



April 2024

Vicar's letter . . .

Dear Friends,

My mind has been forced on a number of occasions recently to think about legacies and the memory of those whom we recall have gone before but leave with us something of their character or their sayings. We can remember phrases or actions and, in some cases, something tangible which still speaks of the person who created the garden, built the wall, dug the foundation or whatever it may be.

This memory can help encourage or inspire us to emulate the same characteristic or activity; but sometimes what we really need is a helping hand, real guidance.

Easter tide reminds me each year of the grace and mercy of God and the helping hand which never leaves me. After the passion of Jesus's death and the raw love which was displayed, his resurrection comes as a glorious moment of truth and celebration. This really is God incarnate, the 'proof of the pudding', and the fact that his risen appearance is seen by hundreds of people gives reassurance that this is true.

Jesus then ascends to heaven where he says that he will intercede (ask), on our behalf. This is not only having a memory of someone, but also having them in the room to help, to ask for guidance and to inspire us to new activities and new heights. What a legacy!

As we meet each week in our churches, we seek to honour and celebrate the presence of God, which is with us still, urging us on, and offering help to succeed and forgiveness when we fail. Easter tide is really a season of praise and thanksgiving because the power of God is promised, and the presence of God is assured.

Do join us to find God at work in our, and your, daily life this Easter tide.

With love,

David

April Diary

for St John's Church, Wonersh

Tues 2	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 4	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 7		2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 9	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 11	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sun 14		3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 16	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 18	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sun 21		4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
	10am	Holy Communion
Tues 23	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 25	10.30am	Discovery Service
Sun 28		5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 30	9.30am	Morning Prayer

May

Thurs 2	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 5		6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
	10am	Morning Worship

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CW = Common Worship (2000) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)



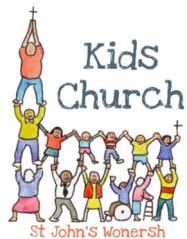
Morning Prayer

Every **Tuesday morning at 9.30am** a chance to meet in St John's Church to read Psalms and Bible verses, and for open prayer and silence.

All are welcome to join us for thirty minutes in the presence of God.



When you can't put your prayer into words... God hears your heart.



Bible Stories
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Games
Songs & Prayer
Friendship

Come & Join us at
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St John's Church, WonerSh
Sundays, 10-11.15am

Connect Groups

We want to encourage each other to grow in faith. Our small groups offer a place where we can learn and develop in an informal environment.

Groups of around 10-12 people meet on a regular basis (usually weekly) in local homes to study the Bible, pray, get to know each other and develop deeper friendships. Most groups meet in the evening, but there are some during the day.

If you are interested in joining a group or would like to find out more, then please contact **David Peters** (vicar@wonershchurch.org.uk / 07521 090179).

Church Office

The Church Office (in The Vicarage) is open as follows:

Monday	9 am - 2 pm
Tuesday - Thursday	9 am - 1 pm
Friday	9 am - 2 pm

The office number is **01483 890266** (if outside office hours you may leave a message), or email office@wonershchurch.org.uk.

Copy Deadline for May 2024

Please submit articles for the May magazine by **Tuesday 9th April**.

E-mail address for copy is magazine@wonershchurch.org.uk.

For advertising, please contact John Gosden (JohnGosden@aol.com or tel.502076).

Children and Families Update

The Children and Families Ministry is growing and we are really enjoying building and deepening relationships with the families in our community. Please know how welcome you are to come along to any of our groups, whether you are a church attendee or not. Equally, if you'd like to help on any of the rotas, or bake a cake for one of the groups, I'd love to hear from you! clare@wonershchurch.org.uk

Sunday: Kids Church in the lovely setting of The Vicarage, 10-11.15am. We have a thriving group of children aged 2-8 attending weekly, and we join together to read our favourite Bible stories, learn about Jesus' love for us, do art and craft, play games and generally enjoy fun and friendship. Some parents stay and hang out with their children while others head over to church for the service.

Monday: Mums, Bumps and Babies (up to crawling) - The Vicarage, 10am-12pm. We are welcoming new mums all the time and, at the time of writing, have around 9 regulars and their babies from newborn to about 5 months. They come together to chat, support, laugh or cry while enjoying tea, coffee and homemade cake. All allergens catered for.

NEW! Tuesday: Mums Prayer Group - The Vicarage, 10-11am. Please come and join with local mums at a similar stage as you in their motherhood journey. Each week will have a different focus (see p.5) for us to chat around, support each other over and pray through. Bring your baby, make new friends and enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cake. No experience of prayer needed!

Thursday: Chatterbox Parent and Toddler Group - Lawnsmead Hall, 9.30-11am. Our toddler group is vibrant and we regularly welcome between 25 and 30 families to a morning of soft play, craft, home corner, cars and trains etc., story time, song time and refreshments. Whether you're a parent, grandparent or carer, we'd love to see you.



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Mums' Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 10-11am, term time

The Vicarage, St. John's Womersh

Please come and join with local mums at a similar stage as you in their motherhood journey. Each week will have a different focus for us to chat around, support each other over and pray through. Bring your baby, make new friends and enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cake. No experience of prayer needed!

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

Re-adjusting to my new role: Managing new expectations

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

Help! My baby isn't following the manual: How to let go and go with the flow

TUESDAY 30 APRIL

Managing life on less sleep: Ways to fill up my cup without shutting my eyes

TUESDAY 7 MAY

Processing hard/disappointing births: How to sit with my experience

TUESDAY 14 MAY

Does anyone else find this stage boring?! Navigating my new look day

TUESDAY 21 MAY

Re-focus on ME: How to regain my sense of self and identity



Electoral Roll

-  **Belong**
-  **Participate**
-  **Contribute**

Revision of Parish Electoral Roll

Do you consider yourself to be a member of St. John's, Womersh, or St. Martin's, Blackheath? Then you should make sure that you are on our Parish Electoral Roll.

We are required to revise our Electoral Roll each year prior to the APCM. This is an opportunity for anyone whose name is not at present included on the Roll, or who wishes to have their details amended, to make an appropriate application.

Application forms for enrolment, either for new applicants or to amend existing details, are available both on the table in the lobby at Womersh Church, and at the back of St. Martin's Church in Blackheath. These should be completed and placed in the box provided in Womersh Church, or returned by post to **Womersh Church Office, The Street, Womersh, GU5 0PG – no later than Sunday 14th April.**

A copy of the new Roll will thereafter be displayed in both churches for three weeks leading up to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on **Wednesday 8th May** – please note that only those whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll may vote at the APCM or stand for election to the PCC (Parochial Church Council).



Meet Marion Peters

I'm the face behind the community@wonershchurch.org.uk email address at St John's and St Martin's! Why 'community'? It's because I believe humans are relational beings and that community is key to healthy whole being. Growing up in inner city London, my father (from a tiny Welsh hamlet) taught my sisters and me the value of celebrating diverse everyday life with the people we met. Far from London being a big, isolating

experience he modelled 'village life' within our housing estate. This example has remained with me and has impacted on my professional and volunteer working life where I have been fortunate enough to engage with or grow a range of communities.

My appreciation of community developed further when I studied for a Master's degree in Spiritual Formation at Waverley Abbey College during Covid. As I thought about a holistic approach to spiritual wholeness it became clear to me that spiritual wellbeing is impacted not by our physical, mental and emotional state but also by healthy relationships and the cultivation of personal creativity. We find Christ in our encounters with other people and when isolated we can deny ourselves a deeper understanding of faith.

Alongside my love of community, I adore all things creative. I love to crochet, to arrange flowers, to read and to listen to music. Ten years ago, at a very low spiritual and emotional ebb, I rediscovered crochet 40 years after laying down my hook as a child. The rhythmic mindfulness of pattern, shaping and colour has brought me many hours of personal stillness and gratitude. A more recently acquired skill has been flower arranging as I have learned the theory behind sustainable arrangements and living wreaths, exploring how we can engage with nature simply and easily within our homes and church as an aid to worship. Wanting to share these personal revelations I thought it would be fun to build communities around some of these shared interest activities; to meet new people and learn new insights or skills from one another while sharing the love of God through our everyday acts of creativity.

So, this is what I try to do. I facilitate the church Book Club where we look at ordinary novels but seek to discern big life themes. In "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" (Gail Honeyman) we explored what it means to be a good neighbour; in "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" (Rachel Joyce), self-discovery and loss; while in "Home Fire" (Kamila Shamsie) we tackled prejudicial attitudes. At Christmas our Wreath Making sessions enabled people to celebrate the season, experiment with a new skill and enjoy an intergenerational activity. Our approach to church flowers is inclusive and experimental. With our midweek congregation we've made bookmarks, table arrangements and Easter gardens. Anyone is welcome to come along to, or get involved with, these activities. There's always cake (of course) and lots of laughing. I hope to come up with more ideas and I'm always open to suggestions.

I'm passionate about building communities and creative activities. I'm also married to the vicar!



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Blackheath Focus

April 2024



Services at St Martin's

Sunday 7 th April	Sung Holy Communion	10am
Sunday 14 th April	<i>Services in Wonersh</i>	<i>8am / 10am</i>
Sunday 21 st April	Choral Evensong followed by the Annual District Church Meeting [see below]	6pm
Sunday 28 th April	Julian Meeting	6pm
Sunday 5 th May	Sung Holy Communion	10am

Blackheath ADCM

Sunday 21st April, 7pm

St Martin's Church

The Annual District Church Meeting receives reports from the Vicar, Churchwarden and Treasurer, and is an opportunity to raise any matters you would like the District Church Council to consider.


All who are interested in supporting the work of St Martin's Church are warmly invited to attend.

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Coffee morning,
Monday 15th April
10.30am-12.00pm
Blackheath Village Hall



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PUBLIC TALK

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Sat
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2024

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Village News

Wonersh & District Garden Club

Come and enjoy our **Spring Show** at the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 6th April**. Free viewing by visitors from 12.30 to 1.15pm.

Our talk on **Wednesday 1st May** is to be given by Kelvin Mason on **'Drought and Dry Gardening'** - 7.15 for 7.30 pm start at the Memorial Hall. Visitors welcome for entry fee of £3.

For more information, please contact Hilary Goodridge: **01483 535108**.



Wonersh United Reformed Church

Minister: **Revd Graham Hoslett** (tel: 07425 569807)

Facebook - **Wonersh United Reformed Church**

April 2024 - News

Please see the details of our activities at Wonersh URC, including **Film Club** on **3rd April** - **'The Great Escaper'** with Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson - and the **Taizé Service** on **17th April**. And don't forget **Tea@3** on Thursday afternoons at 3pm, always a good time of fun and friendship.

God bless.

Revd Graham Hoslett



DATES	DETAILS
Wednesday, 3 rd April	7pm: Film Club - 'The Great Escaper'
Sunday, 7 th April	10.30am: Morning Worship - Jane Briggs
Sunday, 14 th April	10.30am: Livestreamed Morning Worship from Woking URC - Vivien Gerhold
Wednesday, 17 th April	7pm: Taizé Service - Revd Graham Hoslett
Sunday, 21 st April	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rosemary Lee
Sunday, 28 th April	10.30am: Recorded Service - Revd Graham Hoslett
Sunday, 5 th May	10.30am - Communion Service - Revd Claire Hargreaves

Parish Annual Assembly

Thursday 16th May, 7.30pm

Blackheath Village Hall

Come and hear what is going on in the Parish in Wonersh, Shamley Green and Blackheath (and join us for a glass of wine):

- Do you want 20 mph zones in the village centres?
- Seminary Developer to pay £235,000 for adjacent footpath upgrades and Wonersh village road safety - where would we put a mid-carriage pedestrian island?
- What is happening to the Villagers Pub?
- Learn about Shamley Green's Toad Patrol Group.
- Review how your Parish Council spends your precept.
- What are the plans for the newly purchased Barnett Fields and Woodland?
- Is Gerald's Wood to be sold?

We rotate the annual meeting around the villages and this year it will be in Blackheath.

Wonersh Cricket Club

wonershcc.co.uk



After 6 months of deepest darkest (or windiest wettest) winter, WCC are ready to emerge for a new season!

Some of the club kept their skills sharp with a 6-a-side indoor league, others have been netting weekly since February; whilst a few more choose the comfort of Guildford Sixes in the Tunsgate and a couple of pints between overs. Hopefully all of this training will ensure the team hit the ground running!

The club's first fixture, to be held on Wonersh Common, is on Sunday April 14th and then further away games on 21st and 28th.

The league team are in action on the first Saturday in May (away to Capel); and then on Sunday 5th May the club will be holding a game to celebrate the many years of dedication and commitment given by Martin Maybrey as a player, groundsman and legend of the club. It would be lovely to have a great turnout from the village, and you might even get to see the great man back in action.

Also look out for the fixture card which should be arriving through your letterboxes soon. This gives details of all of our fixtures as well as highlighting the sponsors that provide important financial support to our club.

As always if you are keen to join the club please get in contact! You can email us at secretary@wonershcc.co.uk for more information.

RIP Michael Woodhouse (1927-2024)

We are sad to report the death of Mike Woodhouse, on Thursday 7th March. Mike was known to many people at the church, and in the village, and was a foundation stone of much that continues to happen across Wonersh, from street parties to different clubs, societies and Home Groups. He imbued each with his charm, engaging smile and Christian love. Let us remember his family as they mourn.

Mike's funeral will be at St John's on **Friday 12th April at 11am** - we hope to livestream the service for those unable to attend in person.

Sonnet for Michael

Long have you sojourned in the Surrey Hills,
A mighty presence on the Wonersh Street;
And many friends have blithely gone before.
Keith, Hilary, John and I will meet again
In Heaven's blessed home group of a Tuesday night:
You will remain t'articulate our thoughts
With wise and winsome words, gently expressed.
In Brotherswater lie your memories
Of Quillie and of all your noble kin.
In your long life you have inspired so many -
Your loving family and countless friends:
Now on the verge of Jordan rest awhile
Then find your Saviour waiting by your side
To bid you welcome to the heavenly feast.

John Thompson

North Guildford Food Bank

As the clocks change, hopefully, the winter weather is behind us and we can look forward to warmer days ahead and lower heating bills. Despite that, many are still struggling to afford even the basics. Thank you to all who donate items or money so that the Foodbank can help where the need is greatest.

Our requests, this month, are for:

Super Noodles

Pasta & Curry Sauces

Washing up Liquid

Jam

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste (adults & children)

In addition, we always need **strong carrier bags/bags for life**.

Donated items can be left in the foyer of St John's church, or in the crate on Rosie Couzens' doorstep (**10 Little Orchard Way, Shalford, GU4 8JY**).

If you would rather make a financial donation, please refer to our website: northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk which lists the ways you can donate (if you are a taxpayer, Gift Aid can be claimed by the Food Bank on personal donations).



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6TH & 7TH APRIL,
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Wonersh Bowls Club Survey

Please follow the link, we need your views and opinions.



Your personal details are not requested but your views are, and it's a chance to really influence positive change for your local area.

Wonersh Bowls Club wants to become more than just a bowls club and more a community hub.

Thank you for your time - it means a lot to us as a small village club.

Are you a Car Enthusiast?

The Car Group is a social group in South West Surrey who share an interest in cars. Members drive all sorts of cars, and we don't have any rules about the car's age or marque - you don't even need to own a car! They are informal, with an emphasis on fun - no committees or membership fees. There's an opportunity to meet socially once a month, and they also chat about car-related things in a WhatsApp group.

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Get in touch now either for yourself or for a member of your family.

We may be able to help with transport - please ask more details on www.fourvillages.co.uk

Bramley Music Concert
Sunday 28th April, 3pm
Holy Trinity Church, Bramley

Sarah and Clem Pickering, known to many at St John's Church, will perform works for piano solo, and piano and viola, by Chopin, Schumann, Hindemith and Brahms - followed by tea and cake. This concert will be supporting local charity **Oakleaf** (oakleaf-enterprise.org).

Tickets available from bramleymusic2012@gmail.com.



Please visit www.stcatherines.info for more details.



ORGAN RECITAL

Thursday 30th April at 4.30pm

Prep School Hall - no need to pre-book tickets.

Please note that the School will be closed from Friday 29th March until Wednesday 24th April. We wish you all a happy Easter.

Memory Lane News



MEMORY LANE meets again after the Easter break on **Monday 15th April**. Whilst their partners experiencing dementia are being entertained with music, physical and mental exercise, the carers will meet in another room to benefit from a talk from Surrey Coalition. Caroline will be able to give advice on assistance for any disability and what help they offer for people with dementia.

Looking forward to next month, on 20th May Sarah Wood of Luminus Healthwatch will give a talk on 'Giving Carers a Voice'.

Memory Lane meets at 2.15pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month, in the Cranleigh Arts Centre; anyone in a caring role is made most welcome with tea and cake in a joyful environment.

*For further details, just telephone Memory Lane: 01483 274398,
or email: mamwild@aol.com.*

Church Walking Group



Sixteen members of the Church Walking Group recently enjoyed a lovely walk from Albury, enjoying refreshments at the top of St Martha's Hill and admiring the view. Despite the very wet weather in the previous weeks we managed to complete the walk without any casualties and not too much mud! After the walk we enjoyed a good lunch at the Drummond Arms.

The next walk will be on **Thursday 23rd May** – further details available from Catherine Keech (catherine@keechonline.com)

U3A Wonersh & District

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Shalford, Shamley Green and Wonersh



What's on in April 2024 – join us for these activities

Mon 1	<i>Easter Monday</i>	Fri 19	French: Godalming
Tues 2	<i>(No Tai Chi)</i>	Mon 22	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Wed 3	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	Tues 23	Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall Listening to Music: Turner Room, Lawnsmead
Thurs 4	Mah Jong: Bramley Library Room Latin Advanced: Godalming	Wed 24	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn Pub Lunch: The Seahorse, Shalford
Fri 5	French: Godalming	Thurs 25	Latin Intermediate: Godalming Speaker's Corner: Dr James Taylor, Lawnsmead
Mon 8	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Book Club: Selwyn Room, Wonersh Parish Church	Fri 26	Art: Bramley Village Hall
Tues 9	<i>(No Tai Chi)</i>	Mon 29	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Wed 10	Explore London: London's River Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	Tues 30	Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall
Thurs 11	Latin Intermediate: Godalming		
Mon 15	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh		
Tues 16	Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall		
Wed 17	Coach Trip: Eltham Palace & Rangers House Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn		
Thurs 18	Short Walk: meet Blackheath car park Latin Advanced: Godalming Current Affairs: Turner Room, Lawnsmead		

*Join us for some very interesting talks,
visits and activities.
Newcomers are welcome.
For further details, please phone Deirdre
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Blessings to All at Lawnsmead Lunch Club

A great big **Thank-You** to all the people who organise, lay tables, drive, wash up and all the many cooks, preparing for the lunch to follow. A menu that is different every week, served hot and very tasty by the cooks who buy, cook and serve. **Enjoyed by many** - the atmosphere, the chatter, laughter throughout, new friends made - the enjoyment of being together.

All made possible by the volunteers who make this happen every **Monday**.

Rosina Henham

Flute and Harp Concert

Sunday 12th May, 4pm

St Andrew's Church, Grafham, GU5 0LJ



Coming up next month, there is a **Flute and Harp Concert** by performers from the Royal College of Music, in support of the work of the **Friends of St Andrew's and Grafham**. More details to follow - please save the date!

Mrs Elizabeth Gillespie

Elizabeth Gillespie, who has died aged 100, called Wonersh 'home' for over 95 years.

Born in Barnes on 5th May 1923 to Beatrice and Percy Rees, the family lived in The Netherlands for two years and relocated in 1928 to The Dower House in Wonersh. Elizabeth's father, who won a Gold Medal for Hockey at the 1908 London Olympics, was Chief Accountant for Unilever. They also bought 3 The Common for staff, the name Melssur commemorating their girls Mary, Elizabeth and Susan Rees. A fourth daughter Sarah was born at The Dower House.



Elizabeth boarded at Bushey School in London, she enjoyed riding and trained as a Physiotherapist at St Thomas' Hospital during the war, allegedly refusing to leave her patients on the top floor during a bombing raid.

In 1947 Elizabeth married Jock Gillespie, who had completed a Law degree at Cambridge in two years before being called up, and then going into the family firm of Chartered Accountants in London. The Barn, across the road, became their home for 30 years. They had a daughter Caroline, who was educated at St Catherine's, and a son Edward.

Elizabeth and Jock loved village life. Jock played cricket where Percy Rees is remembered by a bench and photo in the pavilion for his role in the draining and funding of the common for use by villagers. Jock later became a member of the Bowls Club. Elizabeth was a keen member of Mothers' Union and the Garden Club. They shared an interest in theatre, ballet and playing tennis and Bridge. They enjoyed walking on Blackheath. After Jock retired, they frequently travelled to Scotland and twice on pilgrimages to The Holy Land.

After Jock died in 1998, Elizabeth moved to Little Acre, a bungalow in Barnett Lane. She continued to enjoy gardening and playing Bridge. Through her membership of U3A, she played table tennis and Mahjong. That remained her home for over 25 years, where she lived independently through to 100 with the support of Wonersh Stores, Surgery and Pharmacy. She was a regular visitor for lunch to The Grantley with family and friends.

Elizabeth was much loved by her three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Make a Will

April is Phyllis Tuckwell's **Make a Will Month**, when a number of local solicitors across West Surrey and North-East Hampshire will be offering a professional consultation to write a new standard Will, or update an existing one, in return for a donation to the Hospice Care charity.

Visit www.pth.org.uk/makeawillmonth for details of the solicitors taking part. Simply choose one and contact them to book an appointment.



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Sample Oak Lane,
Chilworth GU4 8QR

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the evening to help the Benedictine monks.

Save the date:

*For The Wonersh Traditional
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