

Windsor Church News



**The Revd Canon
David Dadswell**

Dear Friends

I have been retired now for some eighteen months. People have stopped asking me how retirement is going, as it seems to be going fine – reasonably well balanced so far, nothing too surprising. One unexpected feature, though, is that I have to keep buying new pairs of shorts. I wear shorts much more than I used to. I prefer wearing shorts, if possible. Not going into the office everyday makes that more possible. Yet the main reason for getting through so many pairs is how ridiculously hot it has been over the last two years.

We look around and the grass is parched, the colour of straw. Holiday destinations have been rendered a risk by wildfires whether that's in France, Spain and Greece or Suffolk, north and south Wales and the Cairngorms. Rivers and water sources are so low hosepipe bans are in force, gardens are wilting, and fish are dying. A&E departments have been dealing with young and old not coping with the heat.

Climate change, the damage we as humans are doing to our planet, has now gone so far that we can no longer mitigate the worst effects. We must adapt to a new world. As Christians we have a job to do to work out spiritually and theologically how we respond to the challenges this new reality faces us with.

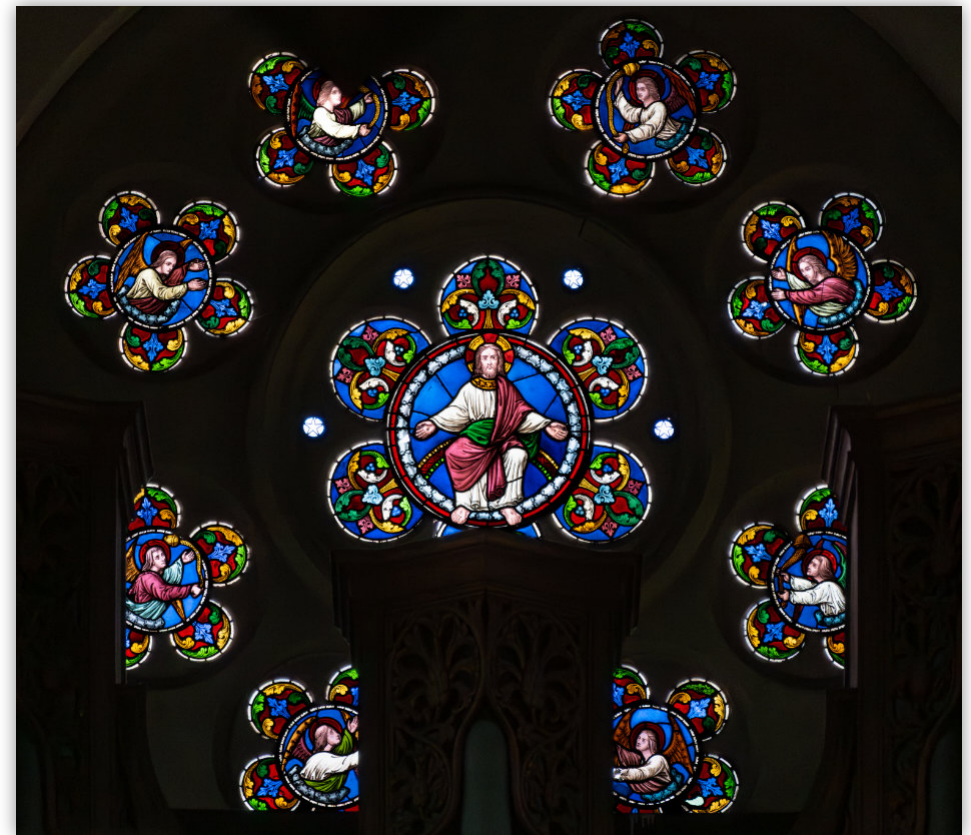
Increasingly since 1989 the Church worldwide has held the period from September 1st to the feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th as the Season of Creation. In this season churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the earth and every living thing on it. This is a theme Pope Francis unpacked with power and faithful insight in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, reminding us in many places of the profound connection between the way we damage the planet and the harm we do to the most vulnerable. As he says: 'we

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the online newsletter from
the Church of England in Central Windsor



*Above, the rose window at All Saints' Church depicting Christ surrounded by angels.
The window was "presented by Mr Cooper". Photo by Liam Stevens.*

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have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.'

After such a baking hot summer, the impact of climate change on the availability of water has become a focus of debate and concern. As it happens, the theme chosen by the churches ecumenically for this year's Season of Creation is 'Living Water' using as its key text Ezekiel 47: 1-12. In Ezekiel's vision God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God. It grows deeper. It restores the barren land. It revives the rivers and sustains flourishing ecosystems. It nurtures shade, food and healing.

'Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. ... On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit

fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'
(Ezekiel 47: 9 & 12 NRSV)

Water has significant meaning for us as Christians. It is the source of our physical life and bodily flourishing as it is for the whole of creation. It also the source of our spiritual flourishing, washed in the waters of baptism, invited to come to Christ, the source of living water after which we'll never thirst again. Both physical and spiritual water are to be shared, which is why the threat to access to water is a matter of faith and a matter of justice.

One of the resources for the Season asks young people to imagine what water would say, if it could speak. The material (seasonofcreation.org) suggests '[water] speaks in communities where children, mainly girls, wake before dawn to walk long distances carrying heavy containers before going to school. It speaks in polluted rivers burdened by industrial waste, in lands cracked by drought, and in melting glaciers disappearing silently

while the world debates economics and politics.'

So, as we move into this Season of Creation and our Harvest Festivals, our spiritual, practical task is a prayerful, political balancing act. It is about holding how to manage the threat to our food security, the commercial struggle for our farmers, the water demands for AI data centres that we all use, spending on defence in an age of conflict and uncertainty and the impact on the cost of living of reducing pollution and holding back climate change with the cries of the earth and of the poor for a just, sustainable sharing of God's gracious gift of abundant, living water.

The Revd Canon David Dadswell

**Creation in Christ Festival
10am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 6 September
at Holy Trinity Church**

This new Festival in the Church of England is designed to offer an opportunity for Christians to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, to reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and to pray for its renewal. The title emphasises that creation is understood through the person and work of Jesus Christ: created through him, sustained in him and destined for renewal in him.



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

You're invited to a Macmillan Coffee Morning



**Friday 25 September
10am - 12pm**

at

Holy Trinity Church

Coffee mornings are held on the last Friday of each month (except November and December) in aid of a nominated charity at Holy Trinity Church



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Pause for a Poem

Our poem this month has been chosen by our Rector, Revd. Sally Lodge, who says:

My mother was an English teacher and great poetry lover. She often recited poems in her day-to-day life, so snippets of poetry formed part of my childhood. Adlestrop was one of her favourite poems and is now one of my favourites too. I remember being taken to visit the (former) station and being shown the famous sign when I was a young child. Adlestrop seems always to have been part of my life and is one of the few poems I know by heart. I love the feeling of stillness and peace, and the way in which Edward Thomas creates the sense of the heat of that day. I love the use of the unusual word "unwontedly" and the gentle way the lines run into each other. I hope you enjoy it too.

Michael Bailey

Adlestrop

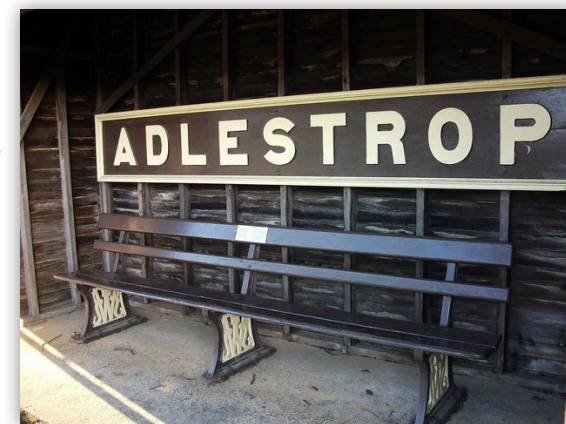
Yes, I remember Adlestrop
 The name, because one afternoon
 Of heat, the express-train drew up there
 Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
 No one left and no one came
 On the bare platform. What I saw
 Was Adlestrop – only the name

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
 And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
 No whit less still and lonely fair
 Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang
 Close by, and round him, mistier,
 Farther and farther, all the birds
 Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Edward Thomas (1878-1917)



*Adlestrop Sign by John Brightley,
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Parish Photos from July & August



Above Thank you to Michael Harding for his 29 years as Churchwarden of St John the Baptist Church! Revd Sally presented him with a plant and token at the service at the church in August. Thank you to Sharon Shone for the photo.



Above Congratulations to Anne Casson and John Casson who were elected as wardens of St John the Baptist Church at the service on 23 August.



Left Congratulations to Stephanie who celebrated a significant birthday in July. Revd Sally presented Stephanie with a card and flowers from the parish.

Right Congratulations to Tomira who celebrated her 100th birthday in July – on the same day that 8 month old Cheryl was baptised at St Stephen and St Agnes Church - so pictured to the right are the most senior and junior members of our church family (Cheryl with mum Sravanthi). You might have seen this photo before as it was included a few days later in the eNews from the Diocese of Oxford. Along with Revd Sally in the larger photo you might have noticed another figure – Lyra, who in her role has server was tidying up after the service!



Parish Photos from July & August



Above Thank you to the staff, volunteers and guests at the Alma Beacon, who did a wonderful job tidying up the outside of Holy Trinity Church, which despite regular attention needed a team effort.

Thank you as well to the neighbours, parishioners and PCC members who look after the outside.

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



Above Most of us have found the recent excessive heat a bit trying and the clock at Holy Trinity (which had its 129th anniversary this summer) was no exception. It came to halt when the weather was particularly "warm" - not surprising as it was a few degrees hotter in the tower! When the worst of the heat seemed to have subsided and while waiting to ensure the clock was really going, I took the opportunity to take in the view - pictured is St Stephen & St Agnes Church. VS



Defibrillator at All Saints' Church

Following the installation of a defibrillator at St Stephen & St Agnes Church, and prompted by a generous contribution from a parishioner, the Parochial Church Council looked at where the installation of another defibrillator would best serve the community. A defibrillator was installed over the summer beside the entrance to All Saints' Hall. Our thanks to: Thames Valley Heartbeat for their advice and donating the defibrillator; Windsor Community Partnership for the cabinet; and the generous parishioner's donation which gave momentum to the project also paid for the installation.

Pictured are Karen & Katy (wardens) to the right of the defibrillator, with Mike Sells (in blue) and Bob, Jackie and Frank from Thames Valley Heartbeat

Parish Photos from July & August



Above Baroness Emma Nicholson, and a small party, joined us for our sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church in July. After the service they visited the Household Battalion Colour (pictured in the background) which had been presented to the Rector, when it was laid up in July 1920, by her ancestor, Lt Col Wyndham Portal MVO DSO, Commanding Officer of the Household Battalion.

It transpired that the Baroness is also related to one of the three officers of the Coldstream Guards to whom the nearby three light transept window is dedicated - Lt the Hon Alfred Walter Charteris.



Above Congratulations to Rebecca who was baptised at All Saints' Church in August. If you're thinking about being baptised, please have a chat to Revd Sally or Fr Richard.

Photographs

If you have any photos taken around the parish, that you would be happy to share with us, please send them to windsor.churchnews@gmail.com



Right

Thank you to Megan and Mike Gent, who, following the work of the Alma Beacon, have planted some new plants (lavender, thyme, curry plant, flag iris) in the north flowerbed at Holy Trinity Church.



Services on Sunday 20 September

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| 8am | Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Holy Trinity Parish & Garrison Church |
| 11am | Battle of Britain Sunday Civic Service
St John the Baptist Parish Church |
| 5pm | Taize Style Communion
St Stephen & St Agnes Parish Church |

All welcome

Thank you to Mary Skelton for sharing this wonderful experience with us and for the magnificent photographs.

My 90th Birthday Gift

Well before celebrating this day, I had told both my sons that I would love to have a balloon trip as a present from them and the grandchildren. My granddaughter's birthday had been just over two weeks before mine and I had asked her what she would like; her reply had been that she would really like money. I transferred a certain amount to her saying 'spend it wisely', she replied 'Don't worry, I will.'



As some of you know, I had quite a busy, but very enjoyable day on my birthday. Towards the evening my son called me in as they wanted to give me my present - a string of solar hot air balloons and a certificate to be redeemed for a flight for TWO - a little voice piped up 'I'm coming with you'. First it had to be registered and then we booked and it was cancelled because conditions not good. It was to be the seventh time that we were lucky. Abbey, my granddaughter spent the night with me and after a brief breakfast we were in Henley pick up place at six o'clock on Monday 20th July, the day before her 29th birthday. We were all checked in and then told to follow him to a nearby field, climbed a bit of a hill and there was the balloon lying flat on the ground!

I had anticipated it would be there, tethered, just waiting for us to jump in. With some help from some of the men passengers, it was gradually inflated and ready to climb into. I managed to get one leg into the interior but had to have a help to get my second leg over the edge! Again I had anticipated one large basket that we could move around in but commonsense prevailed when I realised the folly of that, and the four sections with the pilot in an across section dividing the two sections from the other two. We were 15 passengers and the pilot. With the burners on, we were suddenly airborne and silence ensued as we glided over the countryside. It was magical. The fields had been harvested although we drifted over what looked like a field of maze. It was fascinating to see the shadow of the balloon on the ground. The pilot told us as we flew towards Reading, that he planned to land on the university rugby pitch but the wind had other ideas. We eventually landed in a grassy area in the Whitley area; a very smooth landing while the balloon slid us across the very dry grass before coming to rest.

Some of the magic and excitement left us in amazement as a number of the men were asked to

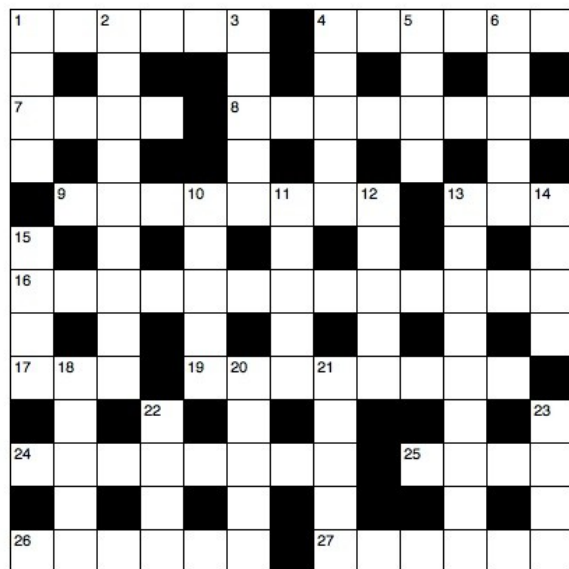
walk across the balloon to deflate it, it was then rolled into a sausage and stuffed into a bag. We then had Prosecco, served in metal goblets, while the basket and balloon bag and anything else was loaded onto a vehicle, which then drove off. We then walked to a waiting minibus to be driven back to collect our cars.

Abbey and I had both really enjoyed the trip but both admitted that now that the excitement and anticipation had gone, because it was now in the past. We will have to think of something else to plan!

I am aware that many reading this will have had the same experience but this was my experience.



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Across

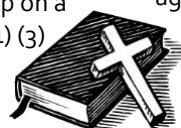
- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock (Luke 14:29) (8)
- 24 Disgrace (Psalm 44:13) (8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4) (4)

26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)

27 Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten (anag.) (5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used (1 Kings 7:36) (9)
- 14 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
- 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
- 22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)



The Bible used
is the New
International
Version.



The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject — it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So, when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world — there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

Barn	Gather	Heaven	Root	Together
Bundles	Good	Kingdom	Seed	Weeds
Burned	Grain	Let	Servants	
Enemy	Grow	Master	Sleeping	
Field	Harvest	Reap	Sow	

Puzzle solutions are on page 12

Little People, Big Faith

A view from the children's corner

Dear Readers,

When I was on holiday in Italy this summer I went to a Safari Park and Zoo. I had a wonderful day there and we looked at lots of lovely animals.

We saw some hippopotamuses in a pool (that we first thought were rocks), some antelope also in their enclosure and even a duck in their pond! There were three lady lions and one male lion that we saw in really big enclosure and they had quite a nice space to roam about. The male lion walked right up to us by the glass and my mum took a video! We saw two ocelots, one a girl and one a boy. The boy had had an accident one night and now only had three legs so the sister ocelot had been looking after him. In the safari part of the park we saw giraffes and one walked right past our car!

The zoo was very interesting, I enjoyed seeing all the animals and learning about where they came from. As well as information about the animals, the zoo also displayed boards about animals in the bible. For example by the camels there was a sign that told us camels are in the bible 62 times! The lion is in the bible even more often, 130 times and is a symbol of royals and Jesus. Horses are in the bible 196 times and are linked to power or war. I found this all interesting because it brought the bible to life.

The day was really hot, and there weren't any ice creams or lollies for sale! When we got back to our hotel Harry and I went in to pool to cool down and had an ice cream on our sun lounger. I had a really lovely holiday and I'm looking forward to going back again next summer, but I have missed my friends at church and am looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Love, Lyra



Royal Free Singers

Open Evening

The Royal Free Singers are having an Open Evening on Wednesday 2 September - registration from 7.15pm (with the event running from 7.30pm to 9.30pm) at Trevelyan School (Wood Close).

No previous experience necessary.

Find out more on their website royalfreesingers.org.uk.

Book via contact@royalfreesingers.org.uk and please include your phone number.

Alma Beacon Newsletter

If you don't receive the Beacon's newsletter you can read it on the parish website. It includes an item about Bishop Mary's visit as well as documenting their amazing work.

There are boxes in churches for used stamps. Our thanks to Jane Burr who collects them and sends them to the Bible Society. The Society has written to Jane and to the Parish Office to thank us for the stamps, which fund Bible programmes. It has also asked us to pray for the Bible Teams around the world.



A Year of Listening – an invitation

A reminder that the Parish of Central Windsor

invites you to join in its Year of

Listening. As a new single parish we

want to discern

what God is calling us to be and do here in

Windsor – and we want to hear what

God is saying to you. Follow the QR

code here (or click if reading an

electronic copy of the magazine) to the

website and you will find a Biblical

listening process called Dwelling in the

Word to help you hear what God is

saying. There are guides and materials

to support you. Let us

know what you

discover so we can

plan for the next

decade or so.



On Sunday 30th August our bell ringers successfully rang a Quarter Peal at St John the Baptist Parish Church in recognition of the retirement of Michael Harding from the role of churchwarden after 29 years of faithful service.

Congratulations all round!



Windsor Festival
& Fringe 2026
Giants of the Baroque
from Potsdam to Paris

All Saints' Church
3.30 pm
Sunday 4th October 2026

Box&Fir

Jenny Thomas *flute*
Sharon Lindo *violin*
Richard Boothby *bass viol*
John Halsey *harpsichord*



Trio Sonata in G major
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750
Largo - Vivace - Adagio - Presto

Musical Offering Trio Sonata
J.S. Bach
Largo - Allegro - Andante - Allegro

Interval

Les Folies d'Espagne
Marin Marais 1656-1728

6e Quatuor (from the "Nouveaux Quatuors")
Georg Philipp Telemann 1687-1761
Prélude - Gay - Vite - Gracieusement
- Distract - Modéré

*Hark! Each tree its silence breaks,
the **box and fir** to talk begin...*
Nicholas Brady (Hail, Bright Cecilia 1692)

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Charity Coffee Mornings

Our church charity coffee mornings held in the Mountbatten Room, at Holy Trinity Church, began with one for MacMillan last September. They have now become a regular event on the last Friday of each month (10am-12pm), offering a variety of homemade cakes, sausage rolls and usually a delicious cake from Elena Hicks.

Welcoming members of our congregations and friends (20-30 people) each month in a very relaxed atmosphere has enabled our church community to donate over £1200 to a variety of charities, which have included Save the Children, Alzheimers societies, Macmillan and Alma Beacon.

Thank you to our helpers and cake donators. Future coffee mornings:

September 25th MacMillan Cancer UK (and celebrating a year of coffee mornings)

October 30th Mothers' Union charities

November 27th Alma Beacon (as part of the Christmas Tree Festival)

We look forward to seeing you at the next coffee morning.

Penny Wells

Thank you to Penny for the photographs (and the coffee mornings!) which were taken at the July Coffee Morning which was aid of [Alzheimers Dementia Support](#), a local, independent charity supporting people with dementia and their families. We were joined by Terrie Hall (standing in the larger photo to the right) from the charity. You can read their recent newsletter (which includes the coffee morning [here](#)).

Thank you to all who helped, baked and attended the August Coffee Morning which raised £195 for Battersea Dogs & Cats Home!



2026
LIVING WELL TOGETHER

13 September

10am

Sung Eucharist

**St Stephen &
St Agnes Church**

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.



Mothers' UNION

July Garden Party Report

Having had to cancel in June because of rain our Garden Party in July was on one of the hottest days in July. Unfortunately a number of people couldn't attend because of the hot weather. However two dozen people were able to enjoy Margaret Parsons' lovely garden.

It was an opportunity for Mothers' Union members to thank and show our appreciation for the friends who are happy to provide interesting, topical subjects for our meetings. We would not be able to present an interesting programme without their support. One thing we are all brilliant at is conversation and we thoroughly enjoyed each other's company! We enjoyed a delicious tea and we were able move into shade when needed.

Our world is full of trouble at the moment. We are always grateful that one hundred and fifty years ago Mary Sumner founded the Mothers' Union. As usual Anne Harding led us in singing, "Count your Blessings". We never forget that we have so many blessings. One photo shows Anne leading the singing.

We meet on the second Thursday in the month at 3.30pm in All Saints' Hall. We look forward to you joining us.

All are welcome

Estlyn Davies



Windsor Festival at The Parish Church of St John the Baptist

10.45am

Thursday 1 October



Schools Coffee Concert

Schools from across Windsor and Slough will be represented with contributions from children and young people.

Refreshments available

Admission - £5 on the door



The Besom

Simon Kerr has kindly given us an update following the service at All Saints' Church at the beginning of July.

Thank you to all who donated tea and coffee money recently towards a microwave purchase for The Besom. We raised £95, and took advantage of a microwave sale at Argos to get a good spec combination model. The organiser of The Besom Runnymede, Mandy [pictured with the microwave], was pleased with the donation of what is their top requested item.

The other most in demand items are vacuum cleaners and chests of drawers. I will pick up any items donated by members of our churches (or people you know) and take them to Egham for you.

The Besom Runnymede also needs volunteers - for sorting items and van driving. The Besom operates on a Monday morning, Tuesday morning and on Thursdays.



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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In Loving Memory

The Annual In Loving Memory service will be held in St Stephen & St Agnes on Sunday 25th October at 3pm.

There will be a sheet at the back of the church on a Sunday for people to add names too, if they would like someone remembered at the service on 25th October. Anyone who has had a funeral conducted by one of the team clergy in the last two years will automatically be included and need not be added to this list. Please print the names.

Alternatively leave names with Jane on 01753 862579 or majorj114@hotmail.com by 16th October.

Everyone will be welcome to the service.

Thanks. Jane



Pastoral Care Group

We would like to set up a small group of people to visit individuals in their own home or in residential homes to provide companionship and prayerful support, and to keep an ear to the ground to inform clergy about congregation members (and others) who may wish to receive a visit/home communion. If this is something to which you feel called, please speak to Revd Sally or Fr Richard. DBS checks and Safeguarding training will be required.

The Clewer House of Mercy

Dr Alison Pedley is giving an online (Zoom) talk to Berkshire Family History Society at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 September on the Clewer Sisters (the Community of St John the Baptist in Hatch Lane). The talk is free for members and £5 for non-members. For more information or to book your place please see the Society's [website](#). Thank you to Michael Bailey for letting us know about it!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Booking now open!

27-29 November
Holy Trinity Church

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



VISION MORNING

Saturday 3 October



The churchwardens, Parochial Church Council and clergy invite you to join them for a morning of facilitated discussion at the Alma Beacon.

Beginning with breakfast at 8.30am, concluding with a sandwich lunch, we will be reflecting on how we move forward from our Year of Listening and what it means to live out our vision

“to work together to make God’s love known in Windsor”.

Please click to book or email windsor.churchbookings@gmail.com, see the website, or leave a message at 01753 862776.

This month it was...

250 years ago, on 9th September that the Second Continental Congress adopted the name United States, which replaced United Colonies.

200 years ago, on 5th September 1826 that John Wisden, British cricketer was born. Founder of *Wisden's Cricketers' Almanac*. Launched with 112 pages in 1864, it now runs to 1500 pages and is the bible of cricket.

175 years ago, on 19th September 1851, William Lever, 1st Viscount Leverhulme, was born. Co-founder of Lever Brothers with his brother James. Now called Unilever, this global consumer goods company operates in more than 190 countries.

125 years ago, on 29th September 1901 that Enrico Fermi, Italian-born American physicist was born. Creator of the first nuclear reactor, he became known as the 'architect of the nuclear bomb.'

90 years ago, on 7th September 1936 that Buddy Holly, the American rock and roll singer and hits was born. Killed in a plane crash in 1959.

Also 90 years ago, on 21st September 1936 that Frank Hornby, British inventor, died. Remembered for Meccano, Hornby Model Railways and Dinky Toys.

Also 90 years ago, on 30th September 1936 that Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire were officially opened.

80 years ago, on 5th September 1946 that Freddie Mercury, Zanzibar-born British rock singer and songwriter was born. As lead singer of Queen, he sold more than 250 million records worldwide. Died of bronchial pneumonia resulting from AIDS in 1991.

70 years ago, on 25th September 1956 that the world's first transatlantic cable, TAT-1, went into service. It could carry 36 simultaneous calls, later increased to 72. It was retired in 1978.

65 years ago, on 11th September 1961, that the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland. Nowadays it is the world's largest conservation organisation, operating in nearly 100 countries with over 35 million supporters.

60 years ago, on 8th September 1966 that the Severn Bridge was officially opened. Linking Wales and England over the rivers Severn and Wye, it carries about 32,000 vehicles a day.

50 years ago, on 5th September 1976 that the first episode of the Muppet Show was broadcast on ITV in the UK. It attracted 15 million viewers and ran for five series until March 1981.

40 years ago, on 7th September 1986 that Desmond Tutu became the first black Archbishop of Cape Town. Retired in 1996 and died in 2021.

30 years ago, on 27th September 1996 that the Taliban seized control of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. Mullah Omar was installed as Head of the Supreme Council and ruled until 2001.

25 years ago, on 11th September 2001 that the terrorist attacks on America took place. Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed them into the World Trade Centre's Twin Towers in New York, into the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania (following a passenger revolt – the intended target was Washington DC). 2,973 people died.

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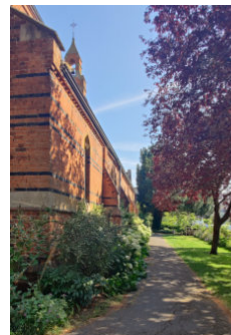
Christmas is, of course, a very long way away! Should you need to make plans now, the Christmas service times are on the parish website calendar and can also be viewed as [a list](#) under the Events tab on the website. Please have a chat with the wardens if you are able to help with any of the services or preparations, such as decorating the Christmas trees. Thank you!

An Evening with Rob Parsons

Care for the Family invites us to an "Evening with Rob Parsons" at the Welcome Church in Woking on 15 October. Rob is the founder of Care for the Family and author of "A Knock at the Door" (he and his wife took in a homeless man Rob knew from Sunday School for Christmas and he ended up staying). You can find out more information or book [here](#) or please see careforthefamily.org.uk.

Confirmation

If you are thinking about being confirmed, you may like to know that the next Confirmation service in our Deanery will be on Sunday 4th October. Please speak to Revd Sally or Fr Richard for further information.



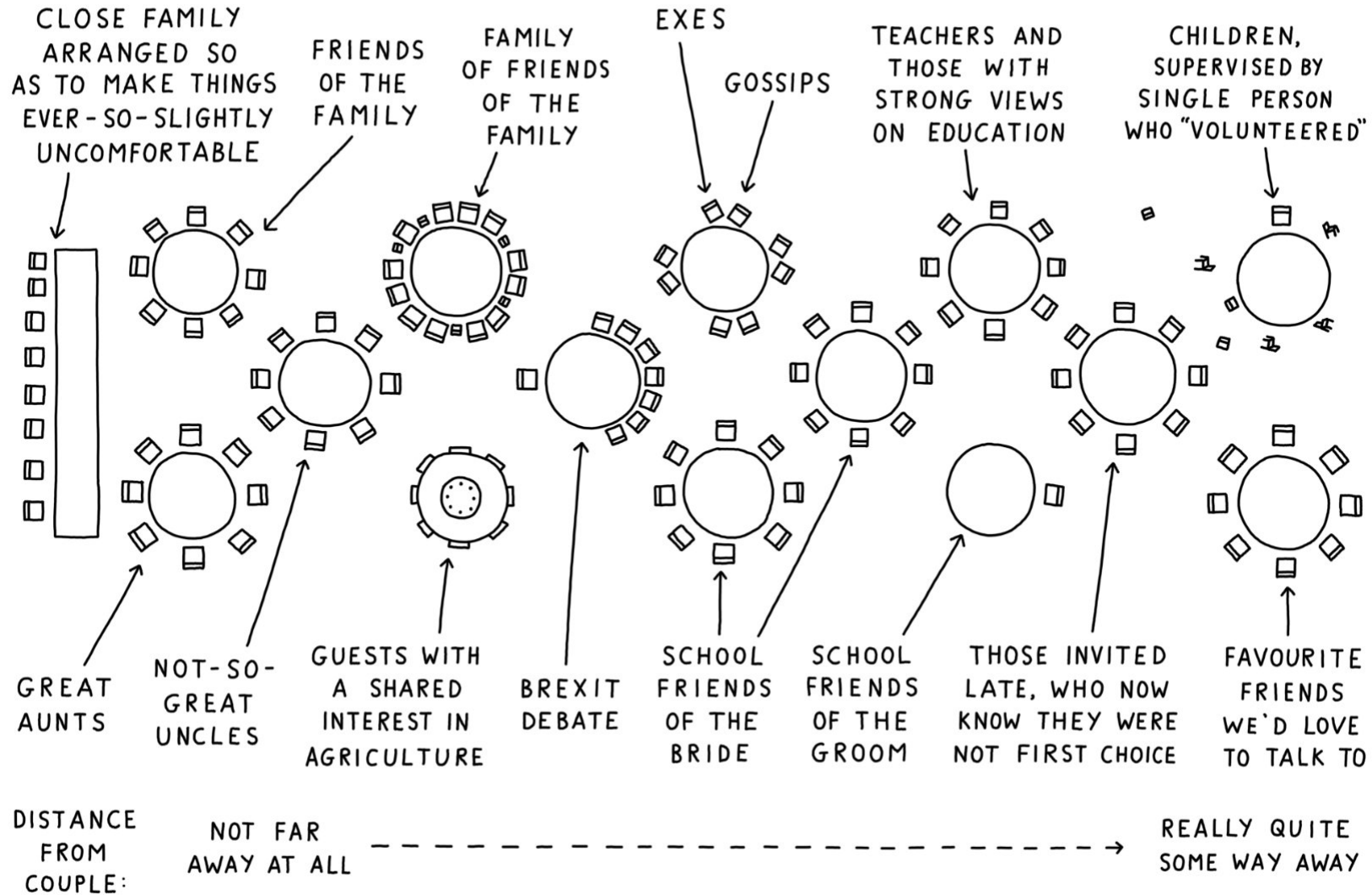
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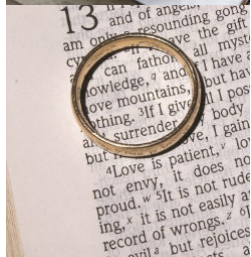
From the July & August registers...



Baptisms

Sophie Weeks - All Saints' Church
Zara Whitson - All Saints' Church
Florence Webb - Holy Trinity Church
Cheryl Mandimala - St Stephen & St Agnes
Georgia West - St John the Baptist Church
Jacob West - St John the Baptist Church
Charlie Powell - St John the Baptist Church

Billy Powell - St John the Baptist Church
Frederick Tanase - All Saints' Church
Poppy Monahan-Knaggs - Holy Trinity Church
Poppy Mullin - St John the Baptist Church
Rebecca Diver-Clarke - All Saints' Church
Poppy McNamara - All Saints' Church



Weddings

Benham Sepehri & Georgina Hall - St John the Baptist
Edward Henshaw & Charlotte Mills - St John the Baptist
Jordan Dixon & Mairead Montgomery - St John the Baptist

Wedding Blessing

Charlton Henderson & Melissa Monohan - St John the Baptist



Funerals

Geoffrey Lane - Holy Trinity Church
Yolande Denny - St Stephen & St Agnes Church
Rita Woodall - Holy Trinity Church
Reginald Hatch

Church Opening Times

St John the Baptist Church
High Street - daily, all day

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

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

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

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
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Everyone welcome



For your prayers this month

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Organ Recital by Thomas Trotter



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This recital of organ works by Handel, Dove, Duruflé and Mendelssohn sees him return to Windsor Festival and the restored Hunter Organ of St John the Baptist Parish Church.

6.30pm

Thursday 24 September

St John the Baptist Parish Church

High Street, Windsor SL4 1LT



Admission £10
(includes a glass of wine)

For more information or
to book please see
windsorfestival.com or
use the QR code



September



- 1 *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710*
- 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 **Creation in Christ (Festival)**
 - 10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church
 - 4.30pm Study Group – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 8 *The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Accession of King Charles III, 2022
- 9 *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880*
- 12 12pm Marriage Blessing: Obinna Ilogu & Stephanie Wemegah – Holy Trinity Church
- 13 **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity / Education Sunday**
 - 10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
 - 4.30pm Study Group – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 14 **Holy Cross Day (Festival)**
- 15 *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*
- 16 *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432*
Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882
- 7.30pm PCC Meeting – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 17 *Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179*
- 19 *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*
- 20 **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
 - 8am Holy Communion (BCP) – Holy Trinity Church
 - 11am Battle of Britain Sunday Civic Service – St John the Baptist Church
 - 5pm Taizé-style Communion – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 21 **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Festival)**
- 23 Ember Day
- 24 6.30pm Organ Recital – St John the Baptist Church
- 25 *Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626*
Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392
Ember Day
 - 10am Macmillan Coffee Morning – Holy Trinity Church
- 26 *Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942*
Ember Day
- 27 **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
 - 10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church
 - 4.30pm Study Group – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 29 **Michael and All Angels (Festival)**
- 30 *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420*