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Growing Disciples Deepening Community



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## 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:  
Church 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](https://www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford)



## THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE



At the beginning of a new year, it's natural for our thoughts to turn to the future; thinking about what the year – or maybe years – ahead will bring. What might the year ahead hold, at global, national and local level?

I recently read an article from a think tank called 'Future Agenda' ([futureagenda.org](http://futureagenda.org)), which helps organisations to identify emerging opportunities, and so make more informed decisions. An aspect of their research is entitled 'Keeping the Faith', projecting how the next ten years or so might pan out. Their research has shown that the world's religious landscape is changing dramatically, partly due to increased migration; and most countries are becoming more religiously diverse. As people move, they take their beliefs with them; for many, religion is one of the few aspects of their previous life, a key to their sense of identity, which remains stronger than the citizenship of their adopted country.

Research also shows that more than eight out of ten people around the world identify with a religion, and are influenced by it in the way they live. Research suggests that over the next few decades Christianity will remain the largest religious group; but that Islam may almost equal that number by 2050. The concept of religious freedom, a human right, is increasingly being challenged; and the secular nature of state governance may well be re-shaped.

These are issues for us to consider as we enter this new year together. We live in an increasingly global world, and knowledge of that wider world needs to inform how we live and how we pray.

But our lives are also lived at a local level too, and that's hugely important. The Lord has placed us in families, in communities; and it's the strength of those networks of relationships that brings stability to our world. Jesus said to his disciples, 'This is my command, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this, that he lays down his life for his friends' (John 15:12-13). As we enter the new year together, let's continue to love one another, and strengthen the bonds of mutual care and support between us. As we do that, we offer stability and hope, in the name of Jesus, to our world.

*Beverly*



Church Mission Society (CMS) is now back on the list of organisations to be financially supported by All Saints, replacing USPG which we have supported for the last five years. It is one of three overseas-orientated organisations which we plan to support in 2025, in addition to the Special Project of the Koens family. The other two are Mosaic Middle East and A Rocha International.

CMS is one of the main mission charities supported by the Church of England. It professes to be “a community on a journey of rediscovering God’s mission together”. Essentially, the Society is made up of followers of Jesus, whose ministry often took Him to help and gather people on the edges of society. Not just sick people or the poor, but often those whom society regarded as outcasts, famously Matthew the tax collector, who then became a full disciple. The sick included those suffering from leprosy or, in the language of the time, having an unclean spirit, none of whom were permitted to be included in the social scene.

So, from its earliest beginnings at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, founded by a group of Christians whose hearts were stirred to go to the edges, including William Wilberforce and John Newton, CMS has sought to bring in disciples of Jesus from countries in Africa and Asia. It all started in Sierra Leone, many of the early missionaries being Lutherans from Western Europe with whom CMS had close ties.



**A new training centre for indigenous church leaders, supported by CMS, was inaugurated in northern Argentina this year.**

Now the work of CMS extends to many of the countries in Africa, such as Nigeria, and the East African states of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. In Asia, there is a strong involvement in India and neighbour-



ing countries as well as in China. Recent mergers with other mission societies have brought in countries in South America and more countries in Africa and Asia. The work of CMS is endorsed by people such as Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

CMS itself, in its pioneering work, seeks to move to the edges of church and society, and wants to call others, maybe some of us, to do the

same, by trying new things, asking questions, crossing boundaries and going outside our comfort zones. For CMS, this can mean sharing our love of Jesus with people who have not yet found Him and inviting them to become part of His story. So, CMS is probably more evangelistic in the literal sense than USPG, which tends to concentrate more on project sharing around the world. But CMS might respond to this by saying that bringing people to the Kingdom is what Jesus commended us to do.

CMS claims not to be discouraged easily and recognises that mission at the edges takes time, but all the while recognising that God is the leader here, through the working of the Holy Spirit, with the example of the life and work of Jesus ever in our hearts and minds. Please do visit the CMS website - [churchmissionsociety.org](http://churchmissionsociety.org) - and keep their work in our prayers.

*Richard Hemingway*



**CMS local partner Bisoke Balikenga and his team share the Gospel in refugee camps in eastern DR Congo**



## BIG BUILD UPDATE



Following the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) visit of 6<sup>th</sup> November, they felt that our proposal for a ramp to the hall area needed to be discussed again by their full committee. On 5<sup>th</sup> December they met again and issued a report which stated the following:

“DAC members were very happy with the proposals for the removal of the area of the building that has subsidence and likes the idea of having windows along that wall. They are also happy with the plans for the new extension to house the toilets, kitchen and office space, and understand better how the lobby area will work. They also understand better that the hall does not necessarily need to work in conjunction with the church, and that it is used separately most of the time. Therefore, the need to be able to accommodate all people from both entrances is not so important. They were still however concerned about the ramp going from the front of the church round the edge of the carpark down to the hall.”

As a consequence of the DAC’s report a meeting between our architect, Robin Nugent Associates, members of our steering group and a small DAC subcommittee will meet in early January to resolve the matter.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November saw the launch of our Gift Day. Paddy Payne and Steve Jones used slides produced by Alison Moulden to illustrate the reasoning behind the plans for the whole Big Build. Those present asked many valuable questions which ultimately turned to the cost of the project. Although accurate figures for the whole project have not yet been calculated, an estimate of £750,000 was given.

Since that date some very generous donations have been made. We are targeting £300,000 so that we will be able to seek matched funding from various sources. Since the start of the project last year we have now raised £259,399 which includes Gift Aid. This is a fantastic achievement and an answer to prayer. There is still time to donate. Full details are given on the website and the presentation is available at [youtube.com/watch?v=SYYOXcURhC0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYYOXcURhC0).

*Robin Holdsworth*

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH "MISSION VISION" GOAL: REACHING BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Of the church's various 'Vision Groups', the Mission Vision Group is the one which is totally outward looking, fulfilling All Saints' commitment to play its part outside the bounds of the church itself within the wider world.

This is not limited to supporting Christians and Christian ministry in far flung lands (though that is an important part of what we do!), but we also see caring for the environment (mirroring God's love for his creation), and caring for those in need (reflecting God's love for the poor, the vulnerable, and oppressed as emphasised time and again in the Bible) as fundamental expressions of faith. This giving is an expression of the collective life of the church and complements what we give individually.

### **What does the Mission Vision Group do?**

#### *Financial giving from the church*

We draw up a list of charities to support for approval by the PCC. All Saints sets aside a budget each year to provide financial support to selected causes. The Mission Vision Group annually reviews the list of organisations, but we aim to support each selected charity for three to five years; longer term support is more meaningful than single donations, especially for smaller charities, and helps us achieve a connection as the members get more information about the causes being supported. Continuity enables us to promote the relationship and understanding within the congregation through magazine articles and regular invitations to speak in church. Limiting the number of years allows us to refresh and take on worthy new causes (or revisit old ones) from time to time.

#### *Promote connection with the church members through speakers and articles*

Aiming to inspire the church with the outward vision, twice per year we invite a speaker from one of the organisations to come to a service and talk about their work and how our support makes a difference. Armed with refreshed knowledge of the charities through monitoring their mailings, website and personal links, we write monthly articles in this magazine, and place information in the weekly notice sheet to keep the congregation informed, and also inform the church's prayer focus on Mission.



### *Mission events and fundraisers*

Each year we organise a few special events and fundraisers. In 2024 we organised the Christian Aid Week car wash, a sponsored Bible reading, and a church walk. In addition, the church's lent lunch and harvest lunch raised money for mission causes.

### **Who do we support?**

#### *The Koens family, working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea*

Andrew and Clare Koens live in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea, with their three children Levi, Heidi and Eowyn. Andrew repairs and maintains the motorcycles and other equipment essential for the mission workers. Clare teaches and provides support for mission workers and their families at the International School. Clare has links with All Saints and personally knows people in the congregation. Wycliffe's mission is "to serve local partners worldwide as they bring God's word to their communities in the language which speaks to them best."

Clare and Andrew raise their own financial support to enable them to continue to live and work in Papua New Guinea. All Saints provides part of the core long term commitment: £300 per quarter, plus funds raised in special events. For more information, see the August and December magazine articles and [wycliffe.org.uk/](http://wycliffe.org.uk/).

#### *A rolling list of six charities, plus Christian Aid*

We aim for a balanced split between local and international organisations, spread across three types of work:

- Development / Relief / Social needs
- Gospel Mission / Bible
- Environmental



Mosaic Middle East (MME): job creation, humanitarian relief, and Christian witness in Iraq and Jordan. (June 2024 magazine).

[mosaicmiddleeast.org](http://mosaicmiddleeast.org)



#### **Church Mission Society (CMS)**

Overseas mission and development. See this month's magazine article.



### **Friends International (Guildford Branch)**

Building links between international students and local families (see September magazine).

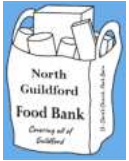
[friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk](http://friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk)



### **A Rocha**

Network of Christian environmental projects and partnerships, best known for the 'Eco Church' scheme (see April 2024 magazine).

[arocha.org.uk](http://arocha.org.uk)



### **North Guildford Food Bank (local)**

We make financial donations and collect food, with the aim of ensuring no one in Guildford goes hungry (see November magazine).

[northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk/](http://northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk/)



### **ReSkilled (local)**

Woodworking workshop for long term unemployed to build confidence, skills, and help them back to sustainable employment. All wood comes

from recycled sources and the products are for sale (see October magazine).

[ReSkilled.org](http://ReSkilled.org)



### **Christian Aid**

Responds to humanitarian emergencies around the world helping people of all faiths (see May magazine).

[christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk)

### **Who is in the Mission Vision Group?**

Core members are Bruce Hopwood (Chair), Richard Hemingway, Carolyn Nicholls and Katherine Hopwood. We are looking for new members to bring fresh ideas and to be involved in the selection of charities and inspiring the congregation through the communications and events outlined above.

### **Would you like to be involved?**

If so, please speak to Beverly or any of the group.

*Bruce Hopwood*

**NET ZERO CARBON CONFERENCE**  
**18TH JANUARY.**  
**PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL**



This month we bring you a piece from the latest Guildford Diocese 'Parish Brief':

*A Q&A with Steve Collins, Net Zero Carbon Programme Manager*

**Who should come to the net zero conference?**

We are shaping the content primarily for leaders of parish churches (e.g. PCC members and others involved in leading the church and running its activities and buildings). But we think anyone who is interested in creation care and addressing climate change, would find the day inspiring and useful.

**What will they learn?**

With input from our Bishops and Andy Atkins (CEO of A Rocha UK), the focus will include why creation care and addressing climate change is such an integral part of our lives and ministries as Christians and churches. Participants will hear about Portsmouth Cathedral's inspiring Net Zero Carbon (NZC) journey and how many of the things they have done are easily replicable in smaller parish churches. A short interactive workshop with a Q&A will run for those especially interested in A Rocha's Eco Church initiative. Diocesan NZC representatives will explain the different ways in which they are supporting parishes in their net zero journeys.

**Isn't it expensive to make your church net zero?**

It can be, but not all steps towards NZC are expensive, and it can often save money in the longer term. The team at Portsmouth Cathedral told me that they have been 'blessed by being a cash-strapped cathedral'. Because of their financial challenges, they have been very deliberate about taking quite small actions every year since 2013, to cut their carbon emissions by around 50%. I hope that hearing more at the conference about their many transferable but significant actions, will inspire and encourage others.

## **What support is available to parishes?**

We appreciate that starting on a journey towards NZC can be daunting for parishes. Diocesan NZC teams will share the main ways they can help parishes get started on their journey, and access funding and technical resources.

The Net Zero Conference, organised by Portsmouth, Guildford and Chichester Dioceses, is on 18 January.

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## **ON THE GO AS DEO**

I'm not short (saving in the literal sense) of things to do in my two environmental roles. Mondays sees me in Church House Guildford, working for the diocese here as Environment Officer, as part of the FABULOUS Net Zero Team. Our very own Andy Wells volunteers for the team on a Monday too, doing amazing things with tech and data that boggle my brain, but are invaluable to our work. For my part, I've always been 'hearts and minds' focussed. From the three years that I did the job as a volunteer like Andy, to the nine months I've done it as a paid member of staff, it revolves around supporting the Net Zero work of the diocese and encouraging churches to take up Eco Church, keep working towards another award, filling their energy data so we can measure carbon footprints, and generally supporting the environmental work of our wonderful, hard-working parishes. So I pop up at Deanery Synods as often as I can to give talks, visit churches, write case studies, plan comms, make videos, and try to get parishes working together.

That's Monday – plus one other day of the week, which changes with what's going on. The other days find me working for three Deaneries in Westminster, as the Net Zero Officer there. My job has been to support all the Eco Churches (22 to date) to work together on Net Zero. We recently received a £100,000 grant from Westminster City Council to get some of the preparatory works done, after 10 energy audits were undertaken last year. We're called the Westminster Forum and we have regular meetings, decide how to look for funding, provide audits, support getting Net Zero actions done, and generally do whatever it takes to get churches signed up to Eco Church and on a pathway to Net Zero. The churches range from 1960s buildings similar to our own, to international churches such as St Martin in the Fields and St James' Piccadilly. I'm

even in contact with the Net Zero Lead at Westminster Abbey, and have been to eco events there. It's been a bumpy ride at times, as I'm employed in a 'grass roots' capacity, and not by London Diocese; no-one else has done this kind of role in the CofE before, so I'm trying to blaze a path without singeing too many toes along the way!

So if you ever spent a moment wondering why I am always nudging All Saints to go further on our eco journey, at least you can take comfort from the knowledge you are not alone. There are roughly 200 more parishes getting the same treatment, across Surrey and the City of Westminster. But, obviously, none so dear to my heart as All Saints.

*Alison Moulden*

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**The Journey of the Magi (1927)**

**T.S. Eliot**

"A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter."  
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.  
But there was no information, and so we continued  
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a birth, certainly,  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.





## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

The Church of England Representation Rules require that every six years an entirely new Electoral Roll must be compiled. This requirement applies in 2025, as the current roll was compiled in 2019 and revised annually in the interim. This article explains the timetable and procedure for compilation and the purpose of the Electoral Roll.

The date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is the determining factor for the timetable and in 2025 this will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Formal written notice of the compilation must be given at least two months before the APCM and this will be posted in the church foyer on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Enrolment can begin from that date and must be completed by Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the new Roll will be posted and no changes can then be made until the conclusion of the APCM.

Enrolment must be done by completing the appropriate form, which will be available in church from 16<sup>th</sup> January and can also be downloaded from the church website: [allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/about-us/electoral-roll/](https://allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/about-us/electoral-roll/). Completed forms can be put into the post-box opposite the office door, or scanned and emailed to [allsaintschurchgfd@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintschurchgfd@gmail.com).

To qualify for inclusion on the Roll, you must be baptised and aged 16 or over and a member of the Church of England. You should also either be resident in the Parish or, if not resident, then have habitually attended public worship in the Parish during the six months prior to enrolment. It is also possible for members of other churches to enrol under certain conditions.

By enrolling, you will become a voting member of the Church of England and so be entitled to vote at the APCM on matters such as electing the Parochial Church Council and our representatives on the Deanery Synod. You will also be eligible for election to Church appointments.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email on [richard@thepointers.plus.com](mailto:richard@thepointers.plus.com) or phone 01483 576785.

*Richard Pointer  
Electoral Roll Officer*

*2nd December 2024*

Eowyn and I (Clare) enjoyed a three-day trip to Brisbane, Australia, for a check-up. All is well on the medical front. We squeezed in plenty of fun activities too! Eowyn is almost half-way through her final year of primary school now.



Two days after returning from Brisbane, our cat gave birth to two kittens. Levi's most interesting-sounding course this semester has been 'consumer fraud'. He also does daily exercise as part of his personal fitness course. At times he has combined this with walking the dog of some translator friends while they were working in a remote part of PNG.



Despite being one of only three girls in her grade level (year group), Heidi has some good friends at school and in her Bible study group. Here she is with two of them on 'blue and white day'. Although there have been no teachers available to lead the school band this semester, Heidi continues to learn the French horn.

Andrew's last few months have looked different from what we expected. He developed a serious case of cellulitis at the end of August and is finally now back at work full time. (Those who enjoy the gory details are welcome to read his [blog post](#).) We are thankful that Andrew has recovered, that he didn't have to leave the country to receive medical treatment, and for our wonderful



[clinic staff](#) who spent hours caring for Andrew's wounds and giving IV antibiotics.

I (Clare) have been busy helping to provide care for mission workers in a whole range of ways. I have also been taking a course to help me work more effectively with [Third Culture Kids](#), including a youth mental health first aid course. This has proved to be extremely helpful already as I support various members of the community here, including parents. I am relieved though that the late night Zoom sessions are now over!

We would appreciate prayer for our own children and for the other children and teenagers on our translation centre. [Here are some pointers](#) for praying for Third Culture Kids in the areas of Grace, Relationship, Identity and Truth (GRIT):

### ***Grace***

- ★ Pray that they would be lovers of all people and cultures. That they would remember to give grace when they can only see a culture's faults and shortcomings – especially in their passport country.
- ★ Pray that God would comfort them and walk with them through the seasons of grief and transition.
- ★ Pray that they would learn to be dependent on the Lord and not on their own strength.
- ★ Pray that God would heal the hurt and grief that come with so many goodbyes.

### ***Relationships***

- ★ Pray that God would teach them how to build deep, lasting relationships with others. That they would be brave enough and humble enough to let people really get to know them.
- ★ Pray that God would lead them to people who appreciate and hone their cross-cultural knowledge and experiences.
- ★ Pray that they would be humble and willing to learn from others, especially in their passport country.

### ***Identity***

- ★ Pray they would learn to be comfortable in their own skin and free to be who God has made them to be, even if that doesn't perfectly align with any culture.
- ★ Pray that God would use their independence and cultural savvy in

great ways for His glory.

- ★ Pray that God would show them how much He loves them, cares about them, and celebrates them – not for being a Third Culture Kid, but just for being His child.

### **Truth**

- ★ Pray that God would show them that their life overseas was ordained for a purpose. That it wasn't just God's plan for their parents, but for them also.
- ★ Pray that they would allow God to untangle the truths from the lies about their time overseas and the way they were raised.
- ★ Pray for God's protection on their heart and mind.

Thank you for your partnership and encouragement this year. May the wonder of the first Christmas, the joy of God's abundant blessings and the peace of Jesus' presence be with you as Christmas approaches and throughout the year to come.

*Andrew and Clare Koens, with Levi, Heidi and Eowyn*

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## **GOD IN THE ARTS: 'THE ANNUNCIATION' BY DOMENICO VENEZIANO**

*The Annunciation* is by Domenico Veneziano, who died in Florence in 1461. It is part of the Magnoli altarpiece, and other panels are on display in Washington and Berlin. The scene has been much loved of artists throughout the ages. We can read the account of Gabriel announcing the good news of motherhood to Mary in chapter two of St Luke's Gospel. In the simplicity and beauty of Veneziano's work, we see Gabriel kneeling with lilies, the traditional symbol of our Lady, who is standing on the far side of the canvas. It is early morning, but the two squares on the wall show the blackness of night. They stand either side of a garden where the door is closed.

An enclosed garden, like the lilies, is a medieval symbol of Mary. 'A gar-

den locked is my sister, my bride, a garden locked, a fountain sealed' we read in the Song of Songs. We might think of the Garden of the Hesperides or the apple orchard of Avalon, or perhaps a monastic herbal garden. They are all images of fruitfulness and new life enclosed by walls. Mary receives the good news of Gabriel and responds with the words, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord.' Her words will open the garden door and lead her out into the new world of redemption, just as Genesis tells us how turning against God closed the garden door of Eden to Adam and Eve.

The pathway from the portico and garden in Veneziano's painting will take Mary into a world where she will give birth to a son, Emmanuel. But that joy of motherhood will be coloured by a flight to Egypt and eventually the death of her Son. Then another garden will announce new and eternal life in the joy of the Resurrection. Here Mary's words will open that door in the garden. She will walk through, trusting in God and letting love guide her steps.

We begin this New Year with an invitation to open the door of our lives to God's guidance and love. That invitation begins with the good news of Emmanuel, God with us. Trusting in that gospel, we can open our lives, like the door of the garden, and travel in trust and love through all that the year will bring.

*parishpump.co.uk*





# BIG Garden Birdwatch

**24th-26th January 2025**  
visit [rspb.org.uk](https://www.rspb.org.uk) to take part



Make 'enjoying nature' your priority. From bird watching to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or vegetables, or exploring an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK, be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this coming year and allow it to lead your thoughts towards God our Creator. Further ideas can be found at [arocha.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature/](https://www.arocha.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature/).





## RECOLLECTIONS OF OCTOBER 1974

I have before me a somewhat frail copy of the Surrey Daily Advertiser. It is called a special early edition and is dated noon on Monday 7th October 1974. It has the large banner headline of "Planned Murder". It cost 3p. It is all about the horrific events of the evening of Saturday 5th October when the (so called) Guildford pub bombings took place. Five people were killed, and many more injured, when bombs went off in two Guildford pubs. There are eyewitness accounts and copious dramatic pictures including the well-known one of the then Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, walking somberly down the centre of North Street.

We were living in Lynwood at the time and watching television that Saturday evening. There was an announcement about explosions happening but we did not hear the location name properly and thought it said "Ilford". After all, we had heard nothing. However, our phone then started ringing and we have never received so many calls before (or since) asking after our wellbeing. Graham Richings, from the Men's Coffee Morning Group, was an Inspector in the Surrey Police at the time, living in a police house at Artington. They heard nothing that evening and he was completely unaware of the previous evening's events when he went on duty at 6am that Sunday in the Operations Room at Mount Browne. Imagine his surprise on arrival to find it was already extremely busy and to see the Chief Constable there in person!

Life goes on and the following Thursday 10th October was the second General Election of 1974. It came against the background of a hung Parliament, the aftermath of a three-day working week and inflation at 17%. The Labour Party, under Harold Wilson, won with a majority of three seats and 39% of the votes cast. The local MP, Conservative David Howell, increased his majority.

Later that month, on 22nd October, our daughter Clare was born – three weeks prematurely. She was born early in the morning and upon driving home after the birth I was in the upper High Street when, out of nowhere, armed police surrounded my car. I was asked about my movements and I explained that I was returning from St. Luke's after becoming a father for the second time. They must have believed me as they put their weapons down and shook my hand. Guildford was still on high alert after the bombings and would be for a while longer.

*Richard Pointer*

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## PARISH PROFILE: BECKY & JON SALMON



### **Where do you live and how long have you been in the area?**

Shock exclusive...we don't live in Onslow Village! Jon's a local lad but counts his time studying in Falmouth as his most formative years (he was also born in Cornwall after surprising his parents on holiday). Becky has been here for about 15 years, hailing originally from deepest Dorset to work for GuilFest. We rent a flat on the edge of

the town centre just off the Portsmouth Road (if you know your pubs, we're between The Brit, The Ship and The White House – or if you prefer churches, between Millmead, St Nics and the URC).

### **Where and how did you meet?**

We met at our previous church at an art group, which eventually dwindled to just the two of us...this ultimately turned out to be a good thing, as it brought us both together! We bonded over a love of charity shopping, 70s design and our niche interest in social housing history. Coastal salt marsh and steam heritage excursions sealed the deal!

### **Tell us what brought you to All Saints and what do you value most about All Saints and its community?**

We'd been looking for an inclusive church that was welcoming, friendly, and genuine, and we were made to feel at home straight away. Church being involved in its local community was also important to us, particularly in a time of rising costs and isolation...people really need hope. Becky had re-watched The Vicar of Dibley in lockdown and felt drawn back to the deep comfort of traditional hymns, routines and sense of family that parish life brings (not that I'm comparing All Saints to Dibley, just to be clear!). Lastly, being mid-century architecture nerds, we've



somewhat fallen in love with the building.

### **Where do you like to spend time in Guildford?**

The pub (particularly the Royal Oak and Ye Olde Ship Inn), and the Downs (or, Becky says Down'pub, if you're trying to be clever)

### **Your desert island discs?**

Becky's would be 'Rumours' and 'Pet Sounds'...the third she'd never be able to decide (but it would be shamelessly disco – Boney M or the Grease soundtrack probably). Jon's would be a roster of weird, obscure bands ('Days' by Real Estate is a long-term fave). He puts this down to three things: liking chilled tunes, his Dad's influence as a serious record collector, and a general dislike for most contemporary pop music. Becky thinks it just boils down to whether it features rare analogue synthesizers and ironic hints of 'lift' music...

### **Favourite books?**

Funnily enough, Jon mainly likes reading maps, particularly OS Explorer maps, just like Clare, who was interviewed for the October magazine. Becky doesn't have the ability to put a book down once she's started (not helpful given she needs lots of sleep!) so is on a self-imposed book ban. However, we're both working our way through the Harry Potter audio books, enjoying the dulcet tones of Stephen Fry after endless recommendations from friends. It's had unique success in stopping us doom scrolling (looking at our phones) prior to bed.

### **Describe yourselves in three words**

Becky's would be 'enthusiastic, except mornings', and Jon's would be 'kind of nerdy'. Together, our fast-becoming catch phrase is "Salmon... like the fish".





## INTRODUCING...CREATIVE CORNER



Welcome to our creative page...new for 2025! Perhaps you enjoy writing poetry or short stories? Or maybe you love drawing cartoons or painting the local landscapes in watercolour? There are no fixed rules...we would just love to share and celebrate people's works of genius!

Thank you so much to *David Jesson* for our first offering: a drabble (a short work of fiction of exactly 100 words) called 'The End of the World'.

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The atmosphere had been tense for days and the Threat Level had fluctuated between 'Moderate' and 'Substantial'. Warning signs were clear: skirmishes more frequent, escalating in intensity. It was only a matter of time before disaster struck. That morning it was clear: the situation was deteriorating. By lunchtime the Threat Level was at 'Severe', and during the afternoon it rose to 'Critical' The world ended at teatime:

"But I wanted the green plate!"

The child wailed, limbs thrashing on the floor.

Later, the child soothed and sleeping peacefully, a toast was drunk to surviving the end of the world - again.

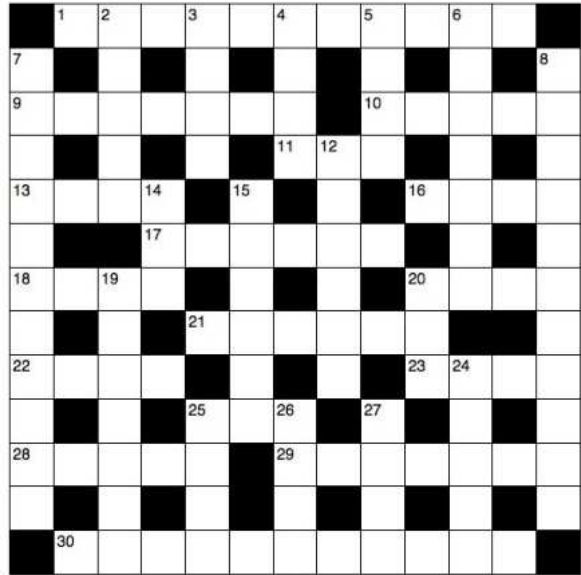
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If you enjoyed reading that, then please help us fill Creative Corner in future magazines! Send your creations to [allsaintsmag@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsmag@gmail.com), or email us any questions you may have. Pictures and paintings will need to be in electronic format - taking a good quality photograph of artwork is usually the easiest way.

Thank you, and we very much look forward to hearing from you!  
*Magazine Team*



## PUZZLE PAGE



## CROSSWORD

Answers on page 31

### 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 38

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## GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL EXHIBITION: LIGHT IN DARKNESS

From Sunday 1st December to Sunday 2nd February, the cathedral is hosting an exhibition of inspiring artworks from local schools based on the theme "The light shines in darkness, the darkness has never put it out". Here are some of the creations from children at Queen Eleanor's, along with their teachers' explanations.



"This sculpture (*left*) made by Year 3, reminds us that God gave us Jesus - light of the world. We have represented Jesus as a large, bright star - much like the star that shone brightly above the stable when he was born. The smaller stars are us, as we follow Jesus' words."



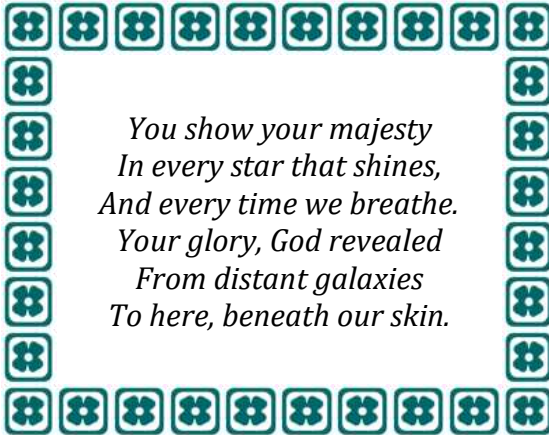
"In this sculpture (*above*), also by Year 3, the hands show the light that emanates from each one of us. This light penetrates the darkness in the same way that God is our 'light in the darkness'."



"The Year 4 children made this sculpture, (*left*) which is a collection of thoughts and images about this year's theme. It shows each child's understanding of 'Light in the Darkness'."



“In this sculpture, created by Year 5, you can see the light that is present all around us. The children thought about God bringing light into our lives. God created our universe, and gave us ‘Light in the Darkness’.”


  
*You show your majesty  
 In every star that shines,  
 And every time we breathe.  
 Your glory, God revealed  
 From distant galaxies  
 To here, beneath our skin.*

### Crossword answers (grid on page 28)

**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.

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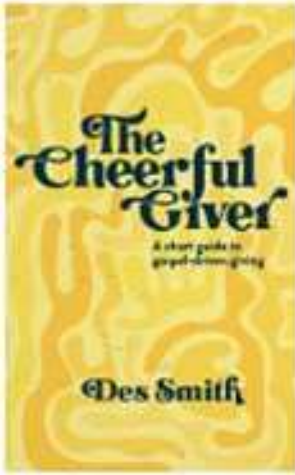
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## BOOK REVIEWS



### **The Cheerful Giver - a short guide to gospel-driven giving**

**By Des Smith, TenPublishing, £3.99**

The Cheerful Giver is a short and accessible guide to the topic of Christian generosity. It begins by showing why Christians should be generous, how God's generosity to us in the gospel should enlarge our hearts and make us generous, before addressing the practical questions of how much people should give and where that giving should be directed.

Easily able to be read in less than an hour, and written in a conversational tone, this short book would be an excellent complement to a one-off talk or a short sermon series on generosity. It would also be ideal for pastors who are looking for a resource that will help as they speak about congregational giving.



### **But Is It Real? - Answering 10 Common Objections To The Christian Faith**

**By Amy Orr-Ewing, IVP, £9.99**

Amy Orr-Ewing gives thoughtful and credible answers to common objections to the Christian faith.

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Christian faith has to say amid all the pain, confusion and complexity of life."

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Numbers 22: 2 to 24:25

The Israelites camped across the river Jordan from the kingdom of Moab. King Balak was sure they were going to invade.

Balak told Balaam he would pay him to curse the Israelites, but ...



God told Balaam to not do it.

Balak asked him again.



God said Balaam could go but must do what he was told.

On the way, Balaam's donkey saw an angel and wouldn't move.



Balaam couldn't see the angel and grew angry.

The donkey was stopped by the angel again, and then a third time.



Balaam was so angry that he hit his donkey.

God let the donkey speak.



Have I ever done this before?

Then Balaam saw the angel...



You should not have hit her. She was right to stop. Make sure you do only what God says.

King Balak was ready to pay Balaam.



Look, there they are. Now curse them.



I will only say what God tells me to say.

Balaam tried to curse the Israelites but he could only say a blessing.



The King was not happy.

Again, Balaam could only bless, not curse.



The King grew angry.

A third time, Balaam could only bless.



I'm not paying you anything

I told you I had to say what God wanted me to say.



And Balaam went back home.

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**Sudoku solution**  
(grid on page 29)

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## WORSHIP AND READINGS

<b>2025</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>4pm</b>
5 <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: Epiphany  Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12
12 <sup>th</sup> January, 1 <sup>st</sup> of Epiphany – the Baptism of Christ		Family Communion with Children’s Church  Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17,21-22	4pm Tea Time Church: The Baptism of Christ  Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17,21-22
19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Epiphany	BCP Communion  Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11	Morning Worship with Children’s Church  Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11	4pm Tea Time Church: Water into Wine  Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11
26 <sup>th</sup> January, 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany		Family Communion with Children’s Church  Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a and Luke 4:14-21	3pm Licensing of Bob Cooper, new Cathedral Dean, at the Cathedral.  No Tea Time Church today



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JANUARY

Monday 6th	<i>Epiphany</i>
Monday 6th, 7.30pm	Big Build Group Meeting
Tuesday 7th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 8th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 10th, 3.00pm	Friday Breakfast
Saturday 11th, 8.30am	Prayer Breakfast
Monday 13th, 10.00am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Tuesday 14th, 7.15pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 15th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
Wednesday 15th, 2.30pm	Dray Court Service
Wednesday 15th, 7.30pm	Deanery Synod
Sunday 19th, 5.30pm	Youth Group
Monday 20th, 2.00pm	Hearing Clinic
Tuesday 21st, 6.30pm	Safeguarding Team Meeting
Wednesday 22nd, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Thursday 23rd, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Friday 24th - 26th	Big Garden Birdwatch
Sunday 26th, 3.00pm	Licensing of the Dean at Guildford Cathedral
Monday 27th, 5.30pm	Worship Vision Group





## KEY 2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note, we endeavour to stick to these dates, but sometimes things have to change!

23rd February	Stewardship Sunday
4th March	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
9th March	Lent Lunch
12th March	Lent Course begins
16th March	APCM
30th March	Mothering Sunday
13th April	Palm Sunday
17th April	Maundy Thursday
18th April	Good Friday
20th April	Easter Sunday
21st April	Easter Monday Walk
11th-17th May	Christian Aid Week
17th May	Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale
8th June	Pentecost
15th June	Father's Day
22nd June	Strawberry Teas & Produce Sale
6th July	Godparents' Sunday
13th July	Pet Service
9th August	Cream Teas & Music on the field
7th September	Backpack Sunday and Church Family
20th September	Autumn Fair
11th October	Harvest Quiz & Supper
12th October	Harvest Festival
19th October	Service of Wholeness & Healing
2nd November	Patronal Festival
8th November	Bonfire & Fireworks

## 2025 DATES CONT.

9th November	Remembrance Sunday
9th November	Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved
16th November	Safeguarding Sunday
9th December	Carol Singing with the Guides
14th December	Nine Lessons & Carols



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