

# Windsor Church News



**Anne Casson**  
**Licensed Lay Minister**

Dear friends,

Did you have a dressing-up box when you were a child? We did. It was a treasure trove of interesting things – but no ready-made costumes, like a nurse's outfit, or the range of pirate, fireman, and strange animals, that children have today. We had a variety of garments made from parachute silk, scarlet, orange, crimson and a wonderful white silk dressing-gown. Do let me know what was in your dressing-up box! If we wanted other props, like a pirate's eye-patch, we made them ourselves. They must have looked bizarre. Mostly these outfits were just part of a game, but sometimes they became a play which parents had to sit and watch.

Open the Book can seem a bit like that: I can't believe that I am still dressing up and performing but the audience is the 150 children of Queen Anne's

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School and not my parents. Quite often, children from the top classes take part as well, being the crowd or disciples.

Open the Book aims to present the Bible, through selected stories, in an accessible and enjoyable way. The stories are told in such a way that the children can engage with them imaginatively. Each story is very carefully written by the team at The Bible Society. Volunteers are asked to ensure that they stick to the given text which has been developed very carefully in consultation with schools and the criteria used by OFSTED. The stories are delightfully written and followed by a period of guided quiet reflection. The children listen enraptured; for the volunteers it is such a pleasure to be able to share these well-loved stories from the Bible with a whole new generation: *'We will not keep them from our children; we will tell the next generation about the LORD's power and his great deeds and the wonderful things he has done.'* (Psalm 78.4 GNB)

It was in Bedford in 1999 that Open the Book was started. In 2015, Anne Harding started the group in Windsor, running it from their home with the costumes and props organised from their spare-bedroom. Members made props, many of which are still in use – though stored in All Saints vestry now.

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Costumes were made and donated along with plenty of tea-towels.

Visiting schools had to stop during COVID, but we are so glad that we have been able to start again, and the team now draw near to the end of our first OTB year back in school. We hope it will continue for many more years and honour Anne Harding for her vision and energy in getting such a joyful ministry started in Windsor.

Anne Casson

### **Stained Glass Window**

#### ***Let the little children come to me***

The stained glass window pictured on the previous page is in the South Gallery of Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist. The dedication reads "To the glory of God and in loving memory of John Sharp born Dec 13 1822 died April 22 1893 Erected by his wife and children Mark 10 14". It seemed apposite to include this beautiful window, which we don't regularly see, to accompany Anne's letter.

Mark 10:13 People were bringing little children to him [Jesus] in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

Mark 10:14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

## **Mothers' UNION**

### **Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Nepal....Kathmandu....places of dreams!

Yet our own Rev. June has been there twice! Years ago she visited Nepal trekking to raise funds for a School that 'Voluntary Services Overseas' supported in Kathmandu.

And then a few months ago June went to a Hindu Wedding in Kathmandu. Her friend, Fiona, was going to her daughter's wedding and June was invited. Fiona's daughter had been working in Nepal involving Education for Women. Whilst there she met her future Nepalese husband.

In Nepal June and Fiona both wore beautiful outfits...bought in Slough! Fiona's actual wedding outfit was made for her by her daughter's future in-laws. The wedding lasted three days. The marriage service took place in an impressive temple. The bride wore a striking lovely red dress...the traditional colour for brides. After the ceremony the bride is taken to the groom's home. Custom dictates she has to refuse to go! In keeping with this tradition, the bride's brother carried her over his shoulder to the house!!

Although Kathmandu is very busy and noisy, June felt extremely safe and spiritually fulfilled there. There is a strong Buddhist influence and many large Buddhas in amazing temples.

Interesting small parades, soothsayers, all nationalities, a feeling of friendship, respect, care....truly a life enrichment which was fully conveyed to us.

The video, dresses and many items from Nepal made us all wish we were travelling there. We even continued looking at souvenirs and talking about their adventure during tea!

Sincere thanks to June and Fiona for sharing such a wonderful, treasured experience with us.

Our next meeting is on July 13 at 3.30 pm in All Saints' Church Hall when our speaker is Anne Casson. Her talk is titled, " Adopting a Disabled Child ".

We look forward to meeting you on the 13th July at 3.30pm.

### **Everyone is welcome**

*Estlyn Davies*

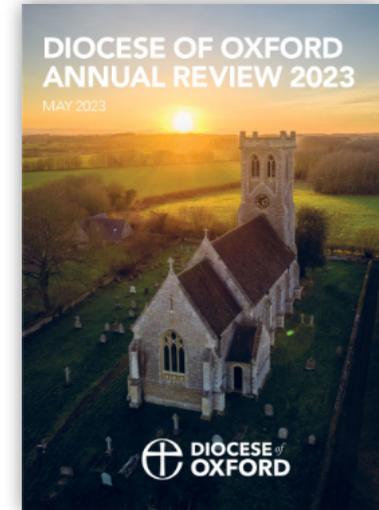
### **Have you an 1½ hours to spare each week?**

It was refugee Sunday on 25 June and the Revd Canon Liz Jackson, Associate Archdeacon of Berkshire, has extended an invitation to those of us who might have an hour and a half to spare each week to support people learning English online.

Not everyone has a spare room to offer and this is a good opportunity to support Ukrainians, Hong-Kongers and other new arrivals. All that's required is an interest in helping people, as full training will be given.

You can find out more [here](#) or contact Canon Liz via the diocesan website [here](#).

### **Annual Review**



[The annual review from our diocese is now available.](#) This reports on the activities being carried out from Church House to support and enable parish mission and ministry.

### **Morning Prayer**

A small group of us meet to say Morning Prayer at gam 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

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Friends of Windsor Parish Church - 11 June 2023

Thank you to Christine Heybourn for sharing the talk she gave at the Friends' Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on 11 June.

This year the Friends of Windsor Parish Church is celebrating its tenth Anniversary.

The idea of a Friends scheme was suggested many years ago by a faithful and long standing member of the choir, Peggy Bridgeman, that this would be a very useful addition to the Church and it was suggested at one of those many meetings to discuss how to fund the myriad of works that needed to be done with little money available.

Nothing happened at that time but the seed had been sown.

A few years later, I was asked to join a Friends scheme at a Church in a small Cornish village where my parents had a holiday home. I did join and was very impressed with how quickly their scheme grew and how much they were achieving.

Then the Rev. Margaret Bird joined our Parish as Associate Parish Priest. With her enthusiastic help, plus advice from Val Barker the secretary of the Cornish Church, our plans quickly moved forward and our 'Friends' officially began in April 2013.

Initially our projects were modest but over time they have become more ambitious, including the restoration of the stained glass windows and the two

very important stone memorials in the West Porch.

As you know, this building celebrated its bicentennial last year and to mark this the Friends were able to action, among other things, new noticeboards, the restoration of the much neglected 1970's garden benches and to have liaised with the Royal Borough Museum for the installation of a history trail



Christine Heybourn Cllr Neil Knowles Estlyn Davies  
Mayor of the Royal Borough  
of Windsor & Maidenhead

around the Church which has greatly enhanced our visitors' experience.

Projects for this coming year include the long overdue renewal of the curtains at the West end and we hope to donate towards the repair of the ceiling....also at the West end of the Church. However we must set our minds to further fund raising.

Our mission statement is

"To support the Parochial Church Council in maintaining the fabric and interior of the building and its grounds so that Windsor Parish Church of St. John the Baptist continues to serve the local community for many years to come".

We will only do this with your help.

So once again, sincere thanks for your past membership and generous donations and continuing interest and support.

Christine Heybourn

### Become a Friend!

Contact Christine on 01753 851975  
or email her on christine.heybourn@gmail.com.



# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

## Saturday 9 September

This national event happens every year across the country. Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride - simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family, perhaps every person in your congregation could sponsor you?

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm and many people make a day of it. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open and offering refreshments too.

There is also the Daphne Barnes-Phillips trophy which is awarded to the most successful church each year – this is a splendid silver cup which is still resting with St Peter's Woolhampton as they raised the most sponsorship in 2022.

Your nominated church will benefit hugely as they will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need.

More details will be provided closer to the event from your local co-ordinator or from the BHCT Ride & Stride website <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

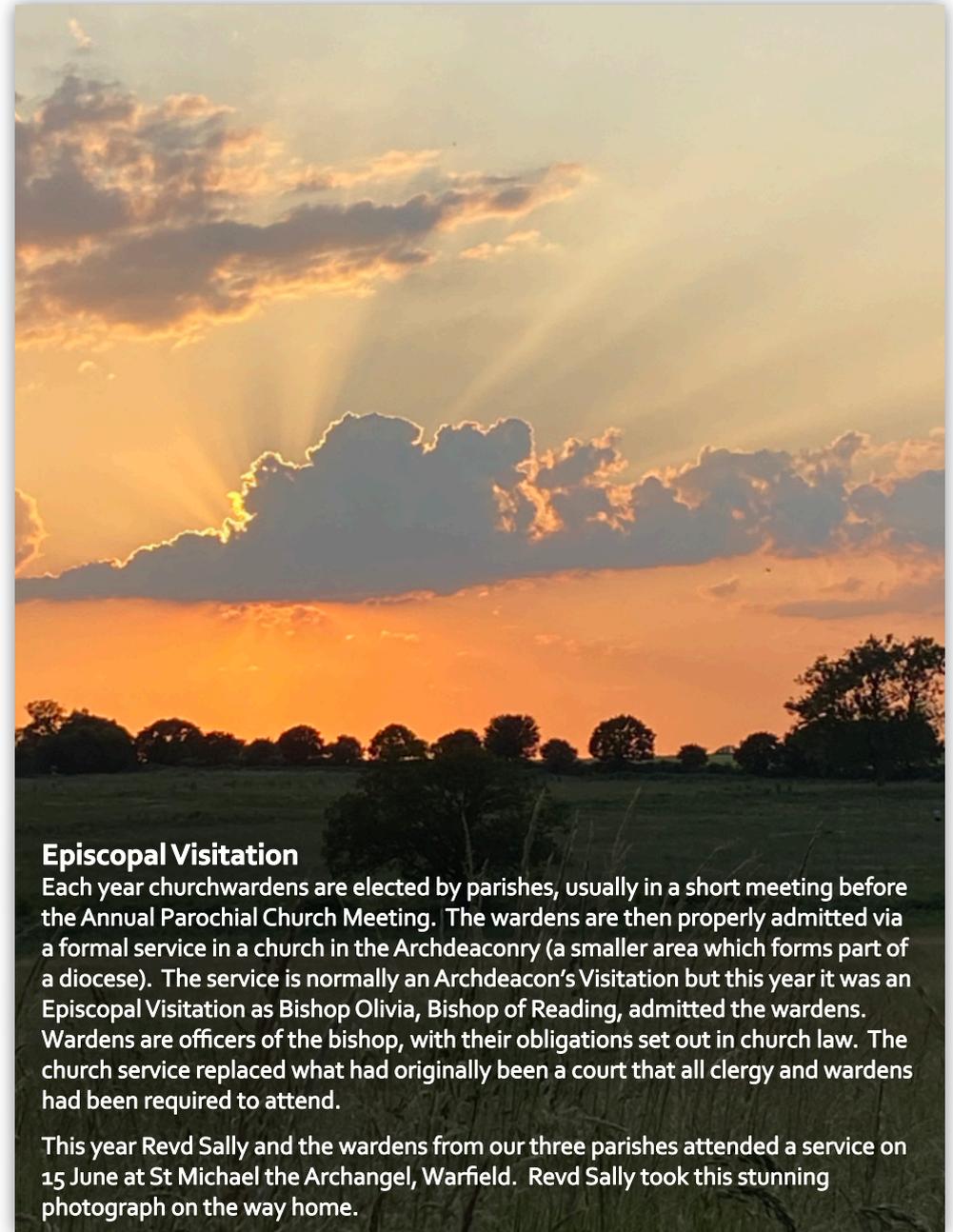
Prue Matchwick  
Berkshire Ride & Stride Co-ordinator

# Let there be light!

Many congratulations and thanks to All Saints' Lighting Committee (Karen Allott, Michael Harding, Roger Bowden, John Halsey, Robin McConnell, Don Church and Revd Sally) and all who contributed towards the new lighting scheme in the church, raising £60,000 in just over a year. The church, pictured below, now looks much brighter and more welcoming.



The bespoke pendant lights feature a rose design, which picks up the similar design found in the windows and brickwork.

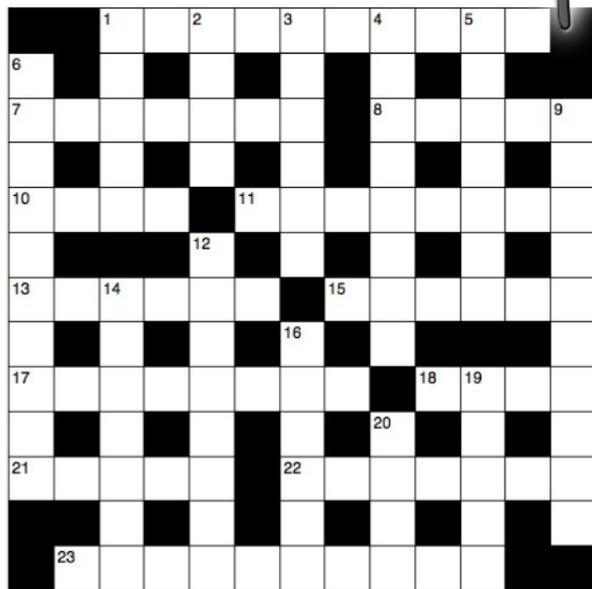


## Episcopal Visitation

Each year churchwardens are elected by parishes, usually in a short meeting before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The wardens are then properly admitted via a formal service in a church in the Archdeaconry (a smaller area which forms part of a diocese). The service is normally an Archdeacon's Visitation but this year it was an Episcopal Visitation as Bishop Olivia, Bishop of Reading, admitted the wardens. Wardens are officers of the bishop, with their obligations set out in church law. The church service replaced what had originally been a court that all clergy and wardens had been required to attend.

This year Revd Sally and the wardens from our three parishes attended a service on 15 June at St Michael the Archangel, Warfield. Revd Sally took this stunning photograph on the way home.

# Puzzle Page



## Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)

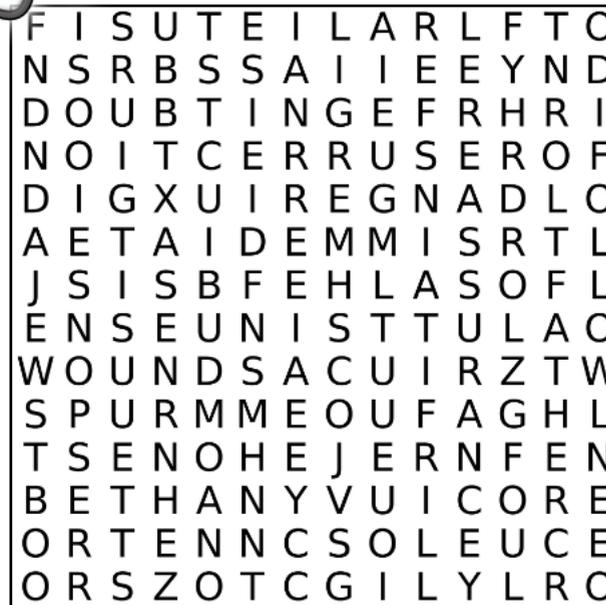
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

## Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)



The Bible used is the New International Version.



On 3<sup>rd</sup> July the Church remembers St Thomas, also called Doubting Thomas, because he would not believe his fellow disciples' news of the Resurrection. But 'doubt' did not mean that Thomas did not love Jesus! Only a few weeks before, Thomas had urged his fellow disciples to follow Jesus to see Lazarus in Bethany, despite danger from the Jews. "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life. Thomas was sometimes very confused about just where Jesus was headed. But in John 14:5 Jesus untangled his confused commitment: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me." Finally, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Thomas, showing him the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was electrified, and his response immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26ff). Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of people down the centuries.

July	Love	Danger	Going	Immediate
Thomas	Jesus	Jews	Father	Lord
Resurrection	Follow	Die	Wounds	God
Doubt	Lazarus	Life	Crucifixion	Honest
Doubting	Bethany	Confused	Response	Faith
				reassurance

Puzzle solutions are on page 15



# Vicarage Garden Party - 17 June



Thank you to Revd Sally (and her husband, John) and all who volunteered and attended the the Garden Party in June to celebrate the King's birthday. It raised over £350 for Windsor Christian Action (Windsor Homeless Project, Windsor Foodshare and Windsor Street Angels).



The next social event is the Harvest Quiz Night on Saturday 30 September - you can book in [here](#) on our website or see page 11 for more details.



A thoroughly enjoyable (and warm!) afternoon was had by everyone, including canine people (pictured to the left is Barnabas who either likes strawberries or thinks he does!).

With thanks to Revd Sally and Megan Gent for the photos.



## Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

There has been a great deal of building work going on next door to the Vicarage over the last few weeks. At first I told The Boss every time a different builder's van turned up but she began to get a little annoyed with me about this so now I try to keep the news to myself. It was especially noisy when the scaffolding was put up but I managed to keep fairly calm despite the excitement this generated. I'm not sure why The Boss wasn't as excited as I was. Perhaps she has seen more building work than I have.

Now I have this experience, I am more interested in looking at other building projects and building sites as we walk around the local neighbourhood. I have discovered that brick walls are pretty amazing. I've realised you can't just pile

up bricks one on top of the other. They have to be laid out in a proper way, in a special pattern, so that they stay upright and secure. I mentioned this observation to The Boss who agreed with me and told me about dry stone walls where the builder doesn't even use mortar to stick the stones together! He or she has to choose each stone really carefully so that it locks together with those around it. In a dry stone wall, the position of each stone in the wall is especially important but, even in an ordinary bricks and mortar wall, each brick is important. You may be just one small brick in a wall made up of 500 bricks but you are still an important brick and the wall needs you.

I pondered this thought for a while because it reminded me of something I had heard in the bible but I couldn't quite remember what. The Boss came to my rescue. She said that St Peter, in one of his letters to the early Christians, said that they were like "living stones". He says they are to be like "living stones built together as a spiritual house". I think Peter meant that they couldn't just do their own thing and not think about other people. They must all live together because, just as in an actual building all the stones are built together to make the building, they must work together with others in the church community.

I'm sure the same can be said today. We (humans and dogs) can't just go about doing our own thing. We are all part of

God's kingdom and we are all bricks in the wall. Each one is important to the strength of the building and, even if we feel like a small and insignificant brick, God has a purpose for us in his great building project.

I hope you all have a lovely summer,

*Barnabas  
The Vicarage Dog*

## Pathways Magazine



The latest edition of the magazine from the Oxford Diocese is out now. You can pick up a copy from churches or download by clicking on the picture on the left.

## 75 years of the National Health Service

It was 75 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948, that the National Health Service (NHS) began operating – formally opened at the Park Hospital in Manchester, now renamed Trafford General.

The National Health Service Act provided for the establishment of a comprehensive health service for England and Wales (separate legislation was produced for Scotland and Northern Ireland).

The Minister of Health at the time was Labour firebrand Aneurin Bevan, but the NHS came into being through the

efforts of many others as well – notably Conservative Sir Henry Willink, who was Minister of Health in the Coalition government in 1944. His White Paper laid down all the basic elements of an NHS – that no-one was excluded, and that healthcare was free and based on need, not the ability to pay.

But the origins of the NHS went back many years, starting perhaps in the early 1900s, with socialist Beatrice Webb's Minority Report of the Royal Commission on the Poor Law. It aimed to get away from the workhouse system, where those with no resources were expected to look after themselves. The report was dismissed by the Liberal government.

Strong ideas in the same vein had also come from biochemist Dr Benjamin Moore, from Liverpool, who is also credited with first use of the words "National Health Service". A novel called *The Citadel* by D J Cronin (also a doctor) drew attention to the inadequacies of health care at the time of its publication in 1937.

In the end, the NHS was based to a large extent on the Beveridge Report, published in 1942. William Beveridge was a Liberal politician, economist and social reformer who also had a strong interest in eugenics – the aim of improving the human race by controlling reproduction.

*Tim Lenton  
Parish Pump*



# CLAREMONT SINGERS



Please join us  
for our 2023 Summer Concert

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm**

followed by tea and homemade cakes

**at Holy Trinity Garrison Church,  
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Entrance on the door is £5.00 (cash only).  
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a keen ear.

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## The story behind the hymn “Just as I am”

The hymn ‘Just As I Am’ must be one of the most famous in the world. It has been sung by tens of millions of Christians at Billy Graham Crusades the world over, just for starters! Yet it was not written by a professional who was ‘aiming’ at a specific market, as many songs seem to be written today. Instead, it was written by an artist in Victorian times.

Her name was Charlotte Elliott, and she was born in Clapham in 1789. She grew up in a well to do home, and became a portrait artist and also a writer of humorous verse. All was well until Charlotte fell ill in her early 30s, and slid into a black depression. A minister, Dr Caesar Malan of Switzerland, came to visit her. Instead of sympathising, he asked her an unexpected question: did she have peace with God? Charlotte deeply resented the question and told him to mind his own business.

But after he left, his question haunted her. *Did* she have peace with God? She knew that she did not, that she had done some very wrong things. So, she invited Dr Malan to return. She told him that she would like to become a Christian, but would have to sort out her life first.

Dr Malan again said the unexpected: “Come just as you are.” The words were a revelation to Charlotte. She had assumed that she would have to put her life in order before she could hope to be accepted by God. Instead, she realised that Jesus wanted her just as she was -

and He would take care of the sin. Charlotte became a Christian that day.

14 years later, in 1836, Charlotte wrote some verses that summed up how it had been between her and Jesus that day. They ran:

*Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bids't me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, tho tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fightings within, and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

Charlotte could not have dreamed that 150 years into the future, her verses would be sung by millions of people all over the world, as they responded to the Gospel presented at many great Billy Graham crusades, and made their way forward to do just as the hymn describes - to come to Jesus Christ, despite sin and fear and doubts, to come ‘just as I am.’

*from Parish Pump*

*We shall be singing “Just as I am” during our Sung Eucharist at 10am on Sunday 9 July at Holy Trinity Church.*

## This July and August it was...

400 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1623 that William Byrd, English Renaissance composer, died. Regarded as one of the greatest British composers, and best known for his sacred music.

Also 400 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1623 that Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare, died.

175 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1848 that Waterloo railway station in London opened.

150 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1873 that British-born Australian explorer William Gosse discovered Ayers Rock and named it in honour of Sir Henry Ayers, the Chief Secretary of South Australia. It is now known as Uluru/Ayers Rock.

125 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1898 that Henry Moore, British sculptor and illustrator, was born. Best known for his monumental semi-abstract bronze sculptures.

Also 125 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1898 that the British Antarctic Expedition set off from London and became the first to spend winter on the Antarctic mainland and cross the Ross Ice Shelf. It was the first British expedition of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. The expedition returned to London in June 1900.

100 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1923 that the Hollywood Sign was officially dedicated in Hollywood, Los Angeles. It was

originally erected as a temporary advert for a housing development called Hollywoodland.

Also 100 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1923 that Richard Attenborough, British film actor and director was born. Best known for his roles in *The Great Escape*, and *Jurassic Park*. He also directed films including *A Bridge Too Far*, *Cry Freedom* and *Gandhi*. Died 2014.

80 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1943 that Britain's RAF bombed the Fokker aircraft factory in Amsterdam.

75 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 that the National Health Service (NHS) began operating.

Also 75 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1948 that the World Council of Churches was founded in Amsterdam.

70 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1953 that the UK premiere of the romantic

comedy film *Roman Holiday* took place. It featured Audrey Hepburn in her first starring role.

65 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1958 that debutantes were presented at the British royal court for the last time.

Also 65 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1958 that Cliff Richard's first single *Move It* was released. It reached second place in the UK charts, and John Lennon would later call it "the first British rock record".

Also 65 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1958 that Ralph Vaughan Williams, British composer, died. Among his famous compositions are: *The Lark Ascending*, *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*, and *A Sea Symphony*.

60 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1963 that the British government revealed that intelligence officer Kim Philby was a long-term Soviet spy and that he was

the 'third man' in the Cambridge spy ring. On 30<sup>th</sup> July the Soviet Union announced they had granted him political asylum.

Also 60 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1963 that the Moors murderers, Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, killed their first victim, 16-year-old Pauline Reade, on Saddleworth Moor.

Also 60 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1963 that the Great Train Robbery took place on the West Coast Main Line at Ledburn, Buckinghamshire. £2.6million was stolen in one of the UK's most infamous robberies. The bulk of the money was never recovered.

Also 60 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1963 that Dr Martin Luther King Jr, delivered his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The civil rights rally was attended by approximately 200,000 supporters.

50 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1973 that pharmaceutical companies in the UK agreed to pay more than £20 million in compensation to about 400 children who were born with birth defects after their mothers took thalidomide during pregnancy.

25 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1998 that during the second Sudanese Civil War, both sides declared a ceasefire because



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of the famine. It lasted until April 1999, then the war continued until 2005.

Also 25 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1998 that a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland, killed 29 people and injured 370. It was the deadliest act of violence in the 30-year history of the Troubles.

20 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2003, that a team from the BBC reported that the Loch Ness monster did not exist. They had combed every inch of the loch using 600 sonar beams guided by satellite navigation, and still found nothing. The search operation was covered in the documentary, *Searching for the Loch Ness Monster*.

15 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 that NASA reported that its Phoenix Mars Lander had found frozen water in a soil sample taken from two inches below the surface of Mars.

10 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013 that Mel Smith, British comedian and screenwriter, died. Best known for the TV comedy series *Not the Nine O'Clock News* and *Alas Smith and Jones*.

Also 10 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 that David Frost, British TV presenter and journalist, died. Best known for hosting the satirical series *That Was The Week That Was*, as well as *Breakfast with Frost*, and the game show, *Through the Keyhole*. Also known for his political interviews, including the Nixon interviews.

from Parish Pump

## Pause for a Poem

We have recently been enjoying plenty of sunshine, so when I found this poem by American poet, Ella Wheeler Wilcox the sunshine caught my eye. I like the way that she likens life to sunshine and shade and, how when she tries to determine, "whether there was less blue than there was grey" she finds so many blessings that, "God gave" that she runs out of time to count the rest. As she concludes, "life is a swift-flowing river". Obviously she was a person who always looked on the bright side of life!

### Sunshine and Shadow

Life has its shadows, as well as its sun;  
Its lights and its shades, all twined together.  
I tried to single them out, one by one,  
Single and count them, determining whether  
There was less blue than there was grey,  
And more of the deep night than of the day.  
But dear me, dear me, my task's but begun,  
And I am not half way into the sun.

For the longer I look on the bright side of earth,  
The more of the beautiful do I discover;  
And really, I never knew what life was worth  
Till I searched the wide storehouse of happiness over.  
It is filled from the cellar well up to the skies,  
With things meant to gladden the heart and the eyes.  
The doors are unlocked, you can enter each room,  
That lies like a beautiful garden in bloom.

Yet life has its shadow, as well as its sun;  
Earth has its storehouse of joy and of sorrow.  
But the first is so wide---and my task's but begun---  
That the last must be left for a far-distant morrow.  
I will count up the blessings God gave in a row,  
But dear me! when I get through them, I know  
I shall have little time left for the rest,  
For life is a swift-flowing river at best.

*Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919)*

Thank you to Michael for the beautiful photo of canal flowers, as well as the poem. Michael says the purple flower in the foreground is the Northern Marsh Orchid.



Michael Bailey

# Art

# exhibition

## Windsor Parish Church

High Street Windsor SL4 1LT (Nr The Guildhall)

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### Church Opening Times

Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist, High Street  
daily, all day

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St Stephen & St Agnes Church, Vansittart Road  
daily, all day

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All Saints' Church, Frances Road  
Mon-Wed & Sat, all day

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Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Place & Claremont Road  
Wed, Thu & Fri 9:30-11:30am

### Dianthus "Mrs Sinkins"

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## 60 years since "I Have a Dream"

Sixty years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1963, Dr Martin Luther King Jr delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The civil rights rally was attended by about 200,000 supporters, including many A-list film celebrities released temporarily by their studios.

His words influenced the Federal government to take more direct action to create racial equality, in for instance the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

King had been advised not to use the Dream format at Washington. He had used the idea before, and his adviser, the Revd Wyatt Tee Walker, described it as "hackneyed and trite". The idea was to use a new speech with the theme "normalcy never again". But King was prompted by gospel singer Mahalia Jackson to re-use the Dream idea, and

he went ahead with it, much to Walker's dismay. But it had a huge impact and is now regarded as perhaps one of the most influential speeches in American history.

Martin Luther King Jr, born in 1929, was an American Baptist minister who became one of the most prominent leaders in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination, apparently by James Earl Ray, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.

The autopsy revealed that although he was only 39 years old, King "had the heart of a 60-year-old". He had said shortly before being shot that he was not afraid of dying.

On 14<sup>th</sup> October 1964, King had won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through non-violent resistance.

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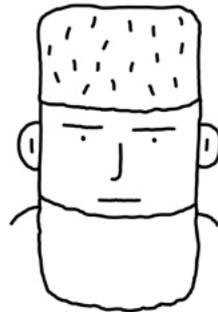
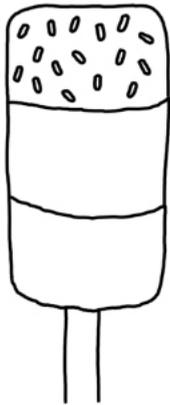
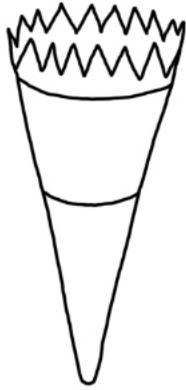
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- 1 *Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873*
- 2 **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**  
10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church  
5.30pm Choral Evensong – All Saints' Church
- 3 **Thomas the Apostle**
- 6 *Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535*
- 9 **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Sea Sunday)**  
10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity
- 11 *Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550*
- 13 **3pm Mothers' Union Meeting – All Saints' Church**
- 14 *John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866*
- 15 *Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862*  
*Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*
- 16 **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church
- 18 *Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883*
- 19 *Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379*
- 20 *Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century*  
*Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566*
- 21 **4pm Messy Church – All Saints' Church**
- 22 **Mary Magdalene**
- 23 **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church
- 25 **James the Apostle**
- 26 *Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- 27 *Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901*
- 29 *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord*
- 30 **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**  
10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church
- 31 *Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556*

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- 4 *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859*
- 5 *Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642*
- 6 **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity
- 7 *John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866*
- 8 *Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221*
- 9 *Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921*
- 10 *Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258*
- 11 *Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253*  
*John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890*
- 13 **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church
- 14 *Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941*
- 15 **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 20 **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church
- 24 **Bartholomew the Apostle**
- 27 **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church
- 28 *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430*
- 29 *The Beheading of John the Baptist*
- 30 *John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688*
- 31 *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*