

Windsor Church News



**The Revd Canon
Peter Johnson**

Dear Friends

I wonder if you have come across the poem *To a Poet a Thousand Years Hence* by James Elroy Flecker (1884-1915). Its first three stanzas are as follows:

I who am dead a thousand years,
And wrote this sweet archaic song,
Send you my words for messengers
The way I shall not pass along.

I care not if you bridge the seas,
Or ride secure the cruel sky,
Or build consummate palaces
Of metal or of masonry.

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the online newsletter from
the Church of England in Central Windsor

But have you wine and music still,
And statues and a bright-eyed love,
And foolish thoughts of good and ill,
And prayers to them who sit above?

It may seem a little bizarre, but this poem came to mind for me when following some of the recent discussions of what has come to be known as Artificial Intelligence (AI).

As with any technical development, there are great and justified concerns about the future role of AI in human society. Nearly all technological developments are of themselves morally neutral; it is their application by human actors which may set them in a moral framework.

Atomic energy and the internet are two examples from recent history. You cannot put the lid on these things, as though trying to shut Pandora's box. They exist and will be used, for good or ill.

As the Manhattan project developed in the 1940s, scientists including Einstein warned President Roosevelt of the danger implied by the enormous energy released in splitting the atom. But any attempt to stop research into, or the application of, atomic energy would have been futile, especially as scientists in war-time Germany were also well advanced in this area. Similarly, after World War II, inevitably the USSR and other nations could hardly be prevented from developing the necessary research and technology.

It is the same with the development of the internet. Its creator believed it would be a wonderful means of beneficent human interconnection. We know it often is. But when people such as the late John Hapgood, Bishop of Durham and then Archbishop of York, a man of scientific training, wrote of the dangers of the internet in the hands of

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Corpus Christi



**Day of Thanksgiving
for Holy Communion**

Thursday 8 June

Sung Eucharist

7.30pm

St Stephen &
St Agnes Church

Vansittart Road

All welcome

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malign actors, they were dismissed by the cognoscenti.

In the case of the internet, we all know only too well its benefits and its perils. On the downside, think of the appalling scandal of faulty Post Office accounting software which led to the wrongful conviction of hundreds of sub-postmasters. Here is an example, not of computer processes running out of control, but of human actors letting them run out of control. One of life's skills is to have some idea of what a reasonable answer should be whereas, to say the very least, those inflicting the software simply accepted its validity unquestioningly.

Underlying all these things there is always the need for ethics and for education. Ethics aims at discerning the good in very complex situations, enabling balancing judgments in applying simple but interacting principles. Education should enable us to distinguish truth from falsehood: how for instance do we evaluate claims made about statistics or public policy or whatever else?

One of the concerns being expressed by persons working in AI is that it is powerful enough to destroy life as we know it. In principle, it is another human invention, but some claim it is essentially different because it can drive itself and ignore restrictions placed upon it by its creators. Its power derives essentially from the vast number of

calculations that chips can perform in a tiny instant, and from its consequent ability to present output that can make it extremely difficult for one to discern its authenticity.

As a result, AI is entering areas where its output seems to be as subtle as that of its human creators. It joins the list of human activities and inventions that can lead to mankind's self-destruction. So it is no wonder that there are now so many calls for appropriate regulation.

The fears that AI can displace many of the things humans do, physically and mentally, certainly raise important political, economic and social questions. Humanity has skills in logic and science and engineering, but also in creating art and stories and reflecting on our place in the universe. We can ask the question "why?" And what of emotion, happiness and grief? These are essentials in what it means to be human, as is our capacity to make mistakes. We are not determinist machines. Could AI agents fall in love?

And we might also ask, what is "intelligence"? "Get wisdom; get insight." (Proverbs 4.5). So what does it mean to say, as some do, that AI is more "intelligent" than humans? Is there a category mistake here?

Of course, AI would not exist at all without human creators. But will it ever be sentient, or self-conscious? Humanity, wrote the Jesuit scholar Teilhard de Chardin, is evolution become conscious of itself, for

humanity in all its frailty is capable of conceiving of transcendence and of articulating praise.

So back to Flecker. He was writing at the end of the Victorian age in the context of industrial development, which itself could both benefit people and degrade them. So he appeals to the things that make us human: love, music, art and so on, things which give some sort of added value above the basic necessities of survival.

God saw that his creation was good (Genesis 1, *passim*) but things were able to go awry. AI has important theological implications at a critical time in human history.

Revd Canon Peter Johnson



We had an extremely enjoyable afternoon meeting. Anne led our prayers and then Rev Sally produced her 'Surprise'!

It was very clever! Rev Sally produced a game with cards asking people to talk about various topics. Yes, Rev Sally introduced and explained.....it resulted in us doing the talking!

We took it in turns to give our recollections or views on each selected card. We talked about the thing we had always done and would not wish to stop.... things we wished we did

better....the best and worst inventions....what we valued most...any many more. It was an amazing afternoon. We greatly appreciated everyone's contribution. We learned so much more about each other...even though we had been friends for years.

We are indebted to you Sally for giving us the opportunity to speak freely. It was the best of 'Surprises'. Thank you so much Sally.

We then enjoyed a delicious tea.

Next month Rev June Faulkner will tell us all about her recent visit to Nepal to attend a wedding. It will be fascinating. All Saints' lighting project is underway so our meeting is slightly later.

Do come along to New Windsor Parish Hall at All Saints' at 3.30 on Thursday June 15th.

Everyone is welcome

Estlyn Davies

Falklands Reflection 8 June

There will be a short service of prayers for the fallen, and those affected by the Falklands War, on the 41st anniversary of the loss of the Sir Galahad at Holy Trinity Church at 12pm on Thursday 8 June.

All welcome.



The Friends of Windsor Parish Church



This year the Friends celebrate their 10th Anniversary with a special service on Sunday 11th June 2023 at 3pm. Much has been achieved during those 10 years and we are hugely grateful to all our members and supporters.

The new Mayor and Mayoress will be attending, and there will be a musical interlude by flautist Christina Brugger. Tea will be served after the service. Everyone is welcome but for catering purposes please let me know by 8th June if you will be coming.

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Christine Heybourn
Secretary



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
Sat, all day

(Closed weekdays in June due to installation of new lighting)

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

Trinity St Stephen & iSingPop at St Stephen & St Agnes Church

Children at school loved the iSingPop project which took place from 15th-18th May. The project culminated in a fantastic concert in St Stephen and St Agnes Church on Ascension Day [pictured right]. The iSingPop songs are based on Christian values and during Jake's teaching he discussed a number of our own school Christian values such as kindness and friendship as well as stories from the Bible. The children did amazingly well. Many of them knew the words without needing the screens and everyone loved the accompanying actions. The concert finished with an uplifting song which children and adults enjoyed performing together. We would like to thank all those involved, especially the church who generously funded this initiative. It has been a hugely positive and enjoyable experience for all.

Louise Lovegrove
Headteacher, Trinity St Stephen's First School



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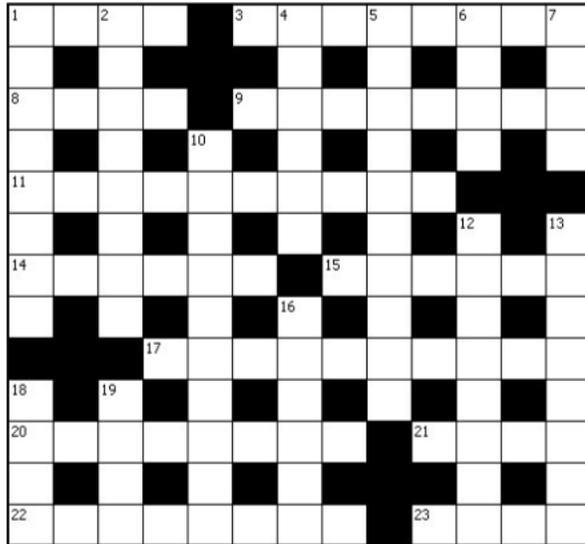
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Puzzle Page



Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)



The Bible used is the New International Version.



Each June, the Church of England holds its Petertide ordinations, to coincide with the feast day of the great apostle Peter, who led the Church at Pentecost. Simon had been a fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee, when his brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus. When Simon made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus gave him a new name – Cephas, or Peter, which means rock. The 'gates of hell' would never prevail against Jesus' Church, and He gave Peter the power of 'binding and loosing', and also the 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Peter betrayed Jesus but after the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock. Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

Simon	Andrew	Daughter	Crowed	Keys
Peter	Jesus	Garden	Feed	Kingdom
Fisherman	Rock	Gethsemane	My	Gates
Bethsaida	Transfiguration	Betrayed	Lambs	Hell
Galilee	Raising	Cock	Sheep	Binding
				Loosing

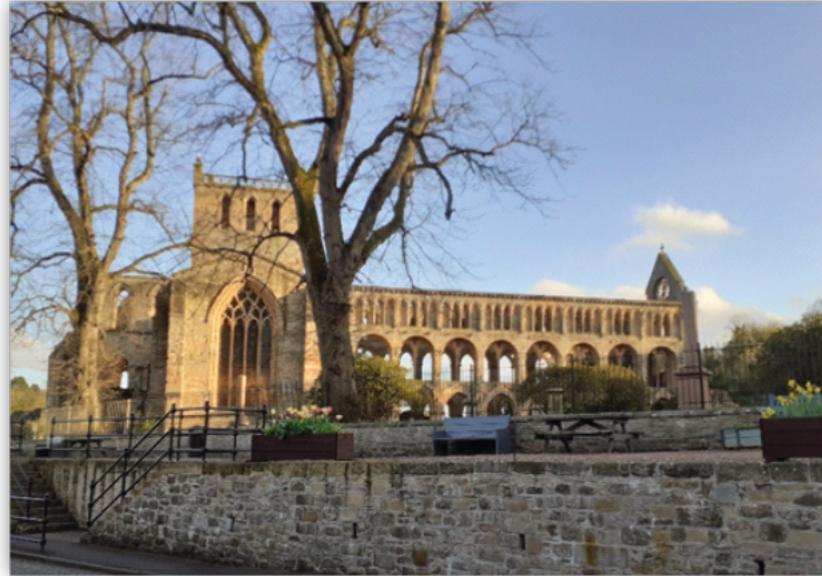
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A pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne

The seventh-century St Cuthbert began his religious formation at Melrose, made extensive missionary and healing journeys across northern Britain, withdrew to live as a hermit on Inner Farne, but was later persuaded to become Bishop of Lindisfarne. He was initially buried on Lindisfarne, but in response to Viking raids, monks disinterred his coffin and carried it across northern England to his final resting place, Durham Cathedral. Today, a waymarked pilgrimage route, 'St Cuthbert's Way' runs for 62 miles from Melrose in the Scottish Borders to Lindisfarne in Northumberland. Highlights of the route include the border abbeys of Melrose, Jedburgh and Dryburgh; the Eildon Hills; exposed ridges of the northern Cheviot Hills; meandering stretches of the river Tweed and straight stretches along



A St Cuthbert's Cross waymark



Jedburgh abbey – they would need more than a 'Lighting Project'!

Roman Dere Street; Kirk Yetholm where St Cuthbert's Way meets the northern end of the Pennine Way; the market town of Wooler, and 'St Cuthbert's Cave' where the monks carrying Cuthbert's coffin are thought to have rested. Upland, lowland, riverside, mountainside, woodland and farmland, the walk is wonderfully varied. St Cuthbert's Crosses on waymark posts and signs lead pilgrims on at every stage, and finally to the causeway across to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne – boots and socks off for that! For unwary pilgrims, a refuge on wooden stilts is provided, in case you get stuck halfway across with the tide coming in.

I played the hymns faster than usual on Sunday 23rd April in order to catch trains

to Berwick-upon-Tweed and a bus to Melrose. North-West Walks, a walking holiday company, had booked B&Bs and arranged baggage transfers, so it was not too much of a hardship! Walking with my son Dominic and my friend Simon, we completed St Cuthbert's Way in five days. On the second day we passed ruins of Cessford Castle, ancestral home of the Kers, notorious outlaws and perhaps ancestors of Simon & Katy Kerr? Thank you very much to all those who kindly sponsored the walk. Including Gift Aid, you raised £1,600 which has helped complete the All Saints' Church Lighting Project appeal.

John Halsey



John with "St Cuthbert"

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

Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

Every Saturday, Henry comes out of his cupboard. He has lived with us for many years but I don't have much chance to speak to him. I know his name is Henry because he has HENRY painted on his forehead. To be honest, when he first came to stay, I was quite nervous of him. He is bright red and when I was a young dog he seemed very big. The thing that scared me most about him was his singing. He moves around the house following The Boss singing in a tuneless way which I now find quite irritating. The annoying thing is that The Boss doesn't seem to mind. She says things like "Come on Henry, you're doing well here" and "Just a bit more Henry" and "Only the stairs left now Henry". This last one really irritates me

because I am not allowed to go upstairs. Yet, The Boss virtually carries Henry up and all the time he is snuffing around with that long nose of his and singing tunelessly.

As you might have guessed, Saturday mornings are not my favourite time of the week. I used to get very grumpy and bark. Now, that I'm older and more mature, I don't bark but I still get a little bit grumpy.

On reflection, I think I am jealous of Henry. But at the end of the day there's no point in being jealous. The Boss loves both of us. The fact that Henry is allowed to go upstairs and I'm not, doesn't mean she loves him more than she loves me. Jealousy is not good for dogs or humans. It is the enemy of contentment and in most aspects of my life I am a very contented dog. We are all created differently and for different purposes, and we all have different gifts. From now on, I am going to try to remember this and rejoice in Henry's presence with us.

With all good wishes,

*Barnabas
The Vicarage Dog*

PS I hope you like my new profile picture!

Pause for a Poem

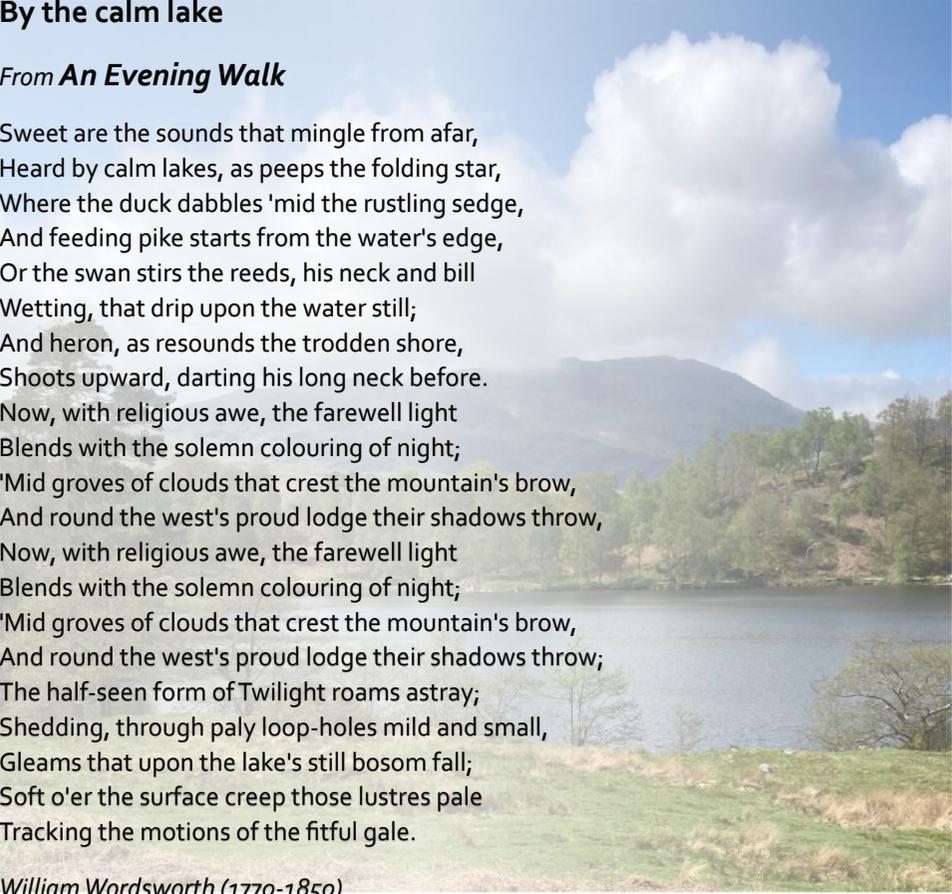
I recently visited the Lake District with family. That inspired me to look for a poem by William Wordsworth to use for Pause for a Poem. I found this little-known extract from much longer poem, An Evening Walk.

In a preface to the poem William Wordsworth said that it was addressed to his sister, and it was composed while he was at school, and during his two first College vacations.

Michael Bailey

By the calm lake

From *An Evening Walk*



Sweet are the sounds that mingle from afar,
Heard by calm lakes, as peeps the folding star,
Where the duck dabbles 'mid the rustling sedge,
And feeding pike starts from the water's edge,
Or the swan stirs the reeds, his neck and bill
Wetting, that drip upon the water still;
And heron, as resounds the trodden shore,
Shoots upward, darting his long neck before.
Now, with religious awe, the farewell light
Blends with the solemn colouring of night;
'Mid groves of clouds that crest the mountain's brow,
And round the west's proud lodge their shadows throw,
Now, with religious awe, the farewell light
Blends with the solemn colouring of night;
'Mid groves of clouds that crest the mountain's brow,
And round the west's proud lodge their shadows throw;
The half-seen form of Twilight roams astray;
Shedding, through paly loop-holes mild and small,
Gleams that upon the lake's still bosom fall;
Soft o'er the surface creep those lustres pale
Tracking the motions of the fitful gale.

William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

Thank you, as ever, to Michael for the poem and also for the beautiful background photograph taken at Tarn Hows

All Age Service

*A Midsummer Birthday
whose do you think it is?*



Lionel Messi



Fred Hoyle



Mick Fleetwood



John the Baptist



Kitchener

Sunday 25th June

4pm

**All Saints' Church
Frances Road**

SL4 1HU

Songs ~ Prayers ~ Craft ~ Afternoon Tea

Everybody welcome



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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)

Ian Mawhinney (Treasurer)

Katy Kerr (Secretary)

Estlyn Davies (Deanery Synod,
Safeguarding Officer)

Mary Delaney

Kate McQuillan

Adrian Stabbins

John Halsey

Jon Hunt

Margaret Pettitt

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

Martin Shea

Sally Stevens (Co-opted)

St Stephen & St Agnes PCC

Trevor Parsons (Vice Chair, Churchwarden)

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

Susan Gallagher (secretary)

Steve Smith (Deanery Rep)

Ken Boshier

Trevor Kirby

Stephanie Minici

Prem Mandimala

Laura Betteridge (Safeguarding Officer)

Vacancy (Treasurer)

If you're wondering what a PCC is, or does,
please see the next page.

What to do after the annual meeting...

Thank you to Sally & Chris Stevens who were generously serving refreshments, in their front garden, to passers by (and the new Holy Trinity PCC after their APCM!) on Coronation Sunday - pictured below are Sally, Chris, the new PCC and and the Town Crier (who was having a very busy weekend!).



A Quick Word about PCCs!

This year's Annual Meetings have now been held. Properly called Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs), these meetings are legally required to have taken place by 31st May. The meeting is divided into two parts – the first part is the election of churchwardens and the second part receives reports, elects Deanery Synod and PCC members, and appoints the independent examiner or auditor.

PCC stands for Parochial Church Council. It is a legal body and its members have responsibility for the church and churchyard, and the church's money. In addition the PCC has responsibility for working with the incumbent (Rector or Vicar) on matters of general concern and importance in the parish, including worship, and promoting the mission and vision of the church.

The PCC is an essential part of the governance of the Church of England. Each Parish Church is part of a national and international family and the local leadership needs to be in communication with what is happening in the rest of the national and worldwide Church.

Each PCC belongs to a group of parishes making up a Deanery. Each Deanery has a Synod to oversee it, led by an Area Dean. Deaneries are grouped together to comprise a Diocese, led by the Bishop and overseen by the Diocesan Synod. Dioceses come together as the national

Church at General Synod, meetings of which are held two or three times each year. General Synod is led by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

All these governance structures mean that sometimes the wider Church asks PCCs to discuss things at local level, and a PCC can ask the Deanery Synod to discuss an issue. It is like passing business up and down a huge chain. A PCC can ask Deanery Synod who can ask Diocesan Synod who can ask General Synod to talk about a particular matter. So, something that begins at a very local level can end up being discussed nationally.

In order to serve on a PCC, you must be on the Electoral Roll of that parish and an "actual communicant" member of the Church of England.

In our church community in Windsor we have three PCCs: Holy Trinity PCC, Clewer St Stephen with St Agnes PCC and New Windsor PCC (Windsor Parish Church and All Saints). For several years these PCCs have been exploring the possibility of joining together to form a single PCC. At the recent APCMs, the progress made in this process was shared. You can read the full details in the Executive Summary on the next page.

If you would like to know more about the function of PCCs or if you are interested in becoming a PCC member, please don't hesitate to speak to me or one of the churchwardens.

*Revd Canon Sally Lodge
Team Rector*

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50th Anniversary Season

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Conductor: Benedict Gunner

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Royal Windsor Information Centre,
Windsor Guildhall

Becoming “The Parish of Central Windsor” – Executive Summary ¹

This document was presented to Parochial Church Council members in March and to parishioners at their respective Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Vision – Our vision is to “Make God’s Love known in Windsor”. Becoming one parish will enable us to pursue that vision in a more focussed and united way. This is not just about the mechanics and process involved; these must always be at the service of God’s vision for Windsor.

Benefits – We already worship as a single community, and our pastoral, social and outreach activities are increasingly organised across the Team. By becoming one parish we can become more efficient, with less time spent on administration and governance, a streamlined structure, less duplication, and more energy to focus on mission and engagement with our community.

Community – the analysis shows that with an overall population of around 12,000, the current 3 parishes equate to one average sized parish; albeit with a high number of visitors, but one which has four major churches instead of one or two.

PCC Structure – the proposed structure is for 8 Churchwardens (2 for each church) with 12 elected PCC members, 3 Deanery Synod Reps and one or two co-opted members. The Churchwardens and PCC members would all need to be elected at a Special Meeting at the start of the new parish

and re-elected at subsequent APCM’s. There is no automatic continuity from the existing PCCs although it is possible that many current members will seek election.

PCC Committees – in addition to the PCC there will be a number of committees – Standing Committee, Liturgy & Music, Fabric & Property, Finance, Community Engagement, Governance etc. These will be comprised of a mix of staff team, churchwardens, and PCC members and possibly some co-opted members. Some will have delegated authority to make decisions, others will report back to the PCC for decisions.

Electoral Roll – the new parish will have an initial electoral roll consisting of the rolls of the former parishes combined to form a single roll. This will be updated in accordance with the normal Church Representation Rules.

Finances – there will be a single accounting system with all current bank accounts closed and funds transferred to the new parish, with a single treasurer (with some assistance).

- All giving, income, collections, donations, and gifts will be collected by the new parish treasurer.
- All expenditure, costs, salaries etc. will be paid by the parish treasurer.
- All reserves, savings, investments, trusts etc. currently owned by individual parishes will transfer to the new parish, (subject to a review of the current arrangements).

- Any existing fund restrictions – relating to gifts and legacies will be honoured; this includes the current “Friends of...” funds.
- Since the old PCC’s and parishes will no longer legally exist, they will not be able to maintain separate funds or trusts (depending on who the trustees are).

Timescales – The individual PCC’s need to agree a proposal to be completed during mid-2023 which is then sent for Deanery approval, which. This then passes to the Diocese for approval, and legal dissolution of the existing parishes and creation of the new parish. This may take 6-12 months, at the end of which a Go-Live date will be agreed and the Special Meeting arranged.

The Parish of New Windsor

*The Parish of Clewer St Stephen
with Spital*

The Parish of Holy Trinity

¹ The paper “Becoming One Parish - PCC Members Information” dated 21.03.2023 provides greater detail for each of these headings. Please read this document if you need any further information or explanations.

Trinity Sunday - 4 June



To celebrate Trinity Sunday the 10am Sung Eucharist will be at Holy Trinity Church on 4 June and, in addition, there will be a Book of Common Prayer (traditional) Holy Communion Service at 8am (also at Holy Trinity). Everyone is welcome at both or either!

New Website

We have a new website (although there’s no change to web addresses). You can now access information that is common to all the churches/parishes via windsorchurches.org.uk such as orders of service, information about baptisms etc. Each church has retained their web address which now points, or will point soon, to their own “homepage” within the site. It’s intended that information will be easier to find (with the added bonus for the administrators of only updating one website on a weekly basis!) making it more welcoming, especially to visitors. It still needs some further work but please take a look when you next have a moment.

This month it was...

400 years ago, on 19th June 1623 that Blaise Pascal was born. This French mathematician, physicist, inventor, theologian, and philosopher invented one of the first mechanical calculators.

300 years ago, on 16th June 1723 that Adam Smith was born. The 'Father of Economics', this Scottish economist and philosopher is best known for his book *The Wealth of Nations*, the first modern work on economics.

175 years ago, on 7th June 1848 that Paul Gauguin, French post-impressionist artist, was born.

150 years ago, on 5th June 1873 that the great slave market in Zanzibar (now part of Tanzania) was closed after Britain issued Sultan Barghash bin Said with an ultimatum to close it or face a blockade.

125 years ago, on 9th June 1898 that Britain leased Hong Kong from China

for 99 years, and it became a British Crown Colony. It was transferred back to China in 1997.

75 years ago, on 21st June 1948 that the ship HMT Empire Windrush docked in London, bringing the first large group of immigrants from the West Indies to the UK.

Also 75 years ago, from 24th June 1948 to 12th May 1949 that the Berlin Blockade and Airlift took place. The Soviet Union began a rail, road and canal blockade of Berlin, cutting off all routes between West Germany and West Berlin. The Allies launched a massive airlift – over 200,000 flights – to take in nearly 9,000 tons of supplies each day.

70 years ago, on 2nd June 1953 that the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey took place. It was the first event where the British TV

audience (20 million) was greater than the radio audience (12 million).

65 years ago, on 9th June 1958 that London's Gatwick Airport was officially opened.

50 years ago, from 16th to 25th June 1973 that Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev visited Washington DC and said that the Cold War was over as far as the Soviet Union was concerned. He and President Richard Nixon signed a major accord on arms limitation and the prevention of nuclear war.

Also 50 years ago, on 28th June 1973 that elections were held for the Northern Ireland Assembly. It began operating on 1st January 1974, but collapsed in May. It was re-established in 1998 but collapsed again in 2017. It was re-established in January 2020, but collapsed in February 2022. The seventh Assembly met in May 2022, but has not been able to meet since, as the DUP refuses to assent to the election of a speaker as part of a protest against working under a Sinn Fein first minister.

40 years ago, from 16th to 24th June, that Pope John Paul II visited his native Poland. He held a private meeting with Lech Walesa, the founder of the banned trade union Solidarity. Walesa became President of Poland in 1990.

30 years ago, on 19th June 1993 that Sir William Golding, British Novelist and winner of the 1983 Nobel Prize in

Literature, died. Best known for his novel 'The Lord of the Flies'.

25 years ago, on 11th June 1998 that the UN declared an official famine in Sudan. About 250,000 people were saved by international aid, but up to 100,000 died in South Sudan. A ceasefire in the Second Sudanese Civil War was signed on 15th July but collapsed in April 1999.

20 years ago, on 20th June 2003 that the Wikimedia Foundation was founded in Florida. The non-profit charitable organisation operates several websites, including Wikipedia.

from Parish Pump

The logo for Windsor Decorating Services (WDS) features the letters 'WDS' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a white outline and a slight drop shadow, set against a white background within a black-bordered square.

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THE CHAIRS

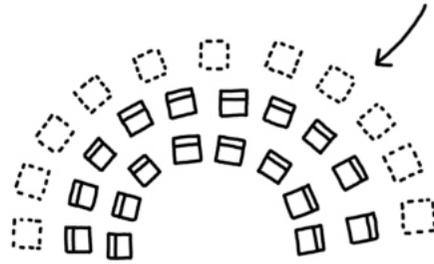
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PERFECTLY
NEAT ROWS

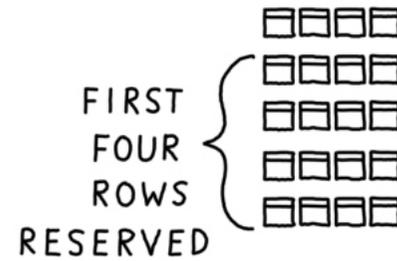


THE REGIMENTAL

EVERYONE SITS IN THE
SECOND ROW, THEN
ADDS CHAIRS BEHIND



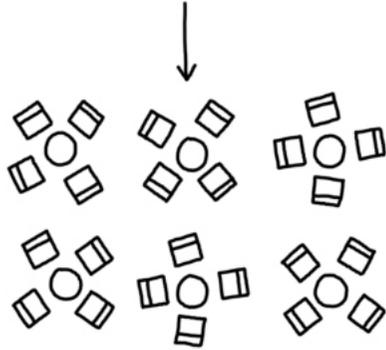
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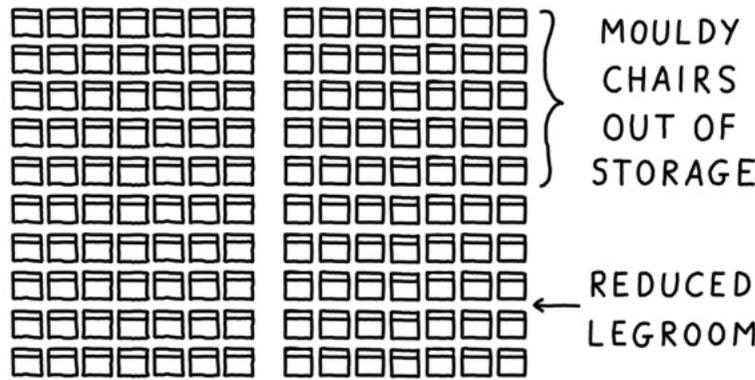
ONE ROW
AT THE
BACK
FOR THE
CONGREGATION

THE BAPTISM

A GOOD WAY TO
MAKE THE PLACE
LOOK A BIT BUSIER
THAN IT IS

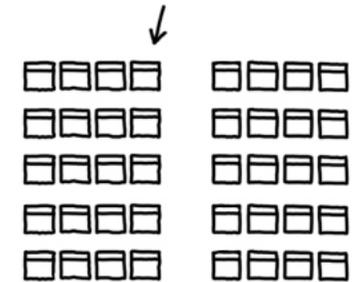


THE CAFE-STYLE



THE FESTIVAL

EVERYONE
IN THE BACK
TWO ROWS



THE USUAL

HM THE KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE



SPARKLING AFTERNOON TEA IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2.30–5.30PM £10

Sparkling wine, sandwiches, cream scones, cake, tea/coffee
Children's party games/Tombola

Holy Trinity Vicarage
Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HD

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Church of England in Central Windsor

June



- 1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165
- 3 *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977*
- 4 **Trinity Sunday (Principal Feast)**
8am Holy Communion – Holy Trinity Church
10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Patronal Festival
- 5 Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754
- 6 *Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945*
- 8 **Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)**
12pm Prayers - Holy Trinity Church
7.30pm Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church
- 9 Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597
Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373
- 11 **Barnabas the Apostle (the First Sunday after Trinity)**
10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church
3pm Service for 10th Anniversary of Friends of Windsor Parish Church
- 14 *Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691*
- 15 *Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941*
- 16 Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253
Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752
- 17 *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936*
2.30pm Garden Party – Holy Trinity Vicarage
- 18 **The Second Sunday after Trinity**
10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church
- 19 *Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929*
- 22 Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250
- 23 Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678
- 25 **The Birth of John the Baptist (transferred from 24 June)**
10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church Patronal Festival
4pm All Age Service – All Saints' Church
- 27 *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444*
- 28 Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200
Ember Day
- 29 **Peter and Paul, Apostles**
- 30 Ember Day