

Windsor Church News

May 2024



the online newsletter from
the Church of England in Central Windsor



**The Revd Richard
Terrado-Reardon**

Dear Friends,

I've been thinking a lot about hell in recent times. The type of hell that burns people in their lives, before they die. I've been touched by hell in my personal life and in my priestly life as well as my work as a therapist. I've seen people tortured by their own means, where they hold the keys to their own punishment and freedom. Hell isn't afar off, it's not waiting for us, it's not at our journeys' end, motivating us to be good boys and girls in this life. Hell is that way of living born of a type of despair, of a sense of hopelessness, of almost a disbelief in an individual's goodness or

their capacity to change. It could be said that hell is born of a blindness that keeps a person stuck in an ever-decreasing circle where they are unable to see either their loveliness or their neighbours. They may believe in God, or give a nod to the existence of the Divine, but Grace seems to be beyond their grasp, they seem to think they, or others, are not worthy of unconditional love.

So, is the way to hell paved with good intentions? I think not. Rather, from my limited experience, I see hell as paved by fear and trauma, and those wounds distort a person's vision, mind, and heart. Just the other day, within the space of one hour I was speaking with one man who had smashed a bottle over his friend's head and was paid in kind with his friend stabbing him in the neck. His friend is someone I had prayed with and supported as they were up until this incident several weeks sober. From this child of God, I then crossed the room and listened to someone just released

from prison after having a mental breakdown that led to them trashing their flat. When 'inside' they told me about the thriving drug business they discovered and the hundreds of pounds criminals are making from the frustration, boredom, and despair of those imprisoned. Holding my cup of coffee a little tighter I listened to another man tell me of the chaos of his life as he is now living in a tent, and finally I listened to a young man in tears telling me how his new boyfriend is controlling every aspect of his life and how he needs to escape this darkness. Hell is real, and there are people who are already burning.

While Jesus' doesn't use the term 'Hell' in a way some preachers would, and the way later English translations of the Bible do, his reference to **Gehenna** as a place of torment alludes to the reality of the suffering and pain that people experience at the hands of others or at their own. Gehenna is referred to in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and it was a

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Corpus Christi



**Day of Thanksgiving
for Holy Communion**

Thursday 30 May

Sung Eucharist

7.30pm

**St Stephen &
St Agnes Church**

Vansittart Road

All welcome

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place where children were sacrificed to a false god, Moloch. The valley became the common place for all the refuse of Jerusalem. There the dead bodies of animals and of criminals, and all kinds of filth were cast and consumed by a fire kept always burning. Sulphur was added to keep the fire alight. Those Jesus sees destined to arrive at such a state are in effect transporting themselves there.

God neither creates hell nor condemns people to it, how could unconditional love do that? Instead, unconditional love allows people to choose, to exercise freedom and suffers in seeing people living in hatred, evil and disharmony. Pope John Paul II reminded people heaven and hell are not physical places, they're states of being in a living relationship with God, or choosing separation from the source of all life and joy. Look at the world today, listening to some soldiers in my regiment, there are some voices that believe we are in the grip of World War III, and that it looks like multiple conflicts taking place at the

same time, linked by a similar or shared political philosophy or ideology. War is hellish, in it we all lose, and yet and it seems there is still a hunger for it, especially as other nations profit from the selling of military equipment. It's a strange thing to consider, that our economy, our way of life is tied up with selling weapons that have the sole intention of destroying life. The fire of Gehenna continues to burn when profit is to be made from suffering.

Whether it be in Windsor or the world stage, hell is a living reality, torment continues to touch the lives of the vulnerable and the innocent, as well as those who are blind to the dignity of their neighbour. In this Easter time, I am reminded of an icon that shows Christ descending into hell and liberating all those who are chained to its despair, it's known as the harrowing of hell. Love desires to free people from the terror they themselves have created. And paradoxically for some people love and light will feel like hell. For a way of life shaped by hatred and fear, tight in guilt

and greed, ingrown in selfishness where each day is spent complaining and being bitter and blaming others and being ungrateful, heaven, that is, the tender intimacy, healing, and forgiveness of God, will be repulsive. God's unconditional love will appear unfair or frightening, it will seem threatening and alien. A life that has become cramped by fear will flee the free gift of love, for Love will challenge and undo all that has been experienced and believed. For some, heaven will feel like hell. How tragic, for we were made for love.

As the Body of Christ here in Windsor we speak of showing God's love. What better way than bringing people out of hell. Our compassion, our love, our vote, our humanity are the ladder by which the tortured soul will ascend. Good News is not so much a message as it is personal presence. Our capacity to reach out, our willingness to connect to the pain of another may be the only scripture they will see. We can dampen down the flame. Happy Easter O Harrower of Hell.

Fr Richard

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



**Friday 17 May
4-6pm**

**at
All Saints' Church
Frances Road, Windsor**

**Fun for all ages!...crafts,
bible stories and a meal**



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Mothers' UNION

Report of Meeting 14th April 2024

Our Speaker was Rev Sally. Her topic was called "Sally's Surprise." We were not disappointed! It really was a surprise!

Our chairs were placed around a table on which about fifty pictures were placed. We were told to walk around in silence observing the pictures. They were from all over the world. Traditional pictures of Jesus and very unusual pictures of Jesus. There were pictures of a very angry Christ, a burning skeletal Christ, weird crucified Christ ...from Indonesia, Peru....beautiful icons and paintings from Italy, Greece. The whole emotional range of life shown in pictures.

We were told to select one we liked and one that disturbed us.

We then sat and explained our feelings about the pictures. The comments were wide ranging....but everyone expressed their opinions.

As usual Sally you certainly made us think!

A very challenging afternoon. Thank you Sally for a stimulating unusual experience..... which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Can't wait for your next "surprise"!

Our next meeting is on Thursday May 9th 2024 at All Saints Hall at 3.30 when

our Speaker will be Father John Quick on "Time in The Ministry". Should be an interesting afternoon. Everyone is welcome.

Our meetings always end with tea and chat. Do come and join us.

Please remember in your thoughts and your prayers all who are suffering in areas of conflict....whether in homes.... work places or Countries..... may God give them courage and strength in their ordeals. Also in your prayers please remember all the sick and lonely.

Estlyn Davies

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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Wed, Thu & Fri, 9:30-11:30am



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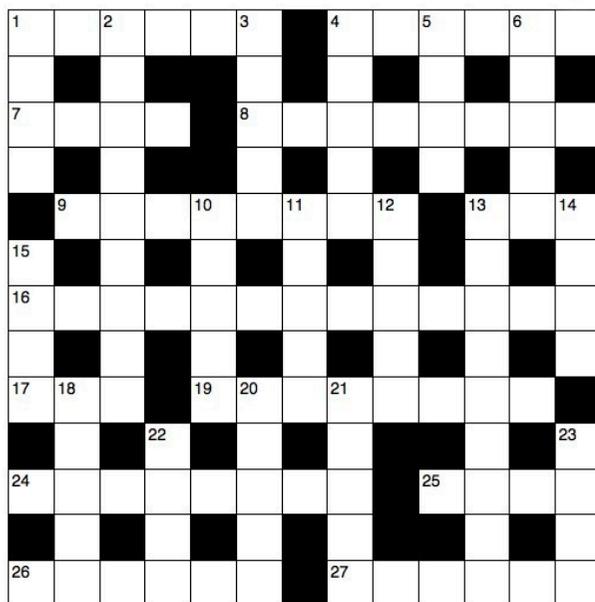
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Puzzle Page



Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)



The first Sunday in May is Rogation Sunday. This is when many parishes still 'beat the bounds'. Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land. The practice began with the Romans, who processed around the cornfields each Spring, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, in order to get rid of evil. About 465 AD the Western world was suffering from earthquake and storm. Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields. Thus 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial. It arrived in England early in the eighth century. Each Spring, led by the priest, a little party from the parish would set out with a Cross to trace the boundaries of the parish. They'd implore God to keep their corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to harvest. In the days when maps were scarce, 'beating the bounds' helped remind everyone just where the boundaries were. Do you know yours today?

Sunday	Asking	Processed	Prayer
May	Blessing	Cornfields	Cross
Rogation	Seed	Spring	Boundaries
Beat	Land	Earthquake	Crops
Bounds	Romans	Storm	Harvest maps

The Bible used is the New International Version.



Puzzle solutions are on page 12

Pause for a Poem

We have had all too much rain recently, so this poem by Francis Ledwidge seems particularly appropriate! I like the way that the poem presents a pastorally idyllic description of a rainstorm in spring, using religious symbolism to celebrate the beauty and bounty of the natural world during a downpour, thus capturing the joy of this season of new life.

A Rainy Day in April

When the clouds shake their hyssops, and the rain
Like holy water falls upon the plain,
'Tis sweet to gaze upon the springing grain
And see your harvest born.

And sweet the little breeze of melody
The blackbird puffs upon the budding tree,
While the wild poppy lights upon the lea
And blazes 'mid the corn.

The skylark soars the freshening shower to hail,
And the meek daisy holds aloft her pail.
And Spring all radiant by the wayside pale
Sets up her rock and reel.

See how she weaves her mantle fold on fold,
Hemming the woods and carpeting the wold.
Her warp is of the green, her woof the gold,
The spinning world her wheel.

Francis Ledwidge 1887-1917

Michael Bailey



*Thank you to Michael for some wonderful photographs to go with this month's poem
(our friends with the bluebells are Pepper & Chilli)*

Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

May is my birthday month so I have updated my profile picture. I hope you like it!

I will be 13 this year and I am beginning to feel a few of the aches and pains of being an "older dog". I get frustrated sometimes when things that used to be so easy, like catching a tennis ball, are now more of a challenge. When I'm out in the park, I spend less time now running about with other dogs – some of them are so fast, I just watch as they disappear round the corner!

So, I can't run as fast as I used to a few years ago but I still love meeting other dogs and their humans in the park and all around. There's a lot to be said for a quieter pace of life if it means more

time for a friendly pat and a sniff of a friendly human hand. It nourishes me in the way that charging madly around the park no longer does.

In fact sometimes I think that I wouldn't really want to be a puppy again. All that energy spent in jumping up and rushing about and trying to escape and getting lost and being found and collapsing in a heap. With age comes wisdom and a greater understanding of the world.

I am a wiser dog than I used to be, at least I think I am! I hope The Boss would agree! But I'm not always serious. I still do mad things every so often to keep her smiling. I know she loves it when I do one of my "mad rolls" with my legs in the air. It's harder now of course to get those legs up but so long as the occasional "mad roll" continues to make her smile, I'll continue!

It's important I think to have a purpose in life. No matter what our age we all need to remember that we have a purpose. A God-given purpose to love one another as he loves us – dogs and humans. My particular purpose is to care for The Boss and every day offers another chance to learn more, to love more, to enjoy more. I maybe 13 but I am still a work in progress. I still have much more to learn, love and enjoy!

Your aging friend,

Barnabas
The Vicarage Dog

Pimms & Hymns

Do you like Pimms? Do you like singing hymns? If so, make sure you have Sunday 9th June in your diary! We are celebrating RSCM Music Sunday with a Big Hymn Sing followed by a glass of Pimms in the garden (hopefully!) at All Saints' Church. The Songs of Praise style service begins at 5.30pm. If you have a favourite hymn which you would like to sing, please email our Director of Music, John Halsey, by 26th May. We will try to incorporate as many requests as we can. jphalsey@btinternet.com or [message John via the form on our website.](#)

Trinity Sunday
at 26 May
Holy Trinity
Church

10am
Sung Eucharist
Preacher:
The Ven Stephen Pullin
Archdeacon of Berkshire

5.30pm
Choral Evensong



All welcome

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Thy Kingdom Come

This year more than a million Christians worldwide will be joining in long-distance prayer between Ascension Day to Pentecost (9th – 19th May).

What started in 2016 with the Archbishops of Canterbury and York inviting the CofE to pray, has grown into an annual international and ecumenical call to 11 days of specific prayer that more people will come to know Jesus.

According to the organisers of Kingdom Come, the movement is now in nearly 90% of countries worldwide and spread among 85 different denominations and traditions.

Kingdom Come explains that it encourages: "Every person, household, and church to pray that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

"Specifically, we again invite each Christian to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five people whom they know, who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call."

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, you are invited to take part this year. Archbishop Justin Welby says: "In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the

renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

from Parish Pump

Confirmation Service

Bishop Olivia will be coming to St Stephen & St Agnes Church on Wednesday 17th July (7pm tbc) for the Deanery Confirmation Service. If you have ever thought about being confirmed, now is the opportunity to find out more! Revd Sally and Revd Richard will be running a Confirmation Group for anyone who is interested in discovering more about this further step on the journey of faith. This will be held over 6 sessions starting Sunday 3rd June at 4pm, further dates and times tbc. Watch this space and do please ask if you would like to know more.

Berkshire Chamber Music Festival Ensemble

will be performing at
**Windsor Parish Church
of St John the Baptist**
on

Saturday 8 June at 7.30pm

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Programme:

Fauré Piano Trio op. 120
Stravinsky Soldier's Tale Suite
Howard Ostara
Mendelssohn Piano Trio in D Minor
op.11

Churches Together in Windsor



Taize Service to Celebrate Pentecost
and the final day of
THY KINGDOM COME 2024

**19th May: 5pm at Windsor Methodist
Church, followed by refreshments.**

All Welcome

Team Rector's APCM Report on 2023

The annual meeting in Holy Trinity Parish took place in April and is on 5 May for Clewer St Stephen Parish and 19 May for New Windsor Parish. If you are not able to attend your parish meeting you may not have read the Rector's report in which Revd Sally reviews the last year and looks forward to the future. You can find other reports that are being (or have been) presented to the Annual Meetings on the website under the relevant church.

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Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity (Ps 133.1)

In 2023 the parishes of the benefice of New Windsor achieved something which they had been working towards for over 20 years. Unity. The legal process is not yet completed but the "people" side is a long way down the road to togetherness. I would like to begin my report on 2023 by thanking you all for what you have done to reach this milestone. Thank you for your commitment, your resilience, your determination and for the sacrifices I know you have made along the way. Unity is not always easy. Nor was it ever. The words at the top of this report come from the first verse of Psalm 133. The pilgrims approach Jerusalem and the wise among them know that their stay will have its challenges. Arguments and jostling for position may occur. Tensions may explode into conflict. Things could get very difficult. Or, there could be unity. A precious commodity

and one for which humanity strives in so many areas of life. Unity makes us strong; together we are the body of Christ. Thank you for your part in this historic achievement.

All three PCCs voted unanimously in favour of becoming a single parish on 19th July 2023. The legal process to put into place the Scheme for Pastoral Re-Organisation began the following day and rumbled on to the end of the year. The hope is that all will be complete by the autumn of 2024. There is much to do both legally, structurally and financially but the process doesn't stand in the way of the practical outworkings of the decision made by the PCCs in July. Our mindset now is one of unity, of being "One Parish" and this is the remarkable legacy of 2023.

Another exciting achievement was the completion of the project to restore the organ in Windsor Parish Church. It had taken 10 years of fund-raising to reach the £210,000 target and the work suffered serious delays due to the pandemic and the aftermath of Brexit. A joy-filled inaugural concert took place on 1st October and I had the pleasure of re-dedicating and blessing the instrument during the Sung Eucharist on the Feast of Christ the King (26th November). Particular thanks must go to John Halsey and Michael Harding for their dedication to this project over many years.

A further successfully completed fund-raising endeavour was the All Saints'

Lighting Project. A legacy from former churchwarden Tom Smith was the spur and led to a total of £60,000 raised in less than a year. Work began on 22nd May and on 2nd July, during the Sunday morning service at All Saints' Church, the "Big Switch On" took place to the delight of the fund-raising committee. The new lighting has made a big difference to the welcoming "feel" of the church.

From mid-April to mid-October, Windsor Parish Church hosted Peter Barnes' magnificent "Last Supper", a sculpture made of fibreglass covered in keys reclaimed from computer keyboards. The sculpture's entrance into the church was challenging but we were all moved by Peter's calming presence and skill as it was manoeuvred into place over three hours. The sculpture was much enjoyed by visitors, including children from our local schools. It felt quite a wrench to see it go!



Palm Sunday fell on 2nd April and we were delighted to welcome Marble the donkey and her friend for the Palm Procession from All Saints to St Stephen & St Agnes via Holy Trinity. What a wonderful witness this was!

Easter Day began with a Dawn Eucharist at St Stephen & St Agnes with full Easter ceremonies and followed by an excellent breakfast where much fellowship was enjoyed. In addition, there was 8am Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Trinity, 10am Family Eucharist at All Saints and a new service, Easter Praise with Holy Communion, especially aimed at visitors, held at 11.15am at Windsor Parish Church.

A service to commemorate Battle of Britain Day was held in Windsor Parish Church in September for the first time since the pandemic. There were traditional services of remembrance at Holy Trinity Church and Windsor Parish Church on Remembrance Sunday and the Eucharist at St Stephen & St Agnes was followed by an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial.

Other special services held in 2023 include the Feast of Corpus Christi, "In Loving Memory" (Bereavement Service), Baby Loss Awareness Week service, Fauré Requiem Mass for All Souls Day and Taizé Holy Communion at St Stephen & St Agnes Church, and two exceptionally well attended Carols by Candlelight services at Holy Trinity Church.

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The daily round of prayer has continued with Morning Prayer every weekday on zoom and in person. (Do join us!) Thank you to our faithful band of pray-ers reminding us that the voice of prayer is never silent.

There were social events too. We had great fun at a "Silly Games" evening in February, enjoyed a sparkling cream tea in the vicarage garden to celebrate the King's official birthday in June and were overjoyed at the success of the first Christmas Tree Festival.

In 2023 there were 33 baptisms, 7 weddings, 1 renewal of vows and 22 funerals (including 3 memorial services). A successful Marriage Preparation Day was held on 17th April. Thank you as ever to all who assist in the smooth running of these occasional offices. Amongst the departed we mourned the deaths of Maura Erikson, Jill Dawson, Barbara Bridges (SSSA), Mary Evans (WPC) and Christine Jacobsen (HT). May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Throughout the year, ministry has continued in our schools with regular assemblies taking place at Trinity St Stephen's, St Edward's Royal Free, Queen Anne First School and Upton House. I am delighted that the Open the Book team have continued to visit Queen Anne School each Wednesday afternoon. I continued to serve as a foundation governor at Trinity St Stephen School and Queen Anne

School and as an associate governor at St Edward's Royal Free.

As Team Rector, I attended various meetings throughout the year as *ex officio* trustee of 5 charitable trusts. In December 2023, I attended my first meeting of the Diocesan Development Fund Panel, to which I was appointed in September.

My thanks to our six churchwardens, our treasurers, PCC secretaries, to our staff team and to my lay and ordained colleagues. Ministry is about unity. It is a group activity which we do collaboratively and relies on so many people, lay and ordained, carrying out their tasks, often unseen or unacknowledged, efficiently, quietly and without monetary reward. Thank you to all of you for all that you do *together* to make God's love known in Windsor. Finally, my thanks to John for accepting with his customary grace another year of being married to the rector.

Thank you *everybody* for all that you do and all that you are.

May the Lord bless you and give you his peace.

Sally

March 2024

The man who created Father Brown

The British writer G K Chesterton was born 150 years ago, on 29th May 1874, in Kensington, West London. A novelist, short story writer, philosopher and critic, he was best known for his Father Brown stories, popular now through their adaptation for television.

He thought of himself as a journalist with good reason, composing 30 years of weekly columns for the *Illustrated London News* and more elsewhere, but he was a prolific writer in many areas, writing 100 books and contributing to 200 others, as well as composing short stories, essays and poems and creating Father Brown.

He was a tall man who weighed in at over 20 stone, and he was notoriously absent-minded – once contacting his wife, Frances, to say: "Am at Market Harborough. Where ought I to be?" Unsurprisingly, he did a great deal of writing while waiting at stations.

He was a deep thinker, usually getting the better of the many prominent men he argued against, but almost invariably retaining their goodwill, since he was a genial and witty opponent.

An "orthodox Christian" who espoused Roman Catholicism (moving from High Anglicanism) because he felt it was the best resistance to fads of the age, he was against both socialism and capitalism, materialism, determinism and "spineless agnosticism". He fought for freedom and justice.

Chesterton never went to college but did attend art school. Extremely quotable and read now by too few people, he composed some near-perfect lines, concluding for example that "the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried".

from Parish Pump

Music & Arts Festival at Hurley

There is a music and arts festival in Hurley from 3rd to 5th May, celebrating the diversity of local musical and artistic talent. There are concerts at 7pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening with music ranging from home-grown Bluegrass to a Chamber Choir! There is also an art show taking place from 11:30am on Saturday 4th. More information on all these events and how to book tickets is available at www.hurleymusicarts.com.

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](mailto: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

This month it was...

200 years ago, on 5th May 1821 that Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France (1804 – 1815) died of stomach cancer. He was in exile on the island of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic, aged 51.

175 years ago, on 30th May 1846 that Peter Carl Fabergé was born. This Russian goldsmith and jeweller was best known for his fabulously decorated Fabergé eggs.

150 years ago, on 11th May 1871 that John Herschel, British astronomer, mathematician, chemist and pioneering photographer died. Amongst other things, he named seven of Saturn's moons and investigated colour blindness. He was also President of the Royal Astronomical Society three times.

100 years ago, on 3rd May 1921 that Ireland was divided into Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland (now known as the Republic of Ireland).

Also 100 years ago, on 15th May, that the British Legion was founded.

90 years ago, on 1st May 1931 that the Empire State Building in New York City was officially opened.

80 years ago, on 1st–7th May 1941 that the German Blitz on Liverpool left nearly 3,000 dead and 70,000 homeless. Liverpool was the second most heavily targeted British city, after London.

Also 80 years ago, on 10th May 1941 that the last major attack on London during the Blitz caused heavy damage to many important buildings, including the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St James Palace and Lambeth Palace, several railway stations and hospitals, the British Museum and the Old Bailey. More than 1,300 people were killed on one night. At one point during the Blitz, London was bombed for 57 nights in a row.

75 years ago, on 11th May 1946 that the first CARE packages for Europe arrived in Le Havre to help people who were starving after WWII. The first CARE packages were actually surplus US Army rations.

70 years ago, on 3rd May 1951 that the Festival of Britain and the Royal Festival Hall in London were opened. The aim of the Festival was to lift the nation's spirits by celebrating British industry, arts and science.

Also 70 years ago, on 9th May 1951 that the Lake District National Park was established. It was Britain's second national park.

Also 70 years ago, on 25th May 1951 that the British spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean fled to Moscow. They were members of the infamous Cambridge spy ring, and their whereabouts remained unknown until 1956.

65 years ago, on 24th May 1956 that the first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland. It was won by Switzerland.

60 years ago, on 1st May 1961 that betting away from racecourses was legalised in the UK and the first betting shops opened.

Also 60 years ago, on 28th May 1961 that Amnesty International was founded in London.

40 years ago, on 13th May 1981 that Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded by a Turkish gunman in an assassination attempt in St Peter's Square, Vatican City.

30 years ago, on 16th May 1991 that Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the US Congress.

25 years ago, on 30th May 1996 that Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and his wife Sarah, Duchess of York, were divorced.

20 years ago, on 7th May 2001 that Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs returned to the UK from Brazil where he had lived as a fugitive for 36 years. He was immediately arrested and sent to prison to complete his sentence. Released on compassionate grounds in 2009, he died in 2013.

10 years ago, on 2nd May 2011 that Osama bin Laden, Saudi Arabian-born terrorist, died. Founder of al-Qaeda, he was thought to have masterminded the 9/11 attacks on the USA. Shot dead by US forces in Pakistan.

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East Berkshire Safe Haven

Are you feeling distressed, overwhelmed, or that things are too much for you?

Don't know where to turn to get mental health support? Are your usual sources of support closed?

The East Berkshire Safe Haven offers out-of-hours mental health support to anyone aged 18 and over.

What can you expect from us: The Safe Haven offers a welcoming, comfortable, non-judgmental, and non-clinical environment.

Our experienced staff team is available to provide emotional support and information if you are in crisis or feel you are heading toward a crisis situation.

You can come just for a chat, or to access one-to-one emotional support from trained mental health professionals. We also offer help in creating staying well and crisis plans, and support visitors to access other services and organisations that may be useful to them.

This is a walk-in service - there's no need to be referred. We also offer virtual support via telephone and video call.

We work closely with GPs, Community Mental Health Teams, Crisis Teams, A&E Mental Health Liaison Teams, Police and Ambulance Services, Street Triage, and other front-line healthcare professionals to ensure that people in emotional distress have a safe, supportive place to go to, with appropriate mental health support available.

People using the Safe Haven will also be supported by our 24/7 helpline, which offers access to emotional support and information when the service is closed.

Who is this service for? Anyone aged 18 and over can come to the Safe Haven; you don't need a formal referral or appointment.

Please note: the Safe Haven is not suitable for people needing urgent medical attention (for example, after self-harm) – for urgent medical care please attend your nearest A&E or call 999.

Please also be mindful that if your behaviour is inappropriate and/or negatively impacts the safety and wellbeing of others using the service, you may be turned away.

LIMU, LIMU, LIMA

Traditional and modern Swedish choral music

A concert by

STOCKHOLM CANTUS



SATURDAY 11 MAY
3PM

**WINDSOR PARISH CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
HIGH STREET, WINDSOR SL4 1LT

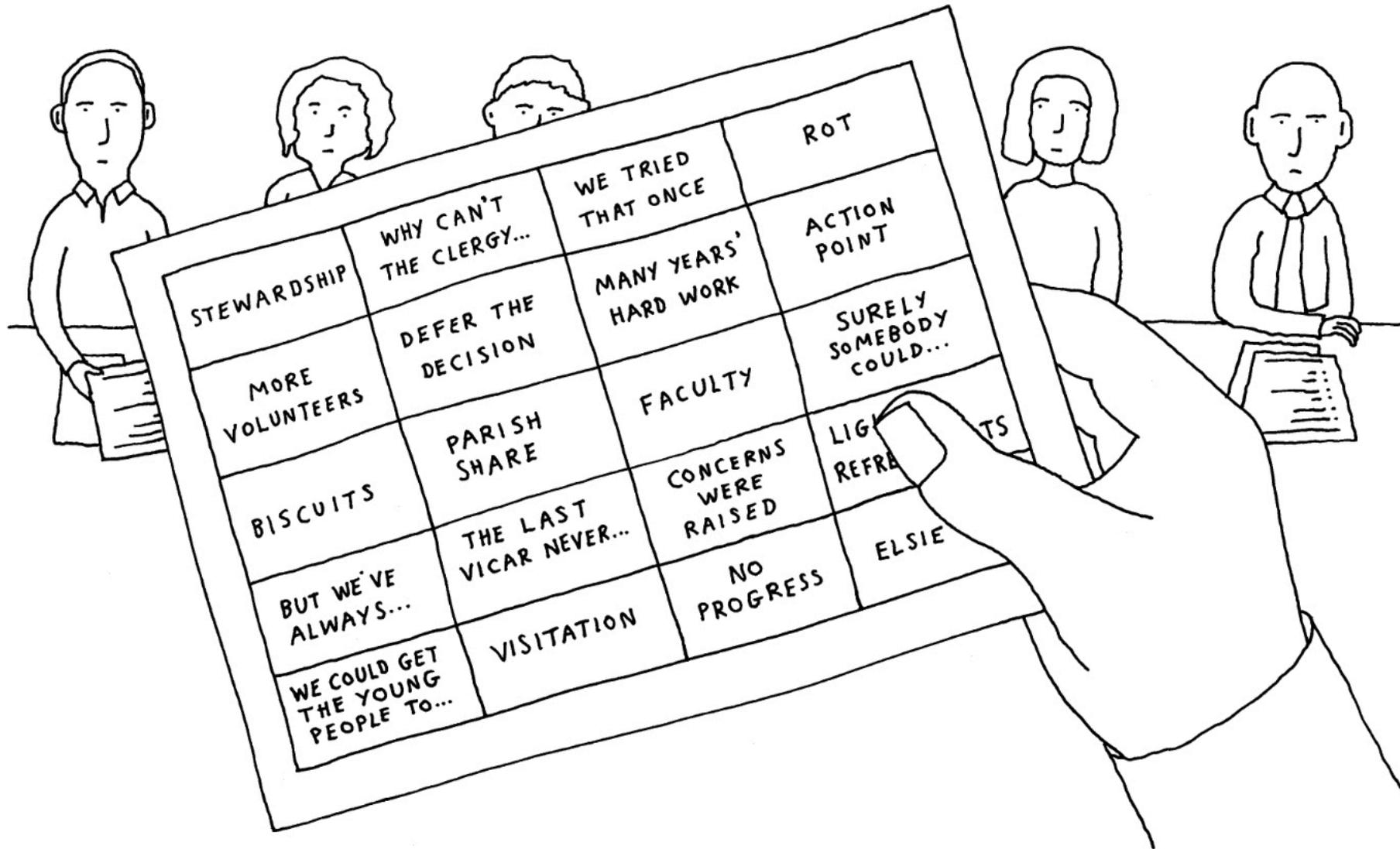
Eva Wedin (Director) with John Halsey (Organ)

Followed by refreshments

Admission: Donation invited (cash or card)

P.C.C. BINGO

WORDS AND PHRASES OFTEN USED DURING MEETINGS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL



From the April registers...



Baptisms

Kimball Leach (St Stephen & St Agnes Church)
 Sophia Mahieu (Windsor Parish Church)
 Francis Moncreiff (All Saints')
 Iris Kyle (All Saints')



Funerals

Neville Taylor (Holy Trinity)
 Daphne Fido (Holy Trinity)
 Gordon Foskett
 Jean Beard



Christian Aid week is 12-18 May (Christian Aid is a global movement of people, churches and local organisations seeking to eradicate poverty). At the time of publication there are no details available of how it is being marked locally (we will put any update in the Keeping Us In Touch leaflet). If you would like to make a donation you can do so by clicking on this circle.

New Pathways

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

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

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ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 9 May

Sung Eucharist

Mass: Schubert in G
Anthem: God is gone up (Finzi)

with
New Windsor
Team Ministry Choir
&
Stockholm Cantus

7.30pm

Holy Trinity
Church
Claremont Road

All welcome



May

- 1 Philip and James, Apostles
- 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373
- 4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era
- 5 **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church
- 8 Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417
- 9 **Ascension Day (Principal Feast)**
7.30pm Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church
- 12 **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**
10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church
- 14 Matthias the Apostle
- 16 Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877
- 19 **Pentecost (Principal Feast)**
10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church
5pm Joint Churches Together Service - Windsor Methodist Church
- 20 Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804
- 21 Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330
- 24 John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788
4.15pm Messy Church – All Saints' Church ([book here](#))
- 25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735
Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709
- 26 **Trinity Sunday (Principal Feast)**
10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Patronal Festival
5.30pm Choral Evensong – Holy Trinity Church
- 28 Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089
- 30 **Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)**
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Benediction – St Stephen & Agnes Church
- 31 The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth