

# Windsor Church News



**The Revd Canon  
Sally Lodge**

Dear Friends,

*Alleluia, Christ is risen!*

Recently I came across a word I had not heard before: "Respair".

As a noun, respair means "a return to hope after a time of despair". As a verb it means "to have hope again". Sadly, the word is now classed as "obsolete", having had just a brief period of use in the early 1500s. I wonder if a revival is due! We use the word "despair" without giving second thought to the fact that it has an opposite in "respair".

April 2024   
the online newsletter from  
the Church of England in Central Windsor

I was especially struck by this contrast between despair and respair when reading the resurrection narrative in John's gospel. When Mary Magdalene is left weeping at the empty tomb in the darkness of that first Easter Day, she is in complete despair. She is exhausted and thoroughly wrung out from having witnessed the slow death of Jesus on the cross. All she wants to do now is to anoint the body of her beloved friend and teacher. Yet, there is no body. Her words to the "gardener" are heartbreakingly sad: *They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him (John 20.13)*. Despair is defined by the OED as "complete loss or absence of hope". This is Mary at the tomb.

And then that wonderful moment of recognition when despair turns to

"respair". Mary sees that the gardener is not whom he first appeared to be: *Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him 'Rabbouni' (John 20.16)*. Respair. The return of hope, renewed hope after a time of despair. The now overjoyed Mary finds the other disciples and makes the amazing announcement that she has '*seen the Lord*'. There is hope again.

One of the sets of intercessions in Common Worship contains the petition: "Saviour of the world, be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain and bring hope even in the darkest night". This is a prayer for respair out of despair which is exemplified most acutely in the resurrection story. Good Friday is followed by Easter Day. This is our Easter hope. The hope of new life,

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Services for  
Good Friday &  
**Easter**

**Good Friday - 29 March**  
12-3pm Three Hour Devotion  
Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist (High Street)  
12pm-1pm Music for Passiontide  
1pm-2pm Service of Meditations, Prayer and Music  
2pm-3pm Liturgy of the Cross

**Easter Day - 31 March**  
7am First Eucharist of Easter  
St Stephen & St Agnes Church (Vansittart Road)  
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, traditional)  
Holy Trinity Church (Claremont Road)  
10am Family Eucharist  
All Saints' Church (Frances Road)  
11.15am Easter Praise with Holy Communion  
Windsor Parish Church (High Street)



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new beginnings and new creation found in Jesus Christ.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, Jesus says. I am the resurrection and the life.

With every blessing and Easter joy,  
*Sally*

The Reverend Canon Sally Lodge

## Mothers' UNION

### March 2024

We were delighted to welcome three new members this month. Our Rector, Sally, presented Caroline, Tamira and Mary with their badges and membership cards at the morning Service at St Stephen's Church on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our March meeting took us all to Rome. We enjoyed a very interesting report on Anne and John Casson's recent visit to "The Eternal City". Anne and John had been keenly following the progress of all excavations re St Peter's tomb and when they realised Fr. Marcus of St Bartholomew's Church in Rome was offering tours, they just had to revisit Rome.

None of us had realised that the present Basilica was built over a Roman Necropolis outside the city walls and over St Peter's burial place, also over a Roman race track which had an obelisk which now stands in St Peter's Square. The racetrack was closed but the Necropolis in 349 became the foundations of a Basilica. This Mediaeval Church eventually fell into disrepair and in 1590 the present magnificent Basilica was completed by Michelangelo. The dome is above St Peter's tomb.

In 2013 Pope Francis allowed the bones of St Peter to be displayed and the

excavations continue. They can only be viewed on a special guided tour. This tour takes you through a small door into a 'strange' little stoney 'cave' right under the magnificent dome.

Anne and John were also blessed with a Papal audience. They had a tour of Caravaggio works, all the other treasures in the Vatican and many other Churches. It was interesting to see a new glass barrier in front of the famous Pieta. This was to prevent tourist touching it and so preventing damage as had happened to the toes on St Peter's statue.

An extremely interesting afternoon. We learned so much and really enjoyed ourselves.

Our next Meeting is April 11th at All Saints Hall when our Rector, Sally will present

'SALLY'S SURPRISE'.

Sounds intriguing! Do come along, you are all very welcome.

Please remember in your prayers Catherine, Princess of Wales and all people suffering ill health or receiving any treatment. May God give them strength and hope.

*Estlyn Davies*

Choral Evensong  
for  
Easter-tide

5.30pm

Sunday 14 April

All Saints' Church  
Frances Road

Tea served from 4.45pm

All welcome



Revd Sally with Caroline, Tamira and Mary

## The tragic story told by the memorial texts on the Braham and Southcote

Last month you read how an enquiry from Professor Katherine Scheil of Minnesota University, USA about memorials in the Parish Church resulted in an interesting visit by her and to discoveries about some of our memorials. That article focused on, and included photos of, two of the four memorials in which Professor Scheil has an interest. This month I am writing about the other two – the Braham and Southcote memorials, which today are positioned above the stairs in the north porch.

Professor Scheil introduced me to Elias Ashmole's *Antiquities of Berkshire, Volume 3*, which has enabled me to not only read Ashmole's transcriptions of the complete memorial texts (mine were only partial as the inscriptions have deteriorated over the years), but also his descriptions of the memorials as he saw them over three hundred years ago in the old medieval parish church. This is how he describes the Braham memorial:

Against the South Wall, in the Chancel, is a stately Monument, on the Top whereof stands an Angel, as it were sounding a Trumpet, under whom is the Coat of Arms. On each Side of the Achievement stands an Angel; and lower, in an oblong Square of Black Marble, is the Inscription. On the right Side of the Inscription stands a Figure in full Proportion, holding a Golden Spear in the right Hand, and a Book in its left. On the left Side is a like Figure holding a

Golden Anchor. A little lower is another Inscription on a Black Marble Monument.

It is clear from other descriptions that the Braham family grave was below the floor close to the original location of the memorial.

The text on the memorial is in three sections – the upper left quadrant commemorates Richard Braham, husband of Elizabeth, and father of Richard, John and Elizabeth, who died in 1618, aged 33. The lower right quadrant commemorates Susannah, the wife of the younger Richard. The lower black marble panel commemorates Charles, son of Richard and Susannah.



The second memorial is to Rebecca Southcote and carries this inscription:

To the unspotted Memory of Rebecca, the youngest, and Virgin Daughter of Sir George Southcote, of Dartmouth Castle, in the County of Devon, Knight, who dyed in the Year of her Age 20, and of Man's Redemption, 1642.

Virgin Ashes sleep securely, Here's nor Sin, nor Shame to fright thee, Thy bright Lampe doth shine too purely For Death's shaddowes to benight thee. Holy Raptures feed thy Slumbers, With Delight too high for Numbers. Erected to the deare Memory of Rebecca Southcote, by Richard Braham, Esqr; who married Susanna, the elder Sister of this Rebecca.

Now that I am able read the complete texts from the memorials a tragic story can be deduced. Susannah, who was daughter of Sir George Southcote, of Dartmouth-Castle, in the County of Devon, died on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1640, aged 22. Her son Charles died on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1640, aged eight months. Susannah's younger sister Rebecca was probably staying with her sister during her confinement. Susannah died during the birth of Charles, (or soon after). Charles survived for only eight months and his aunt Rebecca died about two years later.

While I have been able to deduce that tragic story, the purpose of my recording the texts of all the memorials (and other named objects) in and



around the church is to provide a set of reference points that can be searched by others doing genealogical research. Someone else who has the time and interest can look further into the memorial texts on those two memorials to discover how, back in the late 1500s a young Richard Braham from Suffolk came Windsor, married Elizabeth Gyles whose father was a Doctor of Music with connections with St George's, and whose son Richard married Susannah daughter of Sir George Southcote, of Dartmouth-Castle, in Devon and which ended with the tragic story that I have told here. There is clearly much more that could be discovered from researching just two of 'our' memorials.

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I have 150 memorials and other named objects recorded so far and have yet to document the churchyard. Many memorials contain several names (such as the War Memorials). Just think of the wealth of stories that may be revealed by more research into those!

*Michael Bailey*

### Church Opening Times

**Windsor Parish Church  
of St John the Baptist,**  
High Street - daily, all day  
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**St Stephen & St Agnes Church,**  
Vansittart Road - daily, all day  
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**All Saints' Church,** Frances Road  
Mon-Wed & Sat, all day  
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**Holy Trinity Church,** Claremont Road  
Wed, Thu & Fri, 9:30-11:30am

### Church Textiles Group

Philippa Johnson and a small team have begun work on repairing the altar frontals and other textiles belonging to Windsor Parish Church. If you would like to join her in being part of a sewing group working across the team churches to keep the altar textiles and vestments in good condition, please have a word with Philippa after church on Sunday or contact her via email [42philippaj@gmail.com](mailto:42philippaj@gmail.com).



**FREE ENTRY**

Afternoon Concert featuring;

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**Friday, April 26th, 2024  
2-3pm**

- +Welsh classics
- +Musicals
- +Opera
- +Pop & Rock classics

**Windsor Parish Church  
of St. John the Baptist**  
High Street, Windsor SL4 1LS



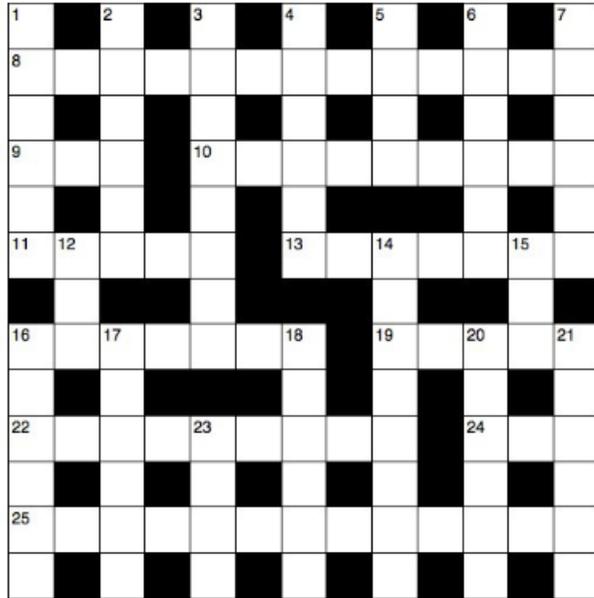
# PALM SUNDAY



*Here is a small selection of the photographs from the sunny (but breezy!) procession from St Stephen & St Agnes Church to All Saints' Church. Thank you to everyone who kindly shared them with us.*



# Puzzle Page



## Across

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)  
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)  
 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)  
 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)  
 13 Muslim holy month (7)  
 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)  
 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)  
 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)  
 24 'Go to the —, you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)  
 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

## Down

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)

- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)  
 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)  
 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)  
 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)  
 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)  
 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)  
 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)  
 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)  
 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)  
 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)  
 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)  
 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)  
 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)  
 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)  
 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

The Bible used is the New International Version.



## St George of the Golden Legend

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages. In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.

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|---------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| George  | Roman      | Palestine | Soldier | Princess  |
| Patron  | Army       | Courage   | Hero    | converted |
| Saint   | Diocletian | Example   | Golden  |           |
| England | Terror     | Helper    | Legend  |           |
| Officer | Martyred   | Evil      | Dragon  |           |

Puzzle solutions are on page 15

# LIMU, LIMU, LIMA

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### SATURDAY 11 MAY

### 3PM

### WINDSOR PARISH CHURCH OF

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Followed by refreshments

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## Pause for a Poem

There is an old expression, "From the sublime to the ridiculous!" Last month we had the sublime words of Shakespeare's sonnet 30, and the Mothers' Union enjoyed Jeremy Hurst's translations and explanations of the words of John Donne's poems. In complete contrast this month I have taken my copy of "More Comic and Curious Verse" from the shelf and I have found a couple of curiosities from the pen of Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

His thoughts on the cleanliness of the river Rhine could, unfortunately, probably today be applied some of our British rivers.

*Michael Bailey*

### Cologne

In Köln, a town of monks and bones,  
And pavements fang'd with murderous stones  
And rags, and hags, and hideous wenches;  
I counted two and seventy stench,  
All well defined, and several stinks!  
Ye Nymphs that reign o'er sewers and sinks,  
The river Rhine, it is well known,  
Doth wash your city of Cologne;  
But tell me, Nymphs, what power divine  
Shall henceforth wash the river Rhine?

*S. T. Coleridge (1772-1834)*

Swans sing before they die – 'twere no bad thing  
Should certain persons die before they sing.

### 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

## COP 28

*Although it was a little while ago, at this time of renewal, we are fortunate to be able to reflect on COP28 with Sally Stevens (parishioner and member of Holy Trinity PCC). Thank you to her for this article and the amazing photo montage on the next page.*

Being at COP28 through my work for Space4Climate was an intense, physically and mentally exhausting experience – imagine what it was like for the political negotiators!

I spoke to people from all over the world who are keen to take climate action in their own countries and sectors, which was inspiring and a valuable opportunity. Bishop Olivia – with whom I had met up at COP26 in Glasgow to discuss climate action – also invited me to speak to the Diocese of Oxford's Environmental Task Group before the trip and to report back afterwards.

COP28 took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from November 30<sup>th</sup> - December 12<sup>th</sup> attracting a reported attendance of 90,000 including politicians, industrialists, scientists and policy makers from all around the world. The irony of so many people clocking up carbon footprints in the name of reducing the impact of climate is obvious, and I wonder for how many more years it will be considered that the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

Space4Climate was representing the whole UK space sector, exhibiting and hosting four panel discussions. The aim was to establish the UK as a leader in space-enabled technology and data for climate, so that climate policy, decisions, services and products will be underpinned by trustworthy information about our climate now and in the past, and projections of how it is likely to change in the future, gathered by satellites (Earth Observation).

COP28 was the first time there has been a dedicated Space Pavilion at a COP (it stands for Conference of the Parties and is organised each year by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)). It was also the first time there has been a Faith Pavilion – you can find out more about it here <https://faithatcop28.com/>.

I had a quick visit to the Faith Pavilion, which was buzzing with international conversations in between its own programme of events and discussions. Unlike COP26 in Glasgow in 2021, I was not aware of any 'fringe' faith events taking place but in Dubai the event was very contained within Expo City venue.

So much happens in the COP programmes that lots of things are on at the same time, plus it was incredibly hot and the pavilions were spread over a large area so walking around was not pleasant and everywhere seemed to be

a long trek away. As the UK space team, we were very careful to provide support for each other's wellbeing and to encourage discussion of how we were coping, and what we were finding challenging at the end of each day.

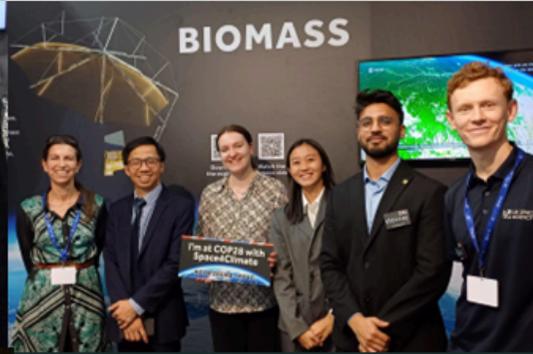
We needed to be on the ball to switch conversations every couple of minutes, jumping from topic to topic, while all the time being smiley and enthusiastic, quickly assessing what technical level people were comfortable with and processing all the information that they are giving us while listening intently. Our stand was very busy – we had in-depth conversations with more than 800 people from all around the world and from all walks of life.

COPs are very good at giving opportunities to people from diverse communities and backgrounds, particularly young people. Our youngest stand visitor was four: we had families, school parties, students, young adults, teachers, charity workers, bankers, insurers, energy industrialists, politicians, civil servants ... I could go on for pages. The journey from our hotel to the venue was long, crowded and stuffy but some of my favourite networking took place on the final leg, which was the shuttle bus. I am always ready to chat and swap digital business cards on the bus – people cannot avoid listening when they are wedged in beside you!

The UK space/climate sector considers COP28 to have been successful in that transition from fossil fuels was mentioned in the final statement; space agencies met and agreed to develop international standards for monitoring and measuring methane, which the UK is leading and events are already taking place. Some UK representatives are said to have had a positive 'change of mindset' about the potential of collaborative global climate action and the power of space to provide evidence for collaborative action, especially during the Earth Information Day negotiations.

Another COP first was that we invited early career climate professionals to be seconded to Space4Climate and the UK Space Agency as COP28 Volunteers. We selected three young adults and took them with us. It was a huge challenge for them – it is easy to forget that this age group have so little experience in any events, yet alone one this huge, because of the covid lockdowns. They were fabulous, though, and I think that is one of our most important legacies from COP28 for the UK. They gained incredible experience, international contacts and new skills that will support them through their future careers and they will spread the messages of COP. After all, it is all about the future and the world they will inherit from those of us who stood by and let all this happen.

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*faith*

communities are hosting the first ever Faith Pavilion at COP28.

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## COP28 continued

I recognised synergies between being a committed Christian and committing to climate action: accepting accountability and responsibility; faith that small, individual actions can make a big impact; respecting the connection between humans, nature and the environment; being prepared to work together for a common good despite differences and, of course, hope.

After 10 days I returned home to my welcoming family, cats and tortoise, exhausted but nonetheless inspired, remotivated and with a notebook full of people to follow up with – which is ongoing.

The next COP is in Baku, Azerbaijan in November. It is likely to be much lower key, but before then we have local elections and probably a General Election and climate should be a key issue. It is easy to feel small and insignificant in such a huge debate but my key takeaway from COP28 is that there are so many individuals, small communities and start-ups doing really interesting small and innovative projects to address climate change in their own neighbourhoods around the world – not waiting for politicians to make things happen but doing it for themselves, and there is nothing to stop any of us from doing that.

You can read my COP28 articles here <https://space4climate.com/tag/cop28/>

Sally Stevens



*It's be a little while since we had an update from WHP. The project is now settled into its new home, the Alma Beacon (at Holy Trinity Parish Room on Alma Road, beside the Vicarage) along with Windsor Foodshare and Windsor Street Angels.*

Over the past three months WHP has:

- 28 x new guests registered
- 5 x guests into temporary accommodation
- 6 x guests receiving housing legal advice
- 1000 x homemade hot meals
- 100 + showers and laundry

With guest numbers rising and more rough sleepers on the streets of Windsor & Maidenhead any donations will go towards ensuring Alma Beacons doors stay open and WHP staff can assist those in need!

Little Snippets.....

- Top marks for the Alma Beacon kitchen team as we were awarded 5 Stars for food hygiene by RBWM.
- WHP's Warm Hub started early January hosted by Alma Beacon,

offering friendly faces, hearty food and warm surroundings to those in need. Given the recent poor weather, the Warm Hub is a much-welcomed branch to our project offering, three evenings a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday 7-9pm).

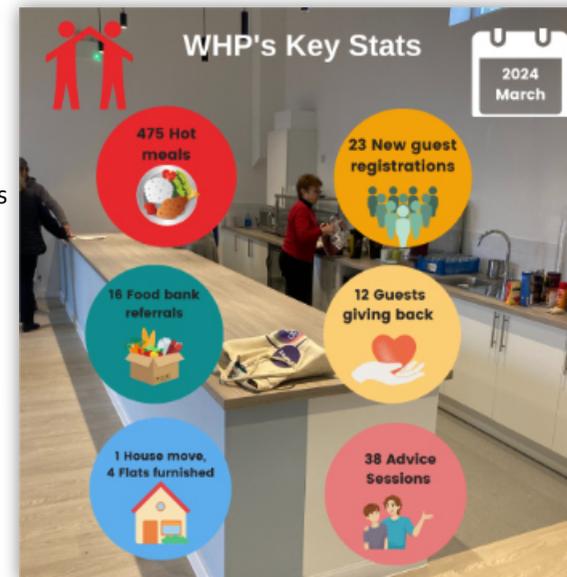
- We are looking to expand our services and are making progress with other charities - local and national - in our objective to secure a permanent night shelter for RBWM's rough sleepers. This will also involve a formal planning application for change of use - so no quick fix unfortunately.
- We have teamed up with The Happy Bunny Project sessions again, which have recently

resumed. The HBP was previously 'Blank Canvas' and is still led by Ieva. We look forward to using our bigger space with other organisations as well!

- WHP is very keen to work with local schools and are collaborating with Windsor's St George's School and its Yr. 8 pupils, with an aim to educate students on the effects of homelessness and behind the scenes of how our charity runs. The students will be asked to develop fresh ideas on fundraising, donation drives, and raising awareness.
- Nick entertained children from the Kidos Nursery in mid January - they kindly brought Windsor Homeless Project a lovely donation!

- Huge thanks to the Bishopsgate school for their donation of £1,634 raised through the PTA on a recent MUFTI day.
- General donations of clothes and furniture aren't being accepted at this moment. Please contact: [info@windsorhomelessproject.org](mailto:info@windsorhomelessproject.org) if you have any questions on when we will be taking items again.

*Adapted from WHP's March Newsletter. You can find out more or donate [here](#).*



## Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

There has certainly been a lot of rain this winter. I don't mind the rain itself but I don't like it when The Boss insists that I wear my raincoat. It makes me look very silly but The Boss always pretends she hasn't heard my protests and insists that it is easier to dry my coat than me. But once I'm out I usually forget I'm wearing it so I suppose there are worse things to worry about.

Despite all the rain, The Boss and I have seen some wonderful sunrises and sunsets recently. "The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" says The Boss. Being a good Vicarage Dog, I know that these words come from Psalm 19 and, because I have asked The Boss in the past, I know that firmament is an old-fashioned word for heavens. The beauty of the red

sky reminds us, The Boss and me, of the glory of God and of his creation. God's work is there for all his creation to enjoy. The Day and the Night themselves endlessly sing God's praises as the sun rises and sets.

I asked The Boss if she preferred sunrise or sunset. She said she wasn't sure and it depended on her mood. I prefer sunrise because it brings with it the hope and joy of a new day. I asked The Boss if there was a beautiful sunrise when the women went to the tomb on that first Easter morning to find that Jesus had risen from the dead. She said that it was very early and by some accounts still dark but that it would seem perfectly appropriate for there to have been a spectacular sunrise. It was certainly a time of great joy and new hope. It was more than a dawning of the new day. It was the dawning of a new creation, a new world order, a new era. I wasn't entirely sure what she meant by all this but it sounded as if I had said a good thing and she definitely had a smile on her face.

I hope you have the joy of a beautiful sunrise very soon.

*Barnabas  
The Vicarage Dog*

A poster for an art exhibition. The background is a blue sky with a large, stylized white sun or moon. The word 'Art' is written in large, white, outlined letters across the top. To the right, the word 'exhibition' is written vertically in the same style. The text 'Windsor Parish Church' is in bold black letters. Below it, the address 'High St Windsor SL4 1LT (Nr The Guildhall)' is in smaller black letters. The date and time 'Saturday 20th April 11.00am - 5.00pm' are in large, bold black letters. Below that, it says 'original signed art, prints & cards direct from the artists...'. At the bottom, the names of the artists are listed: 'Debra Kasaska, Genine Rainsborough, Hania Westcott, Jane Pilcher, Jenny Ainsley, Paul Tomlins, Paul Barfoot'. There is a QR code on the left and the 'Windsor Artists -Collective-' logo on the right. The name 'Paul Tomlins' is written in the bottom right corner.

# Art exhibition

## Windsor Parish Church

High St Windsor SL4 1LT (Nr The Guildhall)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**11.00am - 5.00pm**

**original signed art, prints & cards**  
**direct from the artists...**

Debra Kasaska, Genine Rainsborough, Hania Westcott,  
Jane Pilcher, Jenny Ainsley, Paul Tomlins, Paul Barfoot



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[www.windsor-artists.org](http://www.windsor-artists.org)



Paul Tomlins

## Becoming One Parish



Our Team vision is to “Make God’s Love known in Windsor”. After consultation some 20 years ago, it was felt that this vision would be more achievable if our four churches (three parishes) worked together in a united way. Much has been done in the intervening years to draw our parishes together.

In July 2023, the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) voted unanimously to become one parish. We already worship as a single community, and our pastoral, social and outreach activities are increasingly organised across the four churches. By becoming one parish we can be more efficient, with less time spent on administration and governance, less duplication, and have more energy to focus on mission and engagement with our community.

Following the PCC resolutions passed in July, the matter was taken to the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee where it was approved unanimously. The Diocesan legal department were instructed to prepare a formal draft proposal, the wording of which was approved by our PCCs and then by the Diocesan Area Mission and Pastoral Committee in March 2024. The

bishop will now be asked to sign the draft Proposal and, together with supporting paperwork, this will be sent to the Church Commissioners who will prepare the Scheme for Pastoral Re-organisation. Once this is published, there will be a period of public consultation before the Scheme becomes operational.

Legal and structural changes like these take time. It may be several months before the draft Scheme is produced by the Church Commissioners. There is information available on the process towards becoming one parish in the document we published in March 2023 (available [here](#)) but if you would like to know more please speak to me or to one of the churchwardens.

*Revd Canon Sally Lodge  
Team Rector*

### Morning Prayer

A small group of us meet to say Morning Prayer at 9am on weekdays on Zoom and some days also in a church. Please contact [Revd Sally](#) if you’d like a Zoom invitation. You can download the Daily Prayer app with the order of service [here](#) (there are also books available in churches).

Daily  
Prayer

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## This month it was...

300 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1724 that the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's St John Passion was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.

200 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1824 that Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died of sepsis/ fever while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. Aged 36.

175 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1849 that American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He immediately sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.

150 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1874 that Johann Strauss II's operetta Die Fledermaus was performed for the first time, in Vienna.

125 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1899 that Duke Ellington, American jazz/swing pianist, composer and orchestra leader, was born.

100 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1924 that the British Empire Exhibition opened in Wembley, London.

90 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1934 that British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud. He set up a company to manufacture them in 1935 and in 1937 he was awarded a government contract to mass produce them for national use.

75 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1949 that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.

Also 75 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1949 that the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific was opened in Broadway.

70 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1954 that in a news conference about Communism in Indochina, US President Dwight D Eisenhower explained his 'domino theory'. He said that if one country in a region came under the influence of Communism, then the countries surrounding it would follow. He and later presidential administrations have always believed this.

Also 70 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1954 that the Soviet Union transferred Crimea from Russia to Ukraine. In 2014 Russia annexed Crimea, but it is not recognised internationally, and a number of sanctions were imposed on Russia as a result.

65 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1959 that Frank Lloyd Wright, American architect and writer, died. Regarded as 'the greatest American architect of all time.'

60 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1964 that twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.

50 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1974 that the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

40 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1984 that British police officer Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead during a demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London. This led to an 11-day siege by the police.

30 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1994 that the Rwandan genocide began, when a plane carrying Rwandan president Juvenal Habyarimana and Burundian president Cyprien Ntaryamira was shot down by extremists. Civil war broke out the following day, and between 500,000 and one million people were massacred during the next 100 days.

Also 30 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1994 that the first post-apartheid multiracial elections were held in South Africa, with 18 million blacks eligible to vote for the first time. Nelson Mandela was elected president, and took office on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

25 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1999 that Libya handed over to the United Nations two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie. They were taken to the Netherlands to face trial. One was found guilty, and sentenced to life imprisonment, only to be released in 2009 because he was dying of cancer. The other suspect was acquitted.

20 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 that Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

10 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 that the Boko Haram Islamic terrorist group kidnapped 276 female students from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. Some of the girls escaped, some were rescued, or have been reported dead. But over 100 are still missing, fate unknown.

*from Parish Pump*

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# From the March registers...



## Funerals

Betty Doughty (St Stephen & St Agnes)

Ian Kelly (Holy Trinity)

Rita Butler (Windsor Parish Church)



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

Please email

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to let us know you are coming, or click to book.

**Friday 26 April**

**4.15-6pm**

at

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



**Children must bring  
an adult**

# 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



April 

- 1 Monday of Easter Week
- 2 Tuesday of Easter Week
- 3 Wednesday of Easter Week
- 4 Thursday of Easter Week
- 5 Friday of Easter Week
- 6 Saturday of Easter Week
- 7 **Second Sunday of Easter**

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

3pm Air Training Corps Special Service – Windsor Parish Church

- 8 **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(transferred fr 25 March)
- 9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945*
- 10 William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761  
*William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347*
- 11 *George Augustus Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, 1878*  
3.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting – All Saints' Church
- 14 **Third Sunday of Easter**  
10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church  
5.30pm Choral Evensong for Eastertide – All Saints' Church
- 16 *Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923*
- 19 Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012
- 21 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church
- 23 **George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304**  
*Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624*  
*The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003*
- 25 **Mark the Evangelist**  
2.30pm New Pathways Meeting – Holy Trinity Church
- 26 4.15pm Messy Church – All Saints' Church
- 27 *Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894*
- 28 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church
- 29 Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380
- 30 *Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922*