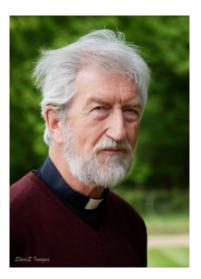
# Windsor Church News



The Revd John Quick

Dear Friends,

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is often very variable and unpredictable when it comes to the weather experienced! It takes its name from the Roman Calendar. It was introduced by Numa Pompilius, when he extended the year to twelve months. The name arose from the practice of religious expiation and purification at this time, from the word Februare, to expiate, to purify.

The feast of Irish saint, Brigid is celebrated on the first of the month. She is a saint dear to me, chiefly because of my late wife's long association with the school that used to be on King's Road in Windsor, and the Brigidine

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Order. By all accounts she was truly a remarkable woman, founding a double monastery for both men and women.

For many, especially in Ireland, she rivals St. Patrick as a patron; her shrine at Kildare, being much visited. Sister Patricia, who lives in Windsor gave me the following writing 'Our Inspiration', which I think is well worth considering.

Guide us to.....

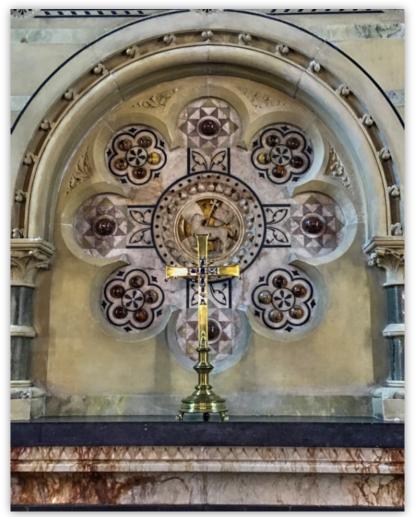
Live deeply with purpose
Live freely with detachment
Live wisely with humility
Live justly with compassion
Live lovingly with fidelity
Live gratefully with generosity
Live fully with enthusiasm.
Help us to hold this vision and
To renew it daily in our hearts.

(adapted -from Joyce Rupp) 1 Feb. 2020.

As we begin Lent later in the month, it is perhaps a good short meditation as we enter the season to use each day.

Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is designated to be on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be celebrated in our Team on January 29<sup>th</sup>. It is interesting to note that in the Book of Common

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Prayer it is listed as The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin. I note the link with the origins of the name of the month.

It marks the day midway between the shortest day and the Spring equinox, and was traditionally the day when candles to be used during the year were brought into church to be blessed, hence the name.

It reminds us that Jesus Christ came to bring light into a dark world, which it sadly, still needs; the 'light' that the Christian message brings.

Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) gives us all an opportunity to deepen and reflect upon our faith. There are two Lent courses on offer (see details elsewhere in this magazine).

Hopefully, the weather will give us at least a few opportunities to get out in the fresh air. Many find walks a good place to think and pray as they take in the beauty of creation. As we recall Jesus' temptations at the beginning of Lent, I find visiting the Air Forces Memorial at Englefield Green, a good place for reflection. If you climb the central tower there is a wonderful vista across the surrounding area, seemingly level with aircraft leaving or approaching Heathrow. One is reminded of Satan taking Jesus to a high place and promising him the world.

At this, often gloomy, time of the year, we need to remind ourselves that we live in an attractive part of the world and have many blessings compared to others around us.

Father John.

#### All-Age service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 4 p.m. at All Saints' Church

Stanley Spencer whose connections with Cookham are well-known to us, was called 'an artist who loved Jesus". Spencer was fascinated about Jesus' 40 days and nights in the wilderness. The Holy Spirit is said to have led Jesus into the wilderness immediately after Jesus realised his call to be God's Son at his baptism.

We know so little about what actually happened in these forty days and nights. For Spencer it was an opportunity to imagine what Jesus might have experienced and might have learnt about God's will for him.

Spencer planned to produce forty paintings for meditation, on Jesus' time in the wilderness. Unfortunately for us, he did not manage forty, but we do have several fascinating paintings to consider throughout Lent. As we reflect on these, we can learn something about ourselves and something about our call to follow Jesus.

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#### **Lent Course on Monday Evenings**

There will be an evening Lent Course 'Great Prayers of the Bible' to be held in the Creche room at St. Stephen and St. Agnes Church for five Mondays beginning on Monday 27th February at 7.45pm. led by Fr. John and Jane Burr. This will be preceded by Stations of the Cross in church, starting at 7pm. All are welcome to come to either or both these events.' For further information please speak to either Jane or John.

#### **Lent Course on Tuesday Evenings**

Three for the Price of One

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Please join us for a Lent course in the Celtic tradition looking at the Holy Trinity. There are three sessions exploring God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, taking place on three Tuesdays in March – (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) between 7.15 – 8.45pm.

We intend to hold the sessions at our home where we can accommodate 10 people. Please let us know if you would like a place by emailing <a href="katyTkerr@hotmail.com">katyTkerr@hotmail.com</a> and we will give further details. If the course is oversubscribed we will seek to find an alternative venue.

All the necessary materials will be provided and the sessions are designed to stand alone, so please sign up even if you can only commit to one session.

Simon and Katy Kerr

#### **Lent Study Course on Thursday Mornings**

As in past years I am offering a Lent Course for those who wish to make a closer study of a part of the Bible. This year the title is 'Genesis Myths'. The subject is the very first chapters of the Old Testament, which contain such well known and vivid stories. What do we mean when we call them 'myths'? One definition we will not use is this; "A Myth is a story wot ain't true". But in what sense can we claim that the story of creation in seven days, or the story of Adam and Eve IS true?

What kind of tree grew in the middle of the Garden? Why did a snake suddenly appear? Did Adam and Eve really need fig leaf aprons? If these stories are included in our Holy Bible we cannot just dismiss them as quaint tales from a by-gone age.

Meetings will be held in the vestry of All Saints Church from 11.00 till 12.00 noon on Thursdays beginning on February 23rd for six weeks. If you are interested please contact me on jandehurst@btinternet.com and I will send you a programme.

Jeremy Hurst



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This is what we set out to do at our All-Age Service. We hope that everyone from the youngest to the oldest, will learn something about themselves and about God's love.

There will be an opportunity to meditate in silence, to look at a picture with guidance, to explore Lent, to engage in a related craft activity and, of course, to sing and pray together.

I do hope many people will want to come and join us for this special afternoon in Lent.

#### Anne Casson

## Join the Church Choir and learn to read music for FREE!

John Halsey will give FREE Theory of Music lessons 7pm-7.3opm for those who stay on to sing with the church choir for practice 7.35pm-8.35pm on the following Fridays: February 3, 17; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at All Saints' Church, Frances Road. Or £5 per session for the lesson only. All ages 8+. For further information, call or text 07824 344044.

#### Fr Richard's Evening Out

Fr Richard attended a reception last month with HRH the Earl of Wessex and 1st Battalion London Guards. Prince Edward is Royal Colonel of the Regiment. The reception marked the formation of the battalion. You can read more here.



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#### Christian Aid Candlemas Service

On the afternoon of Sunday 29 January, seventy people gathered in All Saints' Church to share a celebration of Candlemas with worshippers from churches around Windsor. The service was organised by Windsor Christian Aid, to raise awareness of the charity's work and to pray for the needs of people in some of the world's most troubled regions.

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty; bringing light to places of need, bringing resources to those struggling with conflict, poverty and the challenges of climate change. Rev'd Sally delivered a reflection on the message of Candlemas, drawing particular attention to the words of Isaiah, from one of the day's readings, which encouraged the reader to feed the hungry, house the homeless and clothe the naked - much as Christian Aid strives to do. "Then," says Isaiah, "your light shall break forth like the dawn."



We lit candles in specially-crafted doveshaped holders as we prayed for Christian Aid's work to relieve drought and hunger in East Africa, to combat the effects of natural disasters brought about by climate change in Asia and Haiti, and to offer conflict relief in Ukraine.

A large choir of voices from the Windsor Team and many other local churches supported the service beautifully. Afterwards we enjoyed tea and cake and the chance to examine four creative prayer stations.

Windsor Christian Aid organises services and events throughout the year to raise funds and awareness within the local community for the mission of Christian Aid. If you are passionate about freeing the world from poverty and injustice and would like to help, please contact Kate on kate.mcquillian@gmail.com to find out more.

Kate McQuillian



With Ash Wednesday and Lent at the end of the month we thought we'd put a cross from one of our churches on page one of the newsletter. The backdrop is the fabulous reredos which was almost certainly designed by Thomas Hardy (better known as a novelist than an architect).

#### A Welcome Visitor



It's always a joy to welcome visitors to our churches and no visitor could have been more obviously thrilled by his visit than Police Dog Jack. He was at Holy Trinity in December to search the building before a service (with his human colleagues). He dashed around the church, as he was directed, with his head popping up above the line of the pews briefly and couldn't have been more delighted. I look forward to next Christmas!...too early?! VS

#### **Church Opening Times**

**Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist,** High Street daily, all day

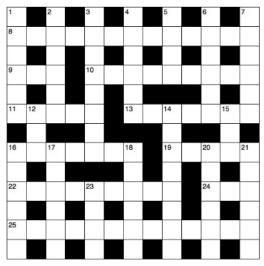
**St Stephen & St Agnes Church,** Vansittart Road daily, all day

All Saints' Church, Frances Road Mon-Wed & Sat, all day

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







#### Across

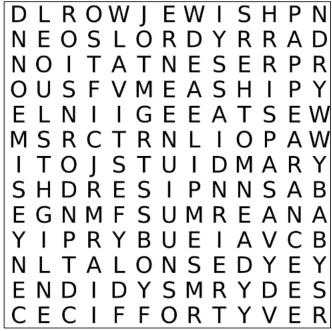
- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

#### Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by

- the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but
   him as if he were your father' (1
  Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11)
  (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: `— salt to your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1)(4)





In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, 40 days after Christmas. Jesus is described in the Bible as the Light of the World, and so early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas. The story can be found in Luke 2:22-40, where Simeon makes his great declaration of faith and recognition of Jesus. Simeon's 'Nunc Dimittis', is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer.

Forty	Appearance	Jesus	Presentation	Nunc
Days	Mary	Purified	Light	Dimittis
Baby	Jewish	Present	World	Office
Boy	Mothers	Lord	Candlemas	Evening
Public	Temple	Festival	Simeon	Prayer
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#### **Congratulations Don!**

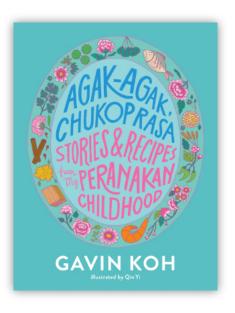
Happy birthday to Don Church for last month - he was celebrating "one that ended in a zero"!

Jill and Don Church are pictured after the Sunday Service at Holy Trinity Church. Don also mentioned that it is 90 years ago this year that he was baptised at Holy Trinity!



#### **Gavin Koh's Cookery Book**

Gavin, who was an Authorised Preacher in our churches and moved to Cambridge in 2021, has recently published a cookery book of his grandmother's recipes mixed with family anecdotes. The book is available from Epigram Books (in Singapore) who ship to the UK (if you'd like a copy please email windsor. churchnews@gmail.com and we'll contact Gavin directly as he may have some copies more locally to us). Fr John also has a copy of the book which he might be happy to lend you.



#### **Accommodation Required**

A mature project manager who commutes from Devon to his place of work local to Windsor is looking for accommodation each week on Mon/Tues/Wed for the next 18 months or so. Can accept a shorter period.

Contact: Peter 07972 733 668

#### All Saints' Church Lighting Project

Christmas and Epiphany are seasons of light that fill our souls with joy and brightness.

Yet even enlightened souls aren't quite enough to illuminate the inside of a church - we need electric lights for that! Those of you who have visited or worshipped in All Saints' Church, Frances Road in the winter season will know how dim and dysfunctional the lights are. Indeed, in late December the lights failed entirely, requiring an emergency repair.

**Proposed Lighting Levels Current Lighting Levels** 

Fortunately, planning and fundraising efforts are well underway for the All Saints' Lighting Project, an exciting proposal to install a new LED system that will not only be considerably brighter, but also reduce our energy consumption.

Designs for the new system have been made by CES Lighting, the same company who lit the Thomas Hardy reredos that was re-discovered in 2014. Their proposal includes custom-made pendant brackets that incorporate the shape of the All Saints' rose window and restore the Victorian heritage of the building.



We need to raise £60,000 to fully fund the project. We feel that this is very achievable. Through a combination of grant applications, fundraising events and the generosity of friends, we have so far raised 54% of the total.

But we cannot reach the full amount without your help. Please spread the word of this project to anyone you know who might be able to help us.

If you would like to contribute to the All Saints' Lighting Project and haven't already, please donate via any of the following ways:

#### Bank transfer

Account name:

PCC Windsor Parish Church & All Saints Bank: HSBC, 128 High Street, Slough

Sort code: 40-42-09 Account no: 51055526 Reference: Lighting Appeal

#### Cheque

Made payable to: PCC Windsor Parish Church & All Saints

Write: 'Lighting Appeal' on the back Send to: Karen Allott, 5 St John's Road,

Windsor, SL<sub>4</sub> 3QN

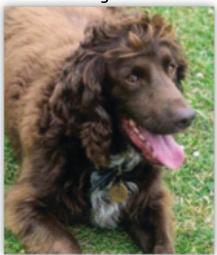
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Please use <u>this link</u> or the QR code:



Robin McConnell member of All Saints Lighting Committee

Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

Humans do some very strange things. One of them is throwing food into the air and catching it in a frying pan. What an odd thing to do, especially when the chances of some or all of the food landing on the floor are, it seems to me, quite high. Pancake Day is a popular day for most dogs: eyes firmly fixed on the frying pan, weighing up the expertise of the human who is wielding it, and ready to pounce if the half-cooked pancake lands on the kitchen floor. It's all great fun!

Now, I've been a Vicarage Dog all my life and I know that the proper name for Pancake Day is Shrove Tuesday. I also know that it is the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent when we turn our thoughts towards the disciplines of fasting and penitence in preparation for the joys of Easter. I overheard The Boss telling someone recently that Shrove is the past tense of the verb "To Shrive" which is "to present oneself for confession, penance and absolution." I felt this was quite a mouthful for a dog to take in. The Boss said it simply means saying sorry and being forgiven.

So, Shrove Tuesday is about saying sorry and asking for forgiveness. I'm still not quite sure what this has to do with tossing pancakes. I've been pondering this for some while now and the other day I shared my ponder with The Boss who said it was "interesting". This is my ponder: Humans and dogs are like pancakes. We are made up of good ingredients and we should turn out well but sometimes we go wrong and end up heading for the floor but we can be rescued and put back in the pan to be re-formed.

I'm not sure what The Boss meant when she said my ponder was "interesting". I hope she doesn't mind that I've shared it with you but if she does, I will say sorry and ask for forgiveness.

Enjoy your pancakes!

Barnabas The Vicarage Dog



We recently learned of the death of Anne Carter. When I started contributing poems to the magazine nearly 20 years ago, Anne was one of the people who responded to my request for suggestions of poems to be included. I have chosen this month's poem in Anne's memory. When she suggested this poem, "The Darkling Thrush" by Thomas Hardy, Anne said that she found it appropriate for this time of year, when the song of the thrush can bring a message of hope to the dark winter days.

Thomas Hardy wrote the poem at the beginning of the twentieth century, when no doubt, where he was living, the song of the thrush was commonplace. I find it a matter of regret that now, early in the twenty-first century, thrushes are so rarely heard around Windsor!

Michael Bailey

#### The Darkling Thrush

I leant upon a coppice gate
When Frost was spectre-gray,
And Winter's dregs made desolate
The weakening eye of day.
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky
Like strings of broken lyres,
And all mankind that haunted nigh
Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be
The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind his death-lament.
The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry,
And every spirit upon the earth
Seemed fervourless as I.

At once a voice arose among
The bleak twigs overhead
In a full-hearted evensong
Of joy illimited;
An aged thrush, frail, gaunt, and small,
In blast-beruffled plume,
Had chosen thus to fling his soul
Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings
Of such ecstatic sound
Was written on terrestrial things
Afar or nigh around,
That I could think there trembled through
His happy good-night air
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew
And I was unaware.

Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)

#### **New Windsor Team Ministry**

Windsor Parish Church with All Saints; Holy Trinity Church; St Stephen & St Agnes Church



#### **Children and Families Worker**

We are looking and praying for someone who will flourish as our Children and Families Worker, who will be an essential part of our team, shaping and influencing our way forward.

We are working to increase our contact with children and families across our four churches located within easy distance of each other in central Windsor. We have excellent links with our local schools, including an active Open the Book team and an iSingPop week planned for May. We run Messy Church, we have a small Sunday School during our morning service and we have recently introduced a regular afternoon service designed for families. We have a large number of baptisms which currently take place either during the Sunday morning eucharist or separately in the afternoon.

This post could be tailored to the applicant's special interests e.g. re-starting our Parent and Toddler Groups, helping to set up a Children's Choir, leading Godly Play, running a Holiday Club.

We believe the following to be essential requirements for this post:

- An active Christian faith
- Enthusiasm for working with children and parents
- Good inter-personal skills across age groups
- Self-motivation and ability to plan own work keeping to deadlines as necessary
- Passion for delivering high quality Sunday School activities and worship
- Commitment to and knowledge of Safeguarding and Health & Safety requirements
- Ability to think creatively and devise new initiatives
- Readiness to be a team player and an encourager of volunteers
- Willingness to work across our four churches
- Up to date knowledge of social media and good level of IT skill

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Leave: 4 weeks plus Bank Holidays

Closing date: 1st March 2023

Interviews: Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th March 2023

For an application form and parish profile or for a chat about the post, contact our Team Rector, Revd Sally Lodge by email <a href="www.windsor.rector@gmail.com">windsor.rector@gmail.com</a> or on 01753 862419/07498 204428

For further information about our parishes visit: www.windsorchurches.org.uk

## Statistics for Mission 2021 published

Attendance at Church of England parishes rose sharply in 2021, compared to 2020, but continued to be affected by Covid measures, new statistics from the Church of England show.

Average weekly attendance, which includes Sundays and midweek attendance, grew to 605,000 in 2021 compared to 345,000 in 2020. But it was lower than in 2019, when average weekly attendance stood at 854,000 people.

The number of baptisms and weddings grew in 2021 compared to 2020, with 26,500 marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage and 55,200 baptisms or thanksgiving services for a child.

Many churches continued to provide 'church at home' services in 2021, offered online, by phone, post, email, and other means amid a range of Covid restrictions.

It comes as separate figures show the number of people praying online has continued to grow sharply over the past year with downloads of the Church of England's Daily Prayer audio at 3.2 million so far in 2022 – 62% higher than 2021 when it was launched. Total downloads now stand at 5.2 million.

Daily Prayer audio – across the Daily Prayer podcast and app – has now reached more than 1.1 million unique listeners.

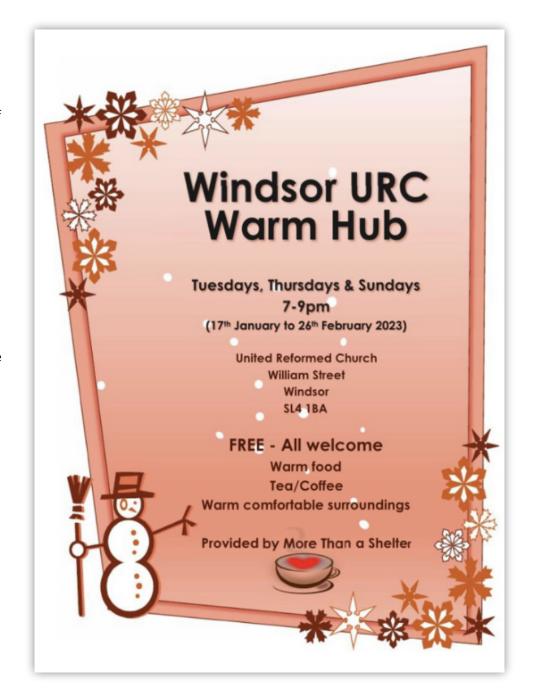
Meanwhile, figures from the Church of England's digital channels show that social media content – prayers, Bible verses, reflection content, good news stories and encouragement – have been seen more than 65 million times this year so far.

This amounts to approximately 1.3 million impressions per week, with content seen roughly 190,000 times a day.

And the Church of England's national online service averages around 150,000 views a week, with an average of 300 written comments a week from regular online worshipping communities.

The summary adds: "The pandemic continued to have an impact on the life of the Church of England, with some churches being closed for worship for parts of 2021 and some members of congregations continuing not to attend in-person services. This report indicates the extent to which things have 'bounced back,' but notes that further bouncing back is expected."

from Parish Pump



#### This month it was...

175 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1848 that the Communist Manifesto was published in London. It was written by Karl Marx, with the assistance of Friedrich Engels.

150 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1873 that Thomas Andrews, Irish/British shipbuilder and businessman was born. The naval architect in charge of the plans for the RMS Titanic, he perished along with 1,500 others during her maiden voyage.

100 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1923 that British archaeologist Howard Carter opened the sealed doorway to Tutankhamen's tomb in Thebes, Egypt. The following day he entered the burial chamber and discovered a wealth of treasures.

75 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1948 that NASCAR was founded at Daytona Beach, Florida.

70 years ago, on 28th Feb 1953 that British scientists Francis Crick and James D Watson announced that they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

65 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958 that the Munich air disaster took place. A plane carrying the Manchester United football team ('the Busby Babes'), plus support staff and journalists, crashed while attempting to take off from a slush-covered runway at Munich-Riem Airport. 23 people were killed, including 8 players.

65 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958 that St Claire of Assisi (1194-1253) was declared the patron saint of television by Pope Pius XII – on the basis that she had been too ill to attend Mass, but had reportedly been able to see and hear it on the wall of her room.

50 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1973 that the US Senate established a select



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committee to investigate the Watergate scandal. This led to US President Richard Nixon's resignation in August 1974.

40 years ago, on 8th Feb 1983 that champion racehorse, Shergar, was kidnapped in Ireland and a £2million ransom demanded. The horse was never seen again.

30 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1993 that Bobby Moore, British footballer and captain of the England team that won the 1966 World Cup, died.

25 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1998 that Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa against all Jews and Crusaders.

20 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2003 that the US space shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas during reentry, killing all seven astronauts.

15 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008 that Prince Harry was immediately withdrawn from active service in Afghanistan, after the media revealed he was serving a tour of duty with British troops there.

10 years ago, on 1st Feb 2013 that the Shard, a 72-storey skyscraper in London, was officially opened. It is the tallest building in the UK and the sixth tallest in Europe.

from Parish Pump

#### **New Pathways**



New Pathways is an informal meeting for those who are feeling the loss of a loved one (not necessarily recently). The group meets in the Mountbatten Room at Holy Trinity Church on the last Thursday of the month at 2:30pm. Everyone is very welcome. The group enjoy a chat over a cup of tea - last month Mary baked a rather luscious looking cake to mark the birthday of one of group's regulars. Do drop in this month on 23<sup>rd</sup> - there will be something nice with your cuppa even if it isn't homemade cake!

#### **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).

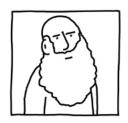
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## From the December & January registers...



#### **Baptisms**

Alistair St John Todd (Windsor Parish Church) Leo Moyle (Holy Trinity) Finley Deppe (Holy Trinity) Spencer McIlwraith (Holy Trinity) Axl Watkins (St Stephen & St Agnes) Blake Watkins (St Stephen & St Agnes)

#### Weddings



#### **Funerals**

Helen Ince (Holy Trinity) Valerie Messenger Gerald Milne (St Stephen & St Agnes)

#### Regular midweek services

#### Mondays

9am Morning Prayer - All Saints' Church

#### Wednesdays

gam Morning Prayer - St Stephen & St Agnes Church
11am Holy Communion (BCP) - Holy Trinity Church

#### Fridays

9am Morning Prayer - Holy Trinity Church



#### Puzzle Solutions



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### Mothers IN ON

Our Advent Service seems ages ago now. It was a very happy. meaningful afternoon enjoyed by twenty one friends and members. Candles lit, carols sung and a mince pie tea enjoyed. A truly spiritual and meaningful start to the Church New Year.

Our next meeting is an afternoon with Adrian and Veronica Stabbins. We shall enjoy seeing videos of their work with Mercy Ships in Honduras and A School in India.

March 9th sees us back at 3pm at All Saints Church sharing Anne and John Casson's exciting holiday in India.
More details next issue!

May we wish you all a Peaceful, Interesting. and Spiritually Fulfilling year ahead.

Every blessing
Estlyn Davies

#### The Last Supper by Peter Barnes...is coming to Windsor!



You may recall the Last Supper Sculpture, pictured above, from the September magazine. Patricia Carr came across it on a visit to Chester Cathedral and let Revd Sally know about it. Revd Sally got in touch with Peter Barnes and they met last month the sculpture is coming to Windsor Parish Church in April! The mosaic is made up of over 50,000 computer keyboard keys and threaded through it are the names of the disciples and Bible quotations. The sculpture was inspired by the painting by Leonardo De Vinci. The Parish Church of St John the Baptist is home to Francis de Cleyn's 17<sup>th</sup> century painting of the Last Supper which hangs in the West Gallery.



- 1 Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525
- 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
- Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865
- 4 Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189
- 5 The Third Sunday before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist - All Saints' Church

- 6 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
- 10 Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543
- 12 The Second Sunday before Lent

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- 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885 *Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269*
- 15 Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045 Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730
- 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977
- 186.30pm Team Social Event at the Parish Hall at All Saints' Church
- 19 The Sunday next before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist – Windsor Parish Church

22 Ash Wednesday (Principal Holy Day)

11am Holy Communion with ashing – Holy Trinity Church

- 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with ashing All Saints' Church
- 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155
- 26 The First Sunday of Lent

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

4pm All Age Service - All Saints' Church

27 George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633