

Windsor Church News



**The Revd Canon
Peter Johnson**

Dear Friends

Next year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, one of the most important events in the history of the Church. The Creed often recited at the Eucharist, which we call the Nicene Creed, takes its origin from an agreed statement of belief adopted at the Council of Nicaea, which runs as follows:

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We believe
in one God Father all-sovereign
maker of all things, seen and unseen.

and in one Lord Jesus Christ
the Son of God
begotten from the Father, unique
that is from the essence of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of the same essence as the Father,
through whom (= Father) all things came into being, both things in heaven and
things on earth;
on account of us men, and on account of our salvation,
[he] came down, took flesh, lived a human life, suffered and rose on the third day,
went up into the heavens
and is coming to judge the living and the dead.

and in the Holy Spirit.

Notes on some terms in this formulary:

1. *all sovereign*: Greek *pantokrator*, Latin *omnipotens*, English *Almighty*.
2. *seen and unseen*: to avoid the idea of independent powers created by demigods.
3. *that is from the essence of the Father*: to emphasise that the Son's divine nature is not subordinate or a different divine nature.
4. *begotten, not made*: the Son is not a creature.



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We notice immediately that what we now call the Nicene Creed is not the same as the Creed above. In addition, after its Creed the Council added a number of anathemas, which will be referred to later, in the following terms:

Those who say

there was a time when he was not
and he did not exist before he was
begotten,
that he came into being out of
nothing

or who say that the Son of God

is of a different nature or essence
[to the Father] or is a creature or
peccable or alterable,

these the holy catholic and apostolic
church anathematises.

By the time of the Council, the Church had grown inside and outside the Roman empire for nearly 300 years, despite episodes of persecution. In that time, the scriptures had been formed and many Christian writers had written expositions of the new faith. Phrases expressing the central beliefs of the Church were to be found already in the New Testament, and local churches supplemented these to form their creeds. In particular, each of the major areas of the Church (such as Rome, Antioch, Alexandria, Palestine) developed their formularies.

These would include some form of trinitarian statement and a brief affirmations about the person and work

of our Lord Jesus Christ. Such statements are mentioned by second and third century writers, particularly in connection with the rite of baptism. The basic beliefs were taught to the catechumens, and then in the rite they would be asked to confirm their belief, their faith. (The modern rites of baptism have recovered this pattern.)

When the Council came to assemble, the members would therefore have come equipped with the wording they knew from their home churches. The Nicene formulation was certainly not carried out in a vacuum: it was seeking not to innovate but to safeguard.

During the 300 years before the Council, one of the chief points of discussion in the Church was how to understand the person and nature of our Lord. What did it mean that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" or "I and the Father are one" (both quotations from the fourth gospel)? Was Jesus a real person or a phantom? What of the virgin birth? All these questions and more

were arising in a culture of great ferment in those early centuries, in the context of many mystery religions and quite varied philosophical and esoteric teaching. Christian apologists were writing within this context, and it is hardly surprising that there were varied ideas afloat. The New Testament itself already refers to the existence of false teachings.

But then came the conversion of the emperor Constantine. "His comprehension of Christian doctrine was never very clear, but he was sure that victory in battle lay in the gift of the God of the Christians." (H. Chadwick, *The Early Church* p. 125). Constantine's adoption of Christianity is itself a vast subject, but the fact remains that he favoured Christianity among the many religions of his subjects. He made endowments to the Church and passed laws seeking to protect children, slaves, peasants and prisoners. (Chadwick, *op. cit.* p. 128)

But his involvement with the Church also meant that he sought to settle disputes within it. In the west he had encountered the Donatist schism, centred in North Africa, which had arisen from a dispute over how or whether Christians who had weakened in times of persecution, for instance by handing over books or sacred objects, could be reconciled. (In fact the schism persisted for several centuries.) In the east there was a similar schism in Egypt.

The Council also passed various canons (=rules), among them provision about the date of Easter and a prohibition of episcopal translations.

But the chief controversy Constantine wished to settle was the Arian controversy over the person of Christ. The propositions anathematised by the Council (as described above) summarise the teachings of Arius, an influential presbyter in Alexandria and beyond, whose teachings had wide support in the east. (Matters even got to the stage that wharf labourers in Alexandria would sing Arian choruses.)

Most of those who attended the Council were from the eastern empire; only a handful came from the west, the bishop of Rome being represented by two deacons. This illustrates a further point about Church Councils, that of *reception*. Doctrinal teachings should arise from within the life of the Church and be validated by ringing true with its worshipping life. This position was later summed up in the phrase *lex orandi lex*

Regular midweek services

Mondays

9am Morning Prayer - All Saints' Church

Wednesdays

9am Morning Prayer - St Stephen & St Agnes Church

11am Holy Communion (BCP) - Holy Trinity Church

Fridays

9am Morning Prayer - Holy Trinity Church

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credendi = the rule of praying is the rule of believing; and we notice that this works either way round.

Before the Council met formally in June and July 325, there were a few days of informal discussions, but these had only small effect. In the end, most bishops present subscribed the declaration of the Council, but the matter was in no sense settled. We can deduce that by looking at the difference with what we today think of as “the Nicene Creed”.

Further discussion/clarification/dispute over the nature and work of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit continued for several subsequent decades. Did our Lord have a genuine human will? Was the Holy Spirit simply a divine energy? Not all parts of the Church were present at the various Councils held after the Council of Nicaea. At times the “...arianising” tendency in various forms was in the ascendancy and had the ear of some of Constantine’s successors.

In 381 a Council in Constantinople, now the capital of the eastern Roman empire, which was attended by 150 bishops, seems to have adopted a formulary based on the Creed used there. It was not “the Nicene Creed”, but undoubtedly expressed the Nicene faith. It is from this Creed that the “Nicene Creed” we know today is derived.

We believe

in one God Father all-sovereign
maker of *heaven and earth*, of all things, seen and unseen.

and in one Lord Jesus Christ
the Son of God

the only begotten Son of God

begotten from the Father *before all the ages* ~~unique~~

~~that is from the essence of the Father,~~

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of the same essence as the Father,

through whom (= Father) all things came into being, ~~both things in heaven~~
~~and things on earth;~~

on account of us men, and on account of our salvation,

[he] came down *from the heavens*, took flesh *from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary*, lived a human life, *and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate*, suffered *was buried* and rose on the third day *according to the scriptures*,

went up into the heavens *and is seated at the right hand of the Father*

and is coming *again in glory* to judge the living and the dead; *his kingdom will have no end.*

and in the Holy Spirit, *the Lord, the life giver, who proceeds from the Father, who is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son, who spoke through the prophets.*

[and] in one holy catholic and apostolic church

we confess one baptism for the remission of sins.

We look for a resurrection of the dead, and a life of the coming age. Amen.

(Additions to the 325 formulary are shown in italics; phrases omitted are shown struck out.)

Eventually, after many more disputes and not a little political power play, a Council was convened at Chalcedon, near Nicaea, in 451. From it there emerged a statement confirming the Nicene formulary and the Creed of 381 as expressing the true faith. That statement forms the basis of how we

have received the Creed in the western Church, and it is also used by the main Orthodox churches.

Unfortunately, however, the Council of Chalcedon did not produce a final settlement, for it made a number of additional doctrinal statements about the person of our Lord which were not acceptable to various parts of the eastern Church, so that schisms or breaches of communion continued for

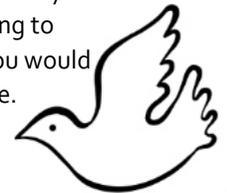
centuries, some even to recent times. But it is also true to say that in the last 100 years or so there has been considerable rapprochement of separated churches through wider ecumenical study, as it has often been realised that in all these matters there can be problems of translation and that doctrinal statements often have to use imagery or analogy.

All the questions we have looked at might be dismissed as “nit picking”, but they go to the heart of the distinctiveness of Christian belief. They also illustrate the point that a living faith must be re-expressed in every age.

Revd Canon Peter Johnson

Confirmation

Six candidates from our team will be confirmed with others from the wider Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery on 17th July at St Stephen & St Agnes Church. Please keep them in your prayers and if you are able to come along to support them, you would be most welcome. The service starts at 7pm.



Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

The Boss and I have just been to the Polling Station!

I waited outside while she went inside to vote but I was very pleased to accompany her as I know how important she feels it is to vote. It was good I was able to show my support. I was very surprised when she told me that in the last General Election, 32% of people didn't vote. I said I thought everyone would want to be part of choosing who the government would be. The Boss said that there was something called Voter Apathy which happens when people feel that it's pointless getting involved because their

vote wouldn't make any difference. I said that if everyone decided not to vote, then there would be no humans at the Polling Stations and no-one would vote for anyone so no-one would be elected. "Indeed" said The Boss.

Then she talked about Peterloo and Emily Davison and Emmeline Pankhurst and used some big words like "universal suffrage" and "democracy" which was helpful but I was more interested in the word "apathy". The Boss said this means a lack of enthusiasm. Dogs do not understand apathy. Dogs are enthusiastic about everything. If dogs were allowed to go into Polling Stations we would all be enthusiastic about voting. We like taking part in things and being involved in life. "You don't see many apathetic dogs", I said. The Boss agreed. "Never be lacking in zeal" she said. Which I think must be from the bible*.

"Perhaps humans should try to be more like dogs", I said, not for the first time.

Yours enthusiastically,

*Barnabas
The Vicarage Dog*

**Romans 12.11*

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Mothers' UNION

June 13th 2024

We were pleased to welcome Sadaf and Ro from Windsor Heritage Healthcare** team. Sadaf gave an excellent presentation on the support that is available for Home Care.

It was particularly helpful to hear about all the equipment that may be provided at no cost and the help, whether large or small, which can help someone remain in their own home. There are so many differing types of support available. We were also given tips on ways to prevent falls. Very helpful advice was also shared on managing care for people with dementia.

Sadaf and Ro also brought cakes to supplement our usual tea. They were also able to chat with individuals about their care related needs. We learned a great deal and hopefully, at some stage, and will benefit from it. We were extremely grateful to Sadaf and Ro for sharing with us such important information.

Anne Casson led us in Prayers which included prayers for peace, strength for the needy and sick, the abused and those without hope.

Next Month our meeting is on 11th July at Margaret Parsons' home at 3.00 o'clock. It is our annual

garden party for members and friends who have helped us over the years. We would love to see you.*

CHURCH IS.....

Where your PARENTS bring you to be Christened

Where your FRIENDS bring you to be married

Where your RELATIVES bring you to be buried

Why not try coming on your own some time?

Estlyn Davies

* If you would like to go along to the garden party please speak to Estlyn after church.

** Windsor Heritage Healthcare have shared a summary of the afternoon with lots of photographs and you can view it [here](#).



Annual Meeting Election Results

Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) have now all been held. One of the functions of this important meeting is to elect members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Many thanks to those who have now been duly elected.

New Windsor PCC (St John the Baptist and All Saints)

Michael Harding (Churchwarden)

Karen Allott (Churchwarden)

Robin McConnell (Vice Chair,
Deanery Synod)

Mary Delaney (Treasurer)

Katy Kerr (Secretary)

Estlyn Davies (Deanery Synod,
Safeguarding Officer)

Ian Mawhinney

Kate McQuillian

John Halsey

Jon Hunt

Margaret Pettitt

Vacancy

Holy Trinity PCC

Steve Holton (Vice Chair,
Churchwarden, Safeguarding Officer)

Penny Wells (Churchwarden)

Brandon Mudditt (Treasurer)

Victoria Stevens (Co-opted,
Secretary,

Electoral Roll Officer)

Mary Skelton (Deanery Rep)

Jane Clark

Richard Cox

Megan Gent

John Hicks

Sally Stevens

St Stephen & St Agnes PCC

Trevor Parsons (Vice Chair, Churchwarden)

Jane Burr (Churchwarden, Deanery Synod
Rep, Electoral Roll Officer)

Steve Smith (Deanery Rep)

Ken Boshier

Trevor Kirby

Stephanie Minici

Prem Mandimala

Laura Betteridge (Safeguarding Officer)

Vacancy (Treasurer)

Vacancy (Secretary)

The list of PCC members along with an explanation of what a PCC is and does is on [our website](#).

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

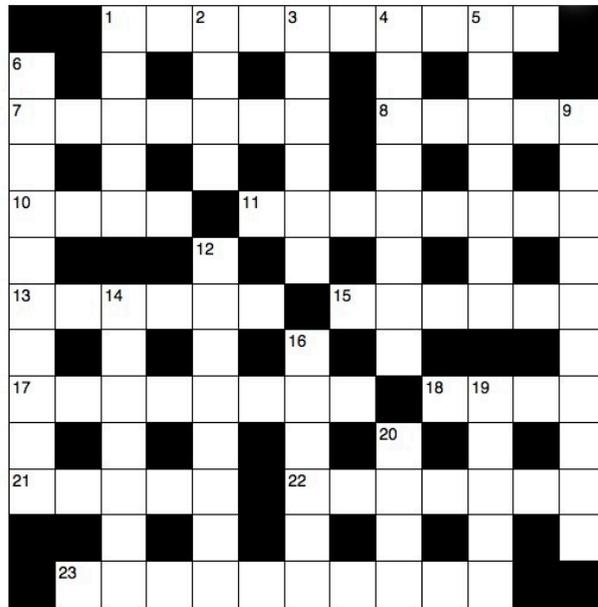
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Holy Trinity Church,

Claremont Road

Wed, Thu & Fri, 10am-12pm

Puzzle Page



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)

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)



The Bible used is the New International Version.

Sea Sunday

14th July brings us Sea Sunday, the day when Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers worldwide. If seafarers seem irrelevant to your daily life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat. Yet it is a tough life, far from loved ones. Merchant ships are harsh working environments, never mind the threat of piracy or even shipwreck.

To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in hundreds of ports, in more than 50 countries. You might wish to support one of these three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Roman Catholic), and The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).

July	Give	Shops	Environments	Port
Sea	Thanks	Economy	Piracy	Chaplains
Sunday	Merchant	Afloat	Shipwreck	Hospitality
Remember	Seafarers	Harsh	Hundreds	Friendship
Pray	Daily	Working	global	practical



Puzzle solutions are on page 14

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray

Do you prefer to ask forgiveness for your sins or forgiveness for your trespasses? Maybe it depends on the context or your mood at the time; or maybe you have never really thought about it. In most of our services in our team churches we use the "traditional language" version of The Lord's Prayer (the one which asks for forgiveness for our *trespasses*). Our PCCs are considering introducing the "contemporary language" version into some of our services. If you have a view on this, you may like to speak to a PCC member or to one of the clergy.

The purpose of this article is to give some context to the consideration. Both versions of the prayer are printed at the end. I would ask that you give some thought to the similarities as well as the differences.

The version we refer to as contemporary language was approved by the General Synod of the Church of England in 1977 as part of a process of revising the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the text of which being virtually unchanged since 1662.

The Lord's Prayer comes to us from the outline Jesus gives to his followers when asked for advice on how to pray. Jesus didn't speak English and he certainly didn't speak King James English of 'thou' and 'thine' and 'art'. Jesus spoke Aramaic, the language of the population he was addressing. In his teaching and preaching, Jesus spoke to the people around him in down to earth, everyday language in order to communicate the language of faith to those he met.

It is worth remembering that the "traditional" language of the Lord's Prayer was, when first introduced, not traditional at all, but radical. It moved the text out of the traditional Latin and into the vernacular, into the people's everyday language. The purpose of *The Book of Common Prayer* was not to produce poetically beautiful texts that would still be in use 400 years later, but to help Christians to practise their faith in words in ordinary language, in the

they spoke to each other in the normal lives. The traditional language of the Lord's Prayer is no longer the language which people speak, even though its words are so comfortable and so familiar to so many of us.

Neither version is more right or more holy than the other. But whilst it is sometimes good to pray comfortable, familiar, words doing so can prevent us from connecting with God. Many of us can rattle off the words of the Lord's Prayer without giving it a thought. In doing so, are we missing out on the power of their meaning? It is worth pausing over these words occasionally and one way to do this is to pray a version with which we're not as familiar.

The line of the Lord's Prayer where the difference between the traditional and contemporary versions is most marked is the prayer for forgiveness: *Forgive us our trespasses / Forgive us our sins*.

Someone who trespasses is someone who knowingly walks where they should not walk. When we ask for forgiveness for our trespasses we are asking for forgiveness for our wrong *doings*: all the times when we have *acted* wrongly. But the Bible tells us that we need to go deeper. We need to ask for forgiveness for our thoughts and words, not just our actions (see Matthew 5:21-30).

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

This is where the word "sins" comes in. We don't use this word much in everyday life, except perhaps in a jokey way - sneaking an extra chocolate biscuit or having a special cocktail as a treat might be referred to as "sins". In a faith context, the word means falling short in our behaviour. The English word "sin" originates from an archery term that means "to miss the mark". Whether the archer misses the target by an inch or a mile doesn't matter. The fact that the target was missed is called "sin". So, in Christian terms we sin every time we fall short of being that person God wants us to be, whether this is in our actions or our words or our thoughts. It is a deeper and more all-encompassing word than trespass.

A final thought about the last line of the Lord's Prayer, the doxology. This line was not part of the prayer as Jesus taught it in the gospels (*Matthew 6.9-13* and *Luke 11.1-4*). It was added much later by the Church, as the prayer became more widely used in public worship. The words come from a text found in the Old Testament, in the book known as 1 Chronicles, set in the context of a blessing used by King David towards the end of his life: *Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said, 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom O Lord'.*

Our lives are given purpose in the praise and appreciation of God and in our relationship with God. This relationship is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer which has been used by millions of people all around the world for over 2,000 years. Every moment of every day someone, somewhere, is praying these words. Next time you pray them, take time to think about what they mean to you.

*The Revd Canon Sally Lodge
Team Rector*

This July & August it was...

750 years ago, on 11th July 1272 that Robert I (Robert the Bruce) was born. He was King of Scotland 1306-29.

300 years ago, on 25th August 1724 that George Stubbs was born. This British artist is best known for his paintings of horses.

255 years ago, on 15th August 1769 that Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France (1804-14, 1815) was born.

250 years ago, on 1st August 1774 that oxygen was discovered by British chemist Joseph Priestley. He was the first scientist to publish his findings on the discovery.

125 years ago, on 1st July 1899 that the Gideons International was founded. The evangelical Christian association places free Bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, schools, military bases and prisons around the world.

Also 125 years ago, on 13th August 1899 that Alfred Hitchcock was born. This British-born American film director, producer and screenwriter was known as the Master of Suspense. Known for his films *The 39 Steps*, *Dial M for Murder*, *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *Psycho*, *The Birds*, and many more.

100 years ago, on 11th July 1924 that British sprinter Eric Liddell won the

men's 400 metres gold medal at the 1924 Olympics in Paris. He preferred the 100 metres, but the heats were held on a Sunday, and he refused to run in them.

Also 100 years ago, on 11th August 1924 that the first newsreel of US presidential candidates was filmed. The candidates who appeared included Calvin Coolidge, John W Davies and Robert La Follette.

90 years ago, on 4th July 1934 that Marie Curie, Polish-born French physicist died. Twice winner of the Nobel Prize for her work on radioactivity. The first woman to win a Nobel prize.

80 years ago, on 20th July 1944 that the so-called 20th July Plot failed. The German Resistance Movement attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler in Berlin and remove the Nazi Party from power in a coup. The attempt failed, and the conspirators were executed next day. The Germans went on to arrest more than 7,000 members of the resistance movement, killing 4,980 of them. This effectively ended the German Resistance movement.

Also 80 years ago, on 1st August 1944 that 15-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank made the last entry in her famous diary. On 4th August she and her family were arrested in Amsterdam where

they had been hiding, and were taken to Auschwitz concentration camp.

Also 80 years ago, on 25th August 1944 that Paris was liberated after French and US troops forced the German occupiers to surrender. The Germans had occupied the city for four years.

75 years ago, on 27th July 1949 that the first successful test flight of the de Havilland Comet, the first commercial passenger jet, took place. The jet went on into production.

Also 75 years ago, on 29th July 1949 that the BBC began broadcasting regular weather forecasts on TV.

Also 75 years ago, on 24th August 1949 that the North Atlantic Treaty came into effect, establishing NATO.

70 years ago, on 5th July 1954 that the BBC launched the first daily television news programme in the UK.

Also 70 years ago, on 21st July 1954 that the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings* was published.

65 years ago, on 25th July 1959 that the first hovercraft crossed the English Channel. The SRN-1 had been designed by British inventor Christopher Cockerell.

60 years ago, on 28th July 1964 that NASA launched its Ranger 7 space probe on a mission to the Moon. On 31st July it sent back the first close-up images of the lunar surface.

Also 60 years ago, on 12th August 1964 that Ian Fleming, British novelist and creator of the character James Bond, died.

50 years ago, on 24th July 1974 that the US Supreme Court ordered President Richard Nixon to surrender the White House tape recordings that had been subpoenaed by the House Judiciary Committee in April. The White House released the tapes on 5th August, and Nixon resigned on 9th August, before he could be impeached.

45 years ago, on 27th August 1979 that Louis Mountbatten, 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma, died. He was Viceroy of India (1947), Governor-General of India (1947-48), First Sea Lord (1955-59), and a great uncle and mentor to King Charles. He was killed by an IRA bomb on his fishing boat off the coast of Ireland. His last official public appearance was on 22 July 1979 at a service for the Life Guards Regiment at Holy Trinity Church in Windsor. The Mountbatten Room on the south side of the church is named after him (it was dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham and opened by

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Lady Joanna Knatchbull (granddaughter of Lord Mountbatten) at a special service on Trafalgar Day in 1980).

40 years ago, on 9th July 1984 that York Minster in England was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

30 years ago, on 15 July 1994, that the Rwandan genocide ended. Up to 1.1 million people were killed by the Hutu-led government and other militias between April and July.

Pictured is the alcove in the Mountbatten Room at Holy Trinity Church, just before a service. On display is a photograph and bust of Lord Mountbatten, a print of HMS Kelly (which he famously commanded) and a tea service given by his father, Prince Louis of Battenberg, to the Howard-Hall family and later gifted to the church.



Also 30 years ago, on 21st July 1994 that Tony Blair was elected leader of Britain's Labour Party. He became Prime Minister in 1997.

Also 30 years ago, on 28th August 1994 that Sunday trading was legalised in England and Wales.

20 years ago, on 11th August 2004 that Britain issued its first licence for cloning human embryos, after becoming the first country in the world to allow therapeutic cloning in 2001. Researchers hoped to produce stem cells to treat diseases. They created their first cloned human embryo in May 2005.

25 years ago, on 1st July 1999 that the Scottish Parliament was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

Also 25 years ago, on 16th August 1999 that Vladimir Putin became Prime Minister of Russia. He became President in May 2000.

20 years ago, on 28th July 2004 that Francis Crick, British molecular biologist and biophysicist, died. He was joint winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering the molecular structure of DNA.

15 years ago, on 5th July 2009 that the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered by a metal detectorist in Hammerwich, a village in Staffordshire. It is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found, and consists of around 4,600 items dating from the 7th century.

adapted from Parish Pump



is on 14 September this year. Our churches will be open for all or some of the day. You can take part by sponsoring someone, welcoming participants to our churches or running, walking, or cycling between churches. Sponsorship money is split between the participant's home church and Berkshire Churches Trust. There will be more information in September's magazine and our weekly Keeping Us in Touch leaflet, nearer the time.

St Joachim & St Anna

The windows on page one are in the north wall of St Stephen & St Agnes Church. Joachim and Anne (or Anna) were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and are remembered on 26 July.

Little is known of Mary's parents but church tradition offers some details. The first mention of Anne and Joachim as being Mary's parents was found in the apocryphal Gospel of James (second century) which has no historical validity. James says that after years of childlessness, Joachim was praying in the desert one day when an angel appeared to Anne to tell her that she would conceive. Anne then promised to dedicate the child to God, as Hannah had done with Samuel.

Anne, mother of Mary, has been honoured from as early as the sixth century, when a church was built in her honour in Constantinople. Other relics and pictures of her found in Rome date from the 8th century.

adapted from Parish Pump

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

Auf Wiedersehen Oliver!

Oliver Lomberg has been Organist of St Stephen & St Agnes and Assistant Organist across the Team Ministry for thirteen years since moving to Windsor from Peterhouse, Cambridge. Sunday 18th August will be his last Sunday with us before he moves to live in Austria with husband Dan. Oliver's skillful accompaniment, good humour and sound advice will be greatly missed.

John Halsey, Director of Music

Oliver came by accident to play at a service one Sunday when we had no one but I do not know how it came about, afterwards I either rang him or spoke to him and asked if he was interested in being the organist at SSSA and he agreed. We soon realised what a superb organist he was and we were extremely grateful for his oversight of the rebuilding of the organ both by Peter Collins initially and then Geoffrey Coffin. We will miss his playing and efficiency lighting the high candles which he does so easily!

Jane Burr, Churchwarden

Can you spare a few hours regularly?

Helen & Douglas House Charity Shop, 76 Peascod Street, is looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours a week. The charity raises money to help local terminally ill children. Please call in if you can help.

Are you sitting comfortably?!

St Stephen & St Agnes Church is a little more comfortable than it used to be as there are now cushions on each pew. They have been partly funded by legacies from much missed congregation members, Barbara Bridges and Maura Eriksen. The PCC felt that this was an apt use of their generosity as both ladies in more recent years liked to use one of the ad hoc cushions that these replace. As well as looking extremely smart and making churchgoers a little more comfortable, the new cushions will aid the enjoyment of those attending concerts at the church who tend to be in their seat for a longer time.



Defibrillator Training



Last month, Jane, Penny, Trevor, Patricia and Revd Sally attended a training evening at the Alma Beacon on Basic Life Support including CPR and Defibrillator awareness. All agreed it was an extremely useful two hour session. There are 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests every year. Knowing how to perform CPR can save a life. For every minute that passes without CPR and defibrillation, there is a 10% drop in the chances of survival so the sooner CPR and a defibrillator is used the more effective trained medical staff can be when they arrive at the scene. Our PCCs are considering the installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) outside some or all of our four churches. If you have any views on this, please speak to Revd Sally or a PCC member.

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As part of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead's celebration of Armed Forces Day 2024 on 29 June, Revd Sally led a Drumhead Service in Alexandra Gardens to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day. The Mayor of RBWM, Cllr Simon Bond, took part along with: Cllr Neil Knowles (last year's mayor); representatives from the Household Cavalry and Royal British Legion; a bugler/drummer from the Welsh Guards; and children from Alexander First School who sang a song about hope and peace.



A drumhead service is usually a service held "in the field" where the regimental drums are placed to form an altar.

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Royal Reminiscence: Dementia-friendly mornings at Windsor Castle



We welcome people living with dementia and their support-givers to join us in the Learning Centre at Windsor Castle for a relaxed morning with refreshments, chat and reminiscence about all things royal!

Sessions run between 10:30-12:30 and are free of charge:

31 July: Windsor's royal neighbour - Hampton Court Palace

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Any questions, contact Amy: access@rct.uk 07860 612393

Concert at St Edward the Confessor Church, Alma Road at 7pm on Monday 8 July



Duo Amie is a Boston based
Cello and Piano duo:
Julie Reimann (cello) and Ellyses Kuan (piano).

They are currently touring with their
programme entitled "Melodic Canvases"
which includes works
by Saint Saens and Mussorgsky.

Suggested donation (on the door) of
£20 for individuals or £35 for families.

Pause for a Poem

This month we have a sonnet written by Jeremy Hurst. As Jeremy says in the introduction to his first collection of poems, "Verses for the Church's Year", he wrote his verses during his years of parish ministry. He also says that it is important, "at some point to read them aloud (as) the sound effects are important." Those of us who were in the congregation for the recent Hymns and Pimms evening service will have had the pleasure of hearing this verse read aloud by Jeremy himself. He amply demonstrated what he meant about reading the poem aloud to get its full effect. I appreciate his use of alliteration and well-chosen words to create the impact he wishes and to point up the importance of both words and music in worship.

Incidentally this verse comes from Jeremy's second collection of poems, "Verses for Church Services".

Michael Bailey

Said or Sung

Always and all ways words have been my work,
Clear words to comprehend complexities of thought,
Shaped, polished, crafted, intricately wrought,
Words rescued from the thicket where imprecisions lurk.
Well-worn words must be presented fresh and new;
Lectern lesson, pulpit preaching, public prayer should touch the heart.
I strive to find the power fine-chosen words impart,
Recalling what words can and cannot do.

Music surrounds, supports us, sets us free
Released, relaxed, like swimmers in the sea;
Wave-high uplifted, soothed by limpid calm,
Yet hints of storm, wreck, loss and harm.
So, in the Bible picture, at time's end the heavenly throng
Worship their Lord with music and with song.

Jeremy Hurst

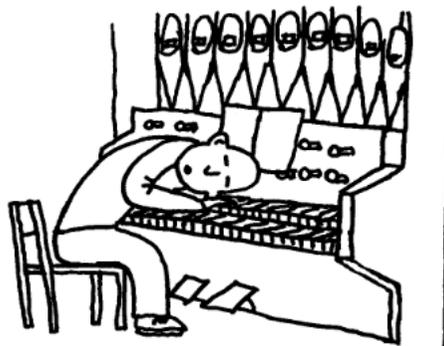
*If you would like to buy a copy of
Jeremy's books please ask him after
a Sunday Service, or you can get in
touch by emailing the magazine
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THE LITURGICAL PAUSE

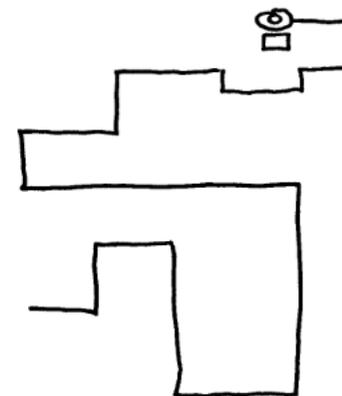
THIS IS ONE OF THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF A CHURCH SERVICE.
WE OBSERVE A LITURGICAL PAUSE AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:



AT MOMENTS WHEN
PONDERING IS EXPECTED



WHEN THE ORGANIST
HASN'T COME IN



WHEN THE READER HAS
A PARTICULARLY GRUELLING
JOURNEY TO THE LECTERN



WHEN AN EASTER FIRE
OR ADVENT CANDLE
REFUSES TO LIGHT



WHEN NO-ONE WILL ADMIT TO
BEING THE PERSON DOWN
TO LEAD THE INTERCESSIONS



WHEN NOBODY HAS A
CLUE WHAT IS SUPPOSED
TO HAPPEN NEXT

From the June registers...



Baptisms

Walter McIlwraith (Holy Trinity)



Weddings

Loretta Loveridge & Micky Smith
(Windsor Parish Church)

Lisa-Zara Gurdev & Zac Chau
(Windsor Parish Church)

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Wedding Blessing

Josh and Amy Carter (née Brooker)
(St Stephen & St Agnes Church)

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Funerals

Dennis Speers (Windsor Parish Church)

David Wilkie (Windsor Parish Church)

Kenneth Gimblett (Holy Trinity)



Puzzle Solutions



New Pathways



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

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1 Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger,
Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873

3 **Thomas the Apostle (Festival)**

6 Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation
Martyrs, 1535

7 **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church

11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western
Monasticism, c.550

14 **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Sea Sunday)**

10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church

15 Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862

Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

16 Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099

17 **7pm Confirmation Service – St Stephen & St Agnes Church**

18 Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the
Community of St Andrew, 1883

7.15pm Joint PCC Meeting – All Saints' Church

19 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of
the Faith, c.394 and c.379

4.15pm Messy Church – All Saints' Church

20 Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century

Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566

Wedding: Zoe Scott and Adam Quartermaine – All Saints' Church

21 **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church

22 **Mary Magdalene (Festival)**

23 *Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373*

25 **James the Apostle (Festival)**

26 Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

27 *Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901*

28 **The Nineth Sunday after Trinity**

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord

30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer

Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson

Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846

31 *Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556*

July



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4 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity

5 Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

6 **The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Festival)**

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 The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church

13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910

Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912

14 Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941

15 **The Blessed Virgin Mary (Festival)**

18 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890

22 1.30pm Wedding: Helen Pritchard & Dominic Buswell - Holy Trinity Church

24 **Bartholomew the Apostle (Festival)**

25 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church

27 Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

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

13:00 Wedding: Tracey Ofori-Kumah & Brendan Williams - Holy Trinity Church

August

