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From the Vicarage

With so much that's negative in the news at the moment, and so many conversations focused around suffering, words and actions that encourage, stand out all the more vividly. Sometimes they come at just the right moment, when you think the struggle is yours and yours alone.

I believe encouragement is one of the most beautiful gifts that God gives to us, so that we in turn, can bless others, sometimes transforming a day of gloom, with a ray of light.

Like me, I am sure you will experience those times when you feel discouraged, disappointed and disheartened by the circumstances and challenges that have come our way. I am sure that there will be people in your home, on your street, at your school, or in your workplace who also feel discouraged and overwhelmed at the prospect of 2021 and the complexities which may be ahead.

Knowing all of this, God has built into our makeup, a way for us to be reminded of what we are to do when the discouraging and difficult times come. And He did this by imparting in each of us the compassion, directive and love to look outside of ourselves and encourage one another. One of the Bible writers puts it like this:

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:1).

The Bible is full of men and women who faced discouragement at a deep level. King David found himself asking why his soul despaired within him. Elijah was weary, worried and afraid (1 Kings 19:4). Even the great apostle Paul felt free to say:

"We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself" (2 Corinthians 1:8).

Encouragement does not have to be complicated. Encouragement takes many forms. It may look like a socially distant smile, a kind text message, a phone call, a letter in the post, or a bunch of flowers left on a doorstep. God placed you where you are on purpose and for a purpose. You can reflect His love and His hope to those around you by encouraging people today.

At the outset of 2021, when bad news surrounds us, let me 'encourage' you to find time each day to focus your thoughts in the way that the apostle Paul recommends:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things" (Philippians 4:8).

Let's be people who encourage in true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy ways. It does not have to cost you very much or take much of your time, but encouragement is the gift which to the lonely, isolated, disappointed, disheartened friend, colleague, neighbour or stranger can mean so very much.

This year it might be more critical than ever before for us to use the gift of encouragement regularly, quickly and kindly. Encouragement lifts us from despair. Encouragement brings light into darkness. Encouragement brings hope. And hope leads to transformation.

Friends, make it a habit to encourage others. I wonder who you can encourage today?

With all blessings,



Rev. Russ Gant, Vicar

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Funerals

George Anthony Watts (86)

Michael Harold Dray (81)

Harry Raymond Joliffe (92)



BIBLE READING NOTES

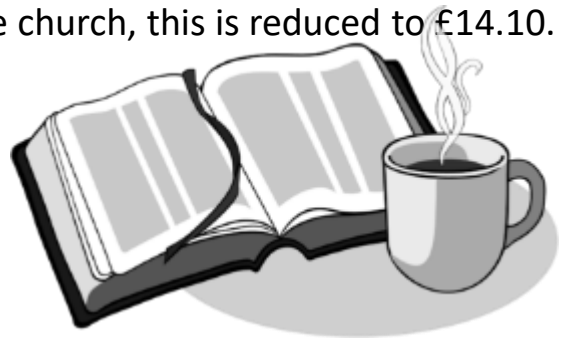
As a church, St James' offer the opportunity to have daily bible readings with notes in book form, which is published three times a year, or by daily email. The full cost would be £17.95 but, by annual subscription through the church, this is reduced to £14.10.

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I have some past copies of New Daylight (Bible Reading Fellowship) and would be pleased to give them to anyone who might be interested.

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Email on **suekelly@madasafish.com**



IN OUR PRAYERS

If you have any specific prayer requests you are invited to email **prayer@stjamesrowledge.org.uk** (or contact Russ by phone) who will ensure the church prays for your situation.



Morning Prayers

Morning Prayer is every Wednesday at 9:15am. We will continue to meet virtually for approximately half an hour. Email **vicar@stjamesrowledge.org.uk** to receive a Zoom invitation.



ST JAMES' CHURCH

During the pandemic, regrettably we are unable to meet as a **whole** congregation in church weekly, physically, for worship, however we are continuing with our live-streamed services each Sunday (or recorded - as restrictions dictate).

Do join us live on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchRowledge>

We continue to keep the restrictions under review and will update the village as things in church change.



Two Services a Week

From Sunday 7th February, we will be reverting to two services each week - albeit both still recorded for the time being.

This will mean there is a traditional service of Holy Communion with choral music, as well as a more contemporary service each week.

A mix of formal and contemporary services - if you don't see it live, all our videos can be found on our YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBO3bsCEfpu4Hd_IFbKX3CQ/videos



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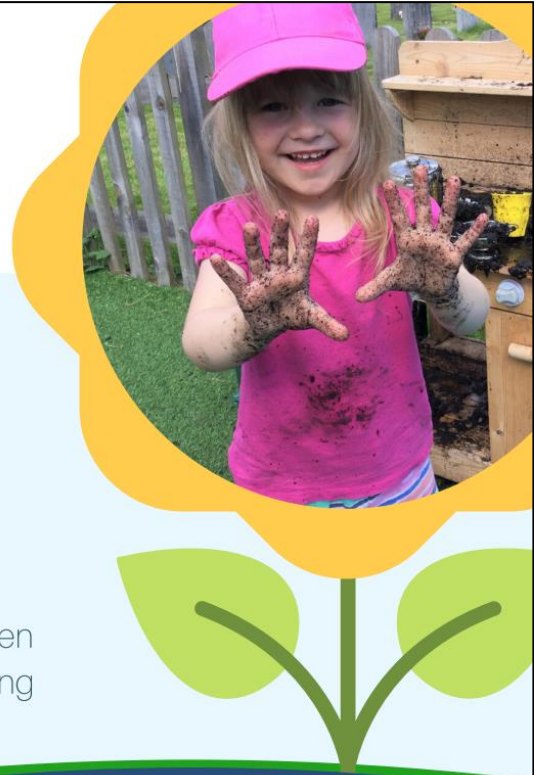


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St.James' Church
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February Sunday Services and Sermon Themes

31st January – Candlemass (Holy Communion)

Luke 2: 22-40

“Faith-filled Generations”

150th Anniversary of Consecration of St. James’ Church

Bishop Andrew preaching (see page 11)

7th February - 2nd before Lent (inc. Holy Communion)

Col. 2: 6-15

Full to the brim! Rooted, full and alive!

14th February - Last before Lent

Col. 3: 12-17

Let there be love! On St. Valentine’s Day – what does it mean to put on love?

Rediscovering Grace – For Lent, we begin a new series of 6 sermons on:

The freedom we can know, by experiencing the grace of God.

21st February - 1st of Lent (inc. Holy Communion)

Luke 15: 11-32

Getting Grace – Freedom!

28th February - 2nd of Lent

Luke 7: 36-50

Getting Grace – Innocent!



Appeal to Support Frimley Park Hospital

Hannah Epps, our former Church Administrator, is coordinating the collection of baked goods to be delivered to Frimley Park Hospital as a way of thanking the amazing NHS staff there.

She is also seeking to raise money to provide additional iPads so that patients can speak to loved ones online.

For more details about this collection and how you can help, **please contact Hannah directly on 07855 291833.**

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Life Groups –Tuesday & Thursday

Russ & Jenny Gant run a group on Thursday with about 8 people. They meet weekly via Zoom.

The Tuesday group currently have 10 people accessing the group meeting via Zoom. They meet fortnightly for bible study and prayer.

In the weeks between the studies we meet socially on Zoom for a catch up and sometimes prayer if there are specific needs.

Men's Group – First Thursday of the month

We usually meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month in the Old Vicarage and the Hare & Hounds for a pensive pint (or two!) and discussion. Starting with a Bible passage discussion then moves on to ...well, anywhere and everywhere!

During lockdown, the Men's Group has met twice by Zoom - first Thursday of every month. We have had 8 - 11 people joining the meetings, which Roy has stage-managed.

Subject to technology, we hope to continue to meet. All welcome. **To join in, contact Rob: robriacs@aol.com**

Church is OPEN!

Open: Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm.
Saturday - Sunday 8am-8pm.
Closed on Fridays.

St James' Church is now OPEN for **individual private prayers**. Individual private prayer is defined as a person or household entering the church to pray on their own, not as part of a group, and not participating in any form of led prayers or communal act. Those praying should be socially distanced from other individuals or households.

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METHODIST CHURCH



Regrettably, The Methodist Church is not currently running Sunday Services.

When it is decided to open the Church for services, there will be posters updating our decisions at the Church.

For enquiries please ring: Aileen 795438

Our prayer chain, led by Mike & Joyce, can be accessed on: 793363

If you would like to speak to Philip Simpkins, our Minister, his number is: 01420 83167

If you have any questions about activities at the Methodist Church, please contact Aileen or David on: 795438



Do you know anyone who is grieving from bereavement and needs more support or time?

Meeting weekly in Farnham, the group is supported by pastoral assistants and bereavement visitors attached to various Farnham Christian churches, and allows an opportunity for those who are bereaved and lonely to meet others who understand.

Bereavement Café meet every Monday afternoon 3 - 4:30pm for tea and chat at

The Spire Café, Farnham United Reformed Church,

South Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QU

If you would like more details please contact Mary on **07999 368128**
or info@friendstogetherbereavement.org

There are also occasional evening groups for those who need to talk and share about a bereavement. Parents, Spouses, Children, Friends... Do you know anyone who is grieving and would like support?

**Contact Mary on
07999 368128 for
details during
Covid-19**

You are also welcome to bring someone you know who may benefit from the support group, but not want to attend on their own. Accompanying friends are also very welcome.

150 years... Not quite what we had expected!

2019, 2020 or 2021 - any of these years could arguably be the 150th anniversary of St. James' Church. Work on the building was started in 1869 (see the date on the rain hoppers). The church was completed in 1870, but not consecrated for worship until 1871. We had planned for 2020 to be our year of anniversary celebrations, but very sadly, Covid put pay to all that! And we're not quite sure what this year will bring either.



St. James' Church was originally consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester Samuel Wilberforce (we were in Winchester Diocese until 1927), on a very cold and icy January 31st in 1871.

To commemorate this date, we had invited the Bishop of Guildford, the Right Reverend Andrew Watson to preach at our service at 10am on Sunday 31st January this year. Since then of course, we have had to make the difficult decision to close the church for public worship, but Bishop Andrew has agreed to record his sermon for us, so he will still feature in our recorded service at the end of the month, together with a new recording by Richard Walker and Tom Barnard of the first hymn sung in the church 150 years ago "Jerusalem the Golden".

This service will also include blessing some new altar fabrics which have been especially commissioned for the 150th anniversary and funded through a legacy which was left with the express wish that it should fund new church fabrics.

You can be certain, that just as soon as we can, we will celebrate all that God has blessed us with here in the Parish of Rowledge over the last 150 years. And what's more:

"We can be confident of this, that he who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1: 6)

Youth and Kids News

#hungry

#hungry – our Youth Group resumed its weekly online catch ups with a 'faith thought' on Wednesday 13th January. It was great to see our amazing young people who had, unsurprisingly, all got quite a bit taller since we last saw them!



Magical Mayhem

I have invited a Christian magician to give two performances for children and young people over Zoom. Paul Brown has been involved in over 150 shows with the Cubs and Scouts during 2020 and has created a Zoom magic show specially for Christian organisations. It will be a 45 minute, interactive show full of laughter,

giggles and a gospel message. The groups will be able to see magic happen in their hands and will witness amazing magic on the screen. The shows will be on Monday 1st February.



Church in a Box!

Around 30 children regularly receive our Church in a Box resources each week. We really hope you are enjoying this different way of connecting with God and with one another. A huge thank you to those who have made donations towards this resource.

If you have any feedback on how you're finding Church in a Box or how it could be improved, we'd love to hear from you.

Need a listening ear?

Beth and I will be making regular phone contact with all our children and young people to check in with them, catch up and offer to pray with them or give support where necessary. If you'd appreciate a call or you know someone who would, drop me a line at the details below.

Contact Adèle, Youth and Children's Minister, on:

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Live Streaming Services

The pandemic has meant that we have had to move a lot of our services of worship online. For many of us that means we have had to redefine what worship actually is. What is recorded or streamed is no less genuine an act of worship and yet it seems a shadow of what we hope for when we come to church. For those who are less IT proficient, if it's a struggle to access the online content and you need help getting online, Mike Dean and Nick Makemson, have very kindly agreed to help. To contact the chaps, do call the church office and we will put you in touch.



The advantages of the online services have been that some who are usually unable to take part in physical services, perhaps due to issues of timing, working at weekends, or infirmity, have been able to watch online at their own convenience. Another unexpected consequence of moving to online worship is the number of people beyond the church family who are watching week by week. Numbers far in excess of those who would attend a service in the building.

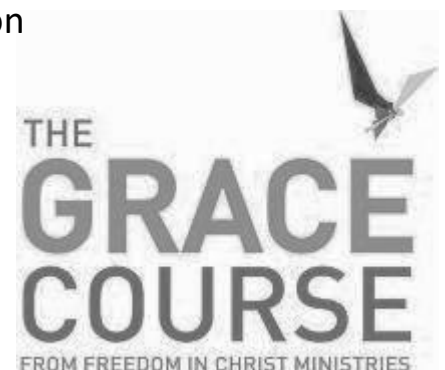
As and when we are able to return to the building, we are very keen not to neglect our online congregation – many of whom may never set foot in the building, or who might use the online services as a way of 'dipping a toe' in the spiritual waters! Therefore, the PCC believes that it is 'mission critical' to upgrade the audio-visual equipment in the church to ensure that once our services return to the building, we can seamlessly broadcast our times of worship to those wanting to watch online.

We are obtaining quotes for new screens and cameras and have submitted a bid to a grant making body in the hope that we may be able to fund this work sooner rather than later.

Lent Course 2021

This year we will be offering a Lent Course based around the theme of 'Grace.' This six week course will comprise of six Sunday sermons followed by six small group discussions on the following Thursday evenings starting on Sunday 21st February.

Although it seems likely that the course will have to run online via Zoom, it is open to all who wish to take part (whether you are already in a Life Group or not). If you're interested in joining in, please do contact Avril Capper at lifegroups@stjamesrowledge.org.uk for more information.



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Riding Sunbeams in Aldershot



A game-changing railway project has proved that train lines can be powered directly by solar power, paving the way for the world's first solar-powered trains.

The company 'Riding Sunbeams' conducted trials in nearby Aldershot that confirmed that solar farms installed by railway lines can be connected directly to electrified track to power trains, by-passing the grid completely. It's now secured investment to build and connect a larger solar energy plant to the railways in Sussex.

Solar traction power makes sense financially, with no need for public subsidy, and gives lineside communities the incentive to invest in community-owned solar farms that will help build this greener railway system. It's exactly the kind of infrastructure project that can support a green recovery after the pandemic; and it's got huge potential for metros, trams and railways all around the world.



Farnham's collaborating on ambitious environmental improvements.

Farnham's town, borough and county councils are working together on ambitious infrastructure plans to improve the town's traffic congestion and air pollution, in the wake of the three councils' declaration of climate emergency.

Farnham's diverse community groups are also starting to come together, to establish a Community Hub that'll support Farnham's environment, economy and residents.

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Nomination for Care and Compassion Award

Following a nomination by the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP in the 2020 Parliamentary Awards, the Guildford & Waverley Integrated Care Partnership (G&WICP) was recently announced as the regional winner in the Care and Compassion Award, for its community palliative care response during the Covid-19 pandemic. Local charity Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care is a key partner in the G&WICP community end of life team and is delighted to receive this recognition.

Building on a history of strong partnership working, G&WICP's end of life care team acted swiftly during the pandemic to ensure individuals and their loved ones continued to receive the best possible care and support, despite increasing pressure on local services. The collaborative response brought together specialist palliative care providers, community services, general practice, the out-of-hours provider, the ambulance service, social care and the voluntary sector, including Phyllis Tuckwell, working alongside the local acute hospital, the Royal Surrey County Hospital, and supported by Surrey Heartlands CCG.

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care is a local charity which provides supportive and end of life care for adult patients and families living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer, in West Surrey and North East Hampshire. Its multidisciplinary team offers medical and nursing care, therapies, counselling, social work advice and practical support, and all of its care is given free of charge to its patients and their families and carers. Increasingly, its care is provided away from its In-Patient Unit, in patients' homes and care homes, and its Care at Home team has grown significantly over the past few years to increase the number of patients it can care for in this way.

Each of the Parliamentary Awards has seven shortlisted nominees, comprising the regional champions from each of the NHS regions. The overall national winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in Parliament on 7th July 2021.



Phyllis Tuckwell's Care at Home team have provided vital supportive and end of life care to local patients and families at home throughout the pandemic.

Tips to relieve pain while working at home in lockdown.

I'm Hannah, a local Pilates Teacher who is now training in Swedish deep tissue massage. Today I'm going to be talking about my 3 top tips to help relieve neck, shoulders and back pain and would welcome you to try a free 30 mins massage when we are out of lockdown.

If you are working at a desk or kitchen table do this-

My Top 3 tips

1. Take regular breaks, do some stretches :-

Upper back and Neck

The biggest issue for upper back, shoulder and neck pain is posture so be aware of sitting at your desk, looking at your mobile. Get up and move every hour - especially if working from home. When we are stressed and busy we find it gets worse so stop at break and lunch time and take 2 minutes out to focus on your breath! The reason I focus so much on stretching is that it helps to restore and maintain flexibility and mobility of your joints, it promotes your range of movement, improves blood flow to alleviate pain.

A simple 1 mins stretch -

Start with rolling your shoulders, stretch and reach your arms up and stretch side to side, then roll your head. Also pull chin back like a chicken to stretch the neck muscles. Try my favourite door stretch - step into the doorway, arms wide in chicken wings position, elbows bent, let the weight of your body fall forwards to feel a stretch in the chest - give it a go!

2. Self massage techniques -

- Press your fingers into the top of the shoulders at the back under the neck and roll your shoulders back - repeat 1 min.
- Dig your thumbs into the front of your shoulder near to the arm pit rub for 1 min, then repeat the shoulder rolls.
- To release the neck- press the head back while pressing the palm of your hand on your forehead then drop your head side to side as you gently rub the side of your neck.

Let me know how you get on.

3. Have a Swedish deep tissue massage

Massage can be a wonderful way to release your stress, release knots, stimulate the muscles to help them and you RELAX. It reduces blood pressure, helps you balance your hormones, release toxins, get better skin elasticity and improve sports performance. Although we are in full lockdown why not treat yourself and book a date for a massage in March -May (we can always move the date if we need to with 24hrs warning!). Massages are in my garden studio, although I will travel at an extra cost.

Hannah can be reached on **07855 291833**

St. James' Church – finding new ways to help us reflect

Although the church building was closed for significant periods in 2020, at St. James' we are always trying to find new ways for the community to engage in times of prayer, reflection and encounter with God.

Last year, as well as moving a lot of our services online due to the pandemic and the very limited capacity of the church, we also tried different ideas at Remembrance and in the run up to Christmas.

At Remembrance, our Youth and Children's Minister Adèle Regan, along with members of St. James' congregation, Mandy and Graeme Main a brilliant walking tour around the village was installed. This trail helped people of all ages to think about the sacrifice of people from Rowledge in the First and Second World Wars.

During Advent, we similarly designed a trail which explored different aspects of the original Christmas Nativity story. This trail was design by a young local artist, David Mead with the guidebook being put together by our Vicar, Russ Gant. The use of QR codes on the displays around Rowledge, meant that Bible passages and Christmas Carols could be accessed on mobile devices at each of the stopping off points around the trail.

We would love to hear if these activities are popular and indeed, whether there are other ways that, as your local parish church, we can serve you in these very challenging times.



Mario Raggi - sculptor

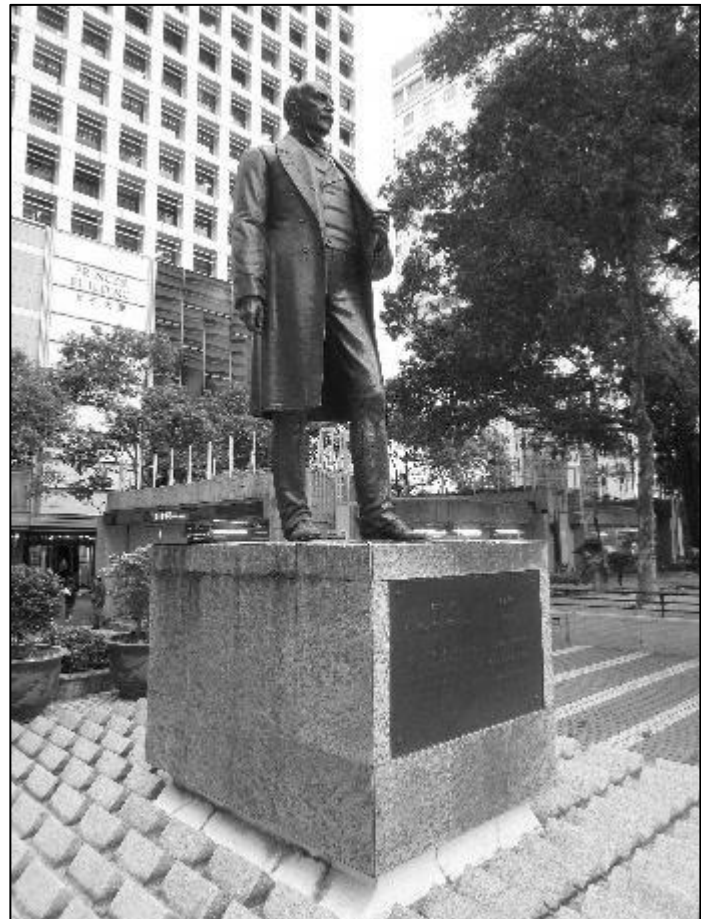
If you walk down Jubilee Lane towards Sandrock Hill, you pass, on the left, a house called Raggi's Cottage. I only noticed it recently and it brought to mind one of the most prominent men ever to live in the Rowledge area - Signor Mario Raggi. I first came across his name about 25 years ago, but I had no idea at the time that there might be a connection between him and where I now live. To explain:

I used to travel regularly to Hong Kong on business and always took the opportunity, if I could, to walk around the city centre. Colonial remnants are not so obvious these days in Hong Kong but, near the Meridian Hotel, in what is called Statue Square, I always noticed a fine and enormous statue which turned out to be of Sir Thomas Jackson, the manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (now HSBC). On a Sunday, thousands of Filipina domestic workers would congregate there. It was a lively sight. Statue Square remains a good place in which to enjoy some open space among the vertiginous Hong Kong buildings. It has a colourful history.

The square was built at the end of the nineteenth century on reclaimed land and dedicated to British royalty. It was originally called Royal Square since it contained a statue of Queen Victoria, commissioned in commemoration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 1887. The statue of Sir Thomas Jackson was unveiled in 1906. A further dozen or so statues adorned the place.

Sadly, the statues were taken by the Japanese to be melted down during World War II. After the war, some of the statues that had not been melted down (or were of stone) were brought back to Hong Kong. Only Jackson's statue, and two bronze lions in front of the HSBC building, now remain. Sir Thomas Jackson's now stands roughly in the middle of the square, facing the Court of Final Appeal Building. Queen Victoria's statue was placed in Victoria Park.

The names of those employed by the Hong Kong authorities to erect buildings and statues in the Square included some of the most prominent artists of their age. One, Sir Edwin Lutyens, is still famous, designer of The Cenotaph. Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm is less well known, though colourful. He became, reputedly, the lover of Princess Louise, Queen Victoria's artistic daughter.



Sir Thomas Jackson in Hong Kong Square

Disraeli



Their affair ended with his dying of a burst blood vessel alone in the studio she had built for him in the grounds of Kensington palace. The event gave rise to many rumours...

One of the most prominent of the sculptors employed was Signor Mario Raggi. It was he who sculpted the statues of Queen Victoria and Sir Thomas Jackson, as well as others

melted down by the Japanese. He had a long string of public commissions behind him. His statue of Disraeli in Parliament Square, erected in 1883, was particularly admired and cemented his reputation. He became one of the most prominent sculptors of his age. Amongst his many commissions one can still see in the UK are those of Henry Hussey Vivian (in Swansea), Howel Gwyn (in Neath) and Gladstone (in Albert Square Manchester). He was not only a great producer of public statuary, but in his private commissions revealed himself to be a superb master, witness his marble bust of Thomas Newman Hunt, Deputy Director of the Bank of England, 1865 – 1867.



Thomas Newman Hunt, Deputy Director of the Bank of England, 1865 - 1867

Mario Raggi (1821–1907) was born in Carrara, Italy, where Michelangelo quarried his marble for the statue of David in Florence, and Raggi studied art at the Accademia delle Belle Arti in Carrara. He was a brilliant student and won all the available prizes.

At the age of seventeen, he went to Rome, where he furthered his studies and, thinking to make his fortune in thriving London, moved there in 1850. He married a lady called Annie Hunt in 1853. In 1859 he was inducted into the Lodge of the London Freemasons. He seems to have been cautious at setting out on his own, because he continued his studies for many years at the Royal Academy Schools before setting up his own studio in about 1875. There followed a long period of success and he rapidly became a public figure. His statues were soon to be found not only throughout the length and breadth of the United Kingdom, but in South Africa, Canada, Australia and, as we have seen, Hong Kong.

Raggi also exhibited at the Royal Academy with commissions including busts of Cardinal Manning (1879), Cardinal Newman (1881), Lord John Manners (1884), and the duchess of Rutland (1895). He had his studio in London at Cumberland Market. In the 1881 census he was living in Lambeth with his wife, a daughter, Maud, and five servants. Later he lived at 31 Devonshire Street, Portland Place. Later still he is recorded as living at St. Pancras. He was highly successful. Cumberland Market was on the Regent Canal and it was easy to deliver stone there by barge. The place soon attracted a number of sculptors and artists who, in addition to Raggi, included Sir Thomas Brock, Lord Leighton, Walter Sickert and even Whistler. The place became one of the celebrated, slightly louche, artistic communities of London.

As with a number of 'the gentry', Raggi liked to escape London and to that end acquired a country retreat at The Mount, Boundstone. It was there that he died on 26 November 1907. He was buried at West Norwood Cemetery, where his memorial is a flat slab. He left £5,813 in his will, a sizeable sum, when a large house in Rowledge could be bought for £2,000.

One of the mysteries about Raggi concerns how little I can find about him in material on Rowledge and Farnham. After all, he exhibited at the Royal Academy at the same time as did W H Millais, who lived at Ward Hill, and it is difficult to believe the two men didn't know each other. There is no record of him ever visiting the vicarage or St James'. Perhaps, as a catholic, Raggi worshipped only in London and, possibly, kept himself to himself or mixed only with the local Catholic community. Nevertheless, he chose to live here and it would be good to know more about his stay. That he actually died in Boundstone at least suggests that he spent quite a bit of time here.

Another puzzle is where, exactly, The Mount was. Raggi's Cottage stands high atop the slope above Jubilee Lane and looked a likely candidate to have been The Mount. The building was certainly there in the late nineteenth century. Wondering whether that might have been the location of 'The Mount', later renamed in honour of the celebrated sculptor who lived there, I decided to call and ask the occupants if they knew. I did, and they did! The delightful couple who answered the door knew as much about Signor Raggi as I. This was indeed The Mount, and a previous owner had renamed it in honour of the Italian sculptor who adopted England as his home. Case closed!

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Clive Jourdain

Clive is one of our new churchwardens, so, to help you get to know him, we thought we'd ask him to write a bit about himself:

"Born into a family of City of London Merchants (Merchant Bankers), I took the line of least resistance and duly joined the company on leaving education. Following in my father's, grandfather's and great grandfather's footsteps I was posted to Mauritius to one of their six subsidiary trading companies.

Six years later, now married with two children, I returned to the UK and settled happily into life in Rowledge. Laurie Paine was the Vicar at that time and whilst there was no Sunday school, he had a family service each Sunday which lasted 30 minutes. Each family took it in turns to choose the hymns, light the candles and do the collection with some of us playing the music on guitars! This left enough time to whack the joint into the oven and off to the Cherry Tree. This was the Sunday routine which only came to an end when, reading the children's weekly school diaries at parent's evening, it was realized how much time we spent inside the pub and they outside the pub.

Spending 6 months a year travelling the world building business for a large American multinational, it was good to have the secure knowledge that there was a caring community looking out for my family in my absence. The absent father's only real contribution to the village was help with the village fayre which was, and is, such a valued annual celebration. Time with the family was precious so every sporting event, stage appearance/ school event the children featured in was attended. Holidays and weekends were spent together sailing on the Solent whether they liked it or not. Church attendance became a rare occurrence.

My youngest son was christened at St James' in the family service. My daughter had a wonderful wedding there and christened her three children, again in the family service. My parents both had moving funerals there, as did my late wife Kae. St James' on reflection has always been there for me and my family. I now realise how much I have taken for granted that it will always be there for me. It is but a small consolation that I have always contributed to planned giving to make up for my total lack of involvement.

Miracles however do happen. Jackie came into my life. She made me attend an Alpha course which was actually great fun. She then made me volunteer for many of the jobs that need to be done around the church, which are actually rather fulfilling. Finally she suggested I put myself forward for election as churchwarden. I can now no longer take St James' for granted!

One of the functions of churchwarden is to listen out for the needs of the people of the Parish and help where possible. Another is to ask for help where it is needed. Either way if you need help or would like to help in any way, my contact details are in the Rowledge Review."

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ROWLEDGE VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR 2021



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Please email the Editor with event dates for 2021, so we can include it in all future issues of the Rowledge Review. Email: rowledgereview@yahoo.co.uk



Rowledge Activities - Weekly Calendar

Time	Group	Age	Venue
Children's Events			
Mon-Fri			
09.00-15.30	Rowledge Playgroup	2-4	Village Hall
09.00-15.00	Little Fishes Nursery School	2-4	St James Church
Tuesday			
17.00-18.15	Beavers	5-8	Village Hall
18.15-19.30	Cubs	8-10	Village Hall
19.30-21.15	Scouts	10-14	Village Hall
Wednesday			
09.15-11.00	Baby & Toddler Group (term time)	0-4	Village Hall
15.00-19.30	Ballet	3-13	Village Hall
16.45-18.00	Octave children's choir	7+	St James Church
17.00-18.00	Rainbows	5-7	Methodist Hall
18.30-20.00	Guides	10-14	Methodist Hall
19.00-20.30	#hungry (youth group)	11-16	St James Church Hall
Thursday			
18.15-19.45	Brownies	5.30-7	School Hall
Friday			
16.00-18.30	Ballet	13-adult	Village H



Contact details
are in the Village
Directory - in the
centre pages of
the Rowledge
Review.

Adults' Events

Monday			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
14.00-16.00	Steady Steps		Village Hall
19.30-21.00	Bruce Yoga		Village Hall
19.30-21.30	Pilates		Village Hall
Tuesday			
09.30-11.30	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall
09.30-10.30	Zumba Gold (term time only)		Village Club
10.40-11.40	Pilates		Rowledge Club
14.00-17.00	Quilters (fortnightly)		Methodist Hall
19.00-20.00	Pilates		St James Church Hall
19.30-21.15	Community Choir		Freemantle Heights School
19.45-22.00	Womens Institute (3 rd T ^h)		The Rowledge Club
20.00-22.30	After 8 ladies group (1 st T ^h)		Homes
Wednesday			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
10.30-12.00	Mother's Union		St James Church
14.00-15.00	Nordic Walking		Forest (St James gate)
14.00-16.00	Cameo Singers (2 nd &4 th Wed)		Methodist Hall
15.00-16.00	Healing (1 st Wed)		Methodist Church
19.00-22.15	Bridges		Village Club
19.00-20.00	Pilates		St James Church
19.45-22.30	Rowledge Club		Village Hall
Thursday			
09.00-16.00	Teachers		Methodist Hall
10.00-12.00	Art Club		Village Hall
12.30-1.30	Luncheon Club (last Thursday)		Methodist Hall
14.30-15.30	Steady Steps		Village Hall
18.00-19.00	Boot Camp		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Gardening Club (2 nd Thursday)		Village Hall
18.00-19.15	Bootcamp		Village Hall
20.30-23.00	Men's Group (3 rd Thursday)		Hare and Hounds
Friday			
08.30-09.00	Morning Prayers		St James Church
09.00-12.00	Coffee Spot		Village Hall
16.00-18.30	Ballet		Village Hall
19.00-20.00	Choir practice		St James' Church
Sunday			
19.45-20.45	Ballroom Dancing		Village Hall

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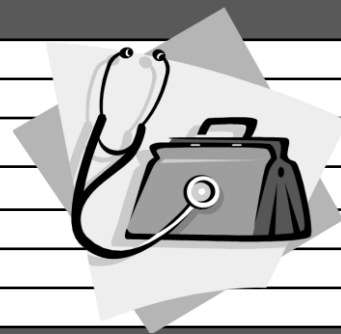
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As with everyone, 2020 was a difficult year for us and this is still the case in 2021. During the first lockdown, we shifted lots of our face-to-face services online and had to suspend dyslexia assessments as these can only be done in person. We learnt a great deal about just how much we can achieve online and over the phone so, when the Centre closed again at the beginning of January, we were ready with a long list of services available including tuition and consultations for children and adults, and online courses for teaching professionals and parents of children with dyslexia.

There are fewer opportunities to fundraise at the moment but we have plans on the backburner for several events to celebrate our birthday that will raise awareness of what we do, allow us to get together with our supporters and hopefully bring in funds that can help us continue our work.

This is especially important as the pandemic has been particularly difficult for those with dyslexia – around one in ten people; home schooling with dyslexia is no easy task, for parent or child, and many adults have found themselves without a job and struggling to transfer skills or access training. This is where a dyslexia assessment and subsequent support can help enormously. When the Centre re-opened in the summer and until the end of the year, we managed to see 170 people for life-changing assessments.

A big thing for us is to particularly reach out to lower-income families. We are seeing twice as many applications for bursary-funded support as normal due to Covid-related difficulties and so far, we have been able to help everyone who has asked. We aim to continue this in 2021, come what may.

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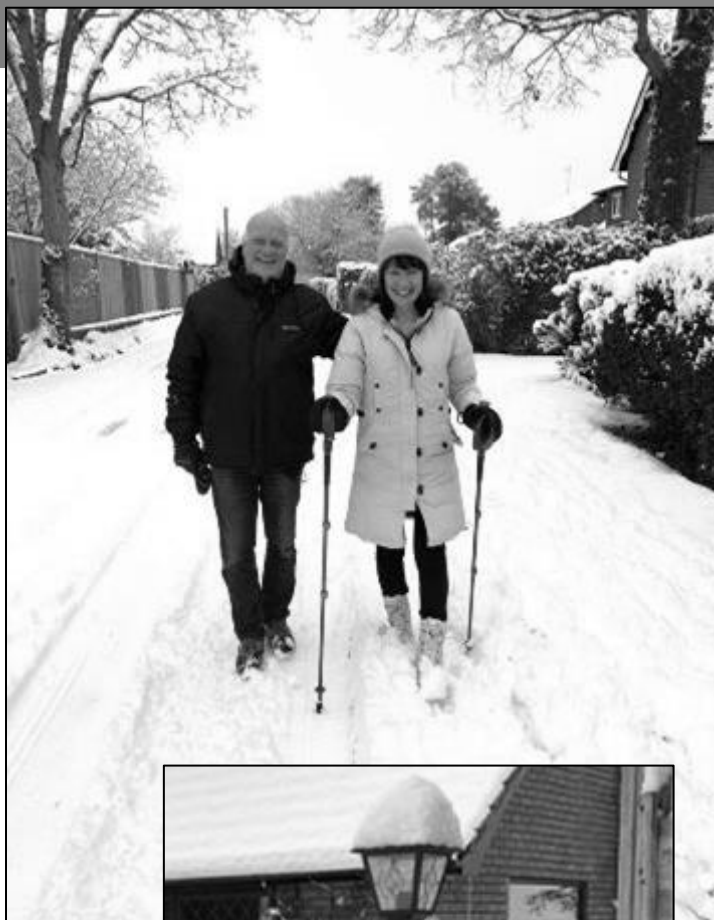
S'now use complaining!

Snow! And lots of it!

Although forecast, the speed of the snowfall on January 24th caught us all a bit by surprise. About three inches fell in less than one hour.

After the lockdown misery of the past weeks, it was a bit of light relief.

I went out for a walk around the village with my wife Liz that morning (and no, they aren't skis!) – it was a real pleasure to see families out with kids on sleds, throwing snowballs and making snowmen. I had to smile as I walked past Roy and Sue's house..."Winter's Gate" - a very appropriate house name that morning!



The Village Square with our beautiful sign, was covered in snow and, well, everyone was smiling! No complaints about speeding traffic, or icy roads, just a bit of joy to lift our spirits!



...and, of course, children (and probably adults!) were out making snowmen. Here are just a few that we saw on our short walk





It was great to see the village residents out enjoying themselves and, although it didn't last long, the memory of that weekend will, I am sure, remain with me for quite a while.

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Revd Russ writes...

These are really difficult times. As a Vicar it is very challenging not to be able to fully live out the role God has called me to amongst you all. Some thoughts in the form of a poem...

O for the day

O for a day when I can preside and preach to faces rather than the faceless lens.
 O for the day when I can look into your eyes and delight as the Spirit works in each of you.
 O for the day when I can focus on the Lord, and forget the two metre rule.
 O to be able to baptize rather than sanitize.
 O for something as simple as the squeeze of a hand, or an arm around the shoulder.
 O not to be alone at the Lord's table and for wine and bread together.
 O for the day when I can bind my stole around newly-weds hands and find confetti in my shoe!
 O for school assemblies, telling young, eager faces, "Jesus loves you too!"
 O for the simple things like coffee shared and hymns that are sung.
 O for the day when the fearful will know peace, the frail will be strong and the dying will be free.
 O for the days of dark of lament to be gone and the light of Easter to dawn.
 How long, O Lord, how long?

In the fable called "Solomon's Seal" by the English poet Edward Fitzgerald, a sultan requests of King Solomon a sentence that would always be true, whether in good times or bad. Solomon responds with the phrase, "This too shall pass." And indeed, we know this will be the case. There will be a time when all this passes and we can again spend time with family and friends, travel, party and gather in church.



Until that time, where would we be without the promises of God?

"For God has said, 'I will not leave you or forsake you' so we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear'" (Hebrews 13:5-6).

If you need someone to speak to, someone willing to pray or simply listen, do please contact either myself or Elaine Andrews - elaine.andrews@stjamesrowledge.org.uk who heads up our Parish Friends team and we will do all we can to assist.

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Men on The Rowledge War Memorial

by Neil Pittaway

Private Philip George James Mitchell is I believe the youngest name on our Memorial to fall in WW1. When he enlisted, he claimed to be eighteen. He was in fact sixteen and whilst fighting in several of the major Somme offensives he was only eighteen when he fell. He had probably only lived in Rowledge for a year or so when he left for service in France. I wish I could tell you more about Philip but just think for a moment of a seventeen to eighteen year-old fighting in the horrendous conditions of the Somme and beyond. Today he would be possibly studying for A levels and learning to drive.

**Philip George James Mitchell.
1898-1917.**

**Private. The Queen's, Royal West
Surrey Regiment. (Young Trainee
recruit)**

**Private. 57th Company, Machine
Gun Corps. 26733.**



Philip George James Mitchell was born in Aldershot on September 5th 1898 and baptised there on November 13th 1898

**Baptism for
Philip George
James
Mitchell.
Aldershot,
November 13th
1898.**

Born	1898	Philip George James	Sidney James + Kate	Mitchell	45, Queens Rd Aldershot	freehouseman	W.R. Benthall
Sept 5 th 1898	November 13 th						
No. 431							

Philip's parents were Sydney James and Kate (née Merritt) Mitchell. His father, Sydney, a grocer's assistant, and a market gardener was born in Chichester, Sussex in 1869. His mother, Kate was born in Farnham in 1868. The couple were married in St Andrew's, Farnham in August 1891.

1891. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Farnham in the County of Surrey								
No.	When Married.	Name and Residence.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.	Rank or Profession of Father.
416	August 4 1891	Sydney James Mitchell Kate Merritt	21 23	Bachelor Spinster	Free —	Farnham Farnham	James Mitchell George Merritt (deceased)	Grocer & Gardener Brewery Man
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by								
This Marriage was solemnized between us:			In the Presence of us:			of the Parish		
Sydney James Mitchell			Wm Chandler			Philip Harte - Rector		
Kate Merritt			Elizabeth Mitchell					

**Philip's parents'
marriage, St
Andrews,
Farnham 1891.**

Philip had three brothers, Harry, Arthur and Frederick and six sisters, Edith, Eveline, Florence, Dorothy, Nellie and Hilda. All were born in Aldershot except for Hilda who was born in Farnham. The 1901 census shows the family in Queen's Road, Aldershot with Philip aged two.

1901. The Mitchell family in Queens Road, Aldershot.

By 1911, the Mitchell family had moved to 'Hillside', Badshot Lea, Farnham. For those not familiar with the 1911 census form, the figures just left of centre '**19 10 10**' indicate a marriage of nineteen years with ten children born and ten children still living. The next column would indicate any children that had died.

**The Mitchell
family in
Badshot Lea,
Farnham 1911.**

Sometime between April 1911, the date of the census and June 1915, the Mitchell family moved from Badshot Lea to Rowledge.

The military record for Philip George Mitchell was only partially damaged in a 1940 fire and it shows that he enlisted into The Queen's, Royal West Surrey Regiment at Farnham on June 2nd, 1915. He gave his own and his parent's address as Holtside Farm, Rowledge, Surrey which remained their address until their move to the Tilford Road (Leigh House) in 1922. Holtside Farm was near Boundary Road (then Batts Corner Road) and Lickfolds Road. He would not have been seventeen and should have been enlisted in a training reserve capacity.

Enlistment and Service Record for Philip George James Mitchell.

On January 1st 1916, soon after he was seventeen, Philip transferred to the Machine Gun Corps (M.G.C.).

Philip Mitchell embarked for France and the British Expeditionary Force on March 18th

1916 with the 57th Company of the M.G.C. on March 26th 1916.

The 57th Company were involved in several of the larger battles during the 1916 Somme offensive including the capture of La Boisselle, the Battle of Poizieres Ridge and the Battle of Ancre heights. All actions with very high casualties.

After the Somme offensive of 1916 the 57th M.G.C. continued their actions, particularly in the Beaumont Hamel area between 11th January 1917 and 13th March 1917. The Germans still held much territory there.

Philip fell on the first day of this particular offensive, 11th January 1917. The 57th M.G.C. were involved that day in the taking of a German trench. He was just four months into his eighteenth year, not his nineteenth as the army believed. His deception held.

He was finally laid to rest in the Hebutern Military Cemetery, close to where he fell at Beaumont Hamel, where he has a memorial headstone.

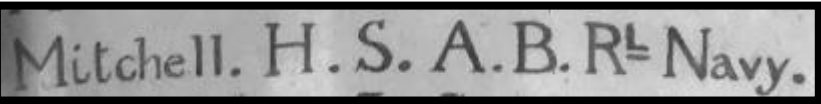


The Hebutern Military Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel.

Headstone for Philip Mitchell. It gives his age as 19 but he was actually 18.



The Memorial in St. James porch to 'Those Who Served' shows Able Seaman H.S. Mitchell.



This was Able Seaman Harry Sidney Mitchell, Philip's older brother who had enlisted into the Royal Navy before 1911 when he is shown in the census on board his ship, aged nineteen. (Bottom line).

Harold Lees	26	single	AB	415	William Lawton
Victor G. Mitchell	30	married	P.O. 2 class		Blanchard Hunt
Reuben H. Walker	26	single	AB		Wardford Will
John H. Butler	31	married	P.O. 2 class		Clatney Lacey
Wm. H. Harland	27	"	AB		Islington Hunt
Reuben Horner	20	single	"		Harrogate York
Hy. S. Mitchell	19	"	"		Aldershot Hunt

1911 census for Harry Mitchell, Philip's older brother.

Harry died in or near Gosport, Hampshire in 1958 aged 66.

Philip's mother, Kate died in or near Farnham in 1948 and his father, Sydney died in Farnham hospital in 1956.

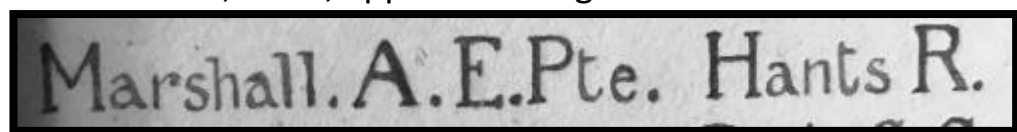
My second short entry this month is for Sergeant Reginald Marshall whose links to Rowledge are tenuous but clearly his family were living at Bucks Horn Oak when he fell. We learn this through an entry in the Parish Magazine, now the Rowledge Review, so the family likely attended St. James.

Reginald Marshall. 1890-1916.
Bombardier Sergeant.
126th/29th Brigade,
Royal Field Artillery. 49840.



There are two Reginald Marshalls who were members of the Royal Field Artillery who could be the R. Marshall, Sgt. R.F.A. shown on the Memorial. They both died in WW1. Only one was a sergeant so it has to be assumed that the organisers of the Memorial felt that the Reginald Marshall who was born in 1890 in Shalden, between Alton and Lasham, Hampshire was the name they were to honour.

This assumption is strengthened by the existence of the name A.E. Marshall on the St. James porch Memorial to 'Those Who Served'. Albert Edward Marshall, a butcher's lad, was Reginald's younger brother and was also born at Shalden. Additionally, their father's name, Alma, appears on Reginald's effects record.



Albert Edward Marshall shown on the St. James porch Memorial 'To Those Who Served'

Various birth, marriage, death and census records seem to indicate that until 1911 the nearest this family came to Rowledge was when they lived in Poplar Cottage Isington, Hampshire as shown in the 1911 census. (Reginald was with his regiment in Petersfield, Hants. for this 1911 census).

Alma Marshall	Head	26	Married					Yarn Dealer 140	Widow	Farnham Surrey 140
Ellen Marshall	Wife	55	Married	33	10	9	1			Farnham Surrey
Reginald Marshall	Son	22	Single					Gardener (Farnham)	Widow	Farnham Surrey
Charles Marshall	Son	19	Single					Servant (Farnham)	Widow	Alton Hants
Albert Marshall	Son	17	Single					Butcher's Lad 310 Butcher	Widow	Alton Hants
Alfred Marshall	Son	15	Single							Alton Hants
Ellen Cutler	Mother-in-law	23	Widow							Elstead Surrey 142

To be filled up by the Enumerator			To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family in other cases in occupation or in charge of the dwelling		
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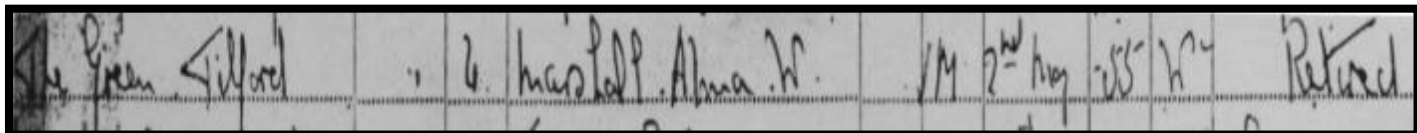
1911 census for the Marshall family in Isington near Binsted, Hampshire.

Reginald and Albert's parents were Alma (née Cutler) Marshall. Father Alma William Marshal, a gamekeeper, was born at Elstead on May 2nd 1855 and grew up both there and in Tilford. Mother Ellen Cutler was born in Farnham in

1856 so may have had links to the Rowledge area.

The couple were married in the Farnham area in the autumn of 1877 but likely moved soon after 1880 to Shalden where most of their children were born. Reginald Marshall had four brothers, Bryant, Archibald, Ernest and Albert. He had four sisters, Dora, Minnie, Daisy and Ellen.

By 1939 Reginald's father, Alma was in Tilford but that was maybe after living in Rowledge or as is more likely, Bucks Horn Oak. His mother, Ellen died in 1940 having probably been in care from at least 1939. Alma died in 1945.



Father Alma at The Green Tilford, 1939.

The military records for Bombardier Sergeant Reginald Marshall of the Royal Field Artillery are missing, presumably lost in the fire of 1940.

Reginald Marshall's death record indicates he enlisted in London and the 1911 census shows him as a gunner, aged 21, with his regiment in Petersfield, Hampshire. This indicates that he enlisted well prior to 1911.

NAME IN FULL	RANK	AGE (last birthday)	CONDITION as to MARRIAGE	UNIT, or ARM OF SERVICE	TRADE or OCCUPATION (if any)	BIRTHPLACE
George William Lewis	Gunner	21 Years	Single	Royal Field Artillery	Blacksmith	Kent Hampshire
Reginald Marshall	—	21 —	Single	— do —	—	Hampshire, Wotton
W. Marshall	—	21 —	Single	— do —	—	Kent Hampshire

1911 census, Petersfield showing Gunner Reginald Marshall with his regiment.

Reginald's Medal Card shows that he was awarded the 1914 Star and he entered France as a bombardier on 23rd August 1914, nearly three weeks after war was declared. Apart from the 1914 Star and the British and Victory Medals, Reginald was awarded a Clasp, probably for action close to enemy artillery

Campaign: 1914		(A) Where decoration was earned.	
		(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.
(A) MARSHALL	24/1904 RFA	Bombardier	1904
(B) Reginald		Sgt	
Action taken	K - IN. A		
Clasp: 2/2554			
QUALIFYING DATE	23 8 14 WS/2/6313		

Medal Card for Sergeant Reginald Marshall.

By 1916 Reginald was a Bombardier Sergeant and in June his unit was stationed close to Beaumont Hamel in the front line preparations for the launch of the Battle of the Somme. The Artillery units had been firing at

Few villages but are mourning some brave son of England, and we are not peculiar. Captain Bellwood, of the 8th Devons, a regular worshipper in our Church, has given up his life as also Sergt. Marshall, of the Châlet, Bucks Horn Oak. To their friends and relatives we offer our sincere sympathy. It is natural to mourn, but the day will come when families who gave their sons will feel a noble pride. Private Hubert Gilliam, R.A.M.C., has been wounded in the dangerous work of a stretcher bearer. May he soon be convalescent. Were we to know but half of what our men have done and borne England would indeed be full of righteous pride. They have done more than seemed possible.

Rowledge Parish Magazine for August 1916 report reporting the loss of Reginald Marshall.

Bringing our lovely community together – message from S Oliver

Dear Community,

As your Primary School, in the heart of the village, we are always thinking about you all in this challenging time. We are working hard to keep morale up for our families and hoped that we could share this with you too.

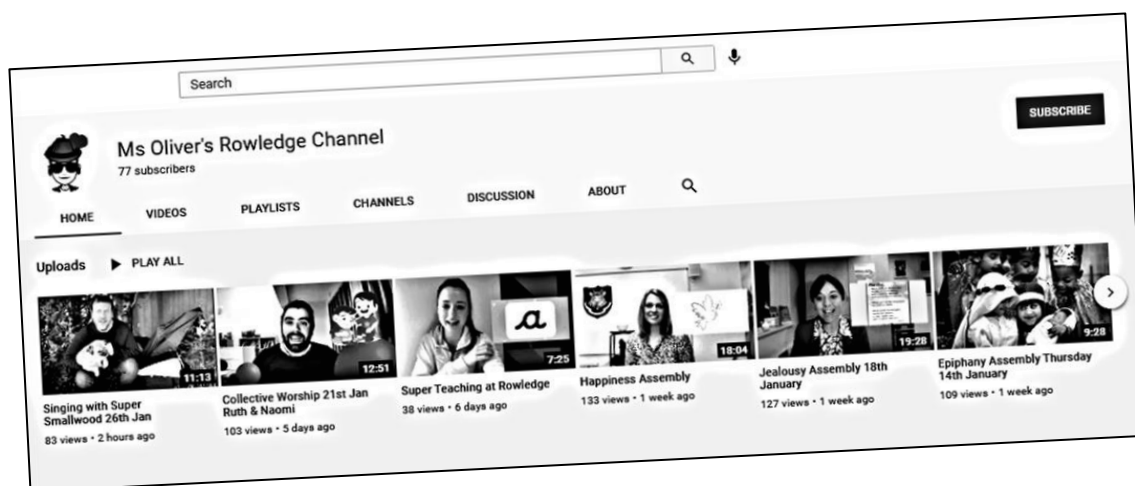


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To find two of our channels, search for either **Ms Oliver's Rowledge Channel** or **Mr Yates Tech Tips** for things that will hopefully make you smile and brighten your day! The links are here if you want to go directly to pages:

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During these last challenging months, more people than ever have been connecting with St. James' Church via some form of online service, time of prayer, or support group. People who have not been to church before, or who wouldn't necessarily call themselves a person of faith, seem to have found a deep connection through some of these online offerings.

I think this is what I mean by the question, how is your soul, or how is your spiritual health? Because we can be keeping physically active and ensuring that our minds are occupied and alert, but we can still feel the need for a deeper connection. As the theologian, St. Augustine, is attributed as saying:

**"Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord
and our heart is restless until it finds it's rest in Thee."**

I think we can all relate to this 'restlessness.' Although 'virtual church' is clearly lacking the physical connectivity of actually being together, many have told me that our online gatherings have really lifted their spirits. They are also clearly allowing many to 'dip a toe in the water' and see if the Christian Faith has something to offer in these challenging times.

Let me say as Vicar, that St. James' Church is not a holy huddle for an exclusive few. It is your church, and you are very welcome to 'taste and see.'

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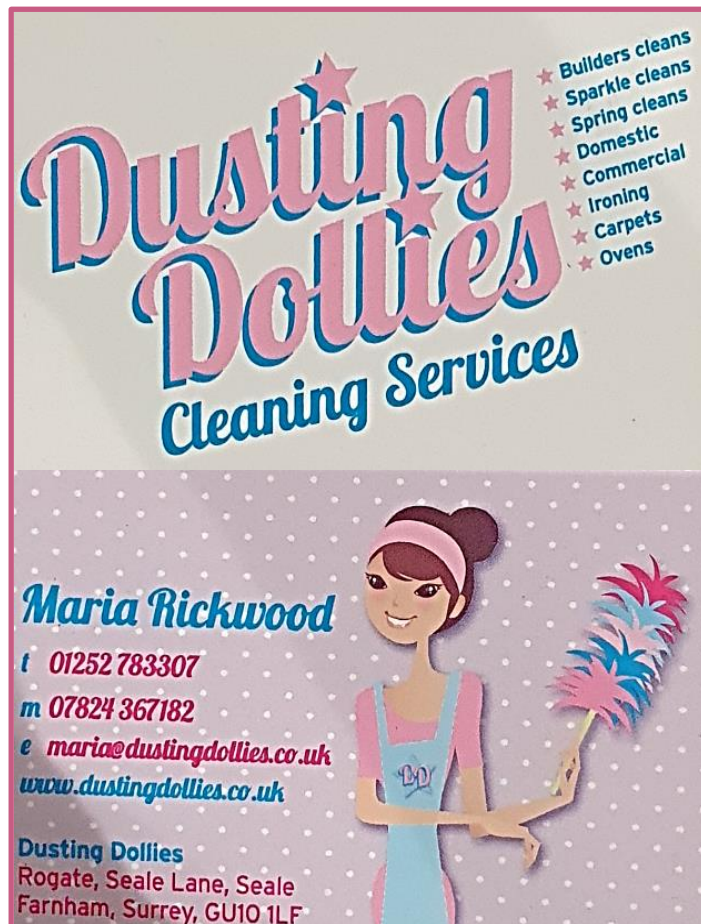


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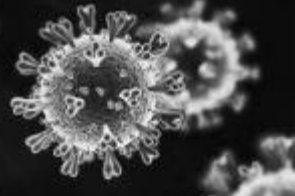
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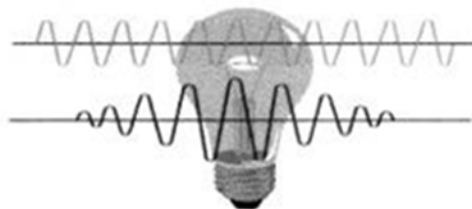
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