

Windsor Church News



December 2022 & January 2023
the online newsletter from
the Church of England
in Central Windsor



The Revd Canon Sally Lodge

Dear Friends,

Recently I came across these words written in 1926 and attributed to Dr James Allan Francis, a Canadian pastor who ministered mainly in New York and Los Angeles. The title is "One Solitary Life"

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a house. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While he was dying his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth – his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centrepiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.



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All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

The concluding paragraph is perhaps deliberately provocative. Is it true, do you think, that Jesus of Nazareth has had more influence on life on earth than all kings, parliaments, armies and navies? It would make for an interesting debate!

It is however true that for Christians the world over the baby whose birth we celebrate each year became the man through whose life and death we glimpse humanity in all its beauty. This is how the human race was meant to be. This is how the human race *is* meant to be. This is how God intended us to be. "Then God said, Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness...So God created humankind in his image, in *the image of God* he created them." (Genesis 1.26-27).

You, me, everyone who has ever lived, was created in *the image of God*. God's imprint shapes who we are and should shape how we live. Does it? Does it shape your life?

Two thousand years ago God's "Word became flesh and lived among us", to

show us what it means to be fully human. "He came to what was his own, and his own did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God." (John 1.11-12,14)

This is the message of Christmas, but it is not a message just for Christmas. It is a message to take us into the new year, a message for the next 5, 10, 20 years, a message for the rest of our days on earth. One solitary life. How has it affected you?

May God bless you this Christmas-tide and always.

Sally



Our next Messy Church is on Epiphany, Friday 6 January, at St Stephen & St Agnes Church at 4pm. It's helpful

for us to have an idea of numbers in advance - if you'd like to come please could you let us know by emailing windsor.churchbookings@gmail.com? Messy Church is a fun couple of hours for all ages with crafts, bible stories and a meal. Children must bring an adult please.

Our Sung Eucharist for Epiphany follows shortly after Messy Church at 6.30pm (also at St Stephen & St Agnes Church).

The logo for "Follow The Star THE GREAT INVITATION". It features a yellow star at the top, with a vertical line extending downwards from its center. The words "Follow The Star" are written in a blue, sans-serif font above the vertical line. Below the vertical line, the words "THE GREAT INVITATION" are written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

Follow The Star THE GREAT INVITATION

We warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas with us

Saturday 17 & Friday 23 December

6pm Carols by Candlelight—Holy Trinity Church
Claremont Road & Trinity Place

Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service & Christingle—All Saints' Church
Frances Road

11.15pm Midnight Mass—St Stephen & St Agnes Church
Vansittart Road

11.15pm Midnight Communion—Holy Trinity Church
Claremont Road & Trinity Place

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion—Holy Trinity Church
Claremont Road & Trinity Place

10am Family Eucharist with carols—All Saints' Church
Frances Road

11.15am Christmas Morning Praise—Windsor Parish Church
High Street

Feast of St Stephen (Monday 26 December)

10am Said Eucharist—St Stephen & St Agnes Church
Vansittart Road

Gift Service

Thank you to everyone who attended the Gift Service in November and for bringing a range of wonderful presents, pictured below.

The gifts are on their way to local families in need via the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead Social Services Children's Team.



Church Opening Times

Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist (High Street)	daily, all day
St Stephen & St Agnes Church (Vansittart Road)	daily, all day
All Saints' Church (Frances Road)	Mon-Wed & Sat, all day
Holy Trinity Church (Trinity Place & Claremont Road)	Wed, Thu & Fri 9:30-11:30am



CLAREMONT SINGERS



Come and join us
for our
Christmas Concert



Sunday
4th December 2022
3pm

**Holy Trinity Garrison Church,
Claremont Road & Trinity Place, Windsor
SL4 3AX**

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Entrance on the door is £5.00 (cash only). Accompanying carers and children go free. Wheelchair access is at the side door opposite the car park.

Would you like to sing with us?

Our friendly group meets at
Holy Trinity Church

8.00 – 9.30 pm every Monday during school term times.
£7.00 a session

If you want to know more, contact Jane on 01753 869557
New members are always welcome. There is no audition, the only requirement is enthusiasm and a keen ear.

Our concerts raise money for Thames
Hospice and Holy Trinity Church



Thank you...

...very much to the children of Trinity St Stephen First School for their beautiful Christmas artwork on this, the following page and on the first page.

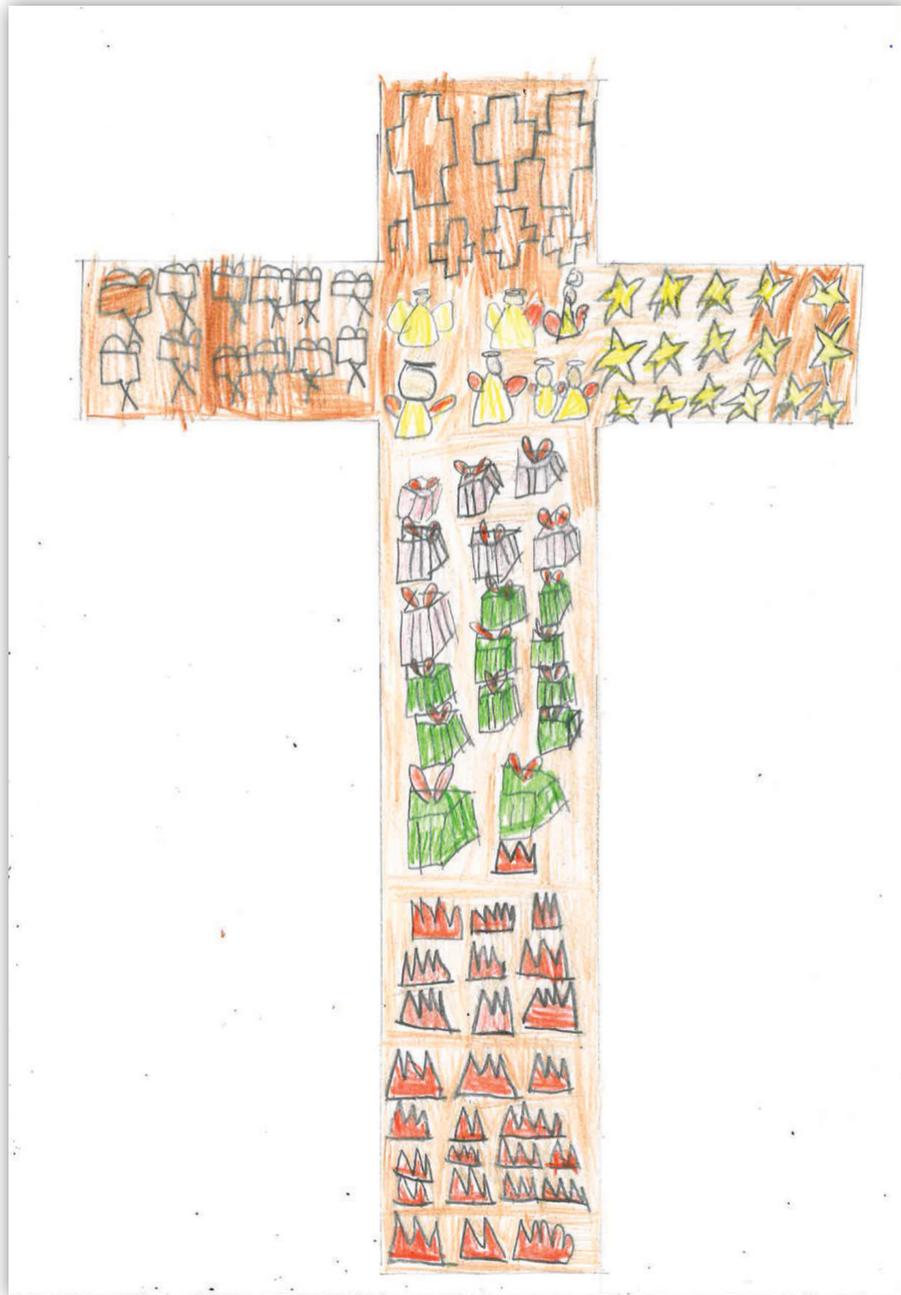


Mothers' Union Toiletries Collection

Each year at this time the Mothers' Union collects toiletries for parents whose children are patients at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. The staff and parents are always very appreciative of our contributions so please support this worthwhile cause. Contributions may be given to Estlyn Davies, Cathy Wisbey (or any member of the Mothers' Union) or Mary Skelton at Holy Trinity. Items required

- Mini-sized toiletries – soap, shampoo, shower gel, body lotion etc.
- Toothbrushes and sample sized toothpaste
- Combs
- Small packets of tissues
- Shaving kits – either ready-made (from airlines and hotels) or a razor and a small shaving foam (if possible one razor to each small shaving foam)

Please do not send anything which has been used or opened. Many thanks



Organ at Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist

Thank you to John Halsey for this update

During November, Bishop & Son staff put back the thousands of parts that make up the Windsor Parish Church organ. Everything has come back sparkling clean after over a year's restoration. The picture shows one of the 16-foot front case pipes cleaned of perhaps over eighty years of dust.

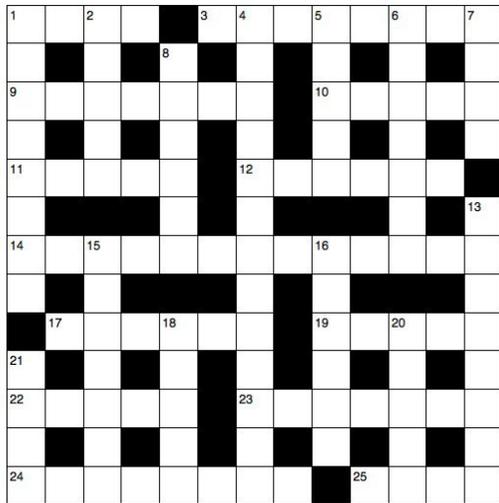
Putting everything back in the place it came from would be hard enough - a kind of three-dimensional jigsaw - but it is harder than that, because of some agreed changes being made to the organ such as the flexibility of registration. This has been increased by installing an option to have the organ's powerful 16, 8 and 4-foot Great reed stops sounding on the Choir manual.

The next stage will be to finish re-installing the organ console, mend the links between the organ blower and the organ, start pumping air through and then the final voicing of the organ.

We expect it to be fully restored sometime early next year.



Puzzle Page



Across

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have —?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — —' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)



The Bible used is the New International Version.

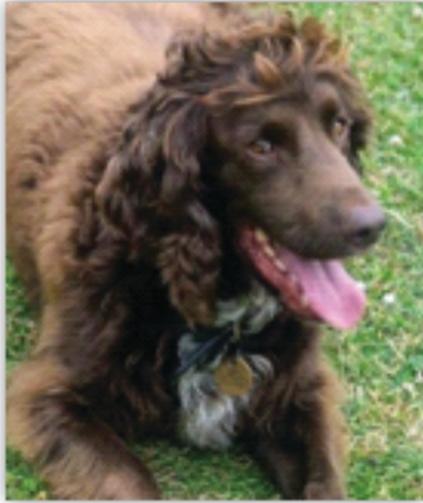


Christmas is nearly here! Two thousand years ago the Jews were longing for the coming of their Messiah. The Old Testament had promised that when He came, He would preach good news to the poor, bind up the broken hearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, comfort all who mourn and to bestow on his people a crown of beauty instead of ashes. Jesus did all those things. He was and is the Son of God, and whoever has seen Him has seen the Father. Whoever believes in Him will have the best gift of all – His Spirit within them, which gives them eternal life.

Messiah	Favour	Crown	Seen
Broken	Prisoners	Beauty	Father
Heart	Comfort	Ashes	Whoever
Freedom	Mourn	Son	longing
Darkness	Bestow	God	thousand
		Jesus	

Puzzle solutions are on page 11

Paws for Thought



Hello again,

“New Year, New Me”. I’ve sometimes heard humans saying this at the start of a new year. It’s not the sort of thing which dogs say. On the whole we dogs like being who we are and we don’t see much point in changing just because we have started a new year.

I mentioned this phrase once to The Boss and she said humans said it because they were never quite happy with how they look. It seems that, unlike dogs, humans always want to be a new version of themselves. A thinner, fitter, more good-looking version. Dogs, in my experience, are perfectly happy being who they are. And we certainly come in an impressive range of sizes, shapes and colours!

I really like being me and I wouldn’t want to change my ears or my eyes or my tail.

Psalm 139 tells us that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made”. I’m sure that is the same for humans and dogs. Each life matters – dogs, humans, even cats. I matter, you matter. We are all uniquely designed. “Fearfully made” sounds weird but The Boss tells me it’s not to do with being scared. This type of “fear” is like the sense of awe or amazement that we might feel when we see an incredible sunrise or a beautiful view or a newborn puppy. The birth of a puppy or a baby is an awesome moment. It reminds us that we are all awesomely made.

So, I’m going to go into this New Year celebrating who I am and being thankful that I am handmade by God with my own special features, strengths, weaknesses and talents*!

With all good wishes,

*Barnabas
The Vicarage Dog*

*I’m especially good at stealing slippers

Pause for a Poem

We recently celebrated the life of Frank Blagrove, who for many years led the bellringers at the Parish Church as Tower Captain. I have chosen Alfred Lord Tennyson’s poem, “Ring out, Wild bells” in Frank’s memory (and because it is appropriate for New Year).

It is in fact part of a much longer poem “In Memoriam A. H. H.” completed in 1849 in memory of Tennyson’s friend [Arthur Henry Hallam](#).

The wise words are as true in today’s trying times as they ever were.

Michael Bailey

Ring Out, Wild Bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Alfred Lord Tennyson – (1809-1882)



The story behind the hymn: Good King Wenceslas

Each year at Christmas we sing about good King Wenceslas looking on the Feast of Stephen... Here are three of the five verses...

*Good King Wenceslas looked out on the
Feast of Stephen*

*When the snow lay round about, deep
and crisp and even.*

*Brightly shone the moon that night, tho'
the frost was cruel*

*When the poor man came in sight,
gathering winter fuel...*

*Bring me flesh and bring me wine; bring
me pine logs hither;*

*Thou and I will see him dine when we
bear them thither.*

*Page and monarch forth they went, forth
they went together,*

*Through the rude winds' wild lament,
and the bitter weather...*

*In his master's steps he trod where the
snow lay dinted;*

*Heat was in the very sod which the saint
had printed.*

*Therefore Christian men, be sure wealth
or rank possessing,*

*Ye who now will bless the poor, shall
yourself find blessing.*

This carol was 900 years in the making... and started with a brutal murder in Bohemia.

For Wenceslas was a real person, the Duke of Bohemia, who lived in the early 10th century. He seems to have been a

rare ruler, in that he was just and had compassion for the poor. His goodness made him enemies, and when he was only 22, he was assassinated on the steps of a church in Prague in 935.

But that was not the end of Wenceslas. Deeply mourned by the common people, he was soon considered a martyr and a saint. A cult of Wenceslas grew up in Bohemia, influencing the High Middle Ages idea of the rex Justus – or 'righteous king' - that is, a monarch whose power stems mainly from his great piety.

The story of Wenceslas came to England sometime before 1853, when Queen Victoria's envoy to Stockholm sent some rare books to a friend, John Mason Neale, Warden of Sackville College, East Grinstead. Here Neale found the story of Wenceslas in an ancient poem by Czech poet Václav Alois Svoboda. Neale published his translation as a carol in 1853. He made the 'Duke' into a 'King', as a later Pope

Morning Prayer

A small group of us meet to say Morning Prayer at 9am on weekdays on Zoom and some days also in a church. Please contact [Revd Sally](#) if you'd like a Zoom invitation. You can download the Daily Prayer app with the order of service [here](#) (there are also books available in churches).

Daily
Prayer

had conferred the regal title on Wenceslas.

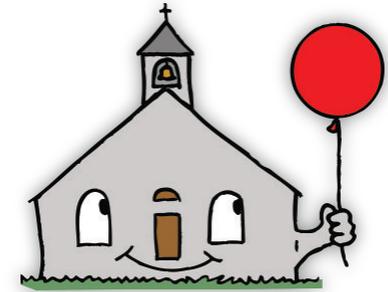
The carol tells the poignant story of a young king and his page braving harsh winter weather in order to bring food, wine and fuel to a poor peasant on the Feast of St Stephen (26 December). The journey is terrible, and the page only gets through by following in the king's footprints, step by step, through deep snow. There are themes here of following Christ, through suffering, to do good to the poor.

If the story is ancient, so is the melody that Neale chose for his carol - it goes back to Finland in 1582.

Good King Wenceslas... today, a millennium after his brutal murder, he is still remembered in Prague, where a statue of him stands tall in the middle of Wenceslas Square. His goodness is not forgotten.

from Parish Pump

Winter Social Evening



Banish the winter blues by joining us for a Social Evening on Saturday 18th February 2023 in the hall at All Saints' Church. We have a great event planned to bring together our community for an evening of fellowship, food and fun as we celebrate our intention to become 1 parish with 4 churches. We have plans for regular social events and your ideas for activities will be very much appreciated, please feel free to discuss these with Sally or Richard or jot your ideas on an email to Victoria/Steve, our Parish Administrators.

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This month it was...

200 years ago, on 27th December 1822 that Louis Pasteur, French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist was born. One of the fathers of germ theory, he was best known for the pasteurisation process, which is named in his honour.

100 years ago, on 8th December 1922 that Lucian Freud, German-born British figurative artist and draughtsman was born. One of the leading portrait artists of the 20th century.

Also 100 years ago, on 14th December 1922 that John Reith (later Lord Reith) was appointed as General Manager of the BBC.

Also 100 years ago, on 30th December 1922 that the Soviet Union was founded. Officially known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), it was dissolved in 1991.

90 years ago, on 25th December 1932 that the first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King George V

addressed the nation live from Sandringham.

80 years ago, on 1st December 1942 that the British Government published the Beveridge Report, which formed the basis of the welfare state.

Also 80 years ago, on 17th December 1942 that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons about the mass executions of Jews by the Nazis in occupied Europe. Ministers and Members of Parliament condemned the massacres and held a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims.

65 years ago, on 25th December 1957 that Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas message was televised for the first time.

50 years ago, on 22nd December 1972 that 14 people were found alive in the Andes more than two months after their plane crashed. They had survived by eating dead passengers.

40 years ago, on 12th December 1982 that 30,000 women joined hands around the Greenham Common RAF base in Berkshire to protest against the siting of US Cruise missiles there.

25 years ago, on 11th December 1997 that Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams met Prime Minister Tony Blair at 10 Downing Street – the first Irish Republican leader to do so since Michael Collins in 1921.

Also 25 years ago, on 11th December 1997 that the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at reducing greenhouse gases and combating global warming, was adopted at a conference in Japan. More than 190 countries have signed the agreement, which came into effect in February 2005.

20 years ago, on 7th December 2002 that Iraq submitted a weapons declaration to the United Nations in which it said it had no weapons of mass destruction. This was part of the prelude to the March 2003 Invasion of Iraq.

10 years ago, on 9th December 2012 that Patrick Moore, British astronomer, television presenter and musician died. Best known for hosting the astronomy series *The Sky at Night* (1957-2013) the longest-running TV series with the same presenter.

from Parish Pump

Advent Course

Please join us for an Advent course in the Celtic tradition based on, 'Journeying with the Magi' by Keith Duke. There are three sessions, Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, taking place on the first three Mondays in December – (5th, 12th and 19th) between **7.15 – 8.45pm**.

We intend to hold the sessions at our home where we can accommodate 10 people. Please let us know if you would like a place by emailing katyTkerr@hotmail.com and we will then give further details. If the course is oversubscribed we will seek to find an alternative venue.

All the necessary materials will be provided and the sessions are designed to stand alone, so please sign up even if you can only commit to one session.



Simon and Katy Kerr

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THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

THE THINGS THAT ARE HANGING ON IT (AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE THE HANGING)

1 SPACE FOR LITTLE ANGEL, IF ANYONE CAN FIND ONE

2 CHILDREN'S INSTRUMENTS (NO ONE WILL ADMIT TO LOFTY PLACEMENT)

3 BELL (BELL RINGERS)

4 SAW USED TO CUT TREE DOWN (MEN'S GROUP)

5 TINSEL MADE FROM OLD SHREDDED SERMONS (THE VICAR)

6 BANNERS AND BADGES (UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS)

7 TRADITIONAL NATIVITY ANIMALS - GOAT, ZEBRA, TRANSFORMER ETC (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

8 MEMORY STICK CONTAINING CHRISTMAS IMAGES (PARISH I.T. EXPERT)

9 TEA BAG (COFFEE ROTA VOLUNTEER)

10 CHURCH MOUSE (CHURCH CAT)

11 CORKS (SOCIAL COMMITTEE)

12 WRAPPED PRESENTS DESTINED TO FORM SLIGHTLY AWKWARD SERMON ILLUSTRATION

13 THURIBLE (HIGH CHURCH ENTHUSIAST)

14 HAND-KNITTED BAUBLES (LADIES' GROUP)

15 HYMN NUMBER CHAIN (SIDESPEOPLE)

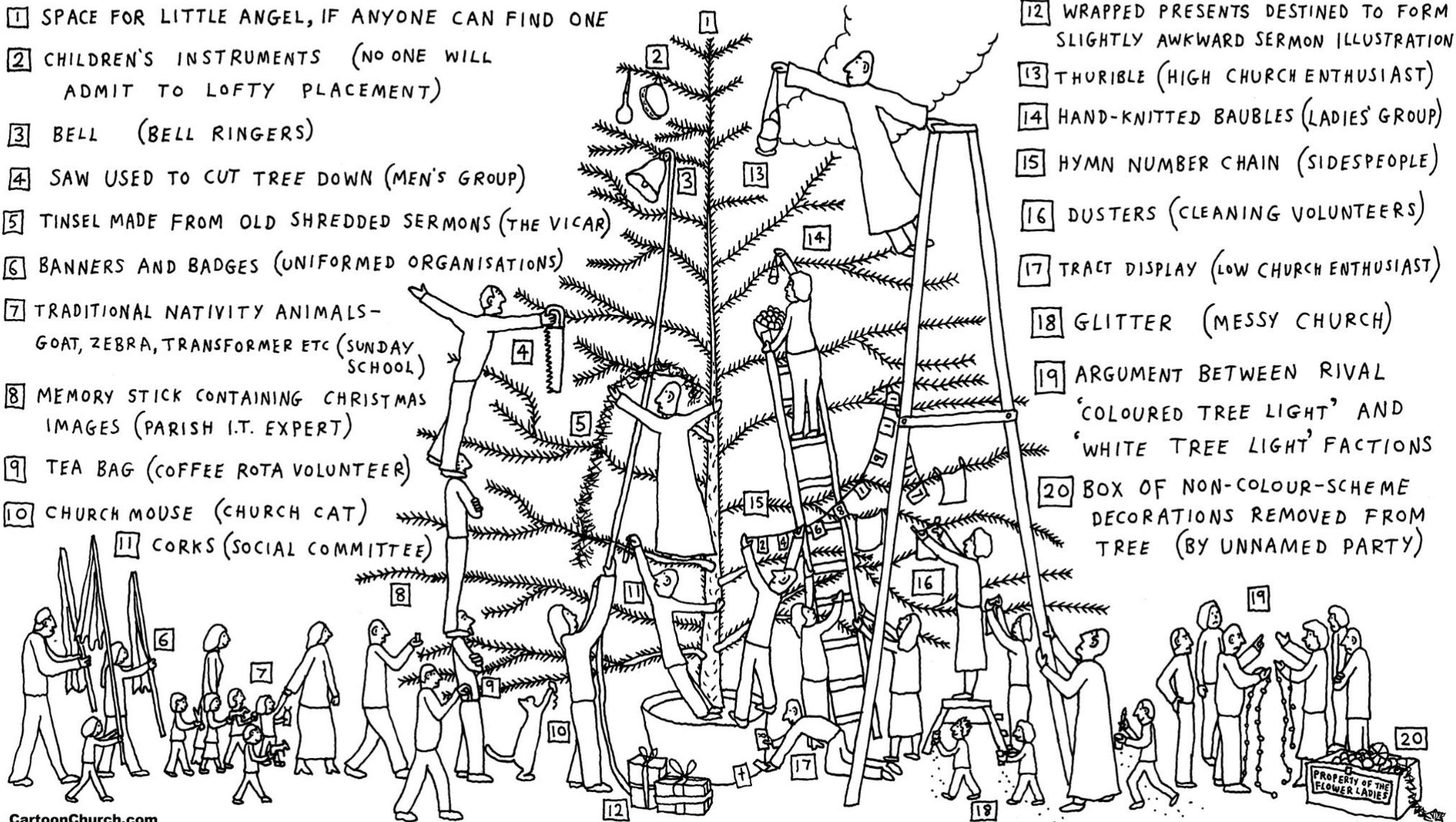
16 DUSTERS (CLEANING VOLUNTEERS)

17 TRACT DISPLAY (LOW CHURCH ENTHUSIAST)

18 GLITTER (MESSY CHURCH)

19 ARGUMENT BETWEEN RIVAL 'COLOURED TREE LIGHT' AND 'WHITE TREE LIGHT' FACTIONS

20 BOX OF NON-COLOUR-SCHEME DECORATIONS REMOVED FROM TREE (BY UNNAMED PARTY)



From the November registers...



Baptisms

Holly Baldwin (Holy Trinity)
Adeline Turner (Holy Trinity)
Romilly Turner (Holy Trinity)



Weddings



Funerals

Frank Blagrove (Windsor Parish Church)
Peter Mayhew-Drennen

New Pathways

An informal bereavement group for anyone who has lost a loved one

We meet for tea, cake and conversation on the last Thursday of each month, 2.30pm—3.30pm, in the Mountbatten Room at Holy Trinity Church, Claremont Road, Windsor

Everyone welcome *email: windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com*

Puzzle Solutions

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Regular midweek services

(except 26 December to 2 January)

Mondays

9am Morning Prayer - All Saints' Church

Wednesdays

9am Morning Prayer - St Stephen & St Agnes Church

11am Holy Communion (BCP) - Holy Trinity Church
(except 14 December)

Fridays

9am Morning Prayer - Holy Trinity Church

Mothers' UNION

Our November meeting took us to Albania. Anne Casson shared the delights of her recent holiday there. It was a fascinating journey for us through a mountainous, heavily wooded country. We were surprised to learn that Byron is considered a National hero. The journey of Paul and Silas must have been very difficult but very rewarding as they spread the Gospel. Thank you, Anne, for an interesting account.

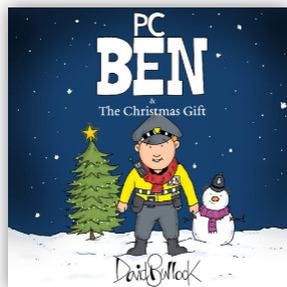
December seems to have come around quickly this year! Our Annual Advent Service is on **Thursday December 8th in All Saints Church at 3 o'clock**. We hope you will join us at this special time. As usual we will start with a short service reflecting on the significance of the Advent Candles. After this we hope you will share your favourite poem, or story with us. One good friend of MU usually recites, 'The Night Before Christmas'. Later we enjoy mince pies ...a Christmas tea. Please join us for a happy time - it would help for catering if you could let Cathy or me know that you will be with us. Oh yes...we also sing a few well known carols.

See you on the 8th!

Every blessing

Estlyn Davies

The Christmas Gift is the latest book by David Bullock in his PC Ben series, aimed at 3-8 year olds. David is part of the Central Windsor Neighbourhood Policing Team and has had a pivotal support role in the work of Windsor Christian Action's four community projects. His books (both written and illustrated by him!) are available [from Amazon](#).



Need a new basket?

African Palms, which supplies our palm crosses is now offering a limited number of unique, handmade tote bags. Like the palm crosses they are individually crafted from dried branches of the dwarf palm *Hyphaena Coriacia* in the Masasi area using traditional techniques. As the trees grow wild (so are not cultivated or chemically treated) this doesn't impact the environment and is sustainable. When, eventually, you've finished with your bag it is, of course, 100% biodegradable. Visit africanpalms.co.uk.



December

- 1 *Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*
- 3 *Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552*
- 4 **The Second Sunday of Advent**
 - 10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church
- 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326
- 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397
- 8 The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10 Ember Day
- 11 **The Third Sunday of Advent**
 - 10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church
- 13 Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304
Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784
- 6.15pm RBWM Living Advent Calendar – Holy Trinity
- 14 John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591
- 17 *O Sapientia*
Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928
- 6pm Carols by Candlelight – Holy Trinity
- 18 **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 - 10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 23 6pm Carols by Candlelight – Holy Trinity
- 24 Christmas Eve
 - 3pm Crib Service & Christingle – All Saints'
- 6.15pm RBWM Living Advent Calendar – Windsor Parish Church
- 11.15pm Midnight Mass – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 11.15pm Midnight Communion – Holy Trinity Church
- 25 **Christmas Day**
 - 8am Holy Communion (BCP) – Holy Trinity
 - 10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints'
 - 11.15am Christmas Worship – Windsor Parish Church
- 26 **Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr**
 - 10am Said Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church Patronal Festival
- 27 **John, Apostle and Evangelist**
- 28 **The Holy Innocents**
- 29 Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170
- 31 *John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384*

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Celebrate Epiphany with us



Friday 6 January
St Stephen & St Agnes Church
 Vansittart Road

4pm Messy Church
6.30pm Sung Eucharist

All welcome

1 The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

2 Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389

Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833

Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945

6 The Epiphany

4pm Messy Church – St Stephen & St Agnes Church

6.30pm Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

8 The Baptism of Christ

10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church

10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

11 Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915

12 Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689

13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367

Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603

George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691

15 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church

17 Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356

Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951

19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

20 Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349

21 Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304

22 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church

24 Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

25 The Conversion of Paul

26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

29 Candlemas transferred from 2 February

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

4pm Christian Aid Service – All Saints' Church

30 Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

31 John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888