. Dulles describes the Church in five different ways - models: the Church as 'Institution', 'Mystical Communion', 'Sacrament', 'Herald' and 'Servant'. I won't go into the characteristics of each model but suffice to state that, of course, each model has its strengths and weaknesses and most churches are a combination of these models in varying degrees.

I will include the selected verses from John 15 and then conclude with my view of what sort of Christian/church I think God wants us to be/become.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. (John 15 selected verses).

My view is that as Disciples of Christ, irrespective of our race, gender, age, social status or sexuality we need to be people /a church who actively remember and, through the Spirit's equipping, reflect in our attitudes and behaviour that we are one in: Body – the fellowship of believers, Spirit – who activates our fellowship (the church) and inspires our lives and discipleship, Faith – our unflinching commitment to Christ, Hope - the glorious future to which we are all called, Baptism - the sign of entry into the fellowship/ Church, Christ – to whom we belong, and God the Father who keeps us for eternity. We need to know and encourage others to come to realise that we are all accepted by God because of Christ, sustained through the Holy Spirit and of self-worth because of God's Love for us.

Knowing these should allow us to be accepting of ourselves and enable us to effectively and appropriately share God's gracious love with others.

May Almighty God who has called us continually equip us so that we may increasingly be reservoirs of his compassion and transmitters of his acceptance and peace.

Ronnie

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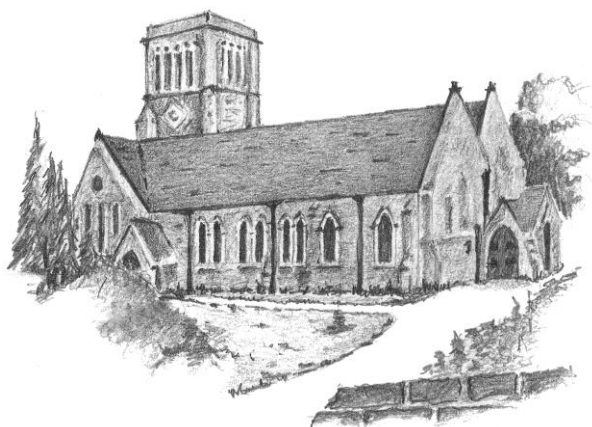
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Editorial July and August 2024

The summer solstice has been and gone, but still the signs of summer are thin on the ground. Flaming June is not meant to refer to the need for a fire in the evening! An advert for a sweatshirt with the slogan “Always Cold” popped up online the other day and I almost sent off for it! In contrast southern Europe and America are sweltering in unusually hot weather. The extremes of weather caused by climate change are well and truly upon us. It was so sad to learn of the death of Dr Michael Mosely on a Greek island and as I write a similar search is being undertaken on Tenerife, trying to find a missing British teenager.

July 1st is International Joke Day, so we have sprinkled some extra jokes through the magazine for you to enjoy. Other notable dates are American Independence Day on 4th July, Bastille Day on 14th July, St Swithun's Day on 15th July (fingers crossed its dry), Windrush Day on 22nd July, International Owl Awareness Day on 4th August, International Youth Day on 12th August, Left Handers Day on 13th August, International Bat Night on 24th August and the final bank holiday before Christmas on Monday 26th August.

This summer will certainly be full of sport, with the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games taking centre stage. At the moment France is more caught up with their own snap election called by President Macron, and Parisiennes are still feeling rather lack-lustre about the whole thing, concerned about congestion and the impact on tourism, and how much it would all cost, but I seem to remember that exactly the same concerns were rife in Britain and London in 2012, but as soon as the games actually started a feeling of euphoria quickly gripped the nation. I have a couple of friends who were volunteers at the London Olympics and they still have an annual get together with other volunteers, such is the bond of friendship that they forged. I am sure that France will soon be feeling the same, especially if, like us, the home advantage gives them some early wins. There are certainly some innovative ideas in play right from the off. The Opening Ceremony is not being held in a stadium but along the River Seine, with athletes being ferried along in national boats. They leave from the Austerlitz bridge and travel about 6 km to the Iena bridge, and will then disembark and gather at the Trocadero, immediately across the Seine from the Eiffel Tower, for the formalities and a show. This will make the opening ceremony open to anyone who wishes to stand on the banks of the river, with large screens set up so that fans can watch what is happening further up or downstream.

Before the Olympics we have Wimbledon Tennis Tournament from 1–14 July. If the weather doesn't perk up quickly it seems that the roofs on Centre and Number 1 courts will need to be closed if there's any chance of the tournament finishing on time. Covers are not possible for the Tour de France cycling though, running from 29th June to 21 July. Despite it being the 111th running of the race, there are firsts here too, the first start in Italy, and, because of the Olympic Games, the first time that it will not finish in Paris, but in Nice. The newly knighted Sir Mark Cavendish will be trying to win just one more stage to beat the record number of stages won (34) which he currently shares with Eddy Merckx.

The British Grand Prix is at Silverstone on 5–7 July, then F1 moves to Hungary 19-21 July, Belgium 26-28 July, Netherlands 23-25 August and Italy 30 August-1 September. The Golf Open Championship is held at Royal Troon from 14-21 July. The European Football Championships in Germany continues until 14th July. Before that ends Mr Cripps will be able to start watching the Cricket Test Matches against the West Indies.

Whether you stay at home watching the sport or head off on a holiday, I hope you all have a welcome break. If you see anything interesting, take a photo and write about it for the September magazine. Articles need to be sent to magazine@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk by Sunday 18th August.

Deborah Bruce and Sue Hare

Ha Ha! It's all because of me! I went on about how cold it was and suddenly it's hot!



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Churchwarden's Notes



On the 5th June we went with Ronne to the Archdeacon's Visitation Service at Penshurst Church. It was good to meet up with wardens from other churches who were either renewing their time as wardens or taking it on for the first time. We had a very pleasant evening.

As you will be aware, there are a number of people that do voluntary work in the church. We would like to thank the flower team, sidespersons, the Martha team and all other volunteers for all the hard work that they put into these roles. More volunteers would be very welcome, please speak to one or other of us if you are interested in helping.

Regarding the vestry roof, we are still waiting to hear from Rochester which type of roofing would be acceptable. We hope they will let us know very soon.

The organisation of a year of celebration of the 175th anniversary of St Paul's is keeping us very busy. Many events are planned! If you would like to get involved or would be prepared to help, please speak to us.

We are looking forward to the Joint Service on 7th July at the Church Centre and to having a picnic afterwards so that we can enjoy a social time together. You can bring your own picnic, but a barbecue will be set up for the picnic selling hotdogs and burgers and before the service they will be preparing bacon butties for breakfast. Don't forget to bring some money. If it is wet the picnic will move indoors, but if fine please bring picnic rugs or chairs. Tea and coffee will be available in the church centre after the service and during the afternoon.

If you are going away on holiday over the next couple of months we hope you have a lovely and restful time, and if you are staying at home we hope you have a lovely time too and that the weather will be kind to you.

May Graves and Rod Garcia-Fermer

Tim Gains Bishop's Certificate



You may have been following the progress of Tim Harrold's training to become a Licenced Lay Minister (LLM) in the Diocese of Rochester. He started the LLM training via the two year Bishop's Certificate course route. On Wednesday 26th June, Bishop Jonathan presented Tim and six others with their certificates at a Celebration of Learning service at Bishops court.

With the Bishop's Certificate, Tim is permitted to preach at any service and lead a Service of the Word (non-eucharistic services), such as the Family Service at the Church Centre or Evensong and Matins at the Parish Church, no more than six times a year. I'm delighted that Tim has got to this point and, as a parish, we look forward to this new partnership of sharing Christian ministry. Congratulaions to you, Tim and many thanks to those who, in various ways, supprted Tim during the Bishop's Certificate Course.

Rev Ronnie Williams

Commas

Author of The Losers Club series of books, Yvonne Vincent posted this picture of a notice she had spotted in the ladies loos of a Scottish campsite. A timely reminder about the importance of commas!





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If you often find yourself fumbling for the right change, perhaps you might like to pay in advance for a year's "subscription", 10 issues for the sum of £10, (you might even feel tempted to be more generous!)

Your contributions are much appreciated.

Please make cheques payable to St Paul's Church, Rusthall and send them to the Parish Office

A Musical Note



On Saturday 18th May we hosted the RSCM for their exams at the Parish Church. We had four candidates for the RSCM Gold Award and one for the Bronze Award. Unfortunately on the day one of our Gold Award candidates was unwell and didn't manage to take the exam but she will take it at the next sitting in September instead. Huge congratulations to Alice, Emma and Daniel who all passed the Gold Award with incredibly high marks and with commendatory comments from the examiner and to Lucia who despite being really unwell passed her Bronze Award with a very high mark. They all now have fancy medals to wear in church and we will present them during a service in the near future.

On Saturday 1st June, the choir travelled to Gloucester Cathedral to sing Evensong. This was a long way to go for just one service but many of the choir were happy to make the trip either by car or on the train. Some made it an extended holiday or weekend and others bravely went there and back in a day! A number of us had sung at Gloucester a few weeks earlier with the Oriana Singers and therefore felt at home going back. We were made to feel really welcome by the Precentor, Canon Craig, and by the Verger and it was all relaxed and good fun. Sadly at the moment the organ is in the process of being refurbished and is unlikely to be back and fully restored until sometime during 2026 so Alasdair was playing on a digital organ which uses the sounds of the organ at Hereford Cathedral, all very high tech!

The choir were absolutely amazing. With a very limited rehearsal time in the stalls we managed to sing through everything for the service and then it was time to do it for real. The sound was unbelievable with everyone singing so well together (not easy with such a distance between the two sides) and with lovely dynamic contrasts, especially in the anthem. After the service I spoke with a number of the congregation who really enjoyed it and we have been asked to come back

and sing there again soon which we will do but perhaps we will wait until the organ is back! Huge thanks to all of the choir for coming along to sing and especially to Alasdair for his wonderful playing. It really was a brilliant day out.

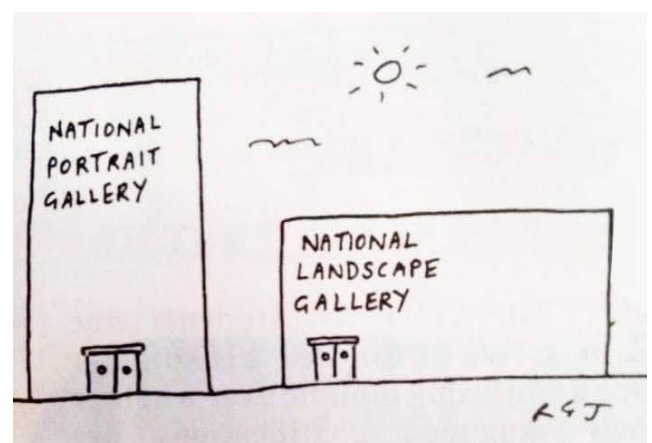
On Saturday 15th June, five of our brilliant junior choir (Divit, Lucia, Tom, Francis and Marcy) sang in a concert at Penshurst Church together with the Penshurst Choral Society. Our participation in this concert was very last minute and we only had two rehearsals in which to learn the music, but the children were outstanding and sang really well. Following the concert, the conductor commended our children for the way in which they had watched him and performed and in particular he singled out Francis, the youngest child singing, as having sung everything perfectly and having never missed a beat. As a result of this, Francis has been awarded the Celia Stone Memorial Award for this term for being an outstanding ambassador for our choir. Well done Francis!

The choir will be singing the services at St Paul's Cathedral, London on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August. You are all very welcome to come along to these services and details of timings can be found on the Cathedral's website.

We will also be having an end of choir camp concert at the Parish Church on Sunday 11th August at 6.30pm that I hope lots of you will come along to. It is something a bit different but I think it will be a lot of fun.

Looking a bit further ahead, we will be having a choir concert on Saturday 19th October which promises to be very exciting. Please do put the date in your diary and come along and support us; it would be great to see the church full for this one.

Fiona Johnson





COMMUNITY LARDER

What is it?

A community larder receives surplus short date food from supermarkets to offer to people in our community.

When and where is it?

Our community larder will be in the St Paul's Church Centre every Friday between 12:30pm and 2:00pm

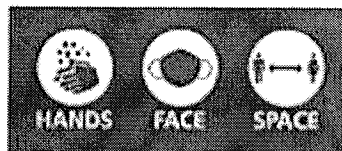
Who can use it?

Anyone can come and visit the community larder. There are no restrictions, no booking necessary, just turn up with a carrier bag to fill.

How much does it cost?

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Dust Gathers you know

The deadline for the July contribution is whilst we are on this year's rail tour. Paris, Barcelona, Madrid, Perpignan, Carcassonne, Toulouse, Paris - although it seems strange that you will read this when we have returned. So here goes.

I do Hoover around the house occasionally but I have never been one for bothering too much about gathering dust. I think my long suffering wife would say that I would only know to do something when the dust rose to such a point that I could not watch sport on the television.

Dust gathers, of course, and I wonder in this seemingly endless period of Ordinary time it might have gathered for you? Has the signing of dust on Ash Wednesday dwindled into insignificance? Has the blast of fire on Pentecost left us with just the ashes? Has the dust begun to gather in the corners of our spiritual lives?

Too many questions perhaps but the lectionary readings for Sunday 7th July, the sixth Sunday after Trinity, the fourteenth in Ordinary time, speak of dusty and possibly insubstantial things. In the prophet Ezekiel's vision God calls him to stand, empowered by a spirit and equips him for a missionary task. A mission to rebels and renegades that calls him beyond his own mortality and dustiness.

In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Paul recalls a vision that reminds him of his frailty. He conveys strength found in Christ made perfect in his weakness - his own dustiness.

In Mark's Gospel, after his rejection in the synagogue of his childhood, Jesus assigns his twelve followers their own missionary charge. Their own scarce material resources revealing their humanity - their own dustiness. Dust gathers as we know.

Jesus commissions his rag tag bunch of men to move, to teach, to pray, to enter and to leave. To take on cross shaped lives and to seek welcome and hospitality. And where it cannot be found, the dust from that place must be shaken from their feet. This takes after those pious Jews who, after travelling through Gentile territory, shook the dust of profane places from their feet. The dust gathering around the disciples sandals must be taken too as a testimony against them - against those who would receive and accept them and their Gospel message.

Jesus tells them to leave wherever welcome has failed them, wherever their message was not heard as truth, and to resist rejection. Yet in the missionary efforts of these men, even as they kicked off the dust, they left something of themselves and their teacher behind. Something of Jesus was shaken off and left to linger in the hope that one day they might recognise him for who he was.

You see, strange as it may seem, God does things with dust. In the very beginning, God created humanity from the dust of the earth and in the story of the blind man in Bethsaida, Jesus mixed dust with his saliva to heal his sight. When Jesus met the woman caught in adultery. He wrote in the dust of the earth, turning the scribes and Pharisees away one by one. At the very end of our human life the words "For he knows of what we are made; he remembers that we are but dust"; and as we are laid to rest or cremated "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." As I said God does things with dust, transformative things, miraculous things.

I cannot be sure that the Gospel message calls followers of Jesus to kick the dust from our sandals feeling vilified and rejected, calling calamity from the heavens on those who will not accept us and our message. Rather, I wonder whether God is calling us to leave something of ourselves in the dusty places to God's outworking. Whether God has done, and will do, incredible, extraordinary things with the dust we leave; with the dust we shake off.

When dust is kicked it circles and swarms. It lingers and floats in the delicate dance of the air. It leaves something of us behind, even if just an imprint. We take some of it with us, and the particles permeate our pessimism, whether we choose it to do so or not. The dust is not swept under the rug, or hoovered meticulously from the corners of our homes, but the dust becomes something new. The dust is the means of transformation, rebuilt and restored at God's hand and in God's good timing.

The dust shaken off gathers too into blessing and abundance, healing and hope.

Now Pat where do we keep the Hoover? Happy Holidays one and all.

Tim Cripps

Recommended readings:-

Ezekiel 2, 1-5; 2 Corinthians 12, 2-10; Mark 6, 1-13; The Acts of the Apostles, 13, 51; Genesis 2, 7; John 9, 6-7; John 8, 1-11.



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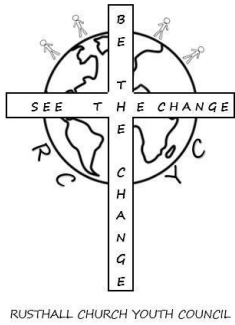
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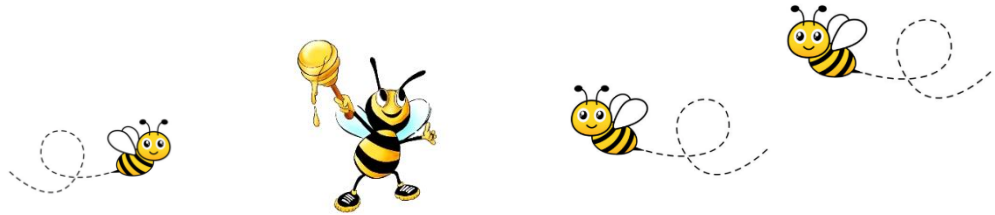
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Visit our website: www.thestonesswalledgarden.org

St Paul's Church Youth Council



Much of our focus this month has been on all things bees, archaeology, the reduction of the speed limit on the A264 and planning fun, summery events!



Bee News

We are now the proud owners of two 'Free Flow' Beehives and the designated 'Bee' area in the churchyard is now complete and ready for its new inhabitants. Wild flower seeds were sown at our last meeting. We are now actively searching for two perfect Nucs (a collection of bees which includes the fertilised Queens!) The poor summer weather to date has apparently meant that bees are struggling to swarm so we must be patient. There will be a Hot News announcement as soon as they arrive.

We are incredibly grateful for the enormous support and enthusiasm our Church community have shown both us and this initiative - it is very exciting! We look forward to drawing our 'Bee' raffle on Sunday 7th July at the joint service at the Church Centre. We also look forward to serving you all breakfast on July 7th before the service. Bacon Rolls topped with an egg (courtesy of the Vicar) are our speciality!



June Meeting

We were delighted to welcome Nigel, our wonderful local archaeologist back to CYC for a second time. He arrived with some incredible artefacts which held everyone in awe, particularly as everyone was encouraged to handle them. We are planning a summer archaeological dig at the Dingly Dell site during the school holidays. Everyone is welcome to join us. Date to be finalised. Rusthall is unique in the opportunities it offers and its rich history and we are very lucky to be part of it all.



Dates for your diary

The next meeting is a week later than usual.

THURSDAY 11th JULY - SWIM AND BBQ 6 pm AT CHURCHSIDE

We look forward to welcoming you all, together with our new members, for what promises to be a fun evening to celebrate Summer and the Youth Council.

There will be no meeting in August as so many will be away but we will WhatsApp any activities we plan. Equally please share any ideas you may have and we will try our best to action them.

Our first meeting of the new school year will be **THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER, 6pm in THE LODGE.** All children aged between 11 and 17 are warmly welcomed.

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Hugh Baker

1931 - 2024



Hugh's father was British but lived in Istanbul where he met Hugh's mother - a Russian refugee whose father had been a General in the Russian army. The family relocated to England and Hugh was born in Putney in 1931. He had an elder half-sister (Sylvia) by his father's first marriage and an older brother (George).

Sadly, his mother died when he was still a baby and he ended up being moved to a children's home in Leicester. It was a very difficult start in life but one which gave him an immense amount of resilience and a strong sense of self-preservation, qualities that would come in very useful in the life that he was about to lead.

During the war, his father went abroad to work in the diplomatic service. Hugh had by this point been living with a step-mother in Sutton but was moved to a boarding school in Dorset. He remembered the preparations for D-Day going on around him, and especially playing rugby against the soldiers waiting to sail across to France.

He disliked school as he rarely went home and found schoolwork challenging. At the end of the war, when he was just 15, he ran away from school determined to find his father. He made his way to Southampton, got a job on a Greek ship and, after travels all round the Mediterranean, found his way to the British Consulate in Athens where his father was working. This was during the Greek Civil War that had erupted at the end of WW2. The Greek language that he learnt on the ship (the crew did not speak English) was also going to play an important part in his later life.

On his return to school, no-one quite knew what to do with him and he left without any qualifications. He signed up for the army, feeling that this was his only real course of action. And that's when his adventurous life reached new heights...

He was fighting in the Korean War by the age of 19. He was wounded and only narrowly escaped being captured by the North Korean army. On returning home after the war, he joined the Parachute Regiment and was posted to Cyprus during the Emergency operation there against EOKA - a terrorist organisation that was fighting for Cypriot independence. Being able to speak Greek meant that he ended up working undercover for the British - a highly dangerous thing to be doing.

It was soon after this that he joined the SAS and spent three years in the jungles of Malaya and the deserts of the Middle East. On leaving the SAS he got married to Jenny and was immediately posted back out to the Middle East with the Parachute Regiment, where his new wife joined him to live in Bahrain.

By 1971 both Matthew and Clare had arrived and Tunbridge Wells became - and remained - his family home for the rest of his life. Clare's friends from her teenage years remember late night lifts from Hugh in his pyjamas, watching the badgers and his enjoyment at their drunken antics.

Hugh worked as a Probation Officer in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Maidstone, but what he enjoyed most of all was the role he found with the Royal British Legion as their Welfare Officer, and helping out at St Paul's Mission Church - where he used to hand out the hymn books as people came into the service. He was also a member of the Men's Fellowship and, later, the Parish Fellowship.

This new life was a world away from the life that he had led as a younger man, but the calmness suited him. He spent a great deal of time walking and bird-watching. He especially loved Ashdown Forest and continued to enjoy his visits there even when he was no longer fully mobile. He particularly enjoyed the ice creams at King's Standing car park!

His military background wasn't entirely forgotten though and he took part in several school trips to the battlefields in Europe, where he enjoyed entertaining students with his stories. (Most of them seemed to be true!). He wore an Astrakhan hat in all weathers, which certainly got him noticed and he never got tired of telling people about his Russian background.

His later life became a frustration to him due to his physical disability and the onset of Alzheimer's Disease, especially after the death of Jenny two years ago. However, his charm didn't leave him and he was very fortunate for the help and friendship offered by many people.



Rusthall Community Cinema



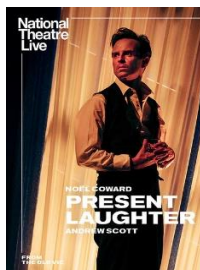
Perfect Days (2023) Cert PG

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 6th July 2024
Director: Wim Wenders
Genre: Drama
Runtime: 2h 4 mins
Starring: Kôji Yakusho, Yumi Asô, Tokio Emoto



The Old Oak (2023) Cert 15

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 20th July 2024
Director: Ken Loach
Genre: Drama
Runtime: 1h 53 mins
Starring: Reuben Bainbridge, Chris Gotts, Debbie Honeywood, Ebla Mari, Claire Rodgers, Dave Turner



NT Live: Present Laughter (Cert 15)

Doors open: 2pm Sunday 21st July 2024
Director: Noël Coward
Genre: Filmed Live Theatre
Runtime: 2h 15 mins (including interval)
Starring: Andrew Scott



Never Let Me Go (2010) Cert 12

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 3rd August
Director: Mark Romanek
Genre: Drama, Romance, Sci-Fi
Runtime: 1h 44 mins
Starring: Andrew Garfield, Keira Knightley, Carey Mulligan, Charlotte Rampling



Finding Your Feet (2017) Cert 12

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 10th August
Director: Richard Loncraine
Genre: Drama, Comedy
Runtime: 1h 49 mins
Starring: Celia Imrie, Joanna Lumley, Timothy Spall



Dune: Part Two (2024) Cert 12

Doors open: 6.30pm Saturday 31st August
Director: Denis Villeneuve
Genre: Drama, Action, Adventure
Runtime: 2h 46 mins (with intermission)
Starring: Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson, Javier Bardem

1st Rusthall Brownies



The 7th June 2024 saw the whole Unit away on our annual weekend holiday. This year we visited Shaws Activity Centre in Cudham and, as we were near Biggin Hill, the theme was 'Have Adventure' and we worked towards our Aviation, and Under the Sky badges.

Friday night not much sleep was had by anyone lucky enough to be on this holiday, but by 7:30am on Saturday, the leaders were up and encouraging the girls to get washed and dressed.

As well as the usual general skills needed for the holiday, such as cleaning tables after meals, keeping the floor swept, peeling vegetables, helping dry up the dishes, and cleaning the sinks and loos, the girls learnt some new skills like buttering toast to the corners, (not just a blob of butter in the middle), how to lay a table ready for a meal correctly, and how to make a bed.

All this had to be completed before our Saturday visitors arrived: Three girls from Rusthall Rainbows, three from 3rd Rusthall Brownies and four of their leaders. All 18 girls were then set a number of challenges.

To complete a zip wire run, make a boomerang, make a paper plane and see how far it would fly. Make a parachute kite and see if it would fly. Produce a rainbow by shining a torch through a prism. Make a Sky-diving bear, and best of all, fire a rocket.

Firing the rocket was a very wet activity, especially for the one leader assisting every girl as the pressure rose in the plastic bottles containing water.



Between all these fun and games meals were served. Elevenses of fruit and drink, lunch of Pizza with salad followed by fruit flan and cream.

Before they left, our visitors went to the play area, and had a drink and biscuits, then they were presented with a badge.

Following the visitors' departure, those left completed their diaries before tucking in to a full roast dinner with apple crumble and cream. Before bedtime the girls were taken on a walk through the woods seeing patterns made by the tree roots and a quick sighting of a deer that was spooked by their approach. This they could add to the sighting of a Kestrel and a Spitfire. We also spent time identifying cloud types, and watching them move and change shape.

A much quieter and early night was had by all. The Leaders had time to watch a beautiful sunset over Biggin Hill.

Sunday was clear up day, with the continual comment, "If it all came in that bag, it should all go back in". Before the picnic lunch, which we had indoors because of the windy weather, the girls faced three different challenges to see which team could get the best score. No team was the overall winner. Each team won one of the challenges, therefore they all received a medal.

Once the girls had all been collected, the leaders could finish the cleaning and collection of all items left behind.

A fun packed tiring weekend was had by all.

Wendy Anderson



The Ermine Moth



Cherry Mead has sent us these lovely photos of an Ermine Moth she spotted in the Dell.



The moths are small, mainly white with a sprinkling of black spots and rather fluffy appearance.. There are 8 different types of ermine moth, each defined by the slightly different food source it prefers. The moth lays eggs which hatch about a week later. The caterpillars eat the plant on which they have been laid and can strip plants or skeletonize leaves. Sometimes the caterpillars weave silk webs over themselves to provide protection while they grow. They shed their skin several times, becoming more hairy each time.

Butterfly Conservation UK run an annual butterfly count. This year the Big Butterfly Count will be running from Friday 12th July to Sunday 4th August. If you want to get involved you can get more information from www.butterfly-conservation.org, including a free butterfly identification chart to download and a free smartphone app. You only have to commit to watching for 15 minutes.

Q. Why didn't the butterfly go to the dance?

A. It was a moth ball.

Q. What's one thing that will always give you butterflies?

A. Caterpillars!

When you leave the Colin Caterpillar cake in the cupboard too long.



The Church Year Part 6

Seven weeks after Easter comes Pentecost or Whit Sunday. To those of us who are Christians this is not an ending, but a great beginning. It celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is the birthday of the Christian church. This festival is about water, wind and flames. The colours you will see in church on this Sunday are white and red. White is the colour of purity. New Christians used to wear white robes for baptism at this time hence White or Whit Sunday. Red is the colour of life. It is the colour of the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. Pentecost tells of the coming of a power that gave and gives people the courage to speak out in front of others, to travel the world spreading their faith, and if necessary to die for it.

The early Christians saw Jesus Christ as the bringer of a new covenant which offered them forgiveness for sin and promised eternal life. Pentecost became the time when new believers entered the covenant by joining the church. Since earliest times it has been one of the three great festivals of the Christian year. Special services of Holy Communion are held.

Water is one of the great symbols of Whitsun. Water gives life and baptism is a sign of a new beginning in the Christian life. From early times, the birthday of the Christian church seemed a good choice for people to make their first promises to Christ. New believers were baptized, often by walking into water and being dipped right under (total immersion), as a sign of washing away their sins and rising to a new life with Christ. This is called Believers Baptism and is still practised by some churches.

Today many churches baptize the babies of Christian parents some weeks after they are born and so it is felt important that these children need to renew the promises made for them at baptism when they are old enough to understand the promises for themselves – hence the service of Confirmation.

Whit Monday used to be a public holiday here in Britain, but now we have a Spring Bank holiday which is not dependent on the movable date of Easter. This has in many ways taken away from the general population the importance of the church festival, but some of the old Whitsun traditions have moved to the Spring Bank holiday.

Well-dressing is an old Whit custom which still takes place in some parts of the country. Before the days of reservoirs and pumping stations people depended on natural springs and wells. The great fear of summer was drought. Wells and springs

have been thought of as sacred for thousands of years. To make a well dressing a board is covered with smooth clay. A picture with a religious subject is drawn on it. Then the whole design is filled in with a beautiful assortment of flowers, berries, moss, shells or any other natural objects, but never anything manufactured, like metal or glass. Lastly the picture is carefully put in position behind or above the well.

In Britain most people celebrate Christmas whether they are Christians or not. At Easter, people enjoy chocolate eggs, even if they do not recognize the symbol and meaning behind the egg. But outside the church today very few people notice or give a thought to Ascension and Pentecost and even within the church little attention is paid to Trinity Sunday which comes on the Sunday following Pentecost. The liturgical colour changes to green to represent spiritual growth. It celebrates the Christian belief of three elements in one God which is perhaps hard to really understand. However we pray virtually every Sunday with the words 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. This festival did not begin to be observed until the tenth century and probably because of the difficulty to comprehend the doctrine not nearly so much is made about it.



Possibly the thing that comes to mind with the Trinity is the story of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, and how he used the simple shamrock leaf to show how it is possible for one leaf to be made up of three essential parts. The season of Trinity makes up a large part of the Church Year and contains several festivals which we, today, regard with differing degrees of importance. We will think about those next month.

Daphne Pilcher

Wild Orchids



At first glance these little flower spikes look nothing like their posher, cultivated cousins, but if you take a closer look at the dell, that patch of lower ground between the main road and the church drive, you will see a large number of Common Spotted Orchids. They can also be found dotted around the Churchyard.

These wild flowers are quite rare as they require very particular conditions in order to germinate. The seeds produced are tiny as they have no food store. They can only germinate through a symbiotic relationship with a fungus from the soil, Orchid mycorrhiza. The fungus feeds the orchid seed and the orchid roots then protect the fungus. This fungus is obviously present around the church environment, so these tiny beauties flourish. The fungus in question does not produce mushrooms but is much smaller, more like mould, which permeates the soil like an invisible mat. The older and less disturbed the soil, the thicker the fungal mat. Ploughing, in particular, will weaken the fungal mat, and the orchids often die out, contributing to their scarcity. This is why we should cherish our very special wild flowers.

Charity Walk



I'm pleased to be able to tell you that my young friend, Luke, his wife Kate and their team of family and friends completed his MND Hadrian's Wall

challenge on Saturday 15th June. A fantastic achievement.

As I write this, the total sponsorship raised sits at £40,000 plus, with more pledged, and it's not too late if you would like to make a donation. Go to <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/luke-s-hadrians-wall-challenge> and give what you can.

They were very lucky with the weather – it's been a bit drier up north – but just after the group photo was taken at the finish it poured with rain.



Charlie's Angel Kitchen



If you've been missing the lunches that Charlie Moore used to distribute from outside the Church Centre, you will be pleased to hear that Charlie is now open for business at her new cafe at 86 Camden Road. As when she operated from the Church Centre, she produces vegetarian and vegan meals using food donated by local supermarkets which would otherwise go to waste. There are no fixed prices, she only asks that you pay what you can. You can eat there or, if you bring your own containers, you can take the food away with you.

I bumped into Charlie in Sainsbury's and she said that she would love to see her old customers and new ones from Rusthall. She is open Monday to Saturday from 10.30 am – 4.00 pm with a late night opening to 6.00 pm on Thursdays.

Deborah Bruce

Poems for Summer

During Summer, when possibly we spend more time outside, our relationship with the natural world may be heightened, as it is in these poems. They each tell of an unexpected moment in our everyday linear time, when a glimpse is given into what lies deeper within and beyond. Such times are precious: however dark things can be, they offer us light and hope.

Susan Barber

The Way Through the Woods

They shut the way through the woods
Seventy years ago.
Weather and rain have undone it again,
And now you would never know
There was once a road through the woods
Before they planted the trees.
It is underneath the coppice and heath
And the thin anemones.
Only the keeper sees
That, where the ring-dove broods,
And the badgers roll at ease,
There was once a road through the woods.

Yet, if you enter the woods
Of a summer evening late,
When the night-air cools on the trout-ringed pools
Where the otter whistles his mate,
(They fear not men in the woods,
Because they see so few.)
You will hear the beat of a horse's feet,
And the swish of a skirt in the dew,
Steadily cantering through
The misty solitudes,
As though they perfectly knew
The old lost road through the woods –
But there is no road through the woods.

Rudyard Kipling

Woods

I part the out thrusting branches
and come in beneath
the blessed and the blessing trees.
Though I am silent
there is singing around me.
Though I am dark
there is vision around me.
Though I am heavy
there is flight around me.

Wendell Berry

The Bright Field

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
the treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not a hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

R. S. Thomas

The Opening of Eyes

That day I saw beneath dark clouds
the passing light over the water
and I heard the voice of the world speak out,
I knew then, as I had before
life is no passing memory of what has been
nor the remaining pages in a great book
waiting to be read.

It is the opening of eyes long closed.
It is the vision of far off things
seen for the silence they hold.
It is the heart after years
of secret conversing
speaking out loud in the clear air.

It is Moses in the desert
fallen to his knees before the lit bush.
It is the man throwing away his shoes
as if to enter heaven
and finding himself astonished,
opened at last,
fallen in love with solid ground.

David Whyte

Jane Austen



Jane Austen was born in 1775 and grew up in the small Hampshire village of Steventon, where her father was a Church of England clergyman. The Austen household was large, with eight children – six boys and two girls – as well as additional pupils, for Rev. George Austen supplemented his clerical income by taking in boy pupils as boarders.

There was also a small farm, to supply the family with meat and vegetables, and there were maids and manservants to help with the work.

Whilst their formal education was scanty, the girls were given unrestricted access to their father's extensive library; its books instilled Jane's lifelong love of reading. As a family the Austens were highly literate and creative, delighting in games, acting and writing. Many years later, Jane's niece Anna described their charm as 'all the fun and nonsense of a large and clever family'. In this atmosphere the young Jane Austen began writing, and between the ages of 11 and 17 she wrote a series of stories, sketches and fragments to entertain her family and friends.

In 1801, when Jane was 25, her father retired and moved with his wife and two daughters to Bath. After spending the majority of her life in rural Hampshire, this move was a great upheaval and a dramatic change of lifestyle for Jane. In Bath, once a stylish spa town but by then past its fashionable best, she attended balls and concerts, and visited the Pump Room and the Theatre Royal. Over the next few years the family also took holidays to Devon

and Dorset, where Jane enjoyed coastal walks and sea bathing.

In 1805, Rev Austen died suddenly, leaving his wife and two daughters with a much reduced income. They were forced to rent smaller and less comfortable lodgings, and the following year they moved to Southampton, where they lived with their friend Martha Lloyd and with their brother Frank's new wife, Mary, whilst Frank himself was away at sea. Money was tight, and the ladies stretched a small income as far as they could.

The eight years they spent in Bath and Southampton, or on long visits to relatives, were an unsettled time, reflected in Jane's productivity as a writer. Whilst living in Steventon she had completed first drafts of *Elinor and Marianne*, *First Impressions* and *Susan* (later to be published as *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *Northanger Abbey* respectively); whilst living in Bath she seems only to have worked on *The Watsons*, a work that she left unfinished. There are many theories to account for this – that she was pining for the countryside, saddened at the loss of her childhood home, hated city life and had no space to write in their relatively cramped lodgings and no time in the busy whirl of her new social life. On the other hand, *The Watsons*, though unfinished, is one of Austen's most interesting fictional experiments, introducing a new note of bleak social realism into her writing. Very few of her letters from this period survive, so we can only speculate as to whether the challenges of life at this time stalled her writing or ultimately improved it.

In 1809, Jane's elder brother Edward offered his mother and sisters a house on his Chawton estate, which he had inherited from wealthy relations, the Knights. The ladies moved to Chawton in July and together with Martha Lloyd they formed a stable and comfortable female household. They were a happy household. Jane acquired a piano and practised her music each morning before breakfast. They enjoyed walks to Alton and in the Hampshire countryside. Mrs Austen worked in the garden, whilst Cassandra and Martha took charge of the smooth-running of the household.

Thrift and economy were vital, and nearly everything was homemade – items of clothing, a vast patchwork quilt, wine and beer; possibly even the ink with which Jane wrote her novels. In the evenings, the women would gather round the fire to read aloud by candlelight, or to play parlour games. If there were visitors, the furniture might be pushed back to make way for informal dancing.

The neighbourhood was small, but they received visits from family members and renewed their acquaintance with some of their old neighbours from Steventon. In Chawton, Jane had the time,

space and will to write. She took out her earlier works and revised them for publication. She redrafted *Elinor & Marianne* (as *Sense and Sensibility*), and with her brother Henry's help in 1810 it was accepted for publication by Thomas Egerton, who also went on to publish *Pride & Prejudice* in 1813. The following year Jane began a new novel, *Mansfield Park*, which was also published by Egerton, and in 1814 she began *Emma*, which was published in December 1815 by John Murray, the most fashionable publisher of the day, and dedicated by permission to the Prince Regent.

In 1815 Jane began writing *The Elliots* (later published as *Persuasion*); the following year her health began to fail, but she continued to write. In 1816 Henry succeeded in buying back the manuscript of *Susan*, which had been sold in 1803 to a publisher in Bath but had never been published. It would eventually be published a few months after her death as *Northanger Abbey*.

In 1817 she began her final novel, *The Brothers* (later published as *Sanditon*), but only completed the first twelve chapters. By April, her illness confined her to her bed, and later in the month she wrote a short will, leaving nearly everything to her 'dearest sister Cassandra'. On 24 May 1817 Jane left Chawton with Cassandra and moved into lodgings in Winchester, to be near Dr Lyford at the County Hospital. However, her illness rapidly worsened and she died early on 18 July 1817. Six days later she was buried in Winchester Cathedral.

At the time of her death Jane Austen was just 41 years old and had been struggling with illness for over a year. We do not know for sure the cause of her death. The two main theories are that it was either Addison's disease or Hodgkin's lymphoma, although the symptoms mentioned in her letters don't perfectly fit either condition.

Deborah Bruce



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Knick Knack



A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patty Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

(You're gonna love this.)

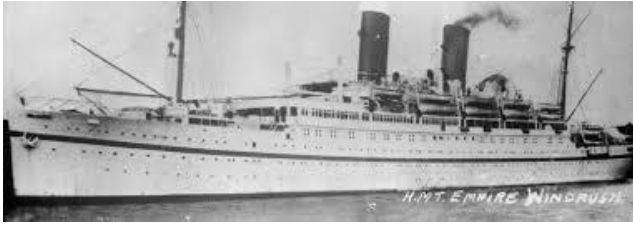
The bank manager looks back at her and says, "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

(You sang it, didn't you? Yeah, I know you did.)

Never take life too seriously!

[courtesy of Facebook]

Windrush Day



Windrush Day remembers the contribution of commonwealth migrants who were invited to come to the UK to help fill the post war job shortage. The special commemorative day was instigated in 2018, when the British government finally apologised for the appalling treatment of people in the Windrush generation.

The day is named after the first ship to carry immigrants from the Caribbean, HMT Empire Windrush, which arrived at Tilbury, Essex, in 1948. The ship was a wartime acquisition. It was originally launched in Germany and named the Monte Rosa. It was an ocean liner designed to travel the route from Hamburg to South America. During World War 2 it was requisitioned as a German troop ship. It carried German troops to Oslo for the invasion of Norway, returning with Norwegian Jews who were sent on to Auschwitz. When sent to collect Danish Jews it is thought that the captain of the Monte Rosa conspired to prevent this by falsely claiming serious engine trouble. On subsequent trips to Norway she twice suffered allied attacks.

At the end of the war ownership was transferred to Britain, she was repaired, refitted as a troopship and renamed His Majesty's Transport Empire Windrush in 1947. While bringing service personnel back from Australia and the far east, the Windrush called at Kingston, Jamaica. The ship was far from full and so passage was offered for those wishing to travel from Jamaica to Britain. Nearly 500 people took this opportunity, together with 2 stowaways. Because the ship was bringing back troops, its arrival was covered by Pathe News, which also included details of those arrivals from the Caribbean, which included Nancy Cunard, an English writer and heiress to the Cunard shipping fortune, and RAF Welfare Officer John Henry Clavell Smyth, from Sierra Leone, who later became Attorney General of Sierra Leone.

At that time, all citizens of the Empire (subsequently the Commonwealth) had the right to settle permanently and work in the United Kingdom. Passengers who had no accommodation arranged were given temporary places in the Clapham South deep air raid shelter, less than a mile from the Coldharbour Lane Employment Exchange in Brixton, with many seeking work in the locality. They worked mainly as labourers but

many women became nurses in the newly formed National Health Service. Although many of the arrivals stayed for a few years and then returned, others stayed, as they were legally entitled to do, and settled in the UK permanently.

Over time, restrictions to permitted immigration were introduced by the Commonwealth Immigrants Act 1962 and Immigration Act 1971. The second of these acts provided permission for all commonwealth citizens already settled in the UK when the Act came into force in 1973 to remain permanently, thereafter rules on immigration would be stricter. However, there was nothing done at this time to issue paperwork to record those who were entitled to settlement. Later it was discovered that landing cards and other records which would have proved dates of arrival had been destroyed by the Home Office. Many migrants who would later be affected unwittingly destroyed documents which they would later need.

When in 2012 legal changes were introduced making it mandatory to provide evidence of legal residence in order to work or access benefits, many found that they did not have this documentation. Children who had originally travelled to Britain on their parents' passports were particularly affected. The Home Office placed the burden of proof on the individuals concerned and those without passports showing the date of their arrival were required to produce one official document from every year that they had lived here. People were suddenly faced with losing their homes and jobs, bank accounts and freedom to travel. Many were taken to Immigration Detention Centres and at least 83 people were deported back to countries they had left as small children decades earlier, with which they no longer felt more than historical connection.

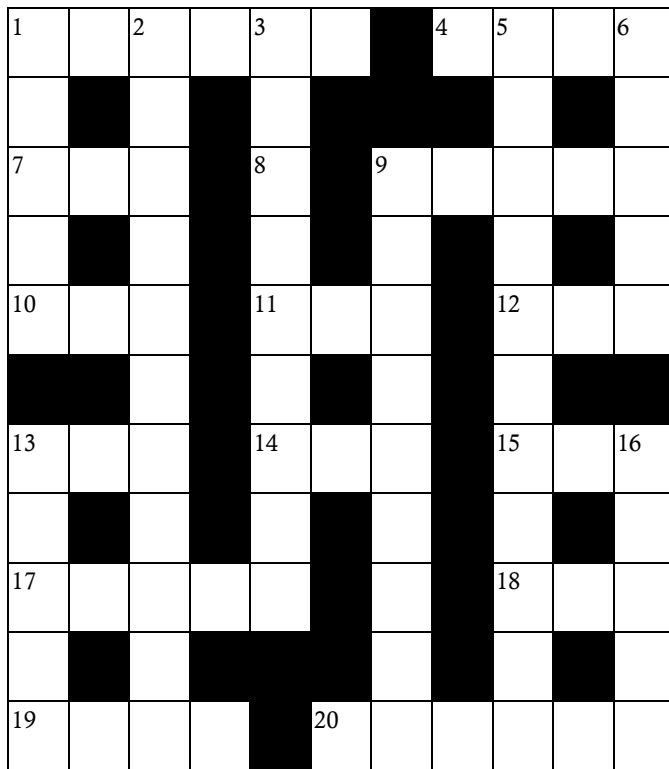
In 2018 the scandal of this treatment was acknowledged and Windrush Day recognises the contribution that these migrants have made to the UK, its post-war economy and culture.



Deborah Bruce

Activity Pages

General Crossword



Clues Across

1. River bank creatures
4. Upper reaches of the Thames
7. Centre
9. Acceptance of what is said
10. Fish eggs
11. Tree smitten by disease
12. Everyone
13. Female deer
14. A failure
15. Heavy drinker
17. Jeans material
18. Old French coin
19. Dirt
20. Starchy root vegetable

Clues Down

1. Region in the Bible famous for its wealth
2. Bat and Ball game
3. City in the Netherlands
5. Atlantic area where eels swarm
6. Oil and gas company
9. Animal of central and south America
13. Patron saint of Wales
16. County town of Cornwall

Clothing Wordsearch

This wordsearch consists of various types of clothing. The words are written forwards, backwards, vertically and diagonally. At the end you will be left with 8 unused letters which give you the name of a precious stone.

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| ALB | BEDSOCKS | BRA |
| CAPE | CARDIGAN | CRINOLINE |
| FEZ | GLOVES | GYMSLIP |
| HAT | KILT | LEOTARD |
| MAC | MITRE | MUFTI |
| NIGHTDRESS | NYLONS | OVERALLS |
| PANTS | PINAFORE | SARI |
| SARONG | SHAWL | SKIRT |
| SLACKS | SMOCK | STOLE |
| SUIT | TUNIC | TURBAN |

Twenty Questions to Test You

1. To which cathedral is St Swithun linked?
2. Brother of Rebecca and uncle of Jacob
3. Name given to a coral island
4. Father of James and John
5. Mistress of Charles II
6. General name for Ravioli, Spaghetti etc
7. Tibetan Oxen
8. Shakespeare's birthplace
9. Zimbabwe's capital
10. Nickname for Portsmouth's football club

11. Name given to jet black quartz
12. What was the Biblical name for Iraq
13. New Zealand Rugby Team
14. Capital of Turkey
15. Name of the lioness in 'Born Free'.
16. Famous Sidney beach
17. Adam and Eve's second son
18. The US 'sunflower state'.
19. Edinburgh's nickname
20. The angel's instrument

A Crossword with a Difference – Out and About with Nature

The last letter of an answer is the first of the next.

1. A bird connected with Swiss clocks
2. Night bird
3. Beetle red with black spots
4. Sounds as if a ship has come into port
5. A bird with royal and fishing connections
6. Sometimes see in the sky after a shower.
7. This insect stings
8. This animal provides ham
9. A flying insect which will bite
10. A young frog
11. A tree with a Dutch disease
12. Similar to a butterfly, seen at night
13. Small animal with prickles
14. Bird connected with the coast
15. This bird sounds as if he is having fun
16. Bird of prey belonging to the falcon family
17. A conifer which loses its needles in winter
18. Often used as a Christmas decoration
19. Often called a churchyard tree
20. Wriggling creature good for the soil
21. Form of grass – name connected to a menswear shop
22. A group is called a flock
23. Some of these birds can be trained to carry messages
24. Amphibian found in a pond
25. Might be seen on a cottage roof
26. Might divide a field
27. Insect whose name links it to hearing and hair
28. Might be Nanny or Billy
29. In the story he lived in a Hall
30. Their babies are fawns
31. Another name for a Mountain Ash
32. Plants which sting
33. This creature's slow pace is well known
34. Often seen during a thunderstorm

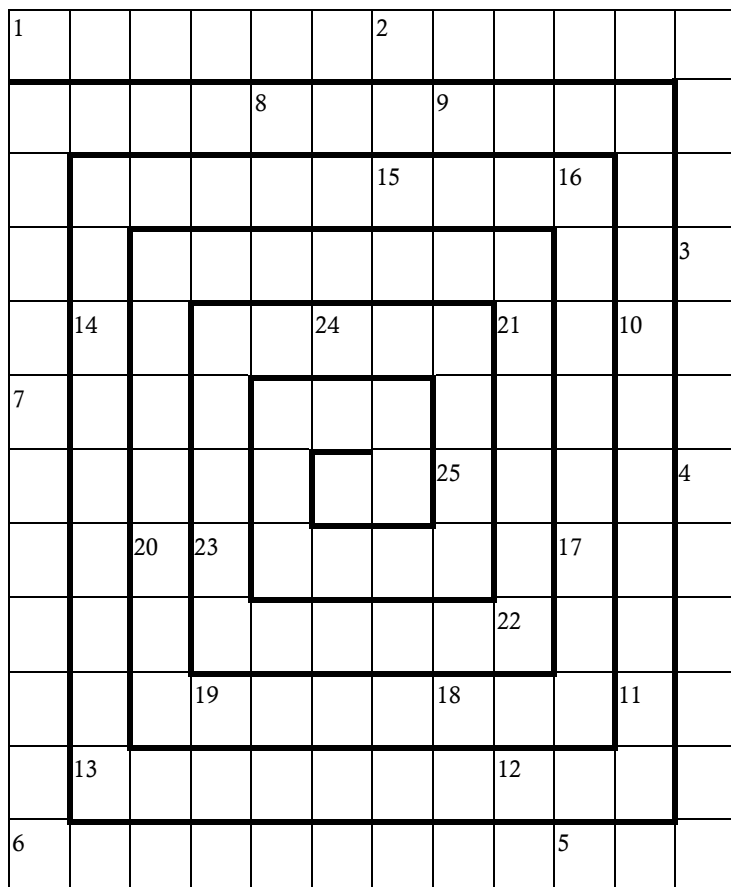
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Riddle-me-Rec

Name this special residence

My first is in lamb but not in calf
 My second is in both talk and laugh
 My third is in plane but not in train
 My fourth can be found in both might and main
 My fifth is in both fork and spoon
 My sixth is in rocket but not in moon
 My seventh is found in bacon and ham
 My last is in both veal and lamb

Another Crossword where the last letter of one answer is the first of the next. This one is based around the Bible and Church.

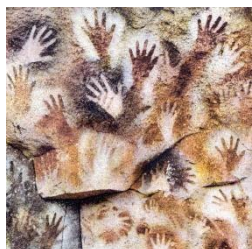


1. Another name for the Society of Friends
2. Supreme Jewish Council of New Testament times
3. Central part of a church
4. Name of usual Church of England evening service
5. Object of worship set up by the Children of Israel in Exodus 32
6. A licence given by a diocese to make alterations or additions to a church
7. Hebrew name for Day of Atonement
8. Initials of the Royal School of Church Music
9. Our Lady
10. Pre Christmas season
11. Place of burial
12. Prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
13. 7th day of the Jewish week
14. 35th book of the Old Testament
15. Father of King Saul (1 Samuel Ch 9)
16. 37th book of the Old Testament
17. Son of Abraham and Sarah
18. Christmas hymn
19. Symbol of St Mark
20. Song of Simeon
21. Special council of church members
22. Large Palestinian lake
23. Patron saint of Scotland
24. He wrote 'O God our help in ages past'
25. A stone coffin

Left-handed Day 13th August

Hand preference is the tendency to be more comfortable or skilled at tasks such as writing, throwing and catching balls, using tools etc, with one hand than the other. With two hands to choose from you might think that those who prefer their right hand and those who prefer their left hand would be equally distributed, or else perhaps that everyone would be the same. However, this is not the case, nor is it common to be ambidextrous – showing no particular preference for one hand over the other – or mixed handedness - preferring different hands for different tasks.

Newborn babies appear to be born without a hand preference, but it develops in early childhood and most children have a settled preference by the time they start primary school. The biological basis for this is not completely understood, but seems to be linked to brain development where the right hemisphere controls movement of the left side of the body, and the left brain hemisphere controls the right side of the body. It was originally thought that a single gene determined inheritance of left- or right-handedness, but more recent studies have led scientists to believe that about 40 genes are involved. Because the overall chance of being left-handed is low, the children of left-handed parents are more often right-handed and although identical twins are more likely to both have the same preference, there are many twins who have opposing preferences.



The painted handprints on the Cueva de las manos in Argentina, created 13,000 years ago, are 90% left hands which, as the pictures were created by putting their hand against the wall and painting round it, shows that 90% of the artists preferred their right hand for painting. However, added to the biological differences, there are cultural influences that have had their impact. Historically it has not been good to be left-handed. In the middle ages you might have found yourself accused of witchcraft. The devil is always

been associated with left-handedness, and right up to the middle of the 20th century it was common for left-handed children to be 'encouraged' to conform to the right-handed norm. This is certainly what happened to my mother-in-law in the 1930s and 40s.

In some countries there is still considerable stigma in being left-handed and in those countries the proportion of lefties is much lower, less than 5% of the population. Where it is acceptable the rate is somewhere between 10-15%. There have been many famous lefties, including Leonardo da Vinci, Marie Curie, Einstein, Newton, Turing to name but a few, and lefties are over-represented in sports. However, there is no doubt that they are at a disadvantage as many tools are more difficult to use by left-handers, including fountain pens, scissors, serrated knives and corkscrews. Fortunately it is becoming easier to obtain left-handed equipment.

ANSWERS

General Crossword

Across

1 Otters 4 Isis 7 Hub 9 Agree 10 Roe 11 Elm
12 All 13 Doe 14 Dud 15 Sot 17 Denim 18 Sou
19 Dust 20 Potato

Down

1 Ophir 2 Table Tennis 3 Rotterdam 5 Sargasso Sea 6 Shell 9 Armadillo
13 David 16 Truro

Twenty Questions to Test You

1 Winchester 2 Laban 3 Atoll 4 Zebedee 5 Nell Gwyn
6 Pasta 7 Yaks 8 Stratford upon Avon 9 Harare 10 Pompey
11 Onyx 12 Mesopotamia 13 All Blacks 14 Ankara 15 Else
16 Bondi 17 Abel 18 Kanas 19 Auld Reekie 20 Harp

Word Search

Precious stone is Amethyst

Crossword with a difference – All about Nature

1 Cuckoo 2 Owl 3 Ladybird 4 Dock 5 Kingfisher 6 Rainbow
7 Wasp 8 Pig 9 Gnat 10 Tadpole 11 Elm 12 Moth
13 Hedgehog 14 Gull 15 Lark 16 Kestrel 17 Larch 18 Holly
19 Yew 20 Worm 21 Moss 22 Sheep 23 Pigeon 24 Newt
25 Thatch 26 Hedge 27 Earwig 28 Goat 29 Toad 30 Deer
31 Rowan 32 Nettles 33 Snail 34 Lightning

Riddle-me-Ree

Balmoral

Crossword with a difference based around the Bible and the Church

1 Quakers 2 Sanhedrin 3 Nave 4 Evensong 5 Golden Calf
6 Faculty 7 Yom Kippur 8 RSCM 9 Madonna 10 Advent
11 Tomb 12 Barabbas 13 Sabbath 14 Habakkuk 15 Kish
16 Haggai 17 Isaac 18 Carol 19 Lion 20 Nunc Dimittis
21 Synod 22 Dead Sea 23 Andrew 24 Watts 25 Sacrophagus

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