

# Windsor Church News



**The Revd John Quick**

Dear Friends

As we come towards the end of another school year it is good to reflect on one aspect of our work with young children. For quite a number of years a small group of us have been taking 'Open the Book' into Queen Anne First School every Wednesday afternoon.

'Open the Book' is a series of stories from the Bible produced by the Bible Society for use with children, mainly of Primary School age. Each story is narrated and acted out, often with simple participation from the children, who also take part as appropriate.

For example, this week we told the story of the Fiery Furnace from the book of Daniel. Adults took the parts of king Nebuchadnezzar, court official, Shadrach

and band leader; while the children acted as guards, Meshach and Abednego and member of the band/Babylonians.

Of course, one of the attractions for the children is the dressing up, may be too for some of the adults!

The stories are re-told simply and clearly after a short introduction to set the scene. We end with a short comment on the story and a prayer.

The children really enjoy the stories and because of the dual impact of sound and vision, the pupils remember them. This is vitally important today when fewer children attend church regularly.

If you are interested in joining the group please speak to Anne Casson, Estlyn Davies, myself or any of the clergy. You can come and see 'Open the Book' in action without any commitment. We begin again in September.

In church we are frequently reminded of the power of the Holy Spirit. Of how those early Christians went out and spread the good news that Jesus came to bring. It is good for us to recall that we, as practising Christians can often do this in small ways.

July & August 2025

the online newsletter from  
the Parish of Central Windsor



In the church calendar we now remember the Sundays after Trinity. During July and August there are many celebrations of saints, some of whom you may like to look up, and be inspired by their contributions to Christianity!

Here are a few in July: Thomas the Apostle 3<sup>rd</sup>; Benedict, Father of Western Monasticism 11<sup>th</sup>; Mary Magdalene 22<sup>nd</sup>; James the Apostle 25<sup>th</sup>; William Wilberforce 30<sup>th</sup>; and Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Jesuits 31<sup>st</sup>.

In August we remember: of the Celtic saints, Oswald of Northumbria 5<sup>th</sup>, who worked with Aidan (his head is buried in the shrine of St. Cuthbert in Durham Cathedral); St. Dominic 8<sup>th</sup>; Mary Sumner 9<sup>th</sup>, Founder of the Mothers' Union; Clare of Assisi 11<sup>th</sup>; Florence Nightingale 13<sup>th</sup>; Bartholomew the Apostle 24<sup>th</sup>; Augustine of Hippo 28<sup>th</sup>; John Bunyan 30<sup>th</sup>; and Aidan Bishop of Lindisfarne 31<sup>st</sup>.

All followers of Jesus Christ and setting an example for all Christians down the ages.

Enjoy July and August

Father John

15 August



Service of  
Commemoration  
on the  
80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of VJ Day

12pm

Holy Trinity  
Parish & Garrison  
Church  
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*All welcome*



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# Little People, Big Faith

A view from the children's corner



Dear Friends from Church,

At the moment, my parents and I are reading *The Secret Garden* at bedtime, and how magic helps the plants and Colin grow. And each time a flower blooms in our garden I also feel like there's a bit of magic around, maybe it's the magic of Jesus. I think it's lovely the way that flowers smell. We have two plants that I love. One is a sort of purple colour and smells like blackcurrant sweets and when I smell this flower I feel warm and happy. I also really love the way that the other plant smells, lavender. When the wind blows, the lavender sways and it looks like someone is hugging it and making it move. This might be Jesus as well. I think the smell of lavender and the

feeling of someone being hugged are lovely feelings to have.

When I talked about the flowers and *The Secret Garden* with mummy, she reminded me that God helped to make the earth and all the things on it. So really God is the one who created all this beauty that we are seeing today in the gardens. It's not just the plants that God made and which I love but also the little creatures. I like the way that the fluffy bees buzz around and the noise that they make. At school we found a dead bee and so my friend and I decided to bury it. When I picked it up before we buried it under an oval stone, I noticed that the skin felt so fuzzy. I called it Daisy.

So God made the flowers, plants, and these little creatures. He also made the sun. I think he made the sun so bright, especially at the moment, so that the flowers can bloom and the creatures can have fun. I like the feeling of the sun touching my skin – it makes me feel calm and like I can just be still. When the sun is next out, I hope you might try sitting and looking at a flower and seeing how it sways, or watch a busy bee. *The Secret Garden* is right, what God has made is magic.

With faith, hope, and love,

*Savannah*





## Mothers' UNION

### June 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 Meeting

We stood in Silence to remember and give thanks for the life of Evelyn Hill who died recently. Evelyn had been ill for a very long time but we all recalled the immense contribution she made with her husband, Robert, to all aspects of our lives at All Saints' Church and the Parish. Whatever was suggested Evelyn was there giving of her time, expertise and friendship. We were privileged to know her and work with her.

May Evelyn rest in Peace  
and rise in Glory

We were delighted to welcome back to Windsor, our Speaker, David Dadswell to hear all about his time since leaving Windsor and going to Lincoln.

### From Windsor to Windsor



When David Dadswell left us for Lincoln eight years ago, we never realised what an enormous job lay before him. We knew he was an International Business Consultant, ordained in 1983 in Liverpool by Bishop David Sheppard,

preaching and heavily involved in all our Parish matters and Sunday Xtra. Lincoln Diocese had asked David to be Bishop's Strategic Implementation Adviser and after a year or so was appointed Diocesan Secretary, which leads the central support services of the diocese. Lincolnshire is a very large agricultural county with long distances between towns. In the past extremely wealthy but nowadays impoverished with a small population including many foreign farm workers, in some schools in the diocese thirty languages being spoken.

The Diocese had massive financial worries, declining Church Members and Clergy. For example, in one deanery of 40 churches only one and a half Clergy could be afforded! A major programme of change was necessary covering cutting costs, increasing growth and discipleship, the deployment, recruitment and retention of clergy and stewardship.

David's knowledge and experience in organisational consultancy was a major asset for the work needed at this point and he has been able to hand on to the next Diocesan Secretary who is, as is needed, stronger on the financial side.

He told us many stories about this work in the Diocese.....Voluntary Redundancies encouraged, normal employment rules and systems introduced, Graduation Ceremonies and Carol Concerts in the vast Lincoln Cathedral. They increased the number

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of volunteers and with the help of technology they completely redesigned the Diocese.

David led the successful team of eight Heads of Departments in the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Not many are as competent as David to blend their professional skills with their love of God and have such amazing results. David was made self-supporting Residentiary Canon without Dignity\* as part of the clergy team in the cathedral.

We were absolutely enthralled with David's story and success....we have already booked him for next year! A fascinating, amazing afternoon!

Our next meeting is a Garden Party in Margaret Parsons' delightful garden at 3 o'clock on July 10th 2025. We hope our Friends and Speakers will join us.

May we treasure our past  
Live and work for others in the  
present  
And pray that God will give us  
strength for the future.

*Estlyn Davies*

*If you would like to join the Garden Party please email [windsor.churchinfo@gmail.com](mailto:windsor.churchinfo@gmail.com) or get in touch with one of the MU members, or a churchwarden.*

\* *Dignity in this sense means a title or role in a cathedral such as Precentor.*

## New Area Dean

We have a new Area Dean - our own Revd Sally is taking up the role for the interim period of a year. She was licensed by Bishop Mary on 5 June and takes over from the Revd Canon Ainsley Swift as Area Dean of Maidenhead & Windsor Deanery.



*Pictured (l to r) are the Venerable Stephen Pullin, Archdeacon of Berkshire; Fr Ainsley; the Right Reverend Mary Gregory, Bishop of Reading; Revd Sally; and Jim Tucker, Deanery Lay Chair*

## 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

## Trinity Sunday

Thank you to Marilyn & Richard Cox and all who worked so hard to make Trinity Sunday in June, the celebration it was. Special thanks to John Halsey and our wonderful choir.

Marilyn & Richard report that they and the team were able to serve some twenty-seven Friends of Holy Trinity, and guests, afternoon tea on Trinity Sunday. After tea the Friends enjoyed a short, interesting, but not political, talk by our MP Jack Rankin, followed by some organ music by John Halsey and then the Festal evensong.

The unused afternoon tea goodies were split equally between King George VI Club in Clarence Road, and The Alma Beacon which, Richard reports, were both delighted.

## Thank you, Mrs Lovegrove

Our thanks and best wishes for her retirement go to Louise Lovegrove, after twelve years as Headteacher of Trinity St Stephen First School. Her departure is being marked with a service of thanksgiving at St Stephen & St Agnes Church in July.





*The Rt Revd Mary Gregory, Bishop of Reading, led and preached at our Sung Eucharist on 22 June. The service marked both the Patronal Festival of the Parish Church of St John the Baptist and a joint Celebration of Formation of Parish of Central Windsor. She has kindly allowed us to print her sermon here. If you would like to hear her yourself you can find a recording of the service on our YouTube channel.*

2025 Birth of John the Baptist—Parish of Central Windsor: Isaiah 40.1-11; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 1.57-66, 80

***That we might find a voice to sing your praise***

From the moment they're born, babies communicate, nuzzling up against the human holding them to show their hunger, crying to signal their need of changing. A little later, they mimic the sounds of those around them, engaging in the call and response of 'conversation'. When they're not much more than a year old, they signal their independence in the determined use of words of one syllable; very often 'No!'

Paradoxically, as we get older, we can find it more difficult to speak with such clarity; might feel, in the lyrics of a song by Annie Lennox, that 'the language is leaving me.' This might especially be true for us at such a time as this, in a world that seems to be losing the art of conversation; where social media is so constructed to expose us only to voices



*Revd Sally with Bishop Mary  
in the chancel of St John the Baptist Church*

that echo our own; where truth has been devalued, challenge provokes scorn, even aggression, and where respect for diversity has made us lose confidence in the distinctiveness of what we have to say.

Our reticence is not matched by others who have no such respect for difference. And so the Tate brothers, for example, shout loudly at our boys and young men through online platforms, dangerously distorting attitudes to women. Hate speech shouts. As WH Auden has it in his 1920 poem *The Second Coming*,

The best lack all conviction, whilst the worst are full of passionate intensity.

We can be slow to speak - and yet in our Collect we've just prayed 'lead us...constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice'. We can feel silenced—and yet fundamental conversations about the very meaning of life are being conducted which are fatally impoverished without a Christian perspective; conversations like the Terminally Ill Adults' Bill that, on Friday, passed its latest stage towards becoming law. We can be shy about the distinctiveness of our faith - and yet we've been entrusted with 'the words of eternal life' (cf John 6.68) - words that will transform those around us and our beautiful, breaking world. We

*cannot* keep silent. But how do we find our voice? And what should characterise our speaking?

Finding our voice is, firstly, about understanding *what* we are to speak. Our Old Testament reading is a good place to start where God urges us to use our voices to proclaim comfort, promise and authority; comfort, promise and authority.

To people who are broken by life - lost, weary, despairing, lonely—we're to speak of the constancy of God's love, mercy and grace; that with God there is always companionship in our pain, and the seeds of a new beginning. 'Comfort, O comfort my people', says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her that she has served her term' (Isaiah 40.1-11).

To those crying out for rescue from the injustice that holds them captive, from the violence that steals childhoods and kills hope, we're to speak of the promise that God is coming to us decisively, unstoppably. 'Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low... Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed' (40.4-5). 'Here is your God!' we're to proclaim (40.9) and with God the righting of every wrong; more, the super-abundant compensation of every hurt.

To those deeply anxious at the capriciousness of leadership, the privilege of self over service, the careless use of words that actually

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wound, we're to speak of God's authority; that against the cacophony of competing theories and misleading narratives, 'the word of our God will stand forever' (40.8). We're to tell people that we're not abandoned to the wind and the waves of every regime that comes along, some so careless of the sanctity of every human life. No, we're to tell them that God's word sounds deep beneath the turmoil and it is God's word that will prevail.

Can you hear how *immeasurably* precious, how *vital* are the words that we've been given to speak? I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that these words are parachutes for those in free fall; lifeboats for those capsized; an embrace for those who are disintegrating. If we don't speak, who will? We need to find our voice, to relearn the language of hope.

How will we find our voice, reclaim the language of hope? - like babies, like infants, like *Zechariah*, we'll learn by listening.

Our wonderful Gospel reading is shot through with joy, humour and humanity. Just like almost every family I know, *everyone* has an opinion on the new baby's name—the in-laws keen on family tradition, Elizabeth on her baby's God-given name. In the end it is the silent Zechariah who speaks, writing on a tablet in support of his wife—wise man! - and the instruction of the angel.

You see, the Church of England's lectionary compilers who set today's Gospel reading, don't treat us to the full saga, but you might know how it goes. Zechariah is a priest on duty in the temple when an angel, *Gabriel*, appears to him and tells him that he is to have a son, born to be the voice of God, born to turn the world the right way up, to turn people back to God. Zechariah, feeling the creak in his knees, and knowing the grey in his beard, is unsure: 'How will I know that this is so?' he asks. 'For I am old and my wife is getting on in years' (1.18).

Six months later, Gabriel pays another visit, makes another pregnancy

announcement, this time to Mary. Like Zechariah, she too asks 'How?' 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' (1.34). For some reason, Gabriel is more patient with Mary's question than he is with Zechariah's; gives her an explanation that enables her to say perhaps the most courageous 'yes' that a woman or man has ever said. With Zechariah, Gabriel is more testy; declares that Zechariah's questioning will render him silent. Zechariah is to have nine months of listening; a steady gestation of hope. It is only when his son is born, when he shows that he has listened by naming his boy after the angel's instruction, that speech is reborn in Zechariah.

And, crucially, notice that in Zechariah's speaking new insights are given to those who hear. People become 'fearful', we read, because they know that they've been witness to something out of the ordinary; something that has shown how close God is and how this closeness is disruptive, asks something of them. 'All who heard' about the birth and naming of John, Luke writes, 'pondered them and said, "What will this child become?"' For indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him' (Luke 1.65-66).

As a family of churches, relating to one another in a new way as the Parish of Central Windsor, I commend to you as a *practice* what was enforced on Zechariah: to receive the word of God, to sit with it in silence, in contemplation, until it births from you life-giving words *for others*. I know that one of your hopes is to form small groups to study God's word and—I *suggest* - to practise making it your own so that you can speak it with confidence and joy to others. Listen together to the word of God. Let it grow within you and amongst you and then speak it out that others might be born, again, too.

I want you to be confident in your corporate ability to listen and to speak. For over twenty-five years you've done this as you've worked to bring to birth the Parish of Central Windsor. It's been a very long pregnancy! But trust in the skills you've learnt along the way: the ability to say



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difficult things well; the preparedness to listen with courage; the conviction you've articulated that has persuaded others that this life, together, is what God has called you to.

Now is the time in your corporate infancy to build on those skills; to renew your language acquisition. Re-learn the cadences of God's voice. Mirror them in call and response. Learn to speak simply, with determination and passion—only, perhaps, let your most repeated one-syllable word to your Father God be 'Yes!' rather than 'No!'

We've been thinking about what we're called to say, and how to find a voice to sing God's praise, as one of the Eucharistic prayers have it. Finally, I want us to reflect on *how* we speak, for the *character* of our discourse will communicate every bit as much as its *content*.

My sisters and brothers, speak faithfully, tenderly, courageously.

Speak *faithfully*, receiving the enduring word of God, interpreting it for this time and place, and re-sounding it in ways that those around you will understand. Speak God's word knowing that it is *this* that brings life and healing and hope.

Speak *tenderly* to those who are fragile, reflecting the God who is mother and father to us, who promises not to break

a bruised reed (Isaiah 42.3). Let your dialect be love.

And speak courageously, 'with strength', Isaiah says; 'Do not fear' (40.9). Speak, as we've prayed, 'boldly' to those who need Godly challenge to cut through their complacency. As your example consider the Rt Revd Mariann Budde, diminutive Bishop of Washington, who spoke to Trump and Vance of mercy and of compassion even as they signed executive orders to exclude and to other.

Above all, speak! We have the best, the most vital, news in the world to share. How can we keep it to ourselves? We are all words made flesh.

After the service on 22 June  
Lyra and Charlotte were  
fortunate (and by the looks  
of things delighted!)  
to try Bishop Mary's mitre  
and hold her pastoral staff.  
Thank you to Ellie  
for the photo.



Thank you to Revd Sally for this amazing photo of the Coldstream Guards marching past St John the Baptist Church, after they were presented with new Regimental and King's Colours on 13 June at Windsor Castle, There were 350 service personnel from Victoria Barracks taking part.



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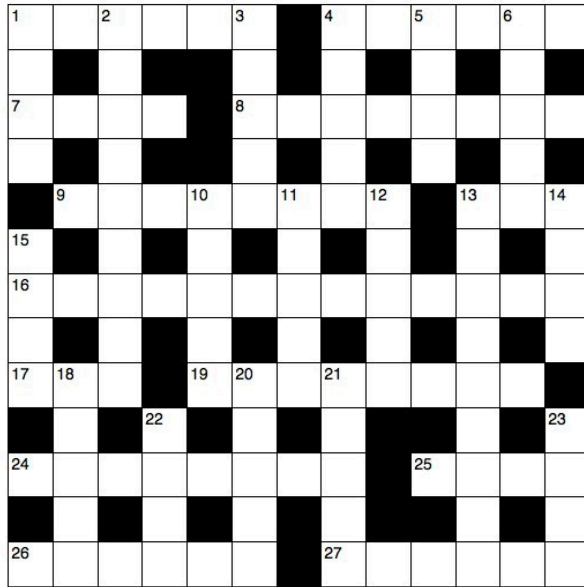
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**Holy Trinity Church,**  
Claremont Road  
- Wed, Thu & Fri, 10am-12pm

# Puzzle Page



## Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my —' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)

- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

## Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)



The Bible used is the New International Version.

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If you ever struggle with doubt, take heart: so did one of the apostles, whose Feast Day is in August. St Thomas just could *not* believe that the Jesus he had seen crucified and dead on the cross could ever come back to life. But Thomas was an honest sceptic, because he really wanted to know the truth. Jesus could help such a man. And so He appeared to him and the other disciples. Instead of scolding him, Jesus simply showed him the wounds. Thomas's response was immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26ff). Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England are dedicated to him.

Apostle	God	Missionary	Showed
Appeared	India	Mylapore	Spear
Cross	Lord	Patron	Thomas
Dead	madras	Saint	Truth
Doubt	Martyred	Sceptic	Wounds

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# Pause for a Poem

My poem choice this month was suggested by the recent eruption of Mount Etna. D. H. Lawrence lived in Taormina near the slopes of Mount Etna on the island of Sicily from 1920 to 1922. His poem "Peace" describes the tension between the "congealed .... black lava on the doorstep" and the "white-hot lava" within. While there were no eruptions while he lived there, the evidence was obviously clear enough to him! It has been suggested that the tensions of the volcano replicate the inner turmoil he was feeling personally, leading to his final question.

*Michael Bailey*

## Peace

Peace is written on the doorstep  
In lava.

Peace, black peace congealed.  
My heart will know no peace  
Till the hill bursts.

Brilliant, intolerable lava  
Brilliant as a powerful burning-glass  
Walking like a royal snake down the mountain towards the sea.

Forests, cities, bridges  
Gone again in the bright trail of lava.  
Naxos thousands of feet below the olive-roots,  
And now the olive leaves thousands of feet below the lava fire.

Peace congealed in black lava on the doorstep.  
Within, white-hot lava, never at peace  
Till it burst forth blinding, withering the earth;  
To set again into rock  
Grey-black rock.

Call it Peace?

*D. H. Lawrence (1885 – 1930)*



Pictured above is the Mayor of Windsor & Maidenhead and Councillors at St John the Baptist Church after the service on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. The Mayor will be attending the service on 15 August at Holy Trinity Church on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day.

## This July & August it was...

It was 1,700 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> August 325 that the First Council of Nicaea ended with the adoption of the Nicene Creed. It summarised the Christian faith and established the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

250 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1775 that King George III issued the Proclamation of Rebellion. It stated that the American colonies were in a state of open rebellion, and must be suppressed.

150 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1875 that Hans Christian Andersen, Danish writer, died. Best known for fairy tales, such as *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *The Little*

*Mermaid*, *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Snow Queen*, *The Ugly Duckling*.

175 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1850 that Robert Peel, Prime Minister (1834-35, 1841-46) died. He founded the Metropolitan Police Service and is seen as the father of modern British policing. Peel Close in Windsor is named after him and was originally intended as police housing.

125 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1900 that Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher and philologist, died.

100 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1925 that racing driver Malcolm Campbell

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became the first person to travel at over 150 mph. He set a new land speed record of 150.87 mph at Pendine Sands in Wales in a Sunbeam 350HP. He also went on to break the 250 mph and 300 mph records, in 1932 and 1935.

Also 100 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1925 that the Welsh nationalist political party Plaid Cymru was founded.

90 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1935 that John Hartley, British tennis player, died. *Please see following article.*

80 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1945 that WW2 leader Winston Churchill lost the General Election to Clement Attlee's Labour Party.

Also 80 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1945 that the US Army Air Forces dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima and on 9<sup>th</sup> August on Nagasaki, Japan. About 120,000 were killed instantly with a further 99,000 by the end of the year.

75 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1950 that the Law of Return was passed in Israel. It granted all Jews the right to immigrate to Israel.

Also 75 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1950 that the first episode of the BBC children's TV show *Andy Pandy* was broadcast in the UK.

Also 75 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1950 that Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, was born.

70 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1955 that Stirling Moss became the first British

driver to win the British Grand Prix.

Also 70 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1955 that racing driver Donald Campbell broke the world water speed record and became the first person to break the 200-mph barrier at Ullswater in Cumbria.

Also 70 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1955 that Emmett Till, an African American teenager was mutilated and killed in Mississippi, after flirting with a white woman. His death was one of the key events to motivate the Civil Rights Movement.

Also 65 years ago, in August 1960, the following countries gained independence: Central African Republic, Chad, Cyprus, Dahomey (Benin), Gabon, Ivory Coast, Niger, Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville), Senegal, and Upper Volta (Burkina Faso),

40 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1985 that the two Live Aid concerts were held simultaneously in London and Philadelphia, as well as at other venues such as Sydney and Moscow. They raised millions of pounds for famine relief in Africa.

Also 40 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1985 that the Manchester Air Disaster took place when a British Airtours Boeing 737 burst into flames after an engine caught fire and a fuel tank ruptured. 55 people were killed.

30 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1995 that Amazon.com first opened its website to the public.

20 years ago, that the 7<sup>th</sup> July (2005) London bombings took place. A series of four suicide bomb attacks on London's transport system during the morning rush hour killed 56 people and injured more than 700 - it was the worst-ever terrorist attack on Britain.

Also 20 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2005 that the IRA ended its 30-year armed campaign in Northern Ireland and ordered all units to dump their weapons. IRA leadership said that they would continue their campaign exclusively through peaceful means.

Also 20 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2005 that the last Israeli settlers left the Gaza strip, ending 38 years of occupation.

*from Parish Pump*

### **The vicar who won Wimbledon**

Ninety years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1935, John Hartley, the British tennis player, died. He was the only clergyman ever to win Wimbledon and was World Number One in both 1879 and 1880 – winning Wimbledon both years.

The Revd John Thorneycroft Hartley was born in 1849 in Wolverhampton and was well connected: his parents were both from Staffordshire industrial business families, and he married Alice Lascelles Murray, daughter of the 4th Earl of Mansfield and a granddaughter of Henry Lascelles, 3rd Earl of Harewood. They had no children.

He won the 1879 Gentlemen's Singles title against Irish champion Vere St Leger Goold in three sets on 15<sup>th</sup> July, retaining his title the following year. But in attempting the hat-trick in 1881 he lost the shortest ever men's final, 0-6, 1-6, 1-6, in 37 minutes. He was said to have been ill at the time.

Hartley had become a priest in 1873. He was firstly curate of Christ Church, Southwark, and then became vicar of Burneston, a village in North Yorkshire, from 1874 to 1919. In 1891 he became Rural Dean of East Catterick, and later he was Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

As an amateur, he received no cash for his Wimbledon wins, and in the course of his first finals win he caught a train to Yorkshire so that he could do his duty and take his services at Burneston on the Sunday. Not only that, but he stayed with a dying parishioner until he passed away on the Monday – the day of the semi-finals. A rain delay helped him to get back to London in time.

At the Golden Jubilee Championships in 1926 he received a silver medal from Queen Mary as one of 34 surviving champions.

*from Parish Pump*





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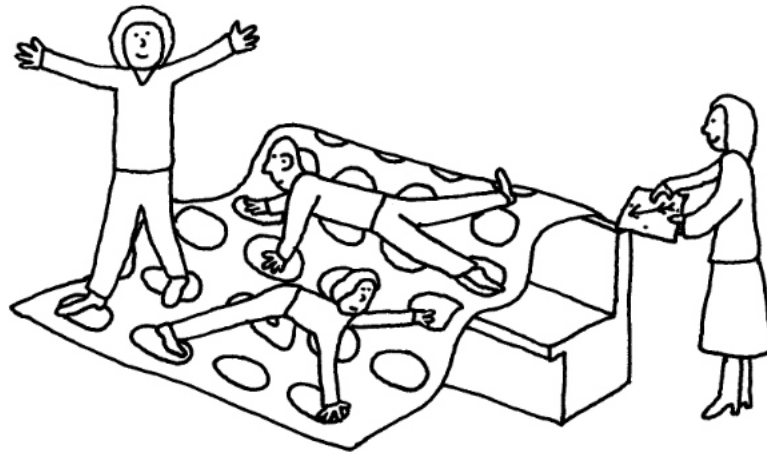
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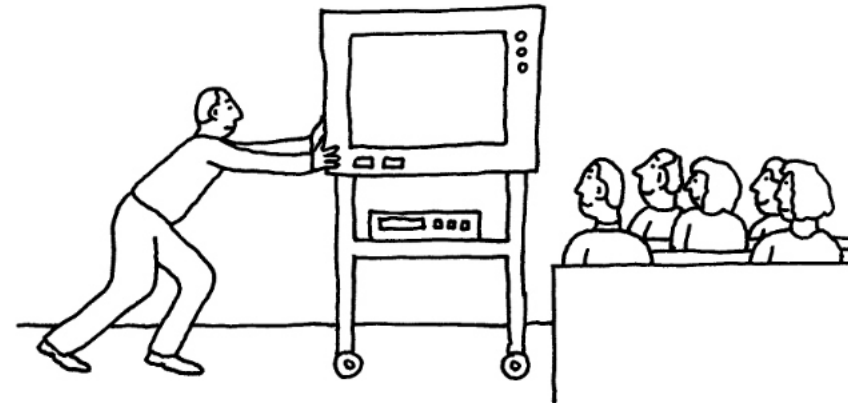
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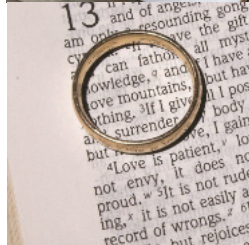
# From the June registers...



## Baptisms

Grace Carter - All Saints' Church  
Hanna Aslan - St Stephen & St Agnes Church  
Lara Aslan - St Stephen & St Agnes Church  
Norah Harley - Holy Trinity Church  
Karam Tucker - St Stephen & St Agnes Church  
Joya Tucker - St Stephen & St Agnes Church

Bonnie Emanuel - Holy Trinity Church  
Rhys Emanuel - Holy Trinity Church  
Honey Price - Holy Trinity Church  
Paisley Emanuel - Holy Trinity Church  
Maggie Emanuel - Holy Trinity Church



## Weddings

Colin Thomson & Harriet Odell - All Saints' Church

## Renewal of Vows

Anthony and Sally Maydell - St John the Baptist



## Funerals

Peter Clare - Holy Trinity

## Morning Prayer

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

Daily Prayer

# New Pathways

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

We meet for tea, cake and conversation on the last Thursday of each month (except December)  
2.30pm—3.30pm  
in the Mountbatten Room at Holy Trinity Church

Everyone welcome

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## CLAREMONT SINGERS



Please join us  
for our 2025 Summer Concert

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm**

Followed by tea and homemade cakes

at  
**Holy Trinity Church**

Entrance on the door is £5.  
Accompanying carers and children go free.

The ladies of the **Claremont Singers** have been based at Holy Trinity Church for over fifteen years, having been started there by Diana Cripps (former organist). Their concerts raise funds for Thames Hospice and our parish (and the audience are treated to tea and homemade cake afterwards!). Please do go along, if you can, to this year's Summer Concert (see above) - there'll be plenty of time to get Hymns and Pimms! New members are always welcome (please see the posters on church noticeboards for more information).

### Sing-A-Thon

John Halsey, our Director of Music, encourages us all to join the event - please see the next page for more information. Our choir will be taking part on Friday evening (8-9pm).

### Hearing Aid Recycling

We've known for awhile that we can recycle old glasses at opticians such as Leightons Eye and Specsavers (along with used contact lenses). Did you know that you can recycle old hearing aids as well? E Sargeant & Son Funeral Directors in St Leonard's Road is the collection point in Windsor for "[Hearing Aid Recycling](#)".



This year's Ride+Stride is on Saturday 13 September. You can participate by being sponsored to visit local churches (half the money goes to Berkshire Churches Trust and the other half to your parish). Some of our churches have received grants from the Trust in the past. You can find out more about it [here](#).

1 Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873

3 Thomas the Apostle

5 3.30pm Wedding Blessing: Laurence Turner & Zoe Nicol  
– St John the Baptist Church

6 The Third Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church

11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550

12 2pm Wedding: Joshua Sharma & Shannen Phillips – St John the Baptist Church

13 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Sea Sunday)

10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church

3pm Claremont Singers Concert – Holy Trinity

4pm Confirmation Service – St Michael's Church, Bray

5.30pm Hymns & Pimms – All Saints' Church

14 John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866

15 Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862

*Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*

16 Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099

17 7.15pm PCC Meeting – Holy Trinity Church

18 Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883

4pm Messy Church – All Saints'

19 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379

20 The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist – St John the Baptist Church

22 Mary Magdalene (Festival)

23 Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373

26 2.30pm Wedding: Edward Holmes & Laura Vella – Holy Trinity Church

25 James the Apostle (Festival)

26 Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

27 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church

29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord

30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer

Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson

Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846

31 Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556



**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> - Sat 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
at The Windsor Boys' School**

Organised by **Glee Club UK Windsor, led by James Manwaring** and supported by many local choirs

Come along & join in the fun at one of the  
**Open Community Sessions**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> : 5pm-7pm**

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> : 9am - 11am (great for families)**

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> : 3pm - 5pm**

All welcome! Plenty of refreshments!  
For more info email [Manwaringmusic@icloud.com](mailto:Manwaringmusic@icloud.com)

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# August



## 3 The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

**10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church**

**2pm Wedding: Jay Capelli & Li Birnie – St John the Baptist Church**

## 4 Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859

## 5 Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

## 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Festival)

## 7 John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866

## 8 Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

## 9 Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

## 10 The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

**10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church**

## 11 Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253

*John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890*

## 13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

*Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910*

*Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912*

## 14 Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941

## 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary (Festival)

**12pm VJ Day Service of Commemoration – Holy Trinity Church**

## 17 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

**10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church**

**2pm Wedding: Charles Bourne & Olivia Frankham – St John the Baptist Church**

## 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

*William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890*

## 24 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

**10am Sung Eucharist – St John the Baptist Church**

## 25 Bartholomew the Apostle (Festival, transferred from 24 August)

## 27 Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

## 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430

## 29 The Beheading of John the Baptist

## 30 John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

**1pm Wedding: Caleb Wright & Laura Snelling – St John the Baptist Church**

## 31 The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

**10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church**