

Windsor Church News



**The Revd Canon
Sally Lodge**

Dear Friends,

There has been a fair amount in the press recently about Assisted Dying, with Scotland, Jersey and the Isle of Man all considering changing the law to allow terminally ill people to end their lives, and, whilst in the King's Speech there was no specific mention of a bill to make assisted dying legal, the Prime Minister has renewed his commitment to having a vote on the matter. Whatever our personal views on this difficult and sensitive issue, it brings to

the forefront a wider consideration of what it means to have a "good" death. Having a choice about where we spend our final days and being able to have some control over our quality of life during those days are both considerations of prime importance. To feel at peace with ourselves, with our loved one and with those around us as we near the end of our life is an intrinsic human desire, to which, for people of faith, should be added the desire to be at peace with God, the sacrament of reconciliation being an important part of the Christian journey.

As they get older, many people try to make things as easy as possible for their loved ones by sorting out financial matters and slimming down their possessions. Some also make funeral plans. The experience of taking several hundred funerals over my years of ministry has shown me how hugely beneficial it is to one's family to have

left a note somewhere detailing our funeral wishes. If you haven't already made such a note (and told someone where to find it!), might I encourage you to do so.

Dilemmas which families face when left without instructions are manifold. Did Dad say he wanted to be cremated or buried? Did Mum want a service in church? Can anyone remember what were Granny's favourite hymns? What about any she would definitely not want to include! Didn't Uncle Fred once mention a particular bible reading or poem which he wanted to be used? What about special music to be played in church or at the crematorium? Can anyone remember?

I am always saddened when, on visiting a bereaved family to prepare the funeral, I discover that no-one present knows anything much about the life

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history of the person who has died. There is a tendency to focus only on the last few years and no-one knows much at all about childhood or early adulthood or how that person spent their days. Perhaps we assume people know more of our history than they do. As strange as it might seem, writing your own eulogy or, at least, making some notes is a sensible thing to do and is immensely helpful to those left to pick up the pieces. After all, you are the only one who knows what you would like to be said about you at your funeral!

One particular concern I have at the moment is the growth in the number of "Unattended Cremations" (sometimes referred to as "Direct Cremations"). These are often advertised as being the best option for ensuring piece of mind for your loved ones. What is not made clear in some of the advertising is that a Direct or Unattended Cremation is a cremation with no funeral service, no minister and no mourners. There is no opportunity at the crematorium for the person's life to be celebrated, for prayers to be said or for loved ones to say goodbye. There is no-one present to do any of these things. The financial cost is less but I worry greatly about the emotional cost. Allowing ourselves an opportunity to share our grief as we honour a loved one's life in the presence of others and of God is a fundamental human need and not having this opportunity in the safe setting of a funeral service must, it

seems to me, inevitably take a toll on a person's ability to process their grief. A funeral is a way of bringing about healing. It is a vital part of the process of grieving which simply does not happen when there is no funeral service. My hope is that this current trend will very soon become consigned to history.

As the Prayer Book says, "in the midst of life we are in death". Preparing for death is something we should all do, whatever our age and state of health. If you would like to talk to someone about planning your funeral, please do feel able to give me or Fr Richard a call. It's what we're here for!

With every blessing

Sally

Stained glass window of St Michael

The window on the first page depicts St Michael whose feast day is on 29 September, along with "All Angels" (which refers to Gabriel and Raphael who were added to the feast day in 1969). It is situated in the south wall of All Saints' Church.

The window is dedicated to Hugh James Gillespie and it's likely it was installed sometime in the latter half of 1903. The Church Stained Glass Records website states that it is by James Powell & Sons.

Hugh died on Wednesday 8 January 1902 at his home, the Gables in Osborne Road. He was 49 years old and had been suffering from cancer for about six months. The Maidenhead and Slough Gazette of 11 January 1902 goes on to tell us that he bore "his sufferings with Christian resignation".

The Gazette gives a short biography of Hugh. He was the youngest of two sons and was born Glasgow on 28 February 1853 to "Mr George Gillespie, a Canadian merchant and member of an old Lanarkshire family" (no mention of

his mother!). He was educated at Haileybury and Cheltenham, and finally Christ Church, Oxford. He was a barrister for some years before retiring due to ill health. He had been living in Windsor for about 15 years, initially at settling at 5 Queen's Terrace, King's Road. He had two children from his first marriage to Miss Acton and a daughter by his second marriage to Miss Easson of Framewood, Stoke Poges.

It goes on to say "He was first treasurer of the St John Ambulance branch in Windsor, the treasurer of the Church Schools, was a member of the Windsor Infirmary Committee, and lastly he was connected with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association [which later became the well known armed forces charity, SSAFA], as Secretary for Berks and Bucks, and from the commencement of the Boer War was actively engaged in relief work. He was an earnest churchman...". The first part of his funeral took place at All Saints' Church (where he had worshipped) on Saturday 11 January, with the internment in his second wife's family vault at Fulmer. The latter service was led by the Vicar of Fulmer and one of his brothers in law (both were clergymen).

The Windsor & Eton Express of 18 January 1902 reports on the journey to Fulmer that "The procession passed through Windsor and Eton, where the closed shops and tolling of the bells testified to the universal respect in which Mr Gillespie was held...".

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



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PCC Members

There was an error on the list of PCC members in the last edition and below is the corrected list, with the editor's apologies. The PCCs meet every two months. Please let a PCC member know if you have any queries or issues you would like raised.

New Windsor PCC

(St John the Baptist and All Saints)

Michael Harding (Churchwarden)

Karen Allott (Churchwarden)

Robin McConnell (Vice Chair,
Deanery Synod)

Mary Delaney (Treasurer)

Katy Kerr (Secretary)

Estlyn Davies (Deanery Synod,
Safeguarding Officer)

Ian Mawhinney

Kate McQuillan

John Halsey

Jon Hunt

Margaret Pettitt

Anne Casson

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Steve Holton (Vice Chair,
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Brandon Mudditt (Treasurer)

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Megan Gent

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Sally Stevens

St Stephen & St Agnes PCC

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The list of PCC members, meeting dates, along with an explanation of what a PCC is and does is on [our website](#).

Becoming One Parish: Pastoral Reorganisation

A Notice giving the objects of proposed pastoral reorganisation affecting the parishes is displayed near the main door of each church and on the [Church of England website](#).

The Notice includes the last date by which representations regarding the proposed reorganisation may be made to the Church Commissioners.

Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

In my younger days, I was quite an athlete. Running, jumping, swimming and catching a tennis ball were my specialities. These days I prefer to watch from the sidelines so I very much enjoyed last month when the TV was full of humans from all different countries of the world running and jumping and swimming and playing with tennis balls as they competed in the Olympics in France.

The Boss told me that the special motto of the Olympics is “Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together”, and that the word “Together” was added only very recently. She also told me that the original motto was the idea of a French

priest who believed in the importance of sport in building up community.

I was pleased to hear that “Together” has been added to the original motto because I know how important it is that we do things together, whether we are dogs or humans. Together we are much stronger and we can achieve more. Doing things together is about sharing both our achievements and our challenges. I noticed that when the Olympic athletes were interviewed after competing in a race or a match of some sort, they always thanked the rest of the team and the wider Olympic community for their support and encouragement. They did this whether they had won or lost.

I imagine it must feel pretty good to win a medal but being part of the Olympic experience of togetherness was very important to everyone too. Being united in something that brought pleasure to all those other humans (and dogs) watching from their own living rooms all over world must have felt really great. And in my own small way, I have been trying my best since then to be faster, higher and stronger in everything I do together with The Boss.

*Barnabas
The Vicarage Dog*





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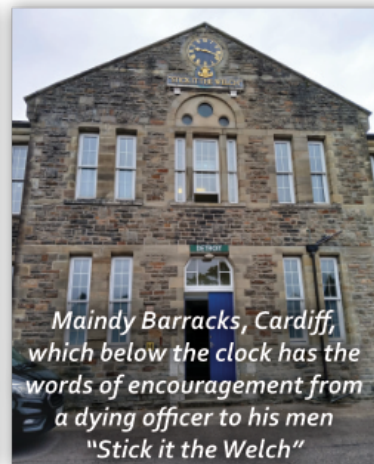
Welsh Guards Choir from Combermere Barracks perform at the Eisteddfod



Absent from our Sung Eucharist on Sunday 4th August, I wondered whether I would be court martialled for desertion? Fortunately, Holy Trinity Church provided CDs in lieu of an organist, the choir led the singing, and Carolyn Gower stepped up to play the piano. Meanwhile, I was in Pontypridd, directing the newly-formed Welsh Guards Choir who were competing at the Eisteddfod. A few days before, we had practised in St George's Chapel – see photo. They are using New Windsor Team Ministry Choir folders, now safely returned ...

We were proud of our performance in Pontypridd, broadcast live on BBC Welsh TV, and eventually finished

5th out of 14 in the "New Choirs" category, but not before some drama had played out. Our appearance on stage was delayed as the Eisteddfod had received a pacifist complaint about our participation. In response, we toned down our appearance by removing military head-gear, but the Guards declined to go further to remove their tunics despite being repeatedly urged to do so by the artistic director.



Maindy Barracks, Cardiff, which below the clock has the words of encouragement from a dying officer to his men "Stick it the Welch"

There was a second political back-story. Our first song was 'Au sa kila', originally an American hymn 'I know the Lord', but nowadays adopted as a Fijian rugby anthem. We had been inspired to sing it by Fijian Welsh Guards in the choir, and had prepared three versions, one English, one Fijian and one Welsh. A few minutes before the performance, I was told that the Archdruid wouldn't approve and the judges would disqualify us for singing anything that wasn't Welsh, so we changed our plans and just sang the Welsh version twice.

Unfortunately, the Fijian Welsh Guards were posted to the Falklands so couldn't take part. I missed both the quality of their singing and the authenticity that they would have brought to our performance of the song. We had to be especially careful, remembering both the pacifist objection and the significant presence



Rehearsing at St George's



John, resplendent in a Welsh Guards cap

Welsh culture in Argentina. Indeed, some Patagonian Welsh-speakers were at the Eisteddfod. So, while mentioning the Fijian Welsh Guards, and the shared love of rugby and music which bind the Fijian and Welsh, the Eisteddfod compère announced that they had been posted overseas, without specifying where.

John Halsey



The Choir at the Welsh Guards of Falkland Memorial in Pontypridd

Peregrine Falcons at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity has had some residents over the last few months. We are indebted to Patrick Crowley and Niels Abildgaard, local ornithologists, who have been keeping an eye on them. An excerpt from Patrick & Niels mid-August update follows along with an amazing photo by Patrick.

Presence of Peregrine Falcons on the Church

For the third year running, Peregrine Falcons have been seen on Holy Trinity Garrison Church in spring. This year they have been seen regularly on the church tower and spire since early March, with the male being mainly seen up to early May, when the female bird began being seen very regularly as



well. They have often been seen feeding on the church, mainly on town pigeons which are their favourite prey. The process of plucking the birds and dismembering them can produce quite a mess, with bits of bird and feathers on the ground around the church. The birds often perch on the pinnacles or small stone protrusions on the spire, but they also often land at the base of the spire where it meets the top of the church tower, and then often cannot be seen from the ground. At the time of writing one or both birds are still being seen on most days.

Likelihood of the Peregrines Breeding

Peregrines do not make a nest. In the wild they use ledges on cliffs or quarries, and make a small depression where the eggs are laid. On buildings they sometimes use old nests from other birds such as Crows or Ravens, but otherwise they usually need human intervention to provide some suitable surface to lay their eggs on. Usually if there is a 'nest' the birds will take it in turns to bring food into the chicks, and then as the chicks grow, they will often become visible from the ground, and will become very noisy, especially when hungry. At no point this year have more than two birds been seen, and no begging calls typical of a juvenile have been heard. This makes it very unlikely that the pair have bred. However, their continued presence at the church throughout the spring and summer suggest that the birds have developed a real affinity for

the building. In previous years sightings have been rare from April and onwards.

The spire is currently netted, as a precaution, while funds are raised for the stonework to be repaired. Once the spire has been repaired the Parochial Church Council might consider whether it's possible to encourage the birds to nest on the church.

Holy Trinity PCC would also like to thank the local resident who so kindly cleaned the paving at the front of the church which has been suffering from what the falcons "leave behind"!

Mothers' UNION

July 2024

The sun shone us at our annual Garden Party in Margaret Parsons's beautiful garden.

Sixteen of us enjoyed a delicious tea, engaged in many discussions and chat. We were delighted that so many Friends of MU could join us. We reflected on how fortunate we are in comparison with our many members in other Countries and the many blessings we enjoy. Suddenly Anne Harding began to sing the old hymn by Johnson Oatman Jr and music by Edwin Excell,

"Count your blessings". We all joined in the Chorus. What a memorable treasured moment!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th September at 3.30 at All Saints Church Hall.

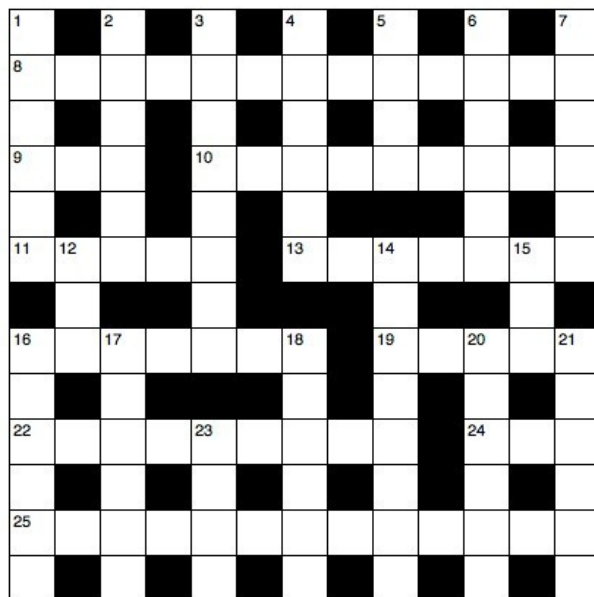
Mary Skelton recently visited the new memorial celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. She will give a short account and show pictures of her visit. We will also have members and Friends recollections of the war.....being evacuated, choir practice, Sunday School etc.. Also we will have memorabilia given to one of our 'younger' members by her Father! Please join us...all are welcome. I can assure you our tea will not be a war-time rationed one!

12 September.....All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

**"Count your blessings
count them one by one
And it will surprise you
what the Lord has done"**

Estlyn Davies

Puzzle Page



Across

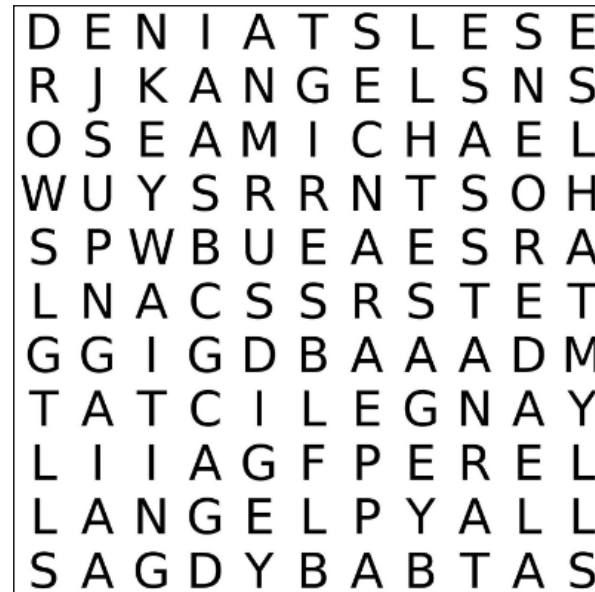
- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
 2 See 24 Across
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



The Bible used is the New International Version.



Michael and All Angels

The Church remembers angels this month, with the feast day of Michael and All Angels on the 29th. The Bible is full of angels, where they often had a key role in crucial events. It seems that Michael is their leader, an 'archangel'. In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in the Book of Revelation he leads the angelic host who fight and defeat Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, angels make numerous appearances. Just two examples: Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the coming of her baby, Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God. Another angel was sent to sit in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5)!

Michael	Leader	Host	Mary
All	Stained	Defeat	Baby
Angels	Glass	Satan	Jesus
Key	Sword	Appearances	waiting
Crucial	Angelic	Gabriel	Angel

Puzzle solutions are on page 13

The Marriage Course

This coming September, Kathy and Keith Arundale will be hosting the Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) Marriage Course for all married couples and couples in long term relationships. See <https://www.themarriagecourse.org/>

The course will be held over seven evening sessions at St Edward's Church Parish Centre on Alma Road, Windsor. The course is designed to strengthen your relationship with each other and keep your love alive! The dates are Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11 and 18 from 7.30pm until 9.45pm. There are catchup video links if you cannot attend all seven sessions. There is a charge of £70 per couple to cover the course books and snacks at each session. Please contact Kathy at kathyarundale@hotmail.com if you would like to register - or to find out more!



Auf Wiedersehen Oliver!

We said goodbye to Oliver Lomberg, Organist of St Stephen & St Agnes and Assistant Organist across the Team Ministry, last month. He is moving to Austria, with husband Dan.



At his last service with us, Revd Sally presented him with cards and a cheque from us all.

How do you do, Arthur?



The clergy had a day in Bray in July and were greeted by Arthur, the Vicarage Cat (perhaps he could swap notes with Barnabas?!). He was very chatty and sociable, checked any unattended picnic bags and, like most cats, worked out which person was allergic to cats and made it his priority to try to give them a big cuddle.

The Windsor Festival

This year's Windsor Festival includes a number of events in our churches:

19 September

Holy Trinity Church – Theresa May

22 September

St Stephen & St Agnes – Voci Chamber Choir

26 September

Windsor Parish Church
of St John the Baptist
– Schools' Coffee Concert
– Richard Pinel (Organist)

You can find out more or book via windsorfestival.com. For Richard Pinel's 26th September organ recital, tickets, £10 cash, are also available from John Halsey after Sunday services. This recital marks the 1st anniversary of the organ's restoration.

Royal Free Singers

The Royal Free Singers are holding an open evening on Wednesday 4 September, 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Trevelyan Middle School (entrance in Wood Close). You are invited to "Come and Sing" in their first rehearsal of the new term and find out if singing with their choir is for you. No experience is necessary.

Please contact membership@royalfreesingers.org.uk to book your free place (please include your phone number).

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Back to School Sunday

8 September

10am

Sung Eucharist
St Stephen & St Agnes Church
Vansittart Road



All welcome!

...especially if you are starting a new academic year
at school, college or university.

The service includes the blessing of school bags
and we invite you to bring yours with you.

Royal Reminiscence: Dementia-friendly mornings at Windsor Castle



We welcome people living with dementia and their support-givers to join us in the Learning Centre at Windsor Castle for a relaxed morning with refreshments, chat and reminiscence about all things royal!

Sessions run between 10:30-12:30 and are free of charge:

25 September: The Royal Collection at Windsor Castle

30 October: Hidden treasures at Windsor Castle

27 November: An early Christmas at Windsor Castle

Book tickets: www.rct.uk/windsor-dementia-friendly / call: 0303 123 7324

Any questions, contact Amy: access@rct.uk 07860 612393

Pause for a Poem

Jeremy Hurst's poem "Said or Sung" in the last magazine prompted the thoughts which inspired my latest choice of poem. Jeremy said that words have been his work, "Always and all ways." The elegant choice of words in his poem no doubt concealed the effort needed to find the right words. Other poets have written about this endeavour.

Ted Hughes, in his poem "The Thought-Fox" likens his struggle with the blank page as a forest where his thoughts are "a fox deeper within the darkness" until, "with a sudden sharp hot stink of fox the page is printed."

Edward Thomas is another poet who describes his striving for words. In his poem, "Words" he says, "As the winds choose a crack in a wall to whistle through choose me, you English words." An unusual way of describing the search for inspiration!

Michael Bailey

Words

Out of us all

That make rhymes,

Will you choose

Sometimes —

As the winds use

A crack in a wall

Or a drain,

Their joy or their pain

To whistle through —

Choose me,

You English words?

I know you:

You are light as dreams,

Tough as oak,

Precious as gold,

As poppies and corn,

Or an old cloak:

Sweet as our birds

To the ear,

As the burnet rose

In the heat

Of Midsummer:

Strange as the races

Of dead and unborn:

Strange and sweet

Equally,

And familiar,

To the eye,

As the dearest faces

That a man knows,

And as lost homes are:

But though older far

Than oldest yew, —

As our hills are, old, —

Worn new

Again and again:

Young as our streams

After rain:

And as dear

As the earth which you prove

That we love.

Make me content

With some sweetness

From Wales

Whose nightingales

Have no wings, —

From Wiltshire and Kent

And Herefordshire,

And the villages there, —

From the names, and the

things

No less.

Let me sometimes dance

With you,

Or climb

Or stand perchance

In ecstasy,

Fixed and free

In a rhyme,

As poets do.

Edward Thomas (1878 -1917)

This month it was...

400 years ago, on 10th Sept 1624 that Thomas Sydenham, English physician, was born. He became known as the 'father of English medicine'. His textbook on medicine became the standard medical textbook in England for the next 200 years.

250 years ago, on 4th Sept 1774 that British explorer Captain James Cook became the first European to discover New Caledonia in the south-west Pacific, during his second voyage.

150 years ago, on 21st Sept 1874 that Gustav Holst, was born. This British composer, arranger and educator is best known for The Planets.

100 years ago, on 25th Sept 1924 that British racing driver Malcolm Campbell broke the land speed record for the first time. He recorded a speed of 146mph in a 1921 Sunbeam Grand Prix car at Pendine Sands, Carmarthen Bay, Wales.

90 years ago, on 22nd Sept 1934 that the Gresford Colliery Disaster took place in Wales. An explosion killed 266 miners and rescuers. It was one of Britain's worst coal-mining disasters, but the cause of the explosion remains unknown.

80 years ago, from 17th to 25th Sept 1944 that Operation Market Garden took place. The Allies attempted a massive airborne invasion of German-occupied Netherlands, but they were forced to

withdraw. The story was told in the film A Bridge Too Far. The operation included the Battle of Arnhem – German victory.

75 years ago, on 1st Sept 1949 that the Christmas song Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was released. It was sung by the American movie-star and singer, Gene Autry, nicknamed the 'Singing Cowboy'.

70 years ago, on 15th Sept 1954 that the iconic photograph of Marilyn Monroe's billowing skirt as she stood over a New York subway grate was taken during filming for The Seven-Year Itch. The event was staged as a publicity stunt.

60 years ago, on 4th Sept 1964 the Forth Road Bridge opened in Scotland. It links Edinburgh to Fife across the Firth of Forth. (A second bridge, the Queensferry Crossing, opened in 2017 and largely replaced it.)

50 years ago, on 8th Sept 1974 that former President Richard Nixon was granted a full and unconditional pardon by his successor Gerald Ford for any crimes he may have committed or participated in while in office. (Nixon had resigned in August after Watergate.)

40 years ago, on 10th Sept 1984 that British geneticist Alec Jeffreys discovered genetic fingerprinting, also known as DNA profiling. It allowed

criminals to be identified from hair, blood, or sweat left at crime scenes. It also allowed families to trace their lineages or determine the paternity of children.

30 years ago, on 22nd Sept 1994 that Roy Castle, British TV presenter, dancer, singer, comedian, actor and musician, died. Best known as the presenter of the children's TV show Record Breakers. He himself broke nine world records while presenting the programme, including the fastest tap-dancing.

20 years ago, from 1st to 3rd Sept 2004 that the Beslan school hostage crisis took place in Russia. Armed terrorists took over 1,100 children and adults as hostages. Russian security forces ended the crisis on the third day, entering the school with tanks and heavy weapons. More than 300 hostages were killed, including 186 children. Hundreds more were injured.

10 years ago, on 18th Sept 2014 that the Scottish independence referendum was held. The citizens of Scotland voted to remain in the UK rather than becoming an independent country. (Independence: 44.7%; Remain in the UK: 55.3%)



Saturday 14 September

Our churches will be open for some or all of the day on 14 September to welcome visitors and those who are taking part in Ride & Stride:

All Saints' Church

Frances Road
all day

Holy Trinity Church

Trinity Place & Claremont Road
10am-12pm

St Stephen & St Agnes Church

Vansittart Road
all day

Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist

High Street
all day

The Ride+Stride event raises money through sponsorship of participants, who will be visiting local churches - half of the money they raise goes to their home church and the other half to Berkshire Churches Trust. You can find out more [here](#).



The 'Father of English Medicine'

Four hundred years ago, on 10th September 1624, Thomas Sydenham, the English physician who became known as the "father of English medicine", was born in Dorset. His textbook on medicine, *Observationes Medicae*, became the standard medical textbook in England for the next 200 years.

Sydenham came from a Puritan family, and his medical studies were interrupted by his fighting for the Parliamentarians in the Civil War. He had a deep Christian faith and believed in simple remedies based on natural theology. His treatments contrasted with many of the complex, speculative prescriptions of his time.

His work generally led to a more scientific approach to medicine, and he was compared to Hippocrates, the ancient Greek 'Father of Medicine'. When he studied medicine at Oxford, he became a friend of renowned chemist Robert Boyle and philosopher John Locke.

Sydenham had an astute and courageous mind that rejected much of the received wisdom of his day. He stressed the importance of observation, stating: "You must go to the bedside."

One of his achievements was to identify and differentiate scarlet fever

and measles, two extremely dangerous diseases at the time. He recommended fresh air and exercise, and also diagnosed St Vitus' dance, sometimes called Sydenham's chorea, for the first time.

He was a founder of clinical medicine and epidemiology, and his treatise on gout – from which he himself suffered – was considered a masterpiece.

He also wrote a book on fevers and treated victims of the Great Plague in 1665, as well as introducing laudanum into medical practice for pain relief.

Tim Lenton
Parish Pump

Deanery Confirmation

It was a pleasure to welcome Bishop Olivia, Bishop of Reading, to St Stephen & St Agnes Church for the Deanery Confirmation service on 17th July.

We continue to hold in our prayers all those who were confirmed, including, from our team churches: Edmund, Rupert, Hannah, Suzanne, Sylvie and Taylor.

Thank you to Jane, Stephanie, Trevor and the team who prepared the church, welcomed and served refreshments. Pictured is Bishop Olivia cutting the celebratory cake after the service.

If you are thinking about being baptised or confirmed please speak to Revd Sally or Fr Richard or you can [get in contact with them via the website](#).



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Booking now open!

29 November-2 December
Holy Trinity Church

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



Morning Prayer

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

Daily
Prayer

FIELDING POSITIONS, AND THEIR ECCLESIASTICAL EQUIVALENTS



From the July & August registers...



Baptisms

Martin Algozhim (Holy Trinity)
Indiana-Mai Riley (St Stephen & St Agnes)
Vienna-Rae Riley (St Stephen & St Agnes)
Flora Kibble (All Saints')
Darla-Bleu Irvins (St Stephen & St Agnes)
Laura Murray (All Saints')
Charlie Murray (All Saints')



Weddings

Zoe Scott and Adam Quartermaine (All Saints')
Evelyn Potter & Dominic Buswell (Holy Trinity)
Tracey Ofori-Kumah & Brendan Williams (Holy Trinity)

Wedding Blessing

Kevin & Natalie Bryant (St Stephen & St Agnes)



Funerals

Stephen Savage
Gwen Tarr
Marjorie Clark (All Saints')

Services on 15 September

Instead of the 10am Sung Eucharist:

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
at Holy Trinity

11am Battle of Britain Service
at Windsor Parish Church
of St John the Baptist

5pm Taizé-style Communion at
St Stephen & St Agnes

All welcome at all services

New Pathways

An informal
bereavement group
for anyone who has
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We meet for tea, cake and conversation
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Saturday 5 October

6.30pm Harvest Supper & Quiz Night

The Parish Hall at All Saints' Church, Frances Road

For more information and to book
please click, scan QR code, see
windsorchurches.org.uk or Quiz Poster



Sunday 6 October

10am Sung Eucharist

Holy Trinity Church, Claremont Road & Trinity Place

5.30pm Choral Evensong

All Saints' Church, Frances Road

ALL WELCOME



September 

1 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Communion – All Saints' Church

2 The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

3 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604

4 Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650

6 Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

8 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity / Education Sunday / Accession of King Charles III

10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & St Agnes Church

9 Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880

13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407

14 Holy Cross Day (Festival)

Ride & Stride – churches open for all or some of the day

2.30pm Renewal of Vows: Harriet Griffith & Alexander Tennant-Bell – Holy Trinity Church

15 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) – Holy Trinity Church

11am Battle of Britain Sunday Civic Service – Windsor Parish Church

5pm Taizé-style Communion – St Stephen & St Agnes Church

16 Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432

Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882

17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

19 Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

20 John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Festival)

22 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church

25 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626

25 Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392

26 Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942

28 Ember Day

27 Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660

4.15pm Messy Church – All Saints' Church

29 Michael and All Angels (Festival)

10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church

30 Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420