

Windsor Church News



**The Revd Richard
Terrado-Reardon**

Dear Friends,

As November brings us once again to our time of Remembrance, particularly Remembrance Sunday, we find ourselves in a world that continues to be scarred by conflict. The poppies we wear and the silence we keep are not merely acts of historical remembrance, but reminders of humanity's ongoing struggle with violence and war.

When those first soldiers laid down their arms in November 1918, the world dared to hope that they had fought "the war to end all wars." Yet here we are, over a century later, witnessing



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conflicts that echo with the same human cost and tragedy that marked the wars of the past. The faces change, the weapons evolve, but the fundamental heartbreak remains the same – mothers weeping for their children, communities torn apart, and the steady accumulation of grief that knows no borders.

As we honour those who fell in the World Wars and subsequent conflicts, we cannot ignore the present reality of war that fills our news feeds. The devastating situation in Israel and Palestine, where civilians on both sides suffer immensely, reminds us that ancient lands can still be scarred by modern warfare. The expansion of conflict into Lebanon threatens to further destabilize a region already bearing deep wounds. Meanwhile, in Ukraine, we witness the continued resistance of a people defending their

homeland against aggression, even as winter approaches once again.

What, then, is our Christian response to this seemingly endless cycle of conflict? As followers of Christ, we are called to be peacemakers, yet we must grapple with the complexity of modern warfare and the legitimate need for defence against aggression. I believe any response must be multifaceted:

Firstly we must pray with purpose. Our prayers should not be vague wishes for peace but specific intercessions:

For the protection of civilians in all conflict zones

For wisdom for international leaders and diplomats

For the success of peace initiatives and humanitarian efforts

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For the healing of communities torn apart by violence

For the courage to pursue justice without perpetuating cycles of revenge

Secondly, we must act with compassion. The church continues to support humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine through Christian Aid, providing food, water, shelter, hygiene kits, and household items. They have also provided access to healthcare, psychological support, and legal advice. Remember Christ's words: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

The complexities of these conflicts challenge us to resist the temptation to demonize any side. Christ's command to love our enemies challenges us to see the humanity in all parties, even as we condemn actions that bring death and destruction.

The beginning of any global transformation takes place within the human heart. Interior change leads to outer change. Within the biblical tradition the heart is seen as the totality of a person's inner nature, including their thoughts, feelings, and intentions. In Proverbs 4:23 we read: "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life". The conversion of heart is therefore the conversion of the seat of life, the hem of life, the place where the inner voice of God waits to

be tended to. God is calling each of us to turn inward so we can become a source of peace and reconciliation in our own communities. The seeds of global conflict often lie in local prejudices and misunderstandings. By building bridges between different faith and ethnic communities here at home, we contribute to the larger work of peace.

On Remembrance Sunday, we will stand in silence before our war memorials, remembering not only those who fell in past conflicts but also praying for those caught in the crossfire of today's wars. Let us remember that the cross of Christ stands as both a symbol of suffering and a beacon of hope – hope that love is stronger than hate, that peace is possible, and that reconciliation can triumph over revenge.

Our remembrance must fuel our resolve to work for peace in whatever way we can. Whether through prayer, charitable giving, advocacy, or simply showing love to our neighbour, we all have a part to play in building the peaceful world that those who fought and died dreamed of creating.

The words of the prophet Isaiah remain as relevant today as when they were first spoken at a time of serious military threat: "They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4).

Interestingly, this same prophecy appears almost word-for-word in Micah 4:3. Are we seeing a vision of messianic peace inspired by the author of life?

May God give us the wisdom, courage, and compassion to be instruments of His peace in these challenging times.

With faith, hope and love

Fr Richard.

All Saints' Window

The All Saints' Window on the first page is in the north west corner of All Saints' Church. It was designed and made by Barry Davis of Leadcraft Studios in Reading, from an idea by Angela Drewett (then churchwarden) and was installed in May 1993. The window is in memory of Catherine Campbell who was organist of the church for 40 years. It is dedicated to all those who have given their time and talents in the service of God at All Saints' Church.

The inscription "So many are the Saints of God, like stars set in the sky" are the words of a hymn familiar to local school children in 1950s.



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The Parish of Central Windsor

In the April edition of Windsor Church News, I wrote about the process of becoming one parish. Our four churches (three parishes) have worked together for over 20 years and in July last year, the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) voted unanimously to become one parish.

In the months following July 2023, the Scheme of Pastoral Re-organisation required to achieve this aim has worked its way through the Diocesan and National Church structures including a period of public consultation which concluded on 14th October 2024. No representations against the Scheme were received and the Church Commissioners have now agreed to it being made, with a "coming-into-effect" date of 1st January 2025. On this date the former parishes of New Windsor, Holy Trinity and Clewer St Stephen will cease to exist and the new Parish of Central Windsor will come into operation. Our four churches (St John the Baptist, All Saints, Holy Trinity and St Stephen & St Agnes) will each have equal status in the newly formed parish. They will retain their own churchwardens but there will be one PCC.

This is a major achievement for our PCCs and congregations after many years of working together. We already worship as a single community, and our

pastoral, social and outreach activities are organised across the four churches. As one parish I know we will have increased energy to focus on mission and engagement with our community as we seek to show God's love in Windsor.

Revd Canon Sally Lodge

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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



All Saints' Day

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. It is celebrated on 1 November and this year on Sunday 3 November, being the nearest Sunday. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians.

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

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Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

How many times have you said those words today?

The Boss was talking to someone the other day about Thanksgiving which our American friends celebrate every year on the fourth Thursday of November. It's a national holiday which this year falls on 28th.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey and pumpkin pie sounds very tasty to me and I think it's a good idea to set aside time to say thank you. The Boss said that the first Thanksgiving took place way back in 1621 and involved Pilgrims and Native Americans. I expect they were thankful for the safe landing of ships from

Europe and for the first harvest that the Pilgrims had been able to gather. The Pilgrims, being very religious people, were thankful to God for everything that he had provided in their lives.

Perhaps these days Thanksgiving is more an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a day's holiday with family and friends but I hope some of them will remember to be especially thankful to God.

Saying thank you makes us remember what we have, rather than thinking about what we don't have. We are thankful for people and experiences and all the good things we have. I'm thankful that I have a warm bed, food, water, a family who love me and for my collection of tennis balls.

Being thankful is good for us whether we are dogs or humans. It helps us to be calm and content. We can say thank you to those around us and to God who is the creator and provider of all good things.

It reminds me of the words from a hymn The Boss sometimes sings:

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices.

Yours thankfully

*Barnabas
The Vicarage Dog*

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My Visit to the United Kingdom and Allied Forces Memorial at Gold Beach, Normandy

I had wanted to see this memorial since it was first completed and the 80th celebrations of the Normandy Landings, reminded me. Fortunately, my grandson was happy to take me. So July 1st saw me travelling to Ashted to spend the night with he and his fiancé before an early start to the Eurotunnel just over an hour away on 2nd July. Arriving at Calais, we had a three and half hour journey to the memorial driving through a mixture of rain and sunshine.

It was a fascinating walk towards the memorial itself and as we got closer, on a rather overcast day, the quietness, except for birdsong, was palpable, although there were many people there; the day itself seemed muted, which added to the atmosphere at the Memorial. I found the whole visit very moving and much of the time became unaware of anyone else.

Gliders landed at midnight to secure Bridges at Caen and over the Orme; sea landings were timed for one hour later.

The memorial was the dream of a veteran George Batts in a conversation with BBC journalist Nicholas Witchell. George who was honoured with MBE and Legion of Honour, is remembered at the memorial with these words: 'George touched so many lives and his unwavering dedication to remembrance and effort to ensure future generations would never forget the ultimate sacrifice his comrades made all those years ago' George was a Sapper in the Royal Engineers and their task on landing was to clear mines and booby traps on the beaches and beyond, an onerous task.

The memorial records the names of 22,442 men from more than 30 countries who lost their lives between 4th June and 31st August 1944 including



the 1,746 who died on D-Day. The former names are on the 160 white columns in chronological order of their death, while the latter are inscribed on the Centre Memorial Court.

Another dedication I noticed was to 'all the French civilians who lost their lives and their homes during the liberation'.

For those interested the memorial was designed by Liam O'Connor and David Williams the sculptor. The construction cost £30,000,000 – £20M from Government, proceeds from the LIBOR scandal – fraudulent action by banks - and £10M by public subscription.

About four acres of land was acquired by permission French, on a hill west of Ver-Sur-Mer, overlooking Gold Beach and the site was inaugurated by PM Theresa May and President Macron on 6th June 2019. The construction was by a French company and the stonework by masons S.McConnel at their

premises in County Down using 4,000 tons of French limestone

The centre piece is a bronze of three, larger than life, soldiers.



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The Memorial is maintained in partnership with the War Graves Commission

George Batts did get to see the memorial when it was opened in 2021 but died at 97 on 8th November 2022.

The silhouettes near the beaches in front of the memorial represent each man killed on landing. They were made at a workshop in Staunton Harcourt in Oxfordshire and transported by four articulated lorries accompanied by 200 Harley Davidson Remembrance riders and erected over three weeks by 30 volunteers.

Mary Skelton

Job Opportunity

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an assistant/deputy to the Windsor Homeless Project Manager on key activities that are intrinsic to its smooth running. There are a broad range of activities that will draw on your administrative and process expertise gained from experience in similar roles either in the charitable, public service or business sectors. You will be involved in the heart of what we do and you will understand the breadth and depth of the support we provide to our "clients", and how the other aspects of the Alma Beacon charity fit into this. You can find out more [here](#) or by looking at the parish magazine section of our website until the closing date of 15 November 2024.

Pyjamas!



On Sunday 20th October at the Parish Hall at All Saints' Church, our Sunday Club gathered for a Pyjama Party. This was inspired by the work of a charity called '[Children's Hospital Pyjamas](#)'. Their strap line is 'Spreading Love through Comfort.' They collect donations of brand-new pyjamas, from the public, which they then donate to hospitals, hospices, and women's refuges across the UK. These are then given to poorly or less fortunate children who are inpatients. As well as dressing up in their PJ's, our children and their parents, watched a video on this important work and then went on to enjoy playing games and eating sweet treats together. This was a moment of compassion and fellowship, dappled with a generous amount of fun. Sunday Club have stepped up to the invitation to spread love through comfort. We now ask you to do the same. During the month of November, we invite you to bring new PJ's to church so we can donate them to the charity. The last opportunity to donate will be Sunday 24th of November.



Advent Study Course

Once again I invite members of the congregation to join me in a short study course. The subject will be 'The beginning of St Mark's Gospel'. This title reflects the opening words 'The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the son of God'. Already we have here a number of points for discussion. Matthew and Luke start with the stories of Jesus' birth, but not Mark. And Mark gives Jesus a number of titles. Were these attributed to Jesus 'at the beginning'? And the beginning of this gospel is not Jesus but John the Baptist!

I do not expect that in four weeks we will get beyond chapter 1.

The dates are to be Thursdays, November 28 and December 5, 12, and 19. from 11.00 till 12.00. The venue will be the vestry of All Saints Church.

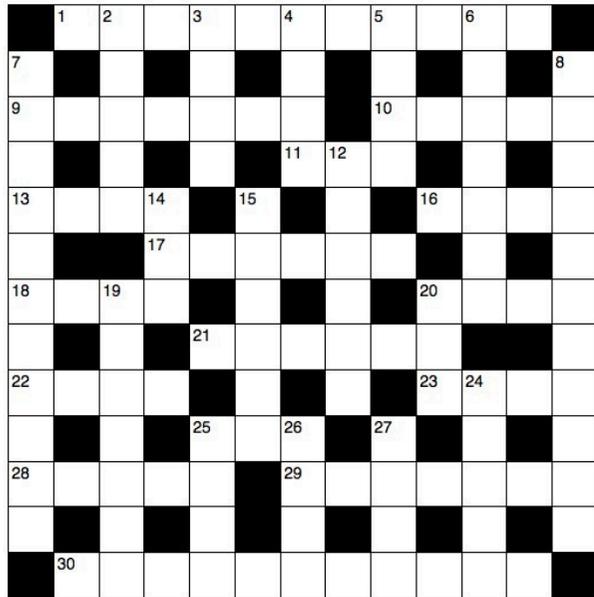
If you are interested please send me an e-mail at

jeremyrichardhurst@gmail.com and I will send you these details and the course syllabus.





Puzzle Page



Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)

- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across



The Bible used is the New International Version.



Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronized fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War. Worldwide, an estimated 75 million people died.

fireworks	World	Europe	Parades
Remembrance	War	Picnic	Parachute
Day	Normandy	Beach	Millions
Landings	Liberation	Omaha	Soldiers
Second	France	Bagpipe	died

Puzzle solutions are on page 14

Thankfulness and Generous Giving

This is an edited version of a sermon preached by the Rector on 20th October 2024

What are you thankful for? Perhaps you are thankful that you have sufficient money for daily living, or for your family, your friends, your pets, the church community, our beautiful church buildings? Or maybe the first thing that came to mind was your health, or the beautiful town in which we live. Or the countryside which surrounds it.

The season of harvest reminds us of the pleasure of being thankful. Responding to the gifts we have been given with thanksgiving is a Christian duty but also a pleasure. How we respond is a matter of conscience for each of us as members of this church community in Windsor.

We are nearing the end of the long process of joining together into a single parish. Many years ago, before I became your rector, the congregations of the four churches felt a desire to work more closely together. The image that inspired them was encapsulated in the words we still use as our vision: Working together to show God's love. This remains the vision of our church community as we become legally one parish – the Parish of Central Windsor. This means working together not just in our Sunday worship but outside of the walls of the church, reaching out to those around us who could do with

seeing something of God's love in their lives. In our schools, in our hospitals, in our residential homes, on our streets, through the Homeless Project, the Foodbank, the Street Angels, through our love for one another and for our beautiful planet.

We can be successful in this vision only if we have the resources to deliver it. The vision only works in practice if it is supported by our giving. We give back to God what he has given to us so that his love is shown and spread.

Sometimes people give to the church because they feel obliged to cover the costs. But giving shouldn't be something which comes from a feeling of obligation or compulsion. Giving is part of discipleship. Giving is a commitment of everyday faith which should be spiritually rewarding.

A few years ago in a previous parish, someone came up to me after the Sunday service with a large amount of cash in an envelope. Take it he said. It's for the work of the church. He explained that he had received an unexpected windfall and that it was only right that *of what he had been given, he should give back in return*. This spontaneous generosity of giving has stayed with me ever since.

Giving is discipleship. We are called to follow Christ in the same way as the first disciples and followers. In a well-known gospel story, we hear of a young

man asking Jesus how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to keep the commandments, and the young man replies that he has kept them his whole life. Jesus tells him to sell what he owns and give the money to the poor. The young man is required to sacrifice his money, a reminder that the disciples have sacrificed everything to follow Jesus. We are called to offer all of our life in service to Christ who tells his followers that whoever wishes to be first must be servant of all.

The implications of this are life-changing. In it we see the amazing love of God and we see what following Jesus looks like. We see the meaning of discipleship.

And giving, **generous giving**, is part of discipleship. Giving is an opportunity to respond to God in faith and shows a commitment to the church community. What the church needs most of all is regular generous givers because ultimately giving to the church is not about paying the electricity bills or patching up the leaky roof. It is about a commitment to making God's love known to the people around us.

We should consider and re-consider our level of giving on a regular basis. It is very easy to give the same amount to the church as we have always given for perhaps the last 5, 10 or even 20 years, forgetting that we don't expect to pay the same for milk or petrol or concert tickets or indeed anything else we use

our money for. The Church of England suggests giving 5% of take-home pay to the local church and 5% to other charities. Not everyone will be able to afford this, and it may not work for everyone but it is a good target to have in our minds.

You may like to use this season of harvest thanksgiving as a time to reflect upon your giving. At the core of generous giving is an understanding that what we are doing when we give to the church is far more than paying bills; it is helping to bring in God's kingdom. It is the outworking of our continued desire and vision to "work together to show God's love". It is a response to the generosity of God.

From the Editor

The most effective way to donate to one of our churches is by giving regularly by Direct Debit through the scheme Parish Giving Scheme. It is also possible to give a 'one off' donation via PGS. You can register over the phone by calling 0333 002 1271 or via the Parish Giving website <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>

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Pause for a Poem

I chose this poem because of the stormy autumn weather that George Meredith describes – chill breezes, squalls and storms interspersed with sun – just what we have been experiencing in recent times. Meredith does not tell us who it is who is walking homewards, but clearly the person is looking forward to getting to their warm hearth and the pleasures and comfort of their home. (A reminder too perhaps that there are some for whom such pleasures and comfort do not exist.)

Michael Bailey

Autumn Even-Song

The long cloud edged with streaming grey
Soars from the West;
The red leaf mounts with it away,
Showing the nest
A blot among the branches bare:
There is a cry of outcasts in the air.

Pale on the panes of the old hall
Gleams the lone space
Between the sunset and the squall;
And on its face
Mournfully glimmers to the last:
Great oaks grow mighty minstrels in the blast.

Swift little breezes, darting chill,
Pant down the lake;
A crow flies from the yellow hill,
And in its wake
A baffled line of labouring rooks:
Steel-surfaced to the light the river looks.

Pale the rain-rutted roadways shine
In the green light
Behind the cedar and the pine:
Come, thundering night!
Blacken broad earth with hoards of storm:
For me yon valley-cottage beckons warm.

George Meredith (1828 – 1909)

The editor would like to apologise for inadvertently repeating the September poem in the October edition.

This month it was...

250 years ago, on 22 Nov 1774 that Robert Clive, 1st Baron Clive (Clive of India), died. He was the British general who helped found the British Empire in India.

150 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1874 that Thomas Hardy's novel *Far from the Madding Crowd* was published. It was his first major success. His architectural work, when apprenticed to Arthur Blomfield, can be seen in All Saints' Church.

125 years ago, from 2nd Nov 1899 to 28 Feb 1900 that the Siege of Ladysmith, a British Colony of Natal, took place. The Boers surrounded the town and cut off the rail link, starving the British defenders. A relief party, which included future British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, arrived on 28th Feb. British victory.

100 years ago, on 2nd Nov 1924 that the first crossword puzzle to appear in a British newspaper was published in the Sunday Express.

Also 100 years ago, on 4th Nov 1924 that Gabriel Fauré, the French composer, died. Please see page 3 for details of his Requiem Mass on 3 November.

100 years ago, on 29th Nov 1924 that Giacomo Puccini, Italian composer, died. Known for his operas, including *La Boheme*, *Tosca* and *Madame Butterfly*.

90 years ago, on 30th Nov 1934 that the British steam locomotive, *Flying Scotsman*, became the first train

officially to reach 100 mph.

80 years ago, on 12th Nov 1944 that the British RAF bombed and sank the German battleship *Tirpitz*, sister ship of the *Bismarck*, off Norway.

70 years ago, on 3rd Nov 1954 that Henri Matisse died. This French artist was leader of the Fauvist movement and is seen as the most important French painter of the 20th century.

Also 70 years ago, on 13th Nov 1954 that the first Rugby League World Cup Final was held, in Paris, France. Great Britain beat France 16 – 12.

65 years ago, on 1st Nov 1959 that the first stretch of the M1 motorway opened in Britain. Britain's first motorway service station also opened at Watford Gap.

60 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1964 that the Second Vatican Council allowed the use of vernacular languages (such as English) in Roman Catholic sacraments and rituals, including the Mass. It had

insisted on using only Latin for several hundred years. Most people welcomed the change, and the use of Latin quickly dwindled.

50 years ago, on 8th Nov 1974 that British aristocrat Lord Lucan disappeared from his home in London after his children's nanny was bludgeoned to death and his wife was attacked. There were hundreds of claims of sightings around the world in the following years, but none were substantiated. He was never found and is presumed dead.

Also 50 years ago, on 20th Nov 1974 that British politician John Stonehouse faked his death by leaving a pile of clothing on a beach in Miami, Florida. He was found alive and well in Australia on 24th Dec, and was arrested on suspicion of being Lord Lucan.

Also 50 years ago, on 25th Nov 1974 that South African heart surgeon Dr Christian Barnard performed the world's first double heart transplant.

40 years ago, on 25th Nov 1984 that 36 musicians gathered in London to record the Band Aid single *Do They Know It's Christmas* to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia.

30 years ago, on 14th Nov 1994 that the first fare-paying passengers travelled through the Channel Tunnel linking England and France.

Also 30 years ago, on 19th Nov 1994 that Britain's first National Lottery draw was held.

25 years ago, on 29th Nov 1999 that the Northern Ireland Assembly appointed its first power sharing executive committee.

15 years ago, on 26th Nov 2009 that the Murphy Commission of Inquiry published its damning report on the abuse of children by Roman Catholic priests in Dublin during 1975 - 2004. It was found that church leaders had conspired with the Garda to cover up the abuse.

10 years ago, on 3rd Nov 2014 that the One World Trade Center officially opened in New York City. It replaced the World Trade Center that was destroyed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

Also 10 years ago, on 27th Nov 2014 that P D James, British novelist, died. Best known for her crime novels featuring the detective, Adam Dalgliesh.

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Church Opening Times

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Day of Financial Reckoning:

A recent bequest and the need for more giving

As a PCC member of New Windsor Parish (Parish Church of St John the Baptist with All Saints), I read regular reports of the parish's financial state of health. We receive sizeable contributions from three major groups - congregation, community and visitors: the community contribution is mostly from hire of the churches and Parish Hall; visitor giving mostly votive candle and card payments at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist; and congregational giving mostly regular Parish Giving Scheme payments, plus other donations and collections. The Parish also receives significant income from renting out the Parish Church tower to a telecoms company, from the Friends of Windsor Parish Church, from Gift Aid, from parochial fees and from interest on an endowment.

For most of the time that I have been working and worshipping in Windsor, since 2006, New Windsor Parish's income has covered its costs. This has provided a solid foundation for project fundraising, so that, when approaching individuals, organisations and grant giving trusts for donations towards major projects such as All Saints Lighting upgrade and Windsor Parish Church Tower repairs, we have been able to say that our financial foundation was secure. But our costs have risen, and for a few years now have exceeded our income, once particular project fundraising and expenses are excluded from the picture. It is now harder to write effective fundraising letters,

because we have to convince donors that we are a viable operation, otherwise they might consider that they were pouring good money after bad. Apart from 'Parish Share' paid to the Diocese of Oxford, our major costs include utilities, insurance, maintenance, and staffing for office, cleaning, music and Children & Family work. It is not easy to cut these, yet without a major change, and with scarcely any mission giving, we will have run out of funds within a few years, with serious consequences for our ministry and outreach in the community.

Much effort is being directed to maintain and increase our sources of income – for example by keeping the churches open during the day as much as possible, and the current prominent banner advertising that the Parish Hall is available for hire. Some of our hire fees have also risen. Yet, if we care about our churches and our ministry, we must do more. Recently, I have been in the fortunate position to be able to help with a direct financial contribution.

After my mother died last year, her estate had to pay inheritance tax. Pending anything that the government may announce, currently, the rate of inheritance tax can be reduced if 10% or more of an estate is given to charity. Although she had given much to charity over the course of her life, my mother's Will had left little to charities,

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so my brother and I decided to engage a lawyer to draft a Deed of Variation on the Will, taking the charitable donations above 10%. We divided this between a number of charities, keeping to causes that we believed she would have liked to support. As part of this, I have been able to direct over £40,000 to New Windsor Parish, enough to boost a fund towards future restoration of All Saints' Church Organ (aiming towards the centenary of the organ and gallery in 2031), to start a fund for Windsor Parish Church Community Use Upgrade (the committee has started meeting this autumn), and to establish a small reserve for concert expenses. These donations will not resolve the underlying deficit, because they are directed at specific projects, but they will make a difference.

I am telling this story in the hope that some other parishioners across the Team Ministry may be prompted to review their financial plans, for example by making increased regular Parish Giving Scheme direct debit donations, or by remembering the future Parish of Central Windsor in their wills.

John Halsey

St Stephen's Church
celebrating

150
1874 2024
years

22nd December 2024

10am

Festal Sung Eucharist

All welcome

Vansittart Road, Windsor SL4 5EA

Mothers' UNION

OCTOBER 2024

Thinking about Christmas? it came early for us this year! We had a Craft Afternoon ably led by Penny Wells when we began to make decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity on November 29th to December 2nd. Our tree will display the Carol, 'We Three Kings'.

Some members were very aware of their lack of ability with craft but Penny inspired us and ensured that everyone made something for the tree! Very happy....and surprised....members! An extremely profitable and enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting on Thursday November 14th at 3.30pm in All Saints' Hall should prove very interesting. Our own Rev Sally will be talking on, 'My Pathway to the Priesthood'.. Book the date now!

Our sincere thanks to everyone who so generously donated toiletries for the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. Katy Kerr will deliver them after closure on October 30th.

Everyone is welcome.....

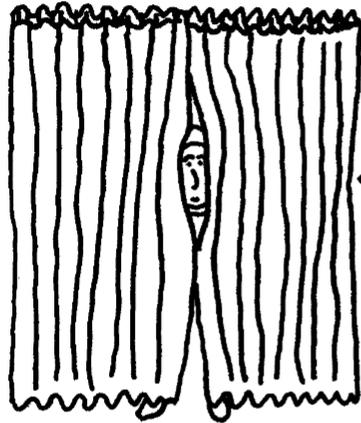
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**Nothing is stronger than
the love of God**

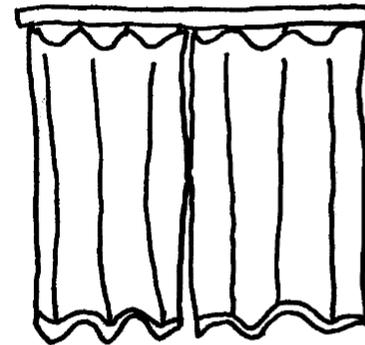
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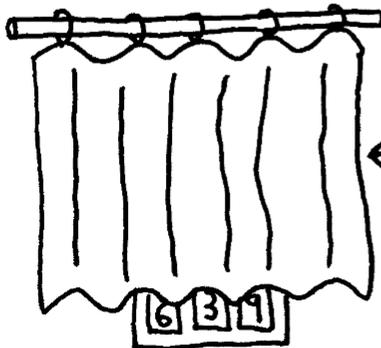
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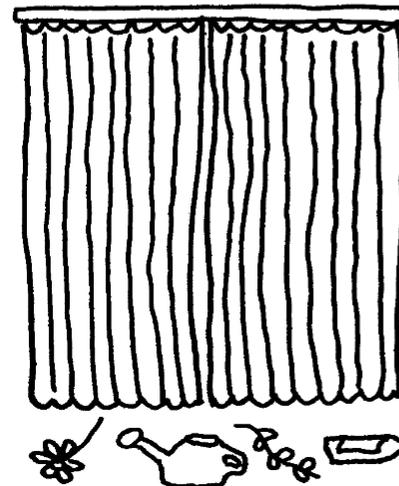
← OVER THE VESTRY DOOR TO PRESERVE THE MODESTY OF THE CLERGY



← OVER ITEMS TOO HOLY TO BE MENTIONED IN THIS CARTOON



← OVER THE HYMN BOARD TO ADD A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SUSPENSE



← OVER THE AREA WHERE THE FLOWER LADIES KEEP THEIR BITS AND BOBS

From the October registers...



Baptisms

Noah Glendenning (Holy Trinity)
 Romy Melville (St Stephen & St Agnes)
 Arthur Philp (All Saints')



Funerals

Bryan Anderson (Holy Trinity)
 Tahereh Teimouri (Windsor Parish Church)
 Vasco Piani (All Saints')

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

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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November

Remembrance Sunday 10 November

9am

Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance
St Stephen & St Agnes Church

10.50am

Parish & Garrison Service of Remembrance
Holy Trinity Parish & Garrison Church

10.50am

Civic Service of Remembrance
Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

29 November-2 December
Holy Trinity Church

For more information or to book
please click or visit windsorchurches.org.uk



1 All Saints' Day

2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

3 All Saints' Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church

6.30pm Requiem Mass (Faure) – St Stephen & St Agnes

6 Leonard, Hermit, 6th century

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944

7 Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739

8 The Saints and Martyrs of England

4.15 Messy Church – All Saints' Church

9 Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440

10 Remembrance Sunday

9am Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance – St Stephen & Agnes Church

10.50am Service for Remembrance Sunday – Holy Trinity Church

10.50am Service for Remembrance Sunday – Windsor Parish Church

11 Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397

13 Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836

14 Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796

16 Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093

Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240

17 Second Sunday before Advent

10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church

18 Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231

19 Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680

Mechtild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280

20 Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876

22 Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230

23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100

24 Christ the King

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

25 Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century

Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748

29 Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church

Christmas Tree Festival (until 2 December) – Holy Trinity Church

30 Andrew the Apostle