



**All Saints Guildford**

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**Growing Disciples Deepening Community**



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If you'd like to feature anything in the magazine, we would love to hear from you! Articles should be emailed to **allsaintsmag@gmail.com** by the **15th of the previous month**. We like to keep content varied and interesting so almost anything goes. Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you!

## ALL SAINTS SERVICES AND OPENING TIMES

Our pattern of services is as follows:

- ★ Morning Prayer takes place Monday to Wednesday at 9.15am in the church and via Zoom for anyone who would like this option.
- ★ A service of Holy Communion is held in church every Thursday morning at 9.30am.
- ★ An 8am service of Holy Communion is held in church on the first and third Sundays of the month (the third Sunday will use the Book of Common Prayer).
- ★ Our 10am Sunday services follow this pattern:
  - ◇ First Sunday: Café-style Altogether Worship
  - ◇ Second, fourth and fifth Sundays:  
Family Communion with Children's Church
  - ◇ Third Sunday: Morning Worship with Children's Church

*Note: Children's Church is term-time only*

- ★ Each Sunday, we hold 'Tea-Time Church' at 4pm.
- ★ Each Sunday, we record the sermon and this can be found on our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford](http://www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford)
- ★ We provide a 'Dial All Saints' service, for those who wish to have an at-home audio option. Phone 01483 600674. Calls cost the same as a local call.



## THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

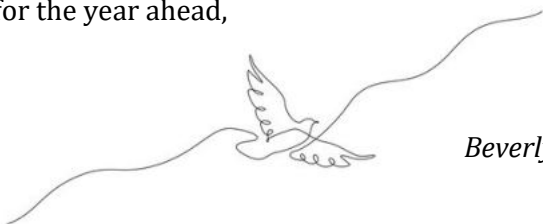


I recently read an article by The Very Revd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem. In it he explored the difference between optimism and hope – a poignant issue after the brief truce in Gaza came to an end, a few weeks ago. At the beginning of this new year it's hard to be optimistic about the prospect of peace in the Middle East; yet Sewell writes, 'Christians here are not about to give up on hope'.

Christian hope is rooted in the oracles of the Old Testament prophets, who reflected on the suffering of the people of Judah during their exile in Babylon. Out of the suffering of Israel, as refugees, emerged the hope of a Messiah who would save his people, and lead them to a place of restoration, renewal and reconciliation. Christians believe that the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, centuries later, fulfilled that hope. Christian hope, unlike optimism, doesn't promise that everything is getting better; but it promises that God is with us. As Isaiah foretold, 'God will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert' (40:20). Sewell writes, 'Do not ask us to be optimistic, but we are staying hopeful'.

As we begin a new year here at All Saints we need to claim that distinctively Christian concept of hope: hope for our world, hope for our country, hope for our local community, hope for our church, and hope for our own lives. Hope is deeply rooted in the knowledge that God is with us; that he is sovereign over the world that he has made; that we are his dearly loved children; that we can cast all our anxieties upon him, because he cares for us; and that underneath are the everlasting arms (Deuteronomy 33:27). As we do that we'll find hope emerging in the dark corners of our lives. As we do that we'll be able to offer hope to those who need it most, as we step out into 2024 together.

Wishing you every blessing for the year ahead,



*Beverly*

## MISSION FOCUS:

### NORTH GUILDFORD FOOD BANK



The North Guildford Food Bank has recently joined in the Friary Christmas Tree Festival. A number of local charities were involved and came together to help spread awareness of all the great work they do, whilst celebrating the festive season. The festive trees were on public display until the 31st of December. During this time there was a public vote for the best dressed tree, with the winning charity being awarded a £1,000 cash prize. No news on the winning charity at time of going to press!

The Food Bank's tree was decorated to the brim with donated baubles from its lovely volunteers as well as some hand crafted ones which were hand sewn and others filled with chocolate! The tree was wonderfully ornate and fully decked for the first few days. Then, throughout the

Christmas weeks, the baubles were gradually removed and donated to clients to spread some of the festive joy this Christmas. As the weeks went by, the tree gradually become more and more bare as the baubles were donated and card cutouts appeared in their stead. The tree became a transient symbol acting as a visual representation of the quantity of clients who were supported over Christmas, showing why donations are so important!

#### **How does the Food Bank work for someone needing help?**

Firstly, the person or family in need has to obtain a referral, which is sent online. There are many local organisations, schools, churches, etc that can make a referral. Once the referral has been submitted, they will need to go to collect their parcel from St. Clare's Church. If the client is

medically house-bound then it will be delivered to their door. The food parcels vary depending on family size; they normally contain one week's worth of food. A typical size parcel contains approximately 50 items of long life food (e.g. tinned meat, fish, pasta and vegetables), plus toiletries, household cleaning products, and some fresh produce (milk, bread, butter, cheese, eggs, fruit and vegetables).



When the client arrives at St. Clare's Church, they have the opportunity to have a chat over a tea or coffee and cake with one of the listener volunteers. The volunteers are able to signpost useful local services as well as provide fuel application sheets for clients who are on prepayment meters. Fuel sheets are then passed on to the Fuel Team who process gas and electricity voucher applications the following week.

## **How to support the Food Bank**

**Volunteers:** The Food Bank is currently looking for more volunteer drivers to help deliver food parcels to clients on Tuesdays (1 - 3pm) and Fridays (4.30 - 6.30pm). If you are interested in this role, they would love to hear from you. Please email [volunteers@ngfoodbank.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@ngfoodbank.co.uk) for further information.

**Food donations:** They are always grateful for donations of cupboard food, household cleaners and toiletries. Their stock is always changing, so they ask that we look at their Facebook page for a list of what is currently needed. They also post a list at Sainsbury's in Burpham by the front doors. There are collection points at the Burpham Sainsbury's, Sainsbury's on Worplesdon Road, Sainsbury's Local in East Horsley, and Waitrose in town. If you are wanting to drop off donations directly to St. Clare's Church, they are open on Monday mornings between 8.45 and 10.30am.



### Financially:

- *JustGiving* is a simple and secure way to donate money. This allows them to buy the food they need at any one time and reduces storage and sorting requirements. Go to [justgiving.com/northguildfordfoodbank](https://www.justgiving.com/northguildfordfoodbank).
- *Bank transfer* to the account below. Please email [treasurer@ngfoodbank.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@ngfoodbank.co.uk) to let them know that you have made a transfer.  
Sort code: 30-93-74  
A/c : 66556468  
Name: North Guildford Food Bank  
Reference: Donor name
- *Cheque* payable to 'North Guildford Food Bank' and sent to:  
North Guildford Food Bank  
St Clare's Church, Cabell Road, Guildford, GU28JW

## MANY THANKS TO OUR TREASURER CHRIS LAMBERT!



Chris Lambert, our faithful treasurer for the past eight years, is finally stepping down from the role. Chris, a qualified accountant, has overseen our finances at All Saints with great diligence and attention to detail. Every quarter, Chris has produced a set of accounts for the PCC to consider, and explained them clearly and simply, so that each one of us could understand – not an easy task! Each year the books have balanced, and we've paid our bills. Over the past few years we've completed several major projects as well: replacing the sound system, putting in new windows, and replacing the pews with chairs. Chris also saw us through the challenges of Covid, overseeing the 'bounce back' after a lean year in 2020.

Today I'd like to thank Chris for all his hard and faithful work. Today we also recognise the Lord's faithfulness to us, in bringing Chris to serve our church over the past eight years. **Many thanks, Chris!**

*Beverly*



*from the register ...*



### *Deaths*

Revd Canon Thomas New	30th November
Brenda Horsley	1st December
Marianne Hehn	2nd December
Yvonne Quittenton	3rd December



## **BIG BUILD UPDATE**

A huge thank you for the generous giving to the Big Build project. Our Gift Day total is £27,040 which with the addition of Gift Aid, will increase to £33,030. This money will more than cover the fees that we are paying to the architects, surveyors and geotechnical engineers.

In the last month a full measurement survey was undertaken and the results will enable the architect to give elevation drawings of the various parts of our vision. These are the new hexagonal entrance building which will have three toilets, a large reception area and a kitchen; a chair store situated between the church and the reading room; a new storage facility at the rear of the hall and an area which will house the organ and the drum kit as well as possibly some more storage facilities. The Big Build Committee has now been split into three groups: one is dealing with finance, with assistance from the Finance Vision group; another working on fundraising events and external communications, as well as a community audit of needs; and the third group will tackle building tasks, whilst always considering our environmental impact.

It would be wonderful to complete the whole project in one go but we realise that would need very large sums of money. When we have the results of the geotechnical investigations and we have the elevation drawings, we will submit a pre planning application to Guildford Planning Department and the Diocesan Advisory Board. We should then be able to clarify our priorities and costs.

*Robin Holdsworth*





## REVEREND CANON THOMAS NEW

Born on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1930, the Reverend Canon Thomas New died aged 93 on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Torbay Hospital. His early life was spent mainly in Highgate, North London before he went away aged eight to The Pilgrims' School in Winchester where, although not a chorister, the life of

the Cathedral became hugely influential to him. Very sadly, whilst at prep school his family was involved in a severe car accident en route to visiting him, which resulted in his brother, Ben(edict) who was only five years old at the time, having brain injury for the rest of his life. This was a life changing event for the whole family. Between 1944 and 1949 he was enrolled at Lancing College. Over the years, he spoke with great affection of his time at Lancing. He was Head of House by the time he left, having clearly blossomed, and gained a place at King's College Cambridge to read Theology, where he matriculated in September 1949.

His time at King's was also often spoken of with huge warmth and love. Clearly his college was to him his family, and his sense of belonging there for life was very much a part of who he was. Graduating from Cambridge in 1952 he then went to Cuddesdon College for his full-time training for ministry. He was ordained deacon in 1954, becoming curate in the Diocese of London at Holy Cross, Greenford, where, in joining the Gilbert and Sullivan Society to play Bunthorne in 'Patience', he met his lifelong love, Joan Mary Harding. They married on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1956 by which time Tom had become curate at Old St Pancras.



Two years later in 1958, having been introduced to Cosmo Pouncey, vicar of Woodham in Surrey, by his brother- and sister-in-law, he was offered and accepted the job of curate, priest in charge, of St Michael's Sheerwater. He built up this church with the help of the deaconess Joan Kitney until it was an extremely thriving church community. Having had a ministry in St Pancras, he was well suited to the population of Sheerwater who were all people who had moved out of the much-bombed impoverished areas of London to start a new life. To qualify to live in Sheerwater, people had to have certain proven skills and qualifications, so the place was full of a positive creative spirit which he harnessed with

great effect, taking pride in how many of the teenagers of his parish at that time later went into leading roles in the Church of England. Whilst in Sheerwater he also became a father to two daughters, Katharine Elisabeth and Mary Frances.

He moved with his young family to Guildford in March 1964 where he became vicar of All Saints, Onslow Village. Once again, he took a very full part in the life of the village, not just the church. He was much involved with the local drama society and also greatly enjoyed being at the forefront of starting up a new Church of England junior school, Queen Eleanor's. He was also responsible for designing a new church building. He worked very closely with the architect and took an extremely active interest in the construction, especially of the curved roof, the design of which he had been very excited about. As the son of an architect, Tom relished this whole project and was delighted to be part of bringing into being an enchantingly light and stylish edifice.

His final move as a vicar was to the other side of the Diocese of Guildford to the Parish of All Saints, Banstead in 1972. With the then vicarage situated about a mile from the church, set in a large amount of land, the church commissioners allowed him to build another vicarage in the churchyard next to the church, but that process took four years to complete. He took a great deal of interest in the construction and design of the new house; however, his main work was again in education and pastoral commitments. This time, instead of educating the children and teenagers of the parish through schools and societies, he was mentoring young curates and more mature lay readers. He was made rural dean in 1976 for four years and honorary canon of Guildford Cathedral in 1979. He had also been chaplain to the asylum at Banstead when he first arrived in 1972 and this then changed to being chaplain to HM Downview Prison in 1988 until his retirement in 1993.

For the last 30 years of his life, he and Joan lived in the bungalow in Denbury Village, Devon, that his Aunt Elizabeth left him in 1972. He and Joan have had a wonderfully fulfilling retirement as active members of the church and village life. Almost immediately on retiring, he took on an interregnum for some months and this was the first of several over the next 15 or so years. He was more than just filling in on Sundays, by all accounts, as people speak of his pastoral care, giving them hope and inspiration. He enjoyed a wide circle of friends both in and outside the church congregation. With Joan's musical talents being used to join in

and develop projects such as Gilbert and Sullivan rehearsed standing performances, he and she both contributed to the ongoing life of Denbury and thoroughly enjoyed the process of returning full circle to the kind of fun they had had in their early days together. He was a family vicar to the end putting out a hand to those in need around him.

*With thanks to Tom's daughters Katharine and Mary*

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: WHERE DID THE WISE MEN COME FROM?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia. It is true that in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She, of course, had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel. To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the Magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

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## CATHEDRAL TOUR CONTINUED - LEICESTER



Those of you who have been following my cathedral tour might remember that I only had three left to visit: Chelmsford, Bangor and Leicester. Well, in November, we ticked off Leicester which has been closed since January 2022 for major restoration. When its reopening date was announced as 26th November, we knew we had to go as that is my birthday!

That Sunday was a very cold day, but no matter as they had installed underfloor heating during the refurbishment and we'd heard the dean on the radio talking about how you get a lovely waft of warm air when you enter. Well, we felt no lovely waft and kept our coats firmly on for the duration of the service. At the end, the same dean apologised for the lack of heating which had failed to work that morning. We felt rather sad for them as the Bishop of Leicester was there, among other dignitaries.

However, it was a beautiful service which included the Bishop walking around the building with children who participated in dedication prayers for each of the font, the lectern, and altar. When the service was over, we scuttled off to a restaurant for lunch and a warming drink, preparing ourselves for a look around the cathedral in the afternoon.



Like other cathedrals we have visited, Leicester Cathedral was formerly a parish church, the church of St Martin's. When the diocese was formed in 1927, this church at the very centre of Leicester was chosen to be the cathedral. The building has fragments of 13th to 16th century architecture, but most dates from the restoration work of the 19th century.

Of course, the cathedral is now famous for housing the bones of King Richard III, the last English monarch to die in battle (Bosworth Field) in 1485. King Richard's bones were found in September 2012 in the nearby site of the former Grey Friars Priory.

King Richard's bones were reburied in Leicester Cathedral in March 2015 by the Archbishop of Canterbury. A magnificent tomb, cut of a single piece of Swaledale fossil stone weighing three tonnes, now covers his grave.

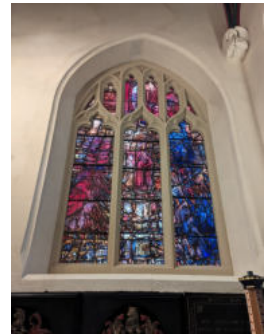


At the same time of the reburial, the cathedral installed a new Bishop's chair, or 'cathedra'. We thought this was beautiful, made out of orange and yellow leather which sits within a towering cross of American black walnut wood. Very impressive - and probably more comfortable than many!

One highlight of our cathedral tour has been spotting windows by Thomas Denny. We've seen them in Gloucester, Hereford and Durham, and had a lovely surprise seeing two more here in Leicester. The pair of Denny windows in Leicester Cathedral, called 'The Redemption Windows', were dedicated in 2016. Weirdly, Thomas Denny is related to Richard III through his uncle, Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury. Rather than telling the story of a king, the windows show universal human experiences and the hope of redemption offered by Christ. Themes include struggle, humiliation, loss and finding, and salvation.

The picture below is the right-hand window. The right-hand side of it is predominantly blue and symbolises loss and suffering. You can see Richard and Anne mourning the loss of their son Edward. In one of the top right 'eyelet' windows, Thomas Denny added a little something extra - a football! In the 2015/16 season, Leicester City were surprising everyone with their success and found themselves with a chance to win the league. In April 2016, Denny added the ball at the last minute. He said "they were riding high then and I felt I should do something to record the fantastic achievement of the club".

And so, Bangor and Chelmsford remain! I'll bring you those later in the year.



*Trish Tye*



Earlier this week, I was officially 'signed off' as having completed all the requirements of curacy. And so, although Rob and I have been very happy in Fleet, it is time to move on...

My last service in the parish of Fleet will be on **Sunday 3rd March** and Rob and I will move house about ten days later. Excitingly for us, on **Thursday 11th April at 7pm** I will be licensed as team vicar in the parish of Bridport in West Dorset in the Diocese of Salisbury. I will work alongside the team rector

for Bridport, Canon Deb Smith, in a parish of six churches, all quite different in character. Whilst parish-based, the team vicar role has a particular focus on mission to the artistic community in the wider coastal area between Weymouth and Lyme Regis. Rob and I are greatly looking forward to the move - Bridport is a very vibrant, friendly and quirky town in a beautiful area.

All are welcome in Bridport for the licensing service. It would be wonderful to see you there, if you'd like to come!

Thank you all so much for making our time in Guildford Diocese so happy - we will miss you and wish you every blessing for the time ahead. Do come and visit!





## THE ORCHARD PROJECT - A REFLECTION ON THE YEAR...



If you have taken a stroll down to the Orchard recently you will see that the area is slowly transforming. For now, winter is upon us, and the plants and trees are sleeping - skeletal trees, leafy stalks, the bare frames of raised beds waiting to be planted, nurtured and tended. But spring will be drawing near soon – bulbs will start to push through out of the chilled earth, life emerges, early buds appear. How exciting to see all the hard work begin to transform a once overgrown field.

We will be looking forward in anticipation to the new fruit trees as they stir and come into blossom. Early December saw an additional four new fruit trees added to our growing orchard. The planting took place on a damp Saturday morning – quite a muddy experience but well worth it to



see the trees in place. These comprised two apple trees – James Grieve (a dessert and cooking cultivar from Edinburgh (1890s)), Blenheim Orange (a dessert and cooking cultivar from Oxfordshire (1740s)) a crab apple (Cowichan) and a Conference pear. A fifth tree, another apple - Little Pax (a recent cultivar from the Isle of Wight) is also due to be planted. These will complement the fruit trees planted earlier, in the spring of last year – two apples (Chivers Delight and Saturn), a Victoria plum, a Stella cherry and an Oullins Golden gage. The fruit trees have either been kindly donated or purchased through a grant from the Shell Community Kindness programme. Each tree has been carefully positioned



to allow space to grow, to walk between and out of reach of the annual fireworks event.

From one raised bed, tentatively created out of old pallets in the spring, we now have four – a veritable raised-bed garden (three more constructed in the autumn by the industrious orchard team). The coming year will see these become a home to soft fruit, with a smaller raised bed for herbs. The woodland walk is transforming into a lovely wild, yet enclosed space – with shade for plants to grow and minibeasts to scuttle. There is now a winding trail for little explorers to adventure along. Here you may spy bird boxes, bird feeders, bug houses and a hedgehog house – many thanks to the Brownies for this and for the bug houses.

As you follow the trail, look out for the many saplings that were planted at the end of 2022 – currently protected by their spiral guards. These were obtained from the Woodland Trust – and were all free. There are hedge saplings – dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, dogwood; and also wildlife friendly saplings – hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel, sessile oak. They are small and understated for now – but how exciting it will be to watch them grow and transform the walk, providing shelter and shade for the wildlife.



The wildflowers also looked amazing in the summer – many thanks to the Brownies for nurturing the flower beds which provided a beautiful splash of colour – poppies, foxgloves, chamomile daisies, cranesbill

and vipers bugloss to name but a few. The wildflower meadow, which is currently fenced off, is also coming along. The yellow rattle did extremely well, and this is good news for cultivating a meadow, as yellow rattle is semi-parasitic, weakening nearby grasses, so giving more delicate wildflower species a chance to establish.



Wildlife – the presence of birds, bees, minibeasts and small mammals we hope will increase. During the Churches Count on Nature week in June we spotted a variety of bees and beetles including red-tailed and white-tailed bees and longhorn beetles.

Nuthatches have also been spotted and maybe we should look out for the odd parakeet this year as these have apparently now reached nearby gardens!

If you would like to get involved in helping develop and maintain our evolving orchard, please do join us at a work morning. We will advertise these in advance - generally a Saturday morning, once a month. It is usually just a few of us – we would welcome more helping hands - no skills needed, just enthusiasm! It is so rewarding to be outside tending God's kingdom for a few hours.

*Sue Jones*



# HARD OF HEARING GROUP AND CLINIC

## Hard of Hearing Group

This is a group of friends who have varying degrees of hearing loss, and therefore find conversations difficult in some situations. In order to support one another – especially those who live alone – we meet once a month on a Monday afternoon at 3pm for a cup of tea, sometimes with a speaker, but in between times to practise talking among ourselves on topics of general interest.

The next three meetings will be on **15th January, 19th February, and 18th March**, bringing us up to Easter. By the time you read this we will have democratically decided what they'll be about, so do get in touch if you would like to come! You don't have to be deaf!

## Hearing Clinic

This is for hearing aid wearers and is a separate event, though it takes place on the same day, beforehand between 2pm and 3pm. If you have a problem with your hearing aid, or just need advice about it, we may be able to help! We can also supply batteries and can re-tube your hearing aids – something that should be done regularly – every three months for the thin tubes and every six for tubes for ear moulds.

Please get in touch first though, as we have to comply with a number of regulations so can only really cope with people one at a time. Email Rosemary Woodcock on [risabelw@gmail.com](mailto:risabelw@gmail.com) or if it's easier, phone Michael Woodcock on 01483 569825.

The next clinic is on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**N.B. Hearing aid adjustments at 2pm**  
**Hearing Group talk at 3pm**

*Rosemary Woodcock*



**Pardon?**  
*Sue Parkes*

'Pardon?' I say again	Sometimes I nod
Eyebrows raise	When I should have shook
A sigh is heard	Once again I feel
The sinking feeling	The embarrassment
The frustration.	The humiliation.
If only they knew	A little patience
How hard I try	A smile, a look
To hear what they say	That says, 'It's OK'
The lip-reading	Stop me feeling
The concentration.	The isolation.

## SERMON CRICKET WITH THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY

A letter to The Times:

Dear Sir,

At Rugby School in the early Sixties we enlivened, in some cases endured, our compulsory chapel attendance (every morning and twice on Sunday) by playing Sermon Cricket. The rules were simple. Various gestures of the preacher counted for a given number of runs. I can remember an arm wave was a four, and I think a fist bump on the lectern was a single. There were others, including two arms raised aloft denoting a six, and of course a raised forefinger meant out and the preacher's innings was over.

The greatest 'batsman' of our time was the Bishop of Coventry, Cuthbert Bardsley, who had an armoury of expansive gestures, and in particular regularly invoked divine intervention ("Come down Oh Lord, come down") raising both arms in the air. On one memorable occasion he had reached 99 when he suddenly paused for dramatic effect. We held our breath. He then began again with an ominous "However..." and raised a solitary forefinger. Out. There was an audible collective sigh from 750 boys.

Yours faithfully,  
James Badenoch KC, London  
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## THE DIOCESAN CHURCH GROWTH CONFERENCE 2023

The Church Growth Conference at Ewell was set against a 25% drop in church attendance across the UK since COVID. Over the last five years, the ways to worship have changed to reflect the new way of living post-COVID. Over 500 people, from 100 parishes, arrived to see how they could bring God's love into their parish communities in new, and in some ways, ground-breaking ways.

This was not a conference of just numbers. In opening the conference, Bishop Andrew said "whilst stats are not everything, they are something." This is a conference to debate *people* on seats, not *bums* on seats! Growing parishes are those that embrace diversity and whose leadership collaborates widely with both lay preachers and clergy.

The morning session was led by remarkable speakers. Nicky Gumbel, the Alpha course chaplain has a simple mission: by 17/4/2033 - Christ's 2000 anniversary of his death and resurrection - the whole planet should have access to Jesus! He spoke of perseverance with Alpha courses - nine consecutive courses are needed to truly embed the programme, and of the key drivers that make Alpha successful in parishes. He also spoke of us, the delegates, that we grow in self-discipleship through outward evangelism. He encouraged all present to make evangelism their number one focus, that spirituality coming inwards to us and the church must have spirituality going out into the community. My favourite quote from Nicky was in fact a quote from Wesley: "Set yourself on fire for Jesus and people will come from miles around to watch you burn"!

Nicky was followed by the compelling Bishop Bev Mason. Bev's section was called 'Developing a Church Growth Strategy Suited to your Context and Tradition'. But in two words it was 'Conquering Doubt'. Bev spoke with passion about the light of Christ within us, that we have all received the Holy Spirit, and to trust in what we have been called to do. Never let the seeds of doubt be sown. It is a sure way of walking away. Bev gave all present the presence of Christ in what they are doing; "Every step of the way there is provision." Bev said. We were encouraged to get our boots on the ground and find out where God is working. Jesus will never let us fail. He "is not a sleeping partner in this mission." Bev underlined. My favourite quote from Bev was "never forget why you fell in love with Jesus."

Fully inspired by Bev, Rachel Gardner then spoke to us about encouraging families and children in church. David Senior introduced Rachel with the rather shocking statistic that if your church has more than two children you are doing better than 50% of the Church of England. Rachel continued the shocking stats theme: there has been a 40% drop in the last ten years of young people identifying as Christian. Rachel spoke to us about developing an intergenerational church where adults and youth connect a) all the time and b) across the generations. Youths are not siloed away in intergenerational churches. Rachel described a cycle of decline: few children leads them to be de prioritised, leading to patchy provision and families leaving. Rachel encouraged parishes to break this cycle by making children visible. Develop a youth plan and fully resource it. Listen to the youth voices in the congregation and call them to ministry in the church to take the lead.

I think this has to be one of the most motivational conference mornings I have ever been to.

The afternoon gave the delegates the option to discuss 'Community Transformation and Evangelism' or 'Developing Families in Church'. I attended the former.

This session was presented by a number of examples of successful growth in the diocese and also by those specialist in their field. The inspiration of the morning was met by the 'how to' in the afternoon. We heard about diocese-led initiatives, such as the Potting Shed that shared development ideas. A perfect name for a wild life gardener, like me! It demonstrated how churches actually working in their communities thrive. We also heard from a community outreach called Woking Lighthouse. The founders explained that their success in this project was to simply seek where God was working in their community and collaborate with God in its evolution. Their project offers employment support, a toy room, cafe and food bank. They set the delegates a challenge. Imagine what it would be like if Jesus welcomed the community in this community – what would he say and how would he act? I think that's a very powerful image to keep in mind.

We then heard from Holy Trinity Claygate. Here there is a seniors ministry. A beautiful place offering a café, hand massages, crafts, stamp collecting and even model trains for the older community. They even have



pop ups in local care homes. Their key principles are simply love and care. They make sure they have a safe, secure and open environment, and find that asking the right people to help in their congregation makes this a wonderfully successful place.

I think we all left this conference with the light of Christ in us shining bright, and feeling that we can never fail. God will never let us fail. His son is not a sleeping partner. We have heads full of ideas and possibilities. I can't wait 'til next year to see how everyone has got on!

*Andy Wells*

## PREDICTIONS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD...

At this time we make resolutions for the coming year but never keep them no matter how hard we try. So here is a whimsical look ahead to the coming months.

**January** El niño causes excess rainfall and the River Wey floods. As the waters subside a giant dinosaur foot is found in the Millmead Car park.

**February** As temperatures rise dramatically, flowers and trees rush into bloom. A hurriedly arranged photo competition is run by the Daily Mirror which is won by a 10 year old living in Park Barn.

**March** El niño again causes dramatic weather as day time temperatures drop to freezing point This causes the blossoms to disappear and the Daily Mirror asks the 10 year old to return the £1,000 prize.

**April** There is an outcry from the British Marbles Board of Control that at the World Championships recently held on Good Friday at Tinsley Green. Slow motion videos shew that the winning Australian team were guilty of 'cabbaging'.

**May** Maypole dancing is banned throughout England by the Health and Safety Executive after a dog was asphyxiated by some trailing ribbons. Villages band together to seek a High Court injunction.

**June** El niño strikes again as temperatures soar. The start time of the



European Cup match between England and Denmark is put back three hours to 8pm but due to excessive breaks for water the game finishes after midnight.

**July** France announces that due to the high price of gold, the winners' medals at the Olympics have been cast in pewter and are painted orange. The medals will be somewhat larger than in previous Olympiads.

**August** The Icelandic eleven year old winner of the women's artistic gymnastic event is rushed to hospital when the ribbons on her enormous medal tear and the medal breaks several of her toes.

**September** The NASA plans to land humans on the moon are scuppered due to a severe shortage of ammonium perchlorate, an essential chemical used to make the solid fuel propellant. Protesters are seen at the Kennedy Space Centre with placards saying "Stop damaging our planet."

**October** A Genealogist announces that Boris Johnson and Matt Hancock are descendants of Genghis Khan. Another genealogist discovers that the Archbishop of Canterbury is a descendant of Louis XIV. A further genealogist finds that Ian Botham is related to Atilla the Hun.

**November** Lord Mandelson arrives at his first meeting at No 10 in his motorised, but unlicensed, wheelchair. He has been brought into the new cabinet as Minister of Revolutionary Statements.

**December** As there is no agreement at the Cop 29 meeting in Azerbaijan, one report declares that all the attendees are just old fossils out for a free meal.

*Robin Holdsworth*

**January**

01	New Year's Day Bank Holiday
02	School term starts
06	Epiphany
08	PCC
24	Deanery Synod

**February**

04	Confirmation Service
11	Stewardship Sunday
12-16	Half term
13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
14	Ash Wednesday
18	Lent Lunch
20	Standing Committee
21	Lent Course begins

**March**

10	Mothering Sunday
11	PCC
17	APCM
20	Lent Course ends
24	Palm Sunday
28	School term ends
28	Maundy Thursday
29	Good Friday
31	Easter Sunday

**April**

01	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
09	Standing Committee
14	Gift Day for The Big Build
15	School term starts
24	Deanery Synod

**May**

06	Early May Bank Holiday
9	Ascension Day
11	PCC Away Mo
12-18	Christian Aid Week
14	Vision Group
19	Pentecost
27	Spring Bank Holiday
27-31	Half term

**June**

11	Standing Committee
16	Fathers' Day
23	Songs of Praise and Produce

**July**

07	Godparents' Service
08	PCC
14	Pet Service
23	School term ends
31	Deanery Synod

**August**

13	Standing Committee
26	Summer Bank Holiday

**September**

02	School term starts
08	Backpack Sunday Picnic
09	PCC
21	Autumn Fair

	<b>October</b>	
nk Holiday	05	Harvest Quiz & Supper
y	06	Harvest Festival
orning and Meeting	12	PCC Away Morning (inc. SC business)
week	20	Service of Wholeness and Healing
Chairs	28	Half term (to 01/11)

	<b>November</b>	
oliday	02	Bonfire & Fireworks
	03	Patronal Festival
	10	Remembrance Sunday
mittee	10	Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved
se & Strawberry Teas	11	PCC
Sale	19	Vision Group Chairs

	<b>December</b>	
Sunday	01	Advent Sunday
	08	Carol Service
	10	Carol singing with the guides ??
	10	Standing Committee
ends	20	School term ends
d	24	Crib Service
	25	Christmas Day
mittee	26	Boxing Day Bank holiday
k Holiday		

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## BISHOP ANDREW'S ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESAN SYNOD NOVEMBER 2023

“ Good morning, everyone, and it's good to be here; and my particular thanks to Rod and to St. Mary's for hosting us in this ancient and holy space.

Longer-term members of Diocesan Synod know that I have sometimes used the opportunity of my Presidential Address to give a kind of state-of-the-nation speech about the life of the diocese. At our last meeting, for example, I took my theme from the strapline of Liverpool Cathedral, 'A Safe Place to do Risky Things in Christ's Service', reflecting on some of the imaginative ways in which Churches are reaching out into their communities, and how we best support that through our strategic development and budgeting.

Today, though, I'd like to take the opportunity to speak on a theme which may seem niche to some of us, and challenging to others, especially at a sensitive time for us all; but which could mark a significant development in the mission of our Diocese, the Church of England and the whole Anglican Communion. And that is the restoration, in some shape or form, of the link between the Diocese of Guildford and the Anglican Church of Nigeria. It's a link that was started 60 years ago this year, when I was still a toddler and Guildford Cathedral was new and shiny: indeed it's the oldest such partnership in the Church of England, way before the 1998 Lambeth Conference made them fashionable. And while it may seem completely ridiculous that the little diocese of Guildford would think to partner the mighty Church of Nigeria, with its 70 dioceses and 20 million members, the partnership has continued, on and off, for the past six decades.

In relatively recent memory – in the early 2010s – Guildford deaneries were linked with Nigerian dioceses from all around the country with varying degrees of buy-in and success. Runnymede deanery was the front-runner, under the untiring advocacy of Keith Malcouronne; and their partnership with the Diocese of Kebbi and Bishop Edmund Akanya has continued to this day. Meanwhile a couple of Nigerian archdeacons came to minister here in Guildford for a few months; visits were arranged from Guildford to some of the linked dioceses; two Nigerian bish-

ops attended my installation; and then, a couple of years' back, Keith went over and above the call of duty by looking after Bishop Edmund for a matter of months while he benefitted from cancer treatment here in the UK.

The next item on our agenda this morning is LLF, and all of us will be aware that the differing cultural approaches to sex and sexuality – and the way in which provinces have responded to them around the globe – have caused deep rifts in the Anglican Communion, with much political manoeuvring and suspicion on all sides. So despite the presence of those bishops at my installation, the then Primate of the Church of Nigeria made it abundantly clear that our partnership was effectively over, or at least on ice. Meanwhile he, along with other primates associated with the Gafcon movement, breathed out regular condemnations against the Church of England – and such condemnations, as we know, have not gone away.

Among the biggest challenges of the Archbishop of Canterbury's charge to me when I first became Bishop of Guildford in late 2014 was therefore a call, quote, 'to ensure that the international links, especially with Nigeria, are owned by the whole diocese and are nurtured for the benefit of the wider Church'. In fact, it was only last year, more than 7 years into my ministry here, that something opened up to begin to put that into operation.

It was off the back of Keith's generosity to Bishop Edmund during his cancer treatment that the opportunity came for me to meet with the new Primate, Archbishop Henry, and his wife Angela, in the spring of last year: and the meeting went very well. Henry comes from the north of Nigeria, where Islamisation and the Boko Haran movement have made life extraordinarily difficult for the church, with regular kidnappings, murders and arson attacks; and stories, and indeed photos, of Christian villages following a Boko Haran raid, will forever remain etched on my memory, with rows of burnt-out houses and the corpses of butchered women and children strewn across the ground.

The result of that meeting was an unexpected invitation to address the Church's annual conference in Abuja last November. Given the Communion politics, I checked it out with Archbishop Justin before accepting, who was very keen that I should go. The invitation was nearly with-

drawn at the last minute, when terrorist fears led to an evacuation from the city of all but essential diplomatic staff; but in the end the conference took place, and Folli Olokose and I were able to attend. It wasn't the easiest few days, with no opportunity to get out and about, even with the armed guard who was constantly at our side. But it was a great privilege to witness the Conference – with its maybe 8 or 9000 participants – to join in with the noisy worship, to hear some amazing testimonies, to witness a remarkably frank and practical seminar on domestic abuse, and then to speak for an hour on the Supremacy of Christ.

Earlier this year, I was invited back, and with Archbishop Justin's blessing once again, Folli, Keith and I travelled there earlier this month. This time the slightly eased security situation enabled to take a simple tour around Abuja (though no further), to spend considerable time with the Primate, to participate in a joyful 7am Eucharist in one of the churches (7am is the most popular service time there, especially for young people!) complete with robed choir, organ, brass quartet, drummers and no fewer than four collections; to meet with a number of the bishops and then, once again, to address the annual conference for my statutory hour. Much singing and dancing ensued, and it was a real joy to be there once more.

And so the invitation is now open for the little Diocese of Guildford to be the link (currently the sole link, according to Archbishop Henry) between the Church of England and the largest province in the Anglican Communion; and that group of bishops that we met are keen to develop that link with all who would like to pursue it further. The kind of things we discussed were:

- Welcoming Nigerian bishops to Guildford when they travel to the UK, and giving them opportunities to preach from our pulpits;
- Helping Nigerian Anglicans to find welcoming Church of England churches when they settle in the UK;
- Hosting Nigerian clergy to foster the trust and learning between us;
- Using Zoom for cross-cultural prayer meetings, training events and theological education;
- Using WhatsApp to communicate urgent prayer needs; and
- Developing partnerships between our schools, such as one that previously existed between the Lokoja Good Shepherd Academy and the Guildford Good Shepherd Trust.




There are elephants to be named here, of course, not least the divisions between our provinces and the challenging security situation which makes travel around Nigeria so difficult. But we share a common faith, a common language, a common Anglican heritage, common technology (in Zoom and WhatsApp) and even a common time zone, give or take an hour. And I'd have to say that some of the people I've encountered on my two short visits thus far have been among the warmest, wisest and most courageous followers of Christ I've met in a very long time.

And so we'd love to hear from anyone who might be interested in developing some kind of link over the coming months: and if that's you, I suggest you gather round Keith and Folli in the coffee break to explore things further.

In other news, briefly, we have appointed a new Archdeacon of Surrey, who will be announced next week; and consultations over the qualities needed in our new Dean of Guildford will begin early in the new year.

Thank you.



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**First meeting of 2024:  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Award winning author and travel writer Tharik Hussain will talk about his journey through Europe, in the footsteps of Ottoman traveller Evliya Celebi.

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Three Kings came riding from far away,  
Melchior and Gaspar and Baltasar;  
Three Wise Men out of the East were  
they,  
And they travelled by night and they  
slept by day,  
For their guide was a beautiful, wonder-  
ful star.

Grandma once gave me a tip:  
During difficult times,  
you move forward in small steps.  
Do what you have to do, but little by little.  
Don't think about the future,  
not even what might happen tomorrow.  
Wash the dishes.  
Take off the dust.  
Write a letter.  
Make some soup.  
Do you see?  
You are moving forward step by step.  
Take a step and stop.  
Get some rest.  
Compliment yourself.  
Take another step.  
Then another one.  
You won't notice, but your steps will grow  
bigger and bigger.  
And time will come  
when you can think about the future  
without crying.

Taken from Elena Mikhalkova's book *The Room Of Ancient Keys*.

## ONSLow VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB



Our first meeting of 2024 will be held on:

**Wednesday, 17th January  
7.30pm.**

Our speaker, Paul Whittle, will speak on 'Home and Gardens'.  
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For 2024 we have our usual programme of meetings with visiting speakers. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month excluding August and December. The February meeting is booked for 21<sup>st</sup> and the March meeting for the 20<sup>th</sup>, which is also the date for our Spring Show. Information on our website is updated monthly.

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13 April	10 August	14 December



## FROM QUEEN ELEANOR'S



At the end of last year, church schools from around the diocese of Guildford were invited to create artwork on the theme of 'God's Gift', to be displayed in the cathedral. The children at Queen Eleanor's created three figures, shown below, each celebrating the gift of creativity.



♥ **The manger**, left, that represents the birth of Jesus and the journey he took from that moment onwards. Surrounding him are images of the three gifts given by the magi.

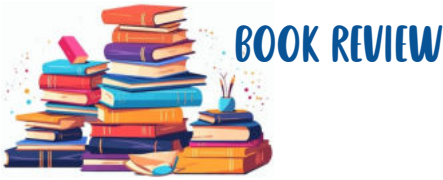
♥ **An angel**, below left, that watches over and protects our planet. Recognising that we have all received the gift of the planet earth, the children included messages of thanks and wishes for the planet from every class in the school.



♥ **One of the three kings** (right).

Mindful of the importance of sustainability, the children used recycled materials to make the artwork.





## **Keep Calm and Trust God**

Jake Provan and Keith Provan (2014)

These books have changed my life.

2023 has been a challenging year for me, with the death of my stepsister as well as that of a long-standing friend. Coupled with that my day job has been very tricky. The company that I work for have made a number of people redundant, including my manager. Work that he previously covered has now been delegated to me, in addition to my normal work, resulting in me being pushed out of my comfort zone and stretched rather thinly.

When helping with the death of my stepsister I came across these books that she had. Nobody else wanted them so it was felt appropriate for me to re-home them. They are a very easy read. Each chapter comprises a theme such as anxiety, pressure, facing a crisis or forgiveness, and covers these concepts to include a discussion, prayer, scripture and meaningful quotes. These have really resonated with me and often have provided direct comfort to help with underlying aspects that I have struggled with.

I continue to read these daily, to the extent that now, quite often, when events occur which evoke painful emotions, the words in the book spring to mind rather than dwelling on anxiety or self-criticism.

Hence, these have been a real comfort to me in the roller coaster of life. I hope they can be helpful to you.

*Elizabeth Paoli*

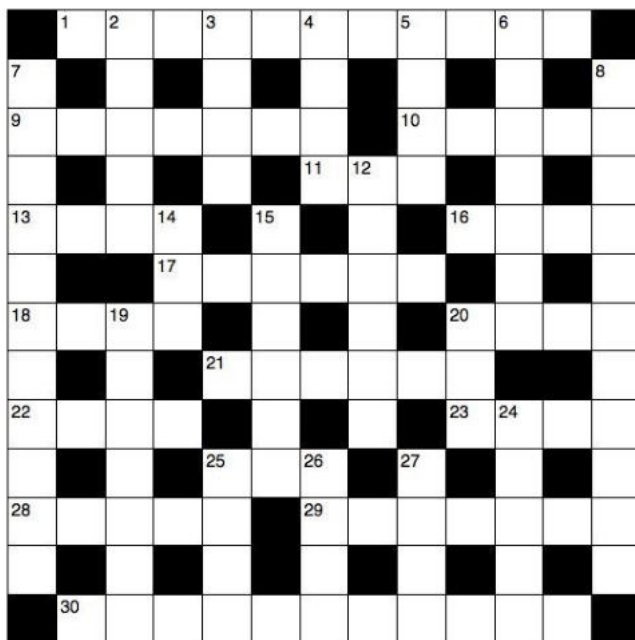




## PUZZLE PAGE

### CROSSWORD

Answers on page 40



#### Across

1 Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11)

9 Go smite (anag.) (7) 10 'But — I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee' (Matthew 26:32) (5)

11 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matthew 26:26) (3) 13 Type (2 Thessalonians 2:10) (4)

16 'Woe to those who — iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4)

17 'How shall we — if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6)

18 Opposite of evens (4)

20 Previously cited (Latin) (4)

21 'There is surely — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis 20:11) (2,4)

22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2 Thessalonians 3:6) (4)

23 Beat (anag.) (4)

25 To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3)

28 Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5)

29 Attain (Job 5:12) (7)

30 Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)



## Down

- 2 Smell (John 11:39) (5)  
 3 Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4)  
 4 'Jesus Christ is the — yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4)  
 5 Tidy (4)  
 6 Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7)  
 7 Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11)  
 8 Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11)  
 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6)  
 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1)  
 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6)  
 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but — us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13) (7)  
 20 D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, — D. Sankey (3)  
 24 Rarely used musical note (5)  
 25 'Your will be done on earth — it — in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2)  
 26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will — them with a — , as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4)  
 27 See 26 Down

## SUDOKU

Solution on page 40

			6				7	
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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt,  
now in charge of the stored food as famine  
spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

Joseph's father sent 10 of Joseph's  
brothers to Egypt to buy food.



Joseph saw they did not recognise him.  
He wanted to see his little brother Benjamin.

To prove you are  
not spies, you must  
bring your other  
brother to me...



They needed more  
food so they had  
to take Benjamin  
to Egypt.

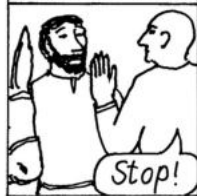


Joseph gave them food...



but to test them he  
had his cup put in Benjamin's sack.

Then as they  
went home...



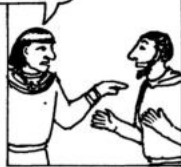
You have stolen my  
master's special cup.



The servant  
took them back  
to Joseph.



You are a thief and  
must stay as a  
slave.



But Judah said



Joseph saw that his brothers had  
changed.



I can look after you.  
Come and live with me.



So all of Joseph's  
family moved  
to Egypt.





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## EPIPHANY: 6TH JANUARY

Epiphany, also known as Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day which falls on 6th January. It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three Kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

In Spain and Latin America, *El Dia de los Reyes* is just as important as Christmas Day itself. A bit like how you might leave a carrot and mince pie out on Christmas Eve, the night before *El Día de los Reyes*, children leave out drinks for the Three Kings and there are parades and fire-works displays to mark the occasion.

### Crossword answers (grid on page 36)

ACROSS: 1, Godlessness. 9, Egotism. 10, After. 11, Eat. 13, Sort. 16, Plan. 17, Escape. 18, Odds. 20, Idem. 21, No fear. 22, Idle. 23, Abet. 25, Ail. 28, Eaves. 29, Achieve. 30, Grasshopper.

DOWN: 2, Odour. 3, Lair. 4, Same. 5, Neat. 6, Settled. 7, Gershonites. 8, Grandmother. 12, Apples. 14, TES. 15, Octopi. 19, Deliver. 20, Ira. 24, Breve. 25, As is. 26, Lash. 27, Whip.

### Sudoku solution (grid on page 37)

9	4	2	6	8	5	3	7	1
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## WORSHIP AND READINGS

	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>4pm</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> January, Epiphany	Holy Communion  Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12	Altogether Worship: Epiphany  Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12	4pm Tea Time Church  Matthew 12:1-12
14 <sup>th</sup> January, Epiphany 2		Family Communion with Children's Church (BW to preside and preach)  1 Samuel 3:1-10, Revelation 5:1-10 and John 1:43-end	4pm Tea Time Church (Mike and Rosemary Woodcock)  John 1:43-end Phillip and Nathanael
21 <sup>st</sup> January, Epiphany 3	BCP Communion  Genesis 14:17-20, Revelation 19:6-10 and John 2:1-11	Morning Worship with Children's Church  Genesis 14:17-20, Revelation 19:6-10 and John 2:1-11	4pm Tea Time Church  John 2:1-11 Jesus changes water into wine
28 <sup>th</sup> January, Epiphany 4 Presentation of Christ in the Temple		Family Communion with Children's Church  Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Revelation 12:1-5a and Mark 1:21-28	4pm Tea Time Church Songs of Praise

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: JANUARY

Tuesday 2nd, 12 noon	Funeral of Yvonne Quittenton
Wednesday 3rd, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Monday 8th, 9.30am	Eco Vision Group
Monday 8th, 10am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 8th, 4pm	Barnabas Group
Monday 8th, 7.15pm	PCC Meeting
Tuesday 9th, 7.30pm	Preaching Group
Wednesday 10th, 10am	Clergy & Wardens Meeting
Wednesday 10th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
Wednesday 10th, 4.30pm	Tea-time Church Planning
Wednesday 10th, 5pm	Mission Vision Group
Thursday 11th, 1.30pm	Funeral of Brenda Horsley
Friday 12th, 9.30am	Toddler Group
Friday 12th, 3pm	Friday Group
Saturday 13th, 5.30pm	Young Adults Zoom
Monday 15th, 2pm	Hearing Clinic
Monday 15th, 3pm	Hard of Hearing Group
Monday 15th, 7.30pm	Big Build Steering Group
Tuesday 16th, 6pm	Safeguarding Team Meeting
Wednesday 17th, 2.30pm	Dray Court Service
Wednesday 17th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 19th, 9.30am	Toddler Group
Saturday 20th, 8.30am	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 21st, 11am	Vicar's Update at Coffee
Sunday 21st, 5.30pm	Youth Group
Tuesday 23rd, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 24th, 7.30pm	Deanery Synod
Friday 26th, 9.30am	Toddler Group
Friday 26th, 3pm	Friday Group

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