

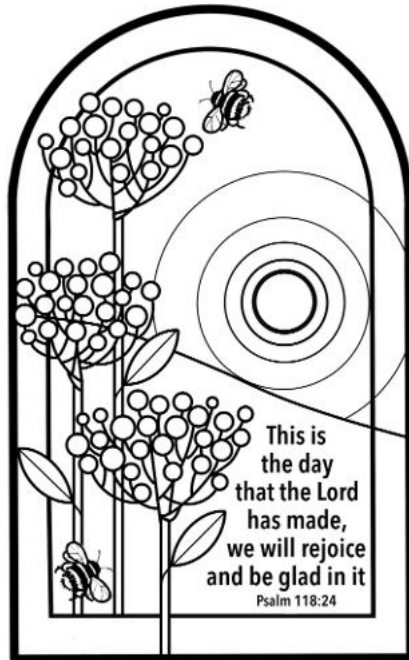


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Welcoming Everyone

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: Cafe-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



THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE



My thoughts from the Vicarage for this month are very much about the Vicarage itself! As many of you will know, I'll be moving from Willow Grange into the Vicarage, hopefully later this month; and the Vicarage will become our family home. As I write, there are builders in the house, putting in a new kitchen and bathroom; and that work is now well underway. There will also be new flooring in the loft, a loft ladder, increased security around the house, and resurfacing of the drive. So there's lots going on!

There's also been a lot to do at Willow Grange, as I prepare for the move. This has mostly been in the form of clearing and sorting, working out what to bring with me, and what to take to charity shops. A big thank you to Trish and Eve, for all their help with sorting books and taking them to Oxfam Books on Guildford High Street.

One of the blessings of this time has been that our daughter Lydia and husband Sam have moved to a Vicarage in Newcastle over the past few weeks. Lydia will be ordained deacon on the 28th June, and then starting a curacy in the parish of St. Martin's Byker and St. Oswald's Walkergate in Newcastle. A few weeks ago Sam and his father arrived at Willow Grange with a large van, and collected quite a lot of furniture to furnish their new home. They also took quite a lot of Andrew's books – Bible Commentaries in particular – which are now safely stowed in Lydia's new study. Passing things on, and more importantly 'passing on the baton' of ordained ministry to Lydia, has been a huge help through this process of transition and change.

At this point I'd like to thank so many of you who've helped and supported me in various ways over the past few months – and in so many different ways. I'm hugely grateful for the love of family and friends, including our church family of All Saints. When I'm fully moved into the Vicarage I'll be inviting you round for coffee/tea, so that you can enjoy our new family home with me.

Wishing you blessings for the month ahead,

Beverly

Despite the focus of attention now being on Iran, Lebanon and the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, Christian communities in Iraq continue to face very challenging times in a country still feeling the effects of ISIS and two major wars. Also, internal strife remains in all its fearful ways.

Recently we received a bulletin from Helen Jackson, Executive Director of MME and the contact person in the UK for churches, such as All Saints, which continue to support the work of MME. The bulletin's headline reads 'St. George's in Baghdad Stands Steadfast as a Beacon of Hope.' She quotes Matthew 12.20 and Isaiah 42.3, the words remaining deeply resonant: "A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through victory." Under the leadership of Rev'd Canon Faiz Jirjees MBE, St. George's continues to stand as a small but powerful witness to hope, reconciliation and resilient community life in Iraq.

Helen tells us that St. George's is one of the few places left where people feel safe, welcomed and known; it is a place where they find dignity, en-



Rev'd Canon Faiz speaking with his congregation

couragement and emotional strength. Here, families receive food parcels, the sick receive medical care at the clinic run by the church and all may find companionship and comfort. Christians, Yazidis and people from other backgrounds continue to worship side by side, as they pray for peace throughout the region. Fr. Faiz knows his congregation deeply, sharing their struggles and hardships with them.

Members of the congregation bear witness to his pastoral care. One says: “You (Fr. Faiz) have helped me with lots of things and encouraged me with your kind and motivating words. The good people are in the church and when the meeting ends, we are happy and greet one another. Parting from them is hard and seeing them is beautiful. All of this happens by the Grace of Jesus and the blessing of the church upon us. No matter how difficult the circumstances are, God’s will is stronger. Amen.” Another says: “We come and pray even though we live far away. We come here to pray with you so that God may protect us, keep us all safe and shield us from evil. Amen.”

So we are asked to pray for God’s protection over St. George’s, and we are told that from our annual donation, £50 will provide church resources for over a week, £100 will almost cover food relief packs for the congregation for a week, and that £250 will just about be enough to fund a paediatric doctor to work at the clinic for a week. Last year we gave nearly £900 to MME, and, by raising the amount of our personal giving to All Saints, we will also be increasing the amount which is available for mission giving to MME and others.

Richard Hemingway



PLASTIC FREE JULY

Laundry: a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (e.g. polyester, nylon, and acrylic) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres.

Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process [here](#) and about this year’s campaign [here](#).



FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL: SATURDAY 18TH JULY

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. On July 18th we will have a short, family pilgrimage to the Cathedral to celebrate his life. Francis is well known for his love of animals, and for founding the Franciscan Order, but there is much more to him than that. He loved all creation, and saw it as a gift of God, and a reason for praising and thanking God. That is why in 1979 Pope John Paul II declared him the Patron Saint of Ecology. He had many adventures in his life, including taming a wild wolf, staging the first ever Nativity play, and walking into the enemy camp in the middle of a fierce battle as a gesture of peace.

Our pilgrimage will begin at St Francis, Westborough, at 10.30am, with refreshments, and all age worship, and then we will walk to All Saints (about a mile) for lunch and more worship and story telling beginning at midday. All Saints will provide drinks, but you will need to bring your own packed lunch. Finally we will walk to the Cathedral (again, about a mile), with a chance to look around before our final worship in the Lady Chapel at 2.30pm.



We would love you and your families to take part. The walks will be guided in a group, and all the sessions will be all age friendly, with story-telling and live-music. You are welcome to come to the whole event from 10.30am, but if you want to join for just part of it, that is fine as well: you can join us at St Francis at 10.30am, All Saints at midday or the Cathedral at 2pm.

You are welcome to turn up on the day, but it would be useful to have an idea of numbers in advance, so there will be an information sheet with a sign-up slip in church from June 28th. I really hope you can join us, and look forward to seeing you on July 18th.

Jay Whittaker



**Relicensing service for
Alison Moulden
Licensed Lay Minister**



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FIVE CHURCHES USING THEIR GARDENS FOR THE GOSPEL

So reads the headline in Premier Christianity magazine's May edition. Journalist Hazel Southam visited the All Saints' orchard and spoke to Beverly, Sue, Trish and Alison. She writes:

'Treasuring creation' was the idea at the heart of the community orchard project started by All Saints' Church in Guildford. "Young people really feel despair about the climate crisis," says Rev Beverly Watson, "and treasuring creation helps with that. We needed to share that with the church and the wider community and open this space up to everyone."

All Saints owned a glebe field overlooking Guildford Cathedral. It already had a cherry and walnut tree, so in 2021, the decision was made to create a community orchard. Ten more trees were added, including cherry, apple, plum and greengage.

Initially, the focus was on creating space for wildlife – the church holds an A Rocha Gold Eco Church Award – but it has increasingly become a place of sanctuary for people, too. Benches provide a place to sit and enjoy the newly planted woodland walk and wildflower meadow.



“It is somewhere people can feel a sense of awe from being in nature, whatever their faith,” says diocesan mission enabler, Alison Moulden. “With all the worries about the climate crisis, it really helps to see things growing – green shoots. That leads you to a creator, which is uplifting. It’s wonderful to allow that spirituality to happen for people who may not come into the church.”

A team of church members and committed locals meet monthly to care for the orchard, meadow and woodland walk. And through this involvement, some are starting to join the church community. Plans are afoot to develop the church building over the next year, opening it out as a space of hospitality that leads down to the orchard. “Developing our hospitality will help with this whole thing of belonging, which is the way into the church,” says Rev Watson. “People like to contribute. Here, they feel that they have something to offer. So, there’s a sense of us serving the community, but also the community serving themselves.”

The orchard, meadow and woodland walk are now used for many outdoor events, particularly with local schools. More than 360 children have attended prayer events in the space over the last year. The fruit grown there is shared with the community. Anyone can pick it. Sue Jones and her husband, Steve, lead the team who care for the orchard. “When we garden, we are there for the plants, but it’s also a time for people to be together.

“It’s given us a sense of being outward looking in what we do,” she adds. “It’s made us compassionate. You have different conversations with people outdoors than you do indoors.”

Valuing God’s creation and being active in the local community has “brought the walls down” between the sacred and secular, she says. “The church is more porous now.”

Well done to the Orchard Project team! You can read Hazel Southam’s full article [here](#).

GREETINGS FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA!

We've fitted in a lot so far this year! Here we all are at the start of 2026.



Recently, I (Clare) was working on a list for my supervisor of work I've done this year. I thought I'd share with you what I've been busy with:

- Meeting with people to listen and pray.
- Exit interviews for those who are leaving.
- Orientation meetings for new arrivals.
- Check-in meetings with those in their first year.
- Responding to emails and queries on a whole range of topics.
- Hosting a Counsellor/Spiritual Director visit.
- Helping colleagues on short-term visits.
- Finding support teams for translators working in remote locations who need help with practical tasks.
- Hosting (with others) a dinner for 32 women who work in remote villages.
- Leading an online 'Sibling Conflict' parent course.
- Parent coaching.
- Leading team meetings.
- Helping in various ways with multiple medevacs.
- Revising procedures for medevac helpers.

And, for a change of scenery, I've occasionally filled in for primary school teachers!

A highlight of this year is that I now have two colleagues, Kim Marselus and Michelle Jezowski, working in Staff Care here with me in Ukarumpa. They are now starting to take on some of the above tasks, and get involved in other ways too. This is a huge blessing to me, and to those they are coming alongside.

SIL PNG, our organisation here in Papua New Guinea, is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Here is one of the 233 New Testaments that have been published during that time. In [this article](#), you can see a picture of Levi meeting the Prime Minister during the week of celebrations!



Prayer Points:

- † We praise God for all the translation work that has taken place over the last 70 years. Pray that the translated Word would continue to lead to transformed lives.
- † Pray for colleagues who are just getting started in language programmes - for good relationships and communication with those they are working with.
- † Please pray for Kim, Michelle and me, as we work together to provide missionary care in Ukarumpa.
- † Please pray for Andrew, who has been experiencing joint pain, especially in his knees, since October. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors, who have been working hard to help with this pain, which has been crippling at times.
- † Pray for the Scripture Use Media department as they make audio recordings in June and July. They are recording Scripture in the Saisai, Misima and Tami languages, and will dub the Jesus Film in the Ghayavi language.

With love and gratitude,

Andrew and Clare Koens, with Levi, Heidi and Eowyn

PARISH PROFILE: SARAH DOWD

Sarah lives on Deerbarn Road with her husband Jon, daughter Alice (when she's home from university) and son William (currently doing A levels at County). Jon and Sarah 'bubbled' during Covid and were married at All Saints, Grayswood in July 2024. They've never 'unbubbled'!

What brought you to Guildford?

I originally came to Guildford to study at Surrey University as an undergrad, stayed for my Masters and then never left! After graduation I worked as an in-house technical and legal translator for Siemens before going freelance in 2001. Then a change in direction - I became a Parish Administrator at All Saints in Grayswood where I've been for the last ten years and absolutely love the variety and challenges that the role brings.

Tell us what brought you to All Saints

I feel as though I have been in and around All Saints for a long time. I first found Vicarage Gate through a friendship with Ellie Messham when I came up for the Olympic torch party. I got to know more of the community when Alice and William went to QE and when I opened the Friday Brownies unit in 2013. Recently I really enjoyed the faith and friendship links with St Francis (my previous parish) - joining Lent courses, exploring the Living in Love and Faith sessions, and seeing William come to confirmation with support from Beverly and Andy.

And now there's a new chapter: we're moving to worship here on Sundays and become more involved in All Saints. Beverly has graciously offered to support me as I start the Foundations in Ministry Course at St Martha's College (Guildford Diocese) in September.

Where do you like to spend time in Guildford?

I think it has to be Dapdune Wharf - an excellent combination of being in nature, by the water, near a second-hand book shop and with a good cup of tea.

Favourite hymns?

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (my school hymn)
Waymaker (which we had at our wedding)

Favourite books?

Jane Eyre, Mister God, this is Anna

Favourite films?

Top Gun; Top Gun: Maverick; Grease

Favourite meal?

Steak, chips, orange juice (no ice)

What's on your fridge?

Among the holiday magnets, school timetable and shopping lists is an adaptation of Psalm 46.10:

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know

Be still

Be

It's good to pause and 'just be' in the middle of the busyness of life.



**Sarah & Jon, left and
Alice & William, below**



SOME SMALL CHURCHES RECENTLY RE-VISITED OR VISITED

In my last article, published in February, I told of St. Melangell's church and shrine at Pennant at the head of the Tanat Valley in North Wales, which Sue and I visited some 20 years ago. In May this year, we spent a short holiday in the valley of the River Dee near Corwen, and had the opportunity to re-visit this most sacred of churches one Sunday afternoon, after driving over the Berwyn Mountains from Bala, and an enjoyable excursion on the lakeside miniature steam railway in the morning.



When we arrived at the end of a very narrow lane at the church car park, we stopped to check what, if any, church services were due to be held in May, observing a notice board situated next to the oldest of the ancient yew trees which surround the site. The time was ten to three, and we read that a Rogation Sunday Service would be held at 3 p.m. No one else could be

seen, and so I started to walk round the large churchyard, photographing one of the less old but still very ancient yew trees (see photos above and right). Next I was surprised to see a fully grown sheep grazing behind the church, despite a warning on the church gate to keep it closed to prevent sheep from entering. Just then Sue called me over as two elderly ladies were arriving for the service, and they showed us into the church and said that the priest would be arriving shortly, and would we like to join the service?



Sometime after three o'clock, Christine, the priest, arrived, bringing her sheepdog with her, and greeted us most warmly, and asked us to choose whether the service

should be inside or out. We demurred, but an outdoor service on a bright if fresh spring afternoon would appear to be totally appropriate at Rogation Tide. The ladies explained that I had just seen Lamb, which was the name given to the solitary ewe (yes, ewe, not yew!) in the churchyard which, as a new born lamb, had been allowed to be raised there! So, at about twenty past three, the service got under way with an attendance of five and a dog! Sue and I shared some of the readings and joined in the litany and other parts of a service. The birds were singing vigorously as we all sang some familiar hymns, otherwise unaccompanied, and the yew trees surrounded us and the Welsh hills rose around us on three sides.

During the service, we paused when a group of pilgrims arrived, having walked many miles over the Berwyn Mountains, and asked to see the Saint's monument in which her remains were held. Christine broke off and attended to them. Eventually, at about 4 o'clock, the service ended and we repaired to the Community Centre next to the church and were given a small memento to take to Beverly on our return.

So we move on to the next of the three churches covered in this article. After leaving Wales, Sue and I drove on to stay with friends near Bowness in the Lake District. Some modest walking was possible, and we did in fact walk, twice, at or near a tiny church on the limestone ridge above Brigsteer in the Lyth Valley north of Sizergh Castle. The ridge was notable for its breathtaking views (above) and abundance of early purple orchids.



This is, in fact, the church of St. John the Evangelist, Helsington, built in 1726 as a chapel to serve the local farming community, who previously would have had to walk some distance to Kendal for their worship. The

church was rebuilt in the late nineteenth century, and later improved by the brother-in-law of Beatrix Potter. As one enters the interior, one cannot help but be struck by a painting at the East End, painted in 1919, depicting twelve female angels worshipping the figure of Christ in a valley landscape (like the one situated below the church). The church lends itself easily to quiet prayer and meditation, and sitting in the churchyard in spring allows one to admire in tranquillity the snowdrops and other spring flowers. If one does this on a stormy day, the trees which surround the church cause a great roaring in the wind.



My final small church (left) sits on slightly raised ground north of the gap town of Lewes where the Sussex Ouse, before it carves its way through the South Downs, has a wide and boggy flood plain. It is the Church of St. Peter, Old Hamsey, parts of which are claimed to be one thousand years old. You can observe that the tower is built of flints. As it is impossible to make a square building from flints, local stone has been brought in to enable the tower to sit four square at the west end of the church.

There are in fact two churches in the parish of Hamsey, the old one, and a newer one built in Victorian times in the village of Offham (pronounced, I believe, "Oafham"), to enable people to reach a church without having to walk along really boggy tracks. Even nowadays, vehicular access to the church is virtually impossible, except when the church is open at weekends, as it is really awkward to park at the end of the lane without impeding gateways etc.

On the occasion of my visit, with a friend, we were met by a lady tending the churchyard, with its Commonwealth war graves. She just had room to park, and we stayed in our car in case it had to be moved, and ate our picnic. What she did not tell us was that in the summer one can see a rare lizard orchid there, definitely one up on our pair of bee orchids at All Saints!

The church is being restored, and several tens of thousands of pounds are needed, but weekend visitors, who may park in a field close by, are encouraged. It is a delightful spot with views across the water meadows to Mount Caburn, itself a notable wildlife reserve, stuffed full of rare butterflies and orchids, including the little known burnt orchid. Access to Mount Caburn (on foot only, and quite a climb!) may be achieved either from the car park on the Ringmer road from Lewes, or from Glynde village. The climb is known as “heart attack hill” by the locals, so be warned!

Richard Hemingway

**Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.
He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;
he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind;
he makes his messengers winds,
his ministers a flaming fire.**

Psalm 104



ALL SAINTS' AUTUMN FAIR

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- eco crafts
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BIG BUILD UPDATE:



We had a site meeting with our architect, project manager, quantity surveyor and structural engineer to familiarise them with the site. Subsequently two new boreholes have been made to check the ground composition where the demolition of the library and chapel will take place. We have also now appointed a mechanical, electrical and power (MEP) consultant, Flatt, a company based in Caterham. Among other issues, we will be discussing the heating needs for the extension. After the visit by Flatt, the architects will be completing the construction drawings over the next two months.

We have begun looking at floor finishes and other internal finishings. We have drawn up briefs for the office and kitchen layouts. One of the DAC requirements was that we had 85% of the cost of the project before starting construction work. We are pleased to say that following the sale of 6 Thorn Bank we believe we fulfil that condition. Nevertheless we are beginning to develop applications for grants.

Robin Holdsworth

**ALL SAINTS'
ORCHARD PROJECT**
Volunteer Mornings

JUL **25** AUG **29** SEP **26**

**ALL WELCOME IN THE CHURCH FIELD
10.30AM-1.00PM**
Please bring your gloves!



On Sunday 7th June, a joint All Saints and OVRA talk took place focussing on both hedgehogs and swifts. Sarah Davis from the Guildford Swift Project has shared the following:

As part of **Swift Awareness Week**, I am writing to introduce you to these wonderful birds. Swifts spend their life on the wing, eating, drinking, mating and even sleeping all whilst in flight. Once they fledge, they can stay aloft for up to three years without landing. They are aerial insectivores that can eat up to 1000 insects in a single day, 5000 if they are also feeding chicks. Their role in controlling insect populations makes them vital to our ecosystem.

Swifts arrive in this country at the end of April and they are only with us for 12 short weeks, leaving by the middle of August at the latest. Hearing their territorial screeches as they fly over our rooftops signifies the oncoming of summer. They have perfect aerodynamics with scythe-shaped wings which allow them to soar vast distances with little effort and at 70mph they fly faster than any other species of bird in horizontal flight. Unable to perch on branches like other birds, swifts used to rely on holes in ancient trees and cliffsides to nest, more recently having to adapt to urban environments by taking up residence in roof eaves and cavities. But even these spaces are disappearing with new builds and renovations.

As one female common Swift falls asleep under the starlit skies of Africa, she starts to dream of her migratory flight tomorrow. It's a daunting journey ahead, flying nonstop across sub-Saharan Africa. She will need to travel south along the western coast before flying across to Mozambique and visiting the Congolese rainforests. She will keep going, climbing high above the seas, over Morocco, Spain, France and to England. With luck she should reach her nesting site on a sleepy housing estate in the South of England within five to six days. She has returned to the same nest for the last five years or so and here she will meet up with her lifelong partner and hope to raise two or even three chicks, if there are enough airborne insects. She will be exhausted, dehydrated and hungry upon her arrival, having travelled through many more storms than normal due to climate change, and having to increase her miles travelled from her normal 6,000 miles to 7,000 miles, as she has to make some detours to avoid bad weather and search for ever decreasing insect supplies. But she dreams happily about

how she will celebrate when she gets there and joins her breeding partner to sing and swoop with the Swift colony over the roof tops in England's summer skies. Imagine her horror and desperation if she arrives at her faithful nest and the building has been demolished. Gone, forever! Her sweet dream has just turned into the perfect nightmare.

Sadly, this scenario is unfolding right across our country. We are pushing out wildlife, with our need for new homes and maintenance. Swifts need our help; losing their nest space is catastrophic for them as they are nest-faithful and will not breed for the rest of that year and possibly never again. Common Swifts (*Apus Apus*) were added to the Red List of Bird of Conservation Concern in the UK in December 2021. This was because of a severe, long-term decline, with a population drop by 58% to 60% between 1995 and 2021.

At the Guildford Swift Project, we are doing everything we can to help turn the tide on this decline. Primarily, we install Swift boxes and callers in homes, schools, churches, universities and other public buildings to provide them with new nesting sites. We protect existing nesting sites and report wildlife crimes where necessary. We also raise awareness and run educational projects such as stalls, lectures and walk & talks to teach people about these wonderful birds. Soon we will be launching a citizen science survey of our local swift population together with Surrey Wildlife Trust.

If you would like to help with our project, or would like a swift box of your own, please contact us. Conservation is a community effort and together we can save these birds.

Sarah Davis, Guildford Swift Project
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Covenant

God knocks at my door seeking a home for his son.

Rent is cheap, I say.

I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.

I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come in and look around.

I think I will, says God.

I might let you have a room or two.

I like it, says God. I'll take the two.

You might decide to give me more some day.

I can wait, says God.

I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me.

I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.

Hm, maybe I can let you have another room. I really don't need that much.

Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.

I'd like to give you the whole house but I'm not sure ...

Think on it, says God. I wouldn't put you out. Your house would be mine and my son would live in it. You'd have more space than you'd ever had before.

I don't understand at all.

I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that. You'll have to discover it for yourself. That can only happen if you let me have the whole house.

A bit risky, I say.

Yes, says God, but try me.

I'm not sure – I'll let you know.

I can wait, says God, I like what I see.

Sr. Margaret Halaska

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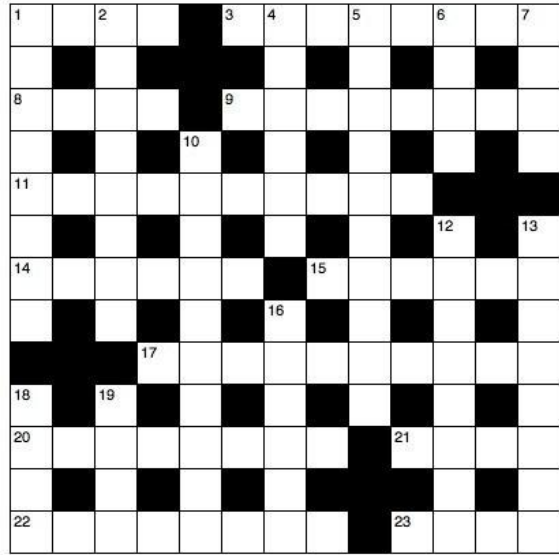
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PUZZLE PAGE

CROSSWORD

Answers on page 30



Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my —' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to —' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in —' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

SUDOKU

Solution on page 32

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The tale of the Two Sons

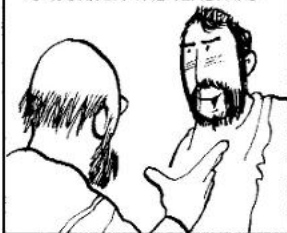


JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



HE ONCE TOLD A STORY ABOUT A
FATHER WHO HAD TWO SONS.

THE FATHER WENT TO HIS
OLDER SON AND ASKED HIM
TO WORK IN THE VINEYARD

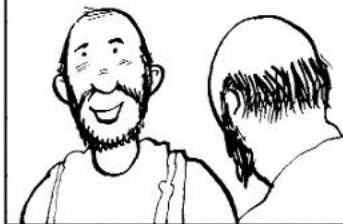


'NO I WON'T' SAID THE
OLDER SON...



...BUT THEN HE CHANGED HIS
MIND AND WENT AND HELPED.

THE FATHER THEN WENT TO HIS
YOUNGER SON AND ASKED HIM TO
HELP IN THE VINEYARD TOO.



'OF COURSE I WILL!' SAID THE YOUNGER SON. BUT
HE PROMPTLY FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT....

...AND DIDN'T DO A STROKE OF WORK!



'WHICH ONE DID WHAT HIS FATHER
WANTED?' ASKED JESUS...



'WHICH DO YOU THINK IT WAS?'

Crossword answers (grid on page 26)

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

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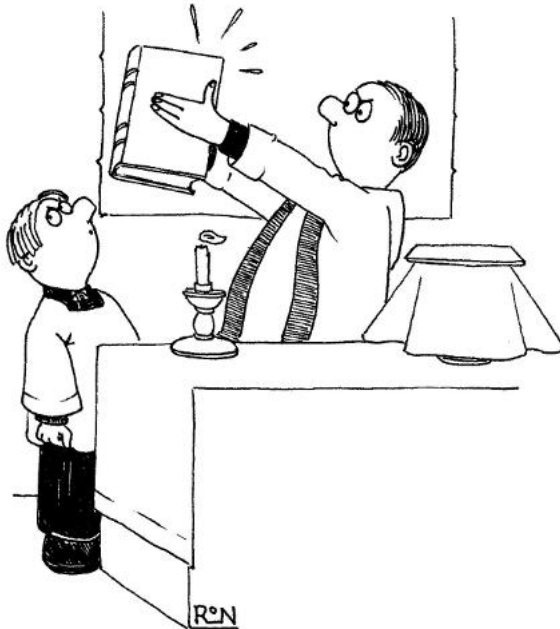
Tapping his foot onto the hollow wooden floor, Alex anxiously bit his fingernails until it tore at his skin, producing a stinging cut and ragged nails. The house seemed disturbingly quiet. No news on the television, only their parents constantly reaching for their telephone and speaking in urgent, hushed tones, often pleading desperately. Alex's younger sister, Maia, who would normally be giggling along with her dolls, sat still on her chair, eyes wide, as if she had seen a ghost, and rocked slightly, back and forth, murmuring quietly. Outside the windows, murky brown liquid blocked any light from being seen. But through the shadows you could just make out trees underneath, as if coming up to the surface to breathe.

Entering the room, their father lowered the phone from his mouth. "Don't worry, everything will be fine" he said reassuringly. When the telephone rang again, he hurriedly closed the door behind him, as if afraid for the two siblings to hear the conversation. As the window from the second floor of their house was opened, the whole family made their way down the ladder, one by one, being guided by two men, trying to comfort the four relatives with their own words. But unfortunately, the group had their minds wrapped around different things, and only nodded their heads dismissively. A woman instructed the men to carry the children on to the raft and help the adults on. The men, wearing hi-vis, jackets and helmets, dipped their heads in consent. Each wave of muddy water carried them further...

SUDOKU SOLUTION

Grid on page 27

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A RECIPE FOR JULY:

Broad bean salad with mint, feta & lemon oil

Make the most of fresh broad beans this month, or frozen are just as good if you don't have the time or inclination to pod them.

250g (½ lb) broad beans

Large handful of mint leaves, roughly torn if very large

One lemon (zest and a tablespoon of the juice)

Two tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

25g (1 oz) feta

Sea salt flakes

Freshly ground black pepper

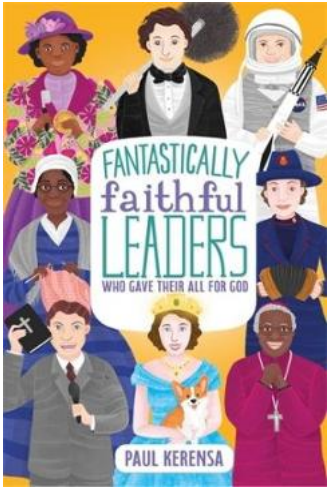
- ★ Place the lemon zest and olive oil in a small bowl and set aside.
- ★ Cook the beans, from frozen, in lightly salted boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold running water to stop them cooking any more. Let them cool a little and peel them by popping them out of their skins.
- ★ Place the beans and mint in your serving bowl. Whisk a tablespoon of lemon juice into the lemony oil, along with salt and pepper, adjust to taste, then pour over, giving a gentle toss to dress.
- ★ Finish with a crumbling of feta.



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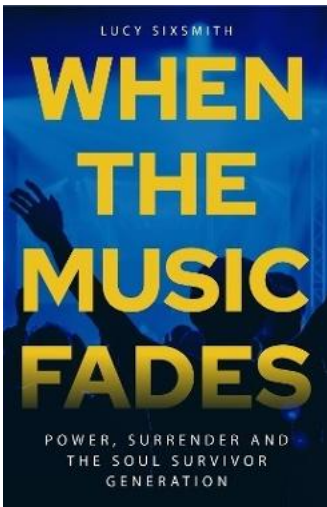


Fantastically Faithful Leaders Who Gave Their All for God

By Paul Kerensa, SPCK, £8.99

Here is a page-turning biography series for children seven and up, to meet Christians whose courage and leadership changed the world. Paul Kerensa brings to life eight extraordinary people from history who answered God's call to lead - and changed the world in the process. Whether used as a family read-aloud, for independent reading, a classroom resource, or a Sunday school supplement, this book gives children real-life role models who show what ordinary people can

achieve when they trust an extraordinary God.



When the Music Fades - Power, Surrender and the Soul Survivor Generation

By Lucy Sixsmith, Canterbury Press, £16.99

A generation was told to surrender everything for Jesus. A generation was told they were history makers and could change the world. But what happens when the music fades? In this powerful reflection, Lucy Sixsmith revisits the experience of growing up in the Soul Survivor generation. From the euphoric highs of worship tents and passionate songs to the quiet reckoning of adulthood, Sixsmith traces her journey through the charismatic culture of Soul Survivor, a movement that promised transformation, belonging, and divine purpose.

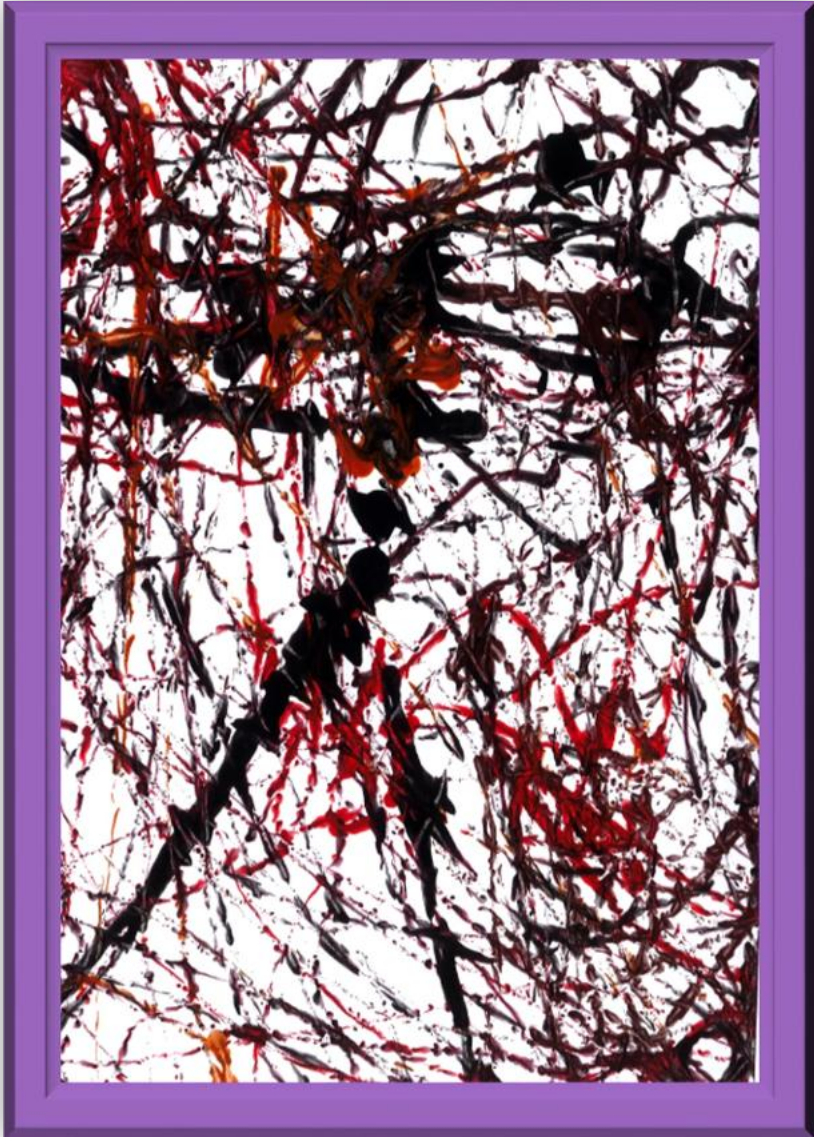
With clarity, compassion, and wit, she explores the longing for purpose, the dangers of power, and the cost of unquestioning faith. When the Music Fades offers a vital reckoning with the past, and a search for grace in what remains.

Thank you to our wonderful choir, and to Jeremy, for putting on such an impressive choral evensong on Sunday 21st June. The service was followed by the annual strawberry tea, where our team of bakers did All Saints proud once again with a lovely selection of scones and cakes. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event, especially Trish and Eve.



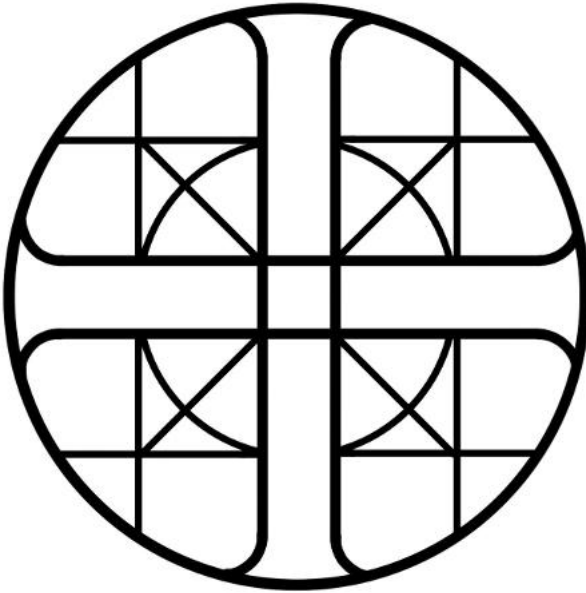


This month we feature a piece of art by one of the children at QE, which was inspired by their studies on artist Jackson Pollack.



WORSHIP AND READINGS

2026	8am	10am	4pm
5th July, Trinity 5	Holy Communion Zechariah 9:9-12, Romans 7:15-25a and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end	Church Family Communion with Confirmation Zechariah 9:9-12, Romans 7:15-25a and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end	Tea Time Church Zechariah 9:9-12, Romans 7:15-25a and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end
12th July, Trinity 6		Church Family Communion Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:1-11 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Tea Time Church: Pet Service
19th July, Trinity 7	BCP Communion Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:12-25 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Morning worship Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:12-25 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Tea Time Church Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:12-25 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
26th July, Trinity 8		Church Family Communion (no Children's Church) 1 Kings 3:5-12, Romans 8:26-end and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Tea Time Church 1 Kings 3:5-12, Romans 8:26-end and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



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Wednesday 1st July, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 3rd, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 4th, 10.00am	Band Rehearsal
Saturday 4th, 5.00pm	Relicensing of Alison Moulden LLM
Monday 6th, 9.30am & 11.00am	QE Prayer Spaces at All Saints
Monday 6th, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 7th, 9.30am	QE Prayer Spaces at All Saints
Tuesday 7th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning Meeting
Wednesday 8th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
Wednesday 8th, 7.15pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 9th, 8.00pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 10th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday 10th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 11th, 9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday 15th, 2.30pm	Dray Court Service
Wednesday 15th, 7.30pm	Big Build Team Meeting
Wednesday 15th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 17th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 18th, 10.30am-3.00pm	St Francis 100 year pilgrimage
Sunday 19th, 5.30pm	Youth Group
Monday 20th, 2.00pm	Hear Here Clinic
Thursday 23rd, 8.00pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 24th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 25th, 10.30am-1.00pm	Orchard Volunteer Morning
Monday 27th, 10.30am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 27th, 8.00pm	Premises Meeting

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