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HELLO....

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As I pen this introduction, it is Easter week so the Easter greeting seems the most appropriate way to welcome you to this latest edition of the Worth Parish Magazine. I do hope that one way or another you have experienced something of the Easter joy. For my part, this is written on holiday with my family on the Athens coast listening to a loudspeaker retransmitting the service from the little church next door to our hotel. The church is dedicated to St Nicholas, a pleasant reminder of home. As we spend time relaxing as a family amidst the treasures of Athens' classical and Byzantine past and the stunning coast-line, it is easy to forget the trauma of the economic crisis through which Greece is living and the range of issues raised by the huge numbers of refugees from (principally) Syria that have reached her shores.

We all face the temptation to look inwards and insulate ourselves from the complexities of the world around us – whether as individuals or as a community; but the Christian (individual and community!) should remember the 'new commandment' Jesus gave at the Last Supper, recalled so powerfully in the Maundy Thursday liturgy celebrated in Holy Week – *love one another as I have loved you*. To offer or receive love, one necessarily has to be in a relationship - and therein lies the challenge, the challenge to look beyond ourselves and make ourselves vulnerable to 'the other'.

Thinking back to images on our television screens, in newspapers or reproduced online, it is easy to feel that they are remote and nothing to do with us. But they so easily could be. Which of us is immune from a doctor's report, accident or other event that changes life in a moment? In a

rather small way, I was reminded of that as we set off for our holiday in Greece.

Early on Easter Monday morning, happily sitting in the departure lounge at Gatwick, I received a text from EasyJet advising that our flight had been cancelled. You may have taken little notice of news items about wind causing flight disruptions, but for us it meant being herded back out into the departure hall and a couple of hours in a queue to be rebooked on the next available flight (Friday or Saturday – not great with our prepaid hotel booking ending on Saturday). Thankfully, with the help of fervent prayer, some ancient Avios points, a credit card and the wonders of modern mobile technology we were booked on a British Airways flight leaving from Heathrow that afternoon. It probably won't take long for me to lose the inclination to think "there but for the grace of God ..." when watching the news – but I'm grateful for the prompt.

There are a number of articles in this edition of the magazine that point to us being in a phase in our parish life with a particular focus on planning for the future. Whether you are a regular member of one of our congregations, someone who forms part of the wider church community by participating in one of our activities or using our buildings, or if you have just discovered us and are wondering what being part of our family would be like, you have a part to play in shaping that future. Let's not be tempted to think that it doesn't affect us, or that it is someone else's job to work out how to express the kind of love that will make Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower, Forge Wood - and beyond - know that "He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

Every blessing,

Anthony Ball

THOUGHTS FOR SPRING

Spring? Wasn't that in the winter? Or am I getting confused?

I seem to remember the daffodils blooming in January; I know Easter was early this year but I did not think Spring had to beat its arrival! Poor William Wordsworth would have a fit if he tried to write his poem, *I wandered lonely as a cloud* this year, as the poem is a celebration of Spring and the daffodils may have waned a tad by then.

As for Robert Browning having *Home thoughts from abroad* and thinking that April heralds the Spring – well, I think it would be February he would need to weave into his wording - not sure how that would work! I guess we can still keep track with Rupert Brooke though because, yes, there is still honey for tea and not only at the old vicarage in Grantchester! Yummy!



What we can be sure of is that during Spring, there will be Easter and all the joy that Easter Day brings. Of course by the time you read this Easter Day will have passed by, but it will still be Eastertide.

During the dark, cold days of winter, we look forward to the brighter days of Spring with all the cheerful colours, flowers and plants, new lambs, chicks, ducklings, rabbits, need I go on? The flowers that have been confused this year by the season coming early and even the birds, who have been chasing around looking for a mate when they should be snuggled up somewhere warm and dry, will still bring brightness and joy to us as we wend our way to church this Spring, seeing and hearing God's creation in all its glory and giving thanks for the Resurrection.

As we remember that Jesus rose again to prove to us that there is the promise of new life after death, we must also remember God was not only prepared to sacrifice His only Son, to save us from our sins but He wants us to have life eternal because He loves us [yes, you, and even me] and by Jesus rising again it shows us that there is something wonderful yet to come, where there is no more pain but there is peace, love and joy.

Rejoice and be glad that Spring will always bring forth the brightness, joy and love of Easter, no matter how early the flowers bloom or the birds

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sing, or the lambs frolic in the meadows – or for that matter, if and when Archbishop Justin and others decide what date Easter Day will be in the future, it will still be - Spring! Hold on to this thought:

Consider the lilies in the field, how they grow: neither do they toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Matthew 6. 28b-29

NEWS

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

The unique play - The Life of Christ - will take place again this year in June. There won't be an official Parish group visit this year as there are so many other activities on around this time. However, Wintershall is only an hour's drive from Crawley and the play in three acts, starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm (with an interval) and there will be several of us going. The play, set in the Palestine of Jesus' day, takes place over multiple locations in the beautiful Wintershall Estate so there is a bit of rough walking involved. There are some buggies available for booking.

Those involved call it *the greatest story of all time, movingly recreated by a cast of over 200 – authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music – the Life of Christ is an experience not to be missed.*

You can book online at www.wintershall-estate.com or phone 01793 418299. Adult tickets are £24, concessions £18, children £12 and family tickets (2 adults, 2 children) are £60. There are discounts available for parties of 10 or more.

If you would like to learn more about this wonderful play, contact Stuart Sharpe on 01293 873073 or email jstuartsharpe@aol.com or Joan Tick on 01293 884695 or tickjoan@gmail.com

SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW

Where better to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday weekend than at the South of England Show on 9, 10 and 11 June 2016, in Ardingly. Enjoy the best of the British countryside, food and drink and outdoor entertainment for the whole family.

By tradition the flowers of Daffodils (or the Lent Lily) open on Ash Wednesday and die on Easter Day but there is always apple and cherry blossom time in May to look forward to!

Thank you, Lord, for springtime and all that it means to us.

Joan Tick

For more information and tickets, visit <http://www.seas.org.uk/south-of-england-show/>

TRIP TO CHICHESTER

There is a Parish Pilgrimage to the Mercy Door at Chichester Cathedral on May 26th Corpus Christi. Bring your own lunch (tea and coffee provided) which we'll eat at the Bishop's Palace. There will be a tour at 3.30pm followed by a short service in the Bishop's Chapel. Get in touch if you're interested.

CATHEDRAL PEREGRINES

If you're in Chichester and visiting the cathedral, between 22nd April and 20th July, you're invited to come and see the pair of Peregrine Falcons that raise new chicks in Chichester Cathedral's south east turret. There will be a live webcam in the RSPB marquee off the Cloisters Café until mid June then from mid June, you can view the birds through telescopes in the Cathedral grounds.

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT

For information on coming to the Big Church Day Out, speak to Steve Burston and sign up at the back of church.

PRAYERS RELEASED

As UN peace talks resumed in Geneva in March, the Church of England has published prayers for Syria. The one for refugees is reproduced here. For further prayers, visit bit.ly/SyriaPray online.

O Lord, who sees all things, you know the needs of refugees in all lands. We pray at this time particularly for those who have fled Syria and now live in homes, churches and camps in the region and across our continent of Europe. Watch over them. Give wisdom, generosity and boldness to all who make decisions about their welcome and their welfare, and to all whose hearts move them to offer help. May all Syrian refugees find true refuge.

Amen

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Richard James Taylor and Jessica Lee Flavin (pictured) who were married at St Nicholas' on 11 March 2016.

Also, to Erhimuvi Erhivwohwo Ogbighele and Darcee Ray Cripps baptised at St Barnabas' on 24 January 2016 and Renex Nganga Karanja (pictured on page 8), Lucy June Marjorie Allen, Stanley Arthur Edward Parsons and Noah Daniel Taylor (pictured), all baptised on Easter Sunday, 27 March 2016.

And finally, congratulations to those who took their first communion on Easter Sunday including Alex and Christian Edwards (pictured), Lily Burton and Andy Karanja (pictured on page 8).



EASTER IN OUR CHURCHES



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FIFTY YEARS A CHORISTER

I have suspected for some time that being a chorister is one of the things that has defined me, and realised it was indeed the case when, at a recent church fair I was addressed by one of the helpers as “Mrs Choir”!

When I first joined a church choir, it was a fairly large group of both adults and children and we sang the same setting of the communion service most Sundays, and a regular parish Evensong was a given. My present choir is made up of adults only (because it seems too much of a commitment for families who have little leisure time), Eucharist settings are now more varied and Choral Evensong is a rare treat, but we do have the time and ability to extend our repertoire of psalms and anthems and venture into new music.

Looking back, I remember the excitement when we first performed Stainer’s *Crucifixion* (perfectly pitched for both choir and congregation as a Passiontide devotion) and how the younger members enjoyed *Fling Wide the Gates*. Next we joined forces with another choir to present Faure’s *Requiem* after which we tackled Sunday services at Portsmouth cathedral in the summer



Interloping...

holidays, which included pieces such as *I was glad* and *Zadok the Priest*. Our organist was very keen on Victorian church music, particular favourites being Stanford’s *Te Deum in B flat* and Mendelssohn’s *O For The Wings of a Dove*, but he accepted new responsorial psalms with good grace, although he and I were hard put not to giggle when I had to sing the solo line “He delights not in any man’s legs”!

There was a downside to being a chorister -- I must have sat through hundreds of sermons, a lot of them boring and some of them pretty dreadful! I have turned out on cold wet Sundays and in the dark for Easter ceremonies and spent so much time in church over Christmases that my then husband suggested “Why don’t you take your camp bed up to church – it would save time.” But it was worth it for the wonderful music, particularly the work of John Rutter who has written so many lovely anthems and carols and made church music so accessible.

The first choir I belonged to sang from a gallery at the back of the church which meant the choirboys and girls could (unobserved) read comics or play with Rubik’s cubes during the aforesaid boring sermons. You could also get a good view of the ladies’ hats and comment on what the congregation was wearing generally. The gallery proved less of a positive feature on the occasion when one of the choirboys was copiously sick



PLANT FAIR AND MARKET

Saturday 14th May
10am - noon



St Barnabas Church Hall, Worth Road,
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over the edge, narrowly missing the worshippers below!

When the church was re-ordered and it was decided the choir would sing at the front, we immediately became more visible. We passed on our mixed collection of robes in varying shades of purple to another, more needy, church and under the guidance of a retired tailor, began making new unisex cassock-albs in red polyester twill. These did away with the need for surplices, the choir looked uniform and smart and the cost was minimal. Robes I have worn (and made) over the years have included purple academic type gowns, and cassock-albs in red and blue. And also red cassock with surplice on the occasion I was allowed to join the choir at Worth (pictured overleaf).

Nowadays sermons are, on the whole, better than forty-odd years ago – and certainly shorter! There are more opportunities at Deanery and Diocesan events to sing new and/or large-scale works and

the social element of such events is more apparent these days. I am referring to the generous provision of after-service drinks and nibbles, the bacon butties for breakfast on Easter Sunday, and the mulled wine after Nine Lessons and Carols. Not that I am greedy but singing is hard work....

It can be even harder if you are struggling to sing in the dark with a candle in one hand and music in the other, as happened recently when some of us helped out at a neighbouring church. This service was made even more memorable when the quiet intro to *In the Bleak Midwinter* was interrupted by an almighty crash and discord on the organ keys. The church cat had wandered in and decided to take part by joining the organist at the console. He was removed by the churchwarden and we continued, somewhat shaken!

Now I really ought to try and remove the candle wax from the front of my cassock ...

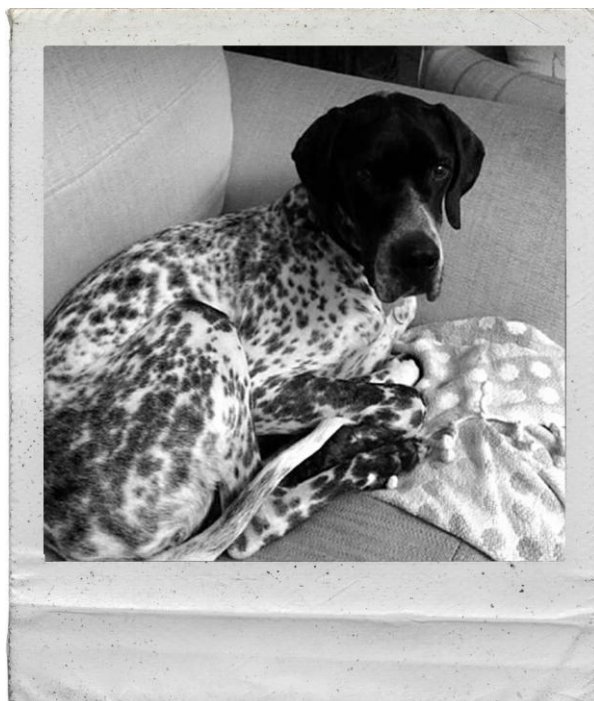
Ann Dent

NOTES FROM THE CURATE'S DOG

Well - a lot has happened since my last entry. By the time you read this, I will have had to cope with the departure of my dear friend Poppy – a fellow English Pointer. She has left with the Moulder family for new adventures in Zambia. The other, and quite frankly more distressing news, is that I have heard a whisper that my carers have brought a new sofa. This came as somewhat of a surprise to me, the main sofa user!

Even more surprising was that I had no input into the comfort, colour or size of this new purchase! It is almost as if my carers will not be wanting me to sleep on it but I can't believe that's true! I wait with eagerness for the new sofa's arrival and I will give you my verdict in the next issue.

Blessings, Digger



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DIVIDE THE PARISH? WHY?

That's a good question – and one that was raised in the recent Crawley Review (see previous magazine). Since becoming Rector nearly five years ago, I have put considerable energy into fostering a sense of common purpose and identity for us, so it seems rather strange to be thinking about splitting into two parishes. The Review tells us why – we need to consider what structures will best support the Church's mission in this part of Crawley (and the large chunk of the parish that lies on the other side of the M23). The clergy have a key role in leading and enabling parishioners to engage in that mission and Bishop Mark, when discussing this with the PCC, pointed out that it is much easier to recruit clergy to an 'incumbent' (Rector or Vicar) post than to an Assistant/Associate role. The 'assistant' role usually attracts those who need further development or training and who would look to move on once they have achieved this. There will be a significant decline in clergy numbers in the next few years so any decision does need to take account of the challenges of attracting the right clergy – one of the reasons for addressing the question of parish structure now, as we also redefine the description for the Associate Vicar post. In 2014, we had to readvertise before attracting any suitable candidates and, I understand, St Swithun's (East Grinstead) are doing the same now in their search for a Vicar.

If we take as a given that the current parish needs at least two full-time paid clergy (with a projected 30,000 or so residents, that is a reasonable assumption) and has four clergy houses (including the one the Diocese intends to buy in Forge Wood) then what might be the advantages/disadvantages of a split?

Financial viability is one of the issues first raised. It is an important question but not, in my view, one that should determine the outcome of our consideration. St Nicholas' has a (declining) income stream from weddings and St Barnabas' from renting out the facilities. However, whether one parish or two, the bulk of our income will come from people making regular financial contributions and we need to increase the number of these if we are to have a secure future. That implies an intentional focus on sharing the gospel and attracting people into our community. There is no reason why, in this part of Crawley,

we should not be able to meet the ministry costs of two (paid) clergy and, at present, the Deanery and Diocese remain committed to meeting the shortfall.

Two parishes: Research shows that church growth is more likely where there is a 'focal minister' for each congregation. This facilitates pastoral relationships and allows the minister to focus on the needs of each church. St Nicholas' and St Barnabas' congregations have distinct identities and need the freedom to develop worship styles and outreach methods that suit their individual circumstances – with different requirements for developing lay ministry teams. Each church also faces distinct challenges in developing its infrastructure. The clergy and PCC need to be set free from having to balance the competing demands of each church, responding to which almost inevitably leads to a perception (at least!) that insufficient attention is being given to the other. A similar danger exists where one church is always led by the 'junior' member of the clergy team. Dividing the parish does not mean that there can not be a mutually beneficial agreement about the use of facilities (for example, St Nicholas' parish groups renting St Barnabas' rooms), shared administration or members of one parish volunteering for ministries in the other – indeed, such collaboration could stand as a good model for other Crawley parishes. Depending on how the boundaries are drawn, a split could result in St Barnabas' becoming a 'normal' parish (in terms of size, facilities and the church being at the heart of a reasonably homogenous community) and it should be possible to work out arrangements to give access to Worth Church for pastoral offices where desired. St Nicholas', whilst remaining 'unconventional', would arguably be a less daunting prospect for a Rector - although there would still be the challenge of acquiring 'mission assets' (for example, the Old Rectory Cottage or, more ambitiously, Bishop's Lodge). Many of these reasons are behind the Review's recommendation that other Crawley parishes split.

One parish: We are still in the process of establishing a parish identity, following the dissolving of the Worth Team Ministry – although the friendships and collaborative working practices are bearing fruit. Retaining a single parish gives us

the flexibility to develop and adapt structures and roles (clergy and lay) to meet changing circumstances. For example, we could look to fill the Associate Vicar role with someone with a particular skill or gift, for working with new housing estates or with youth, who, whilst responsible for particular congregation(s), would be freed from much of the bureaucratic burden that goes with being an incumbent. Similarly, with clergy from different traditions we could further develop the range of worship styles on offer within the parish, with a sufficient critical mass to allow us also to meet the requirements of different age groups for activities and worship. A breadth of theological and spiritual approaches can also allow us to attract and nurture a broad range of parishioners – as well as offering an encouragement to spiritual growth as people encounter these different approaches in a safe space. There is added resilience in having two full-time clergy in the parish, with vacancies less likely to disrupt the mission focus. As one parish, we could continue to exploit the advantages of St Nicholas' history and traditions and the modern facilities at St Barnabas', using the combined financial resources to maintain and develop each as the need arises. We can create as little or as much autonomy for each of the churches as is necessary to meet our mission objectives – with the flexibility to minimise the administrative overhead (for example, one PCC Treasurer, Secretary and so on rather than two). Having a larger pool of (lay) talent on which to draw is more likely to provide us with the range of volunteers required as we respond to the

challenges of the Diocesan Vision – particularly around serving the common good and re-imagining ministry. Many of these reasons are behind the strengths the Review identified in the Horsham Team Ministry.

When do we decide? Although the Review recommended consideration of dividing the parish in the 'medium term', we are considering the matter now as it clearly has an impact on (and will be impacted by) our developing a new Parish Plan which will, in turn, affect the shape of the Associate Vicar role. Respecting the inter-relatedness of these elements, we are working to the following timescale.

Initial views on the matter sent to me (the Rector) or the Parish Office by 22 April. These will be reported to and discussed at the APCM on 27 April. That discussion will form a backdrop to the defining of a vision for our Parish Plan for the next 3 to 5 years which will happen at the Away Day on 7 May.

With the clarity that brings to how we see our mission in the parish, the PCC will be able to discuss whether that mission is best served by one parish or two. That decision will be taken in May. If the PCC decides that we should split, that would initiate a formal legal process – but we could begin to operate as two entities fairly swiftly. If the decision is to remain as one parish, that would not preclude reconsidering the matter at a future date in the light of experience across Crawley of the implementation of the Review.

Anthony Ball

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

PCC UPDATE

Since the last magazine, the PCC has met once. There have been some changes of personnel, with Filomena Resce and Siân Moulder having resigned from the PCC and Christine Berger from her roles as Parish Administrator and PCC Secretary. The PCC thanked each of them for their contribution. Christine has been replaced by Glennis Parker (profiled in the last magazine) working 40 hours a month, but not at set days/times.

Delays with preparing the final annual accounts meant that the APCM had to be postponed until

27 April, and the PCC will have the chance to consider those in April. Stephen Edwards, as PCC Treasurer, is now being supported by Mark Chappell as the Giving Officer (handling all the PCC's income) and Joyce Watts who is processing all the payments/expenditure. Also on the financial side, the Standing Committee approved the expenditure for the work on the trees outside and in the garden at St Barnabas'.

The PCC received and discussed feedback from the Deanery Training Day (attended by a group of 6 from the parish) on the topic of church growth, which led to the decision to hold the Everybody Welcome course during April. A helpful

preparation for the vision day being held on 7 May. We also gave further consideration to the Crawley Review and the Youth Leadership Hub – noting with gratitude the work done on the latter by Jean Pelser during his brief time in the parish. A decision about funding for the Hub is awaited from the Diocesan Mission Fund.

There was discussion on, and PCC support for, a proposal to rent out facilities at St Barnabas' and the Annexe at the Rectory to a mental health charity. The expectation is that, in addition to activities inside including serving in the Pastoral Centre café, clients would be involved in gardening at both locations.

Anthony Ball

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

We have met twice already in 2016 as we sought to plan the year as best we could. The most important decisions made were not to hold the St Barnabas' Summer Fete and to try a different type of event which will be an evening music, magic, auction and cabaret evening on the 16th July.

Also, to organize a Parish Pilgrimage to Chichester on the feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday 26th May. This includes having lunch in the Sherbourne Room at the Bishop's Palace, a tour to the Door of Mercy in the Cathedral and a small service in the Bishop's own Chapel.

We discussed that Home Groups have been going well, and that together with first communion and youth and adult confirmation courses has made it a busy start to the year!

In the coming months, look out for Plant Sales, the Queen's Birthday Cream Teas, Big Church Day Out, Choral Evensong (June 12th), St Nicholas' Summer Fete and bring and share lunches

Steve Burston

OTHER COMMITTEES

There haven't been any meetings of the St Nicholas', St Barnabas' or Mission Committee in February and March.

VENUE HIRE

St Nicholas' church, our beautiful 10th century church has fantastic acoustics and seating for approximately 160 people on comfortable cushioned pews. The church has a piano, organ, choir loft, many additional separate chairs and a small kitchen. Toilets are a short walk away next to the Rectory.

St Barnabas' church Hall, measuring 10m by 10m, is capable of seating up to 105 people. Facilities include kitchen, cooking facilities and garden area. Ideal for children's clubs, fitness groups, parties and regular meetings.

St Barnabas' Pastoral centre and café is a fully carpeted and newly double-glazed large room, with kitchen and café, providing facilities, toilets and seating for up to 40 people.

St Barnabas' downstairs meeting Room (pictured) is a newly refurbished 3.5m x 3.5m room with a modern kitchen area and patio doors opening onto a small garden. It can seat up to 15 (or 8 around a large round table).

For rates, please see www.worthparish.org/venuehire or email info@worthparish.org.uk to discuss your individual requirements.



NIC'S UPDATE

Our short family service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month has gone from strength to strength. Claire Clarke has set up a Facebook Group for both Nic's and Messy Church that has been really good at keeping families informed – to find it, search for “Nic's & Messy Church Chat” on Facebook. This term we have looked at lots of topics and have had real fun at the Mothers' Day Service when Steve thought he had made a really

strong case for pampering the Mums with shaving foam, but a quick vote saw Steve, Will and Alan covered by their wives in a fun pampering sketch. The other highlight, tinged with sadness, was the departure of the Moulders – Will, Siân, James, Ciara and Oscar to Zambia. We had a lovely bring and share lunch before concluding with a prayer for the family as they head to new adventures - we will miss them!

MESSY CHURCH



This is still growing, both at St Barnabas' where we average a congregation of over 60 most months and at Maidenbower Infant School, which has grown to 40. Both are lovely and the team has worked hard to provide amazing crafts, great stories and tasty teas! Thank you for all those who help. The highlight was Liz producing the Easter Story from Easter eggs and the foot washing at Maidenbower Infant Messy Church!



THE EASTER EXPERIENCE

Over two days in Holy Week, over 150 children were involved in the Easter Experience, which we delivered to Pound Hill Junior School Year 4 and Maidenbower Infant School Year 2. The Easter Experience, which we began last year, is six stations that we set up around the Church that told the Easter Story; Hopes and Dreams, where we heard about the hopes and dreams of those who saw Christ enter Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, The Servant King (foot washing), the bread and wine of Remember Me, the aloneness of the Garden of Gethsemane, the sharing of sorrows of Good Friday and ending with the joy of Easter Sunday and the empty tomb! At each station, the children were told the story and asked to think about and do different things which related the

story to their own lives. Simon Chilton Head of Year Four wrote to me afterwards that *the children learnt a lot more than we could have hoped for and they gained a valuable experience.*

We hope that it can become a regular activity in the years to come. Thank you for the volunteers that helped on one of the days.

Steve Burston

WHERE THERE'S A NEED...



THERE'S A LION!

Crawley Lions meet monthly at Hazelwick School and run many fund-raising events in the town. Recently we've organised some small social gatherings in St Barnabas' Pastoral Centre. But if you've encountered us, have you ever wondered who we are? What are "the Lions"?

We are a club whose members volunteer time and efforts to both local and global humanitarian causes. Lions Club members become aware of community needs and are empowered to make a difference in a way that would be difficult to do alone.

including blood research and blood cancers diagnosis centred on Kings College Hospital. Countering preventable blindness has been a central Lions target since 1925 with the innovation of the white cane and the recycling of used spectacles being notable achievements. Last year over 4000 pairs of spectacles were sent from Crawley Lions to be distributed to clinics across Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

The Lions Club in Crawley was established in 1962 and since then it has raised funds to serve health, educational and family needs in the local community; helped rehabilitate other UK communities after flood damage; and aided communities in poor areas overseas after natural disasters have struck. We work through Lions

Clubs in affected areas to ensure donations reach the right beneficiaries and every penny we receive from the public goes directly to good causes since our running costs are funded by members.

Crawley Lions Club has had a wonderful 2015, raising over £13,300 to June, then a further £9,500 over the next six months - a testament to the hard work of our members. We make both large and small donations. In December, we funded an "intergenerational Christmas dinner" at Tilgate

Golf Club for 50 people drawn from the Crawley branches of Age-UK and A Band of Brothers.

We also donate to international humanitarian projects. The greatest upheaval of families in Europe since World War Two has led many thousands of unaccompanied children to refugee camps and transit areas. These children need protected shelter to reduce high risks of harm from criminal traffickers. We partner UNICEF in promoting child-friendly spaces for initial protection and then for clinics and schools. So far



Lions Clubs International was formed in 1917 by a Chicago business leader, Melvin Jones, who wondered what would happen if people put their talents to work improving their communities. As a result of his inspiration, 1.35 million people are current members over 200 countries, with 17,000 members in the 900 Lions Clubs of the UK.

We make awards to young leaders: recognising community service champions in their late teens and also run major campaigns for health care

this year, Crawley Lions Club has donated a total of £3,800 to refugee crisis relief. The Department for International Development matched the sum we raised and this allowed the purchase of four special marquees fitted with children's equipment and toys. Our other donations to disaster and refugee relief have included typhoon recovery (Philippines), earthquake rehabilitation (Pakistan) and more recently to Syria, Serbia and Lebanon to provide winter protection for refugees including blankets, thick clothing and urgent medical care.

We have all sorts of talent within our Club. Some members are brilliant at fundraising, some at IT, some at organising events and logistics. Some are shy - until as a Lion they roar into life! Some are

experts; others are enthusiasts. We come from professions, management, crafts, business or are retired or students. Lions are mostly ordinary people who love to help others and support good causes. Their talents often combine to make magical things happen so that we become "Ordinary People doing Extraordinary Things"

One trait **all** Lions share is that they volunteer to make a difference - why not join them? See www.crawleylionsclub.co.uk and email secretary@crawleylionsclub.co.uk or call 07787574822 for further details.

Alan Rew

PARISHONER PROFILE-MARY SHARPE



Mary was born on August 11th 1940 in Aberdare at her uncle's house, where her mother had gone to escape the bombs falling on Cardiff. She was baptised at a fortnight old in a church which no longer exists – a theme which she tells me, will run throughout this narrative (let's hope we need not be afraid for our church)! They returned to the port of Cardiff where they lived with her grandmother. Her father was an engineer in the Merchant Navy and both sides of her family were seafarers.

On December 2nd 1940, tragedy struck when Mary's mother found out, through reading the evening paper, that her husband's boat had been torpedoed. The family had to wait until March for the death to be confirmed; Of course, this event coloured Mary's life.

Memories of her early childhood include sitting in an Andersen shelter, going to Sunday School from 2 and a half, and from aged 3, attending a nursery attached to a church (which no longer exists) and learning bible verses. She also went to annual parties for children of sailors killed in war and remembers waving a flag when the King and Queen visited Cardiff to inspect bomb damage.

At 4 she started school proper, and by 9, was taking the bus across the city to school. At 11, she joined Guides, attached to Trinity Methodist Church (still going !) and every Sunday, worshipped with her mother and grandmother at the Seamen's Mission in the city (oh - defunct !) She again saw the Queen when the Guides lined the route to the centre of Cardiff, when Her Majesty visited in coronation year. Also in 1953, Mary was confirmed, by the Archbishop of Cardiff, in a church that Meurig tells her, is now a flooring factory!

Mary seems to have known early where her career would take her – teaching at Sunday School from 16, work in a private school aged 18, running cub and Guide groups in the evenings - she had a lot of experience before even starting teacher training college in Barry, preparing to teach infants.

In 1961, she got her first post, in North Devon. Starting her job on a Thursday, the vicar of Appledore invited her and all the young people of the village to tea on that Sunday. This one

welcoming gesture provided her with many friendships that endure to this day.

Her mother and grandmother also moved to North Devon, and after a spell in Dorset with her first husband and daughter, Mary returned there as well, to her old school, where she eventually became Deputy Head and occasionally filled in as Headteacher.

It was in while on holiday in Norway that she met Stuart and in 1989, married him in Chichester. With his 3 sons, her daughter and now, 9 grandchildren between them, they make a lovely family.

She gave up full time teaching but did supply work, and also supported, then inspected, day nurseries and childminders while Stuart travelled with his job. They share a love of travel and estimate that they have together been to 30 countries on holiday together including North and South India, Oman and the Comoros, off Africa.

Living in Loxwood near Billingshurst, they also had church in common. Before marrying, Stuart went to church infrequently as he was often abroad. Separately they had both come to the decision that they wanted go to church more regularly. Since the regular service at Loxwood was Matins, they went to Billingshurst, for the Sunday morning Eucharist. Stuart became a PCC member, chair of the Worship committee and a Server, encouraging lots of young people to become Servers too. Mary was the Child Protection Officer, organized children's days out, read in church and ran confirmation classes (started by a curate who then left). Combined, Stuart and Mary ran the youth group when needed and also Lent courses. (At the time of going to press, this church is still standing!)

Wanting to move from their draughty Victorian place, they decided to visit some new properties being built in Crawley and on the Thursday they visited, they popped in to the local church – St Nicholas', where the service had just ended. Roger Brown welcomed them and invited them to have coffee. Their plan was to visit other churches in the area but Stuart became treasurer, and Mary joined more than one committee, and luckily for us, they have stayed in our Parish and are active members of both St Nicholas' and St Barnabas' congregations, alternating where they attend. They have been involved with Messy Church since its beginnings here, seeing it grow from 3 to over 30.

They visit other churches and cathedrals on trips – most recently evensongs at Salisbury and Canterbury Cathedrals. Her favourite hymn is *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord* which she sang on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Despite being dismissive of her own singing, Mary could hear the wonderful sonorous voice of a Canadian monk next to her, which provided her with a special moment.

She feels lucky that among their many trips to other countries, Stuart and she have travelled to Jerusalem and to the Sea of Galilee and they have visited and touched the rock where Abraham is said to have sacrificed Isaac – this was a real experience, she says, compared to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which she found too glitzy and ornate. This seems to sum up Mary – she has a quiet and determined faith, and as she describes it, hasn't had a "seeing the light" moment, because, for her, God has always been there.

Elizabeth Whyman

PRAYERS

FOR GRATEFULNESS

Lord God, may we be grateful for our lot, and compassionate toward all those who are suffering every kind of distress at this difficult time. May we hold back nothing, and hasten to be the ministers of prayer and mercy, like the disciples of Him who went about doing good in times of need. Amen

FOR OVERCOMING HARDSHIP

O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, Please give us the strength to bear our burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships and keep us in Your watch, until we can walk again with light hearts and renewed spirits. Amen

BECOMING A SAINT

How do you become a Saint, with a capital S? I doubt the Careers Office has a handout describing the optimal career pathway. In days past, when I used to administer Occupational Preference Schedules, there wasn't a set of answers which led to "Be a Saint". There are no prior qualifications, not even GCSE Religious Studies or a familiarity with the Journeys of Saint Paul.

Before I began to consider the matter, I thought I knew how Saints were appointed, but it turns out that I was wrong and what I vaguely knew about was, in fact, the Roman Catholic procedures leading to Canonization. There are three complex and highly organised stages during which the candidate becomes *Venerable*, then *Blessed* and finally, canonised as a *Saint*.

The Roman Catholic Diocese from which the potential Saint comes prepares a case outlining all the facts which is forwarded to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. If the person's cause is deemed worthy, the Pope may pronounce them *Venerable*. The next stage requires approval of a miracle, inspected by a scientific commission, and resulting from prayer to the *Venerable Servant* alone. In the case of martyrdom, this step can be waived as martyrdom is considered to be a miracle of grace. Once the Pope approves the Decree of a Miracle, the person can be beatified and becomes *Blessed*. A second miracle is then required and receives similar scrutiny. Once approved, the Pope can proceed to Canonization. This does not, technically, make the person a Saint, but declares that the person is with God, is worthy of imitation by the faithful, and may receive veneration either generally or locally as appropriate. Incidentally, this is where we have acquired the term 'Devil's Advocate' as a person charged with countering the arguments put in favour of the candidate.

Would the Anglican Church be so organised? Of course not. Anglicans are renowned for their ability to compromise and, frankly, make up the rules as they go along. Strict conformity is not the order of the day. In fact, I have found it very difficult to find out just how Saints are created in the Anglican Church. The position is further confused by the fact that, in addition to 'saints' and 'Saints', we also recognise 'Heroes' and 'Heroines' – those holy people whom a church synod or an

individual church praises as having had special benevolence. The term, unfortunately, now has connotations with putting your underpants over your trousers in a telephone box, but has been intended as reversion to a more simple and cautious approach.

The principal guidance comes from the 9th Lambeth Conference in 1958 in four recommendations:

- In the case of scriptural saints, care should be taken to commemorate men or women in terms which are in strict accord with the facts made known in Holy Scripture;
- In the case of other names, the Calendar should be limited to those whose historical character and devotion are beyond doubt;
- In the choice of new names, economy should be observed and controversial names should not be inserted until they can be seen in the perspective of history;
- The addition of a new name should normally result from a widespread desire expressed in the region concerned over a reasonable period of time. [Resolution 79]

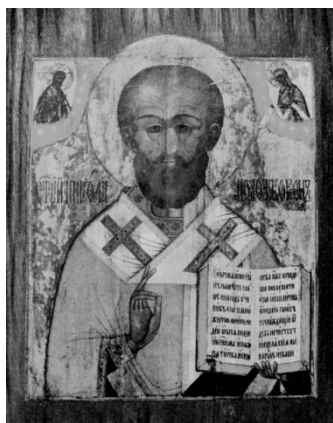
I think this might be summed up as: be careful only to appoint Saints as 'Saints'! In effect, there is no mechanism for canonizing Saints in the Anglican Church and each synod at every level, or even any parish, can adopt individuals as Saints. The result is the typical Anglican muddle that we can find both endearing and madly frustrating.

Each Church in the Anglican Communion has its own calendar of Saints' days which makes for 44 different calendars. Even the Parish of the Falkland Islands (as seen recently on TV) has its own distinct calendar. The muddle extends to individuals: following the Reformation King Charles I was treated as a new Saint by some Anglicans, being referred to as a martyr and included in the calendar of the Book of Common Prayer for a period, though nowadays many national Churches regard him neither as a Martyr nor a Saint.

The current calendar of the Church of England includes Saints from a variety of sources. Those canonised before the Reformation, which include the Big Names like the Apostles, may be included

although not all are. Then there are some traditional Anglican Saints, including St Augustine of Canterbury, St Chad, St Hilda, St Julian of Norwich, St Swithun, St Thomas Becket among many more, and also the English Martyrs. Then there are modern martyrs such as Martin Luther King Jr and Dietrich Bonhoeffer and modern heroes such as John Bunyan, Edith Cavell, Octavia Hill, Christina Rossetti, William Temple and both Charles and John Wesley. Some of the saints and heroes are associated with Principal Feasts and Holy Days, some with Festivals while some individuals attract only Commemorations.

To illustrate the breadth of those considered Saints, I will end with three examples – one we would have little dispute over, and two over whom we might pause before considering them as Saints, although to be fair, these two are not in the Calendar of the Church of England.



My indisputable Saint is obviously St Nicholas. In common with many Saints, we know little about his life. He was a 4th Century Bishop of Myra in south western Turkey, and perhaps the best known example of his cult is his connection with Santa Claus. In

the Netherlands, he was associated with gifts to children and many still receive their Christmas presents on his Feast day of 6th December. Dutch Protestants carried the cult to North America where it became linked with Nordic folklore so giving us Santa Claus with a little help from Coca Cola. There are many other legends associated with St Nicholas, curiously involving groups of three. He is said to have miraculously raised to life three boys murdered in a brine tub by a butcher, to have saved three unjustly-condemned men from death, and rescued three sailors off the Turkish coast.

But to my mind the most endearing legend of St Nicholas is his rescue of three girls who, as a result of the poverty of the family, were destined to become sex workers. Passing their open window, St Nicholas threw in three bags of gold, so enabling them to have dowries and make respectable marriages. As a result, besides being

the patron saint of sailors, children, unmarried girls, merchants, apothecaries and perfumiers, St Nicholas is also the patron saint of pawnbrokers. Their sign, still to be seen, of three gold balls represents the three bags of gold. No doubt a worthy Saint of whom we would all approve.

The first of my two more questionable examples is St Corbinian, an Eighth Century bishop of Freising in Bavaria. He retired to be a hermit but got fed up with all the visitors and set off for Rome with a disciple. En route he was ambushed by a bear which killed his mule. Understandably cross, Corbinian gave the bear a good lecture and required it to carry his pack as far as Rome, when he allowed it to return home. Think this saintly behaviour is ancient and forgotten? The bear carrying the pack appears on the arms of Pope Benedict XVI (Pope 2005-2013).

The second is St Julian the Hospitaller, almost certainly an early mythical saint. His legends only survive through references in *The Decameron*, their inclusion in *The Golden Legend*, through depictions in Renaissance art, a tale by Flaubert and two modern operas. The legends vary, but essentially Julian is warned that he is fated to kill his parents. Julian's solution was to travel as far away as he could. However, after twenty years, his parents look for him and end up as guests of Julian's wife and sleeping in the marital bed. On returning home Julian finds a couple in his bed, assumes that his wife is unfaithful and kills his parents in error. In reparation, he and his wife found a hospital for the poor at a river crossing in a distant country and he also acts as a guide for travellers. Many hospitals were dedicated to him and he is the patron of boatmen, ferrymen and innkeepers, circus workers, fiddlers, jugglers and murderers. While his remorse, forgiveness and subsequent charity are certainly saintly qualities, I have never seen how killing your parents, even in error, is a sound basis for Sainthood.

So, how do you become a Saint? It is clearly a serendipitous business. You might feel, like Jimmy Porter in John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger* that ...people of our generation aren't able to die for good causes any longer... There aren't any good, brave causes left. I guess that we must continue to muddle along, do our best to live a Christian life and, with God's grace, might just acquire some saintly qualities.

Church Mouse

HELP OUR CHURCH TO GROW

Our vision here in Worth Parish is *to be a community growing in faith, hope and love*. We want to grow spiritually as Disciples of Christ, both individually and as a church family, and we also want to increase the number of people who feel that they are part of our community.

One of the best ways to achieve the latter would be to ensure those who visit us get a great welcome so that they know that if they want to, they could stay and become part of the family.

Research suggests that fewer than 10% of those who come to 'try us out' actually stay – imagine if we could make that 25% ... 50% ... or more! It is people like you (yes, you!) who can make that happen so please join our 4-session course in April and contribute your experience and insights to make that a reality for our churches.

My hope is that the majority of the regular worshippers in the parish will take part - not just those with a particular responsibility for welcome like sidespeople, Mothers' Union members and Pastoral Assistants. We need everyone's experience to know what is working well and what we need to look at again and to benefit from a range of ideas.

Each session will run twice, so if you can't make one, you could choose the other, and there are 4 sessions in total – each lasting 90 minutes. Each session includes time spent sharing your perspective and experience on the topic, as well as the opportunity to contribute ideas for future development (immediate and long-term).

First session:

- Tuesday 12th April, 7.30 - 9.00 pm in St Barnabas' Hall
- Thursday 14th April 11.30 am-1.00pm at St Nicholas'

Second session:

- Tuesday 19th April, 7.30 - 9.00 pm in St Barnabas' Hall
- Thursday 21st April 11.30 am-1.00pm at St Nicholas'

Third session:

- Tuesday 26th April, 7.30 - 9.00 pm in St Barnabas' Hall
- Thursday 28th April 11.30 am-1.00pm at St Nicholas'

Final session:

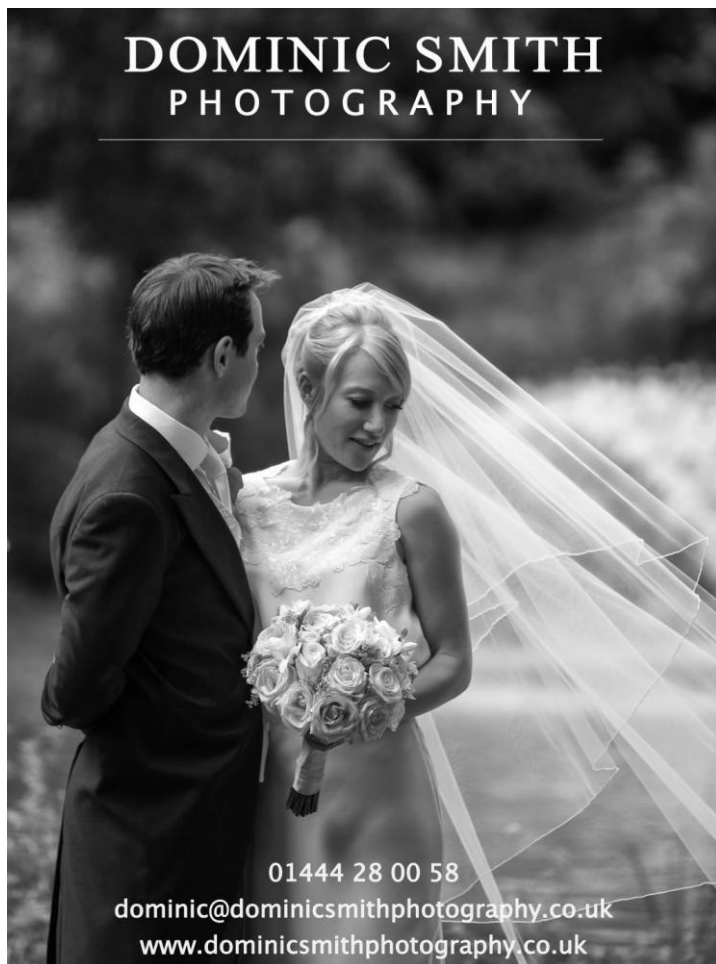
- Tuesday 3rd May, 7.30 - 9.00 pm in St Barnabas' Hall
- Thursday 5th May 11.30 am-1.00pm at St Nicholas'

You can sign up at the back of church or call the Parish Office to let us know which sessions you would like to attend. There will be a course booklet for each participant as there is usually something to read and reflect upon before the session.

Thank you in advance for sharing in building the parish's future.



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PARISHONER PROFILE-PHYL PENNELL

Born in a small village, Whittle-le-Woods near Chorley, Lancashire, Phyl was still at her C of E primary school when her father passed away. Phyl attended Chorley Grammar School and from there, went to Fanny Louise College of Domestic Science in Liverpool for 3 years teacher training in Domestic Science. Her first teaching post was at Upholland Secondary Modern School in Wigan where Phyl taught for a couple of years before moving to Shevington High School as a Head of Department. Phyl met Roger, who was also a teacher at Shevington. Seeking promotion, Roger moved to Horley Comprehensive School and Phyl came with him. They married in Reigate and bought a house in Horley. Phyl had a Head of Department post at Esher Sixth Form College for the next two years followed by a similar post at Reigate Sixth Form College. A move to Pound Hill was next on the cards, and they have remained in the house they bought some 35 years ago. Other than that, Phyl doesn't seem to have stood still in life!

Whilst teaching at Reigate, Phyl decided to study for a degree and did a part-time Open University course over 7 years, being awarded BA (Hons) in Education and Social Sciences. Rachel, Phyl and Roger's daughter, was born in 1983 and Phyl took maternity leave, before returning to her teaching in Reigate. Although this was not an easy choice at the time, Phyl is glad she did this, as it meant she was in a good position with 29 years teaching under her belt, when offered early retirement some 18 years ago.

Phyl then took a part-time job at a school in Caterham where she managed resources. She was also Clerk to the Governors at Catherington School, which led to her being Clerk to the Governors at Pound Hill First School, and also at Southgate First School – simultaneously! After 18 months at Caterham, an opportunity arose to be a part-time Food Technology Technician at Hazelwick School. Phyl had had enough of teaching by this time, and would not miss the preparation and bringing work home so was pleased to accept this post, even though she did undertake some part-time teaching too. You will be relieved to know that when asked to be Clerk to the Governors at Hazelwick School, she declined!



For 16 years Phyl was the Minutes Secretary for the Golden Lions Children's Trust, a local charity working with needy children. In addition to attending committee meetings, Phyl helped with fundraising and activities such as outings, visits and parties.

As a child, Phyl always went to church with her mother, at St John's next door to her primary school. She was confirmed there and had what she describes as "a traditional C of E upbringing". Like most people, she had a period of not going to church regularly while studying, but would visit her mother and the local church often.

It was only when Phyl and Roger moved to Pound Hill that they decided to visit the nearest C of E church – St Barnabas' and met Peter Kefford, the then vicar. Soon, Kevin Tingay became the incumbent and indeed, Phyl and Roger's daughter Rachel was the first christening Kevin undertook at St Barnabas'. They found St Barnabas' a friendly place but their attendance was not always regular; a year or so later when on holiday in Wales, they bumped into a couple from St Barnabas', so felt they ought to return to the church. Phyl and Roger have been there ever since.

The fact that Phyl enjoys spending time with her grandchildren – Isaac (3) and Asher (1) is evident from the toys and photographs in her living room.

She also tells me she enjoys gardening and she plays bowls once a week. Up until 2 years ago, they were keen caravanners for 40 years, enjoying many continental holidays. Most people will have seen Phyl in the Pastoral Centre which she enjoys running with the help of a dedicated bunch of volunteers. I think she is such a huge part of what makes St Barnabas a strong community. Roger was churchwarden for 13 years, and Phyl has held this role for the last 4 years, before which she served on the PCC.

2016 is an exciting year for the Pennells as they celebrate Roger's 80th birthday, Phyl's 70th and their 40th wedding anniversary! She is also waiting eagerly to see what is around the corner for the Parish and hoping this will include a family living in the St Barnabas' vicarage once again.

Elizabeth Whyman

VISION DAY FROM SIMON NEWHAM

'Oh no, not another Vision Day!' I hear you cry and I sympathise with you – I really do. But it doesn't have to be that way – I promise.

Proverbs 29:18 states, 'Where there is no vision, the people die'. Vision Days can be really important in the life of a parish. Without them it can be all too easy for us to become stuck doing the same old stuff and what should be something life-giving and joyful becomes drudgery done out of habit. My experience of Vision Days is that they've been key in shaping the life and direction of each of the parishes I've worked in and we have had them every 1-2 years.

My name is Simon Newham and I've been asked to come and facilitate your Vision Day on 7th May. I'm the Team Rector of Ifield Parish and I'm really looking forward to exploring with you what God wants to do with you in Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower and Forge Wood. I don't know what that might be yet, other than it will be about you communicating the truth and love of Jesus Christ in engaging, life-changing ways. I also know this:

- It will be you coming up with the vision – not me, not your clergy, but all of us working together



- It will be fun – there will be laughter and maybe some tears too
- It will not be a talking shop – we will make real decisions about what, how, who and when
- It will set the agenda for your churches for the next 3 years

So please do come – **you are** the Church in Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower and Forge Wood and without you, an important part of Christ's body will be missing! I look forward to meeting you.

Simon Newham

YOUR VIEWS ARE NEEDED

Our Vision Day is on 7th May 2016 at the Hub Centre, Copthorne between 10am and 4pm – what we hope to emerge is a clear and precise Vision Statement that will help our Parish grow in number, in depth of spirituality and in vitality of mission to the communities we are located in. So

what on earth is a Vision Statement and why do we need one at all – for 1000 years we have done quite happily without one! So here goes - a quick Google search reveals this definition of a Vision Statement:

An aspirational description of what an organization would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term or long-term future. It is intended to serve as a clear guide for choosing current and future courses of action.

One of the most famous Vision Statements ever is the one cast by John, the writer of Revelations, which sees a vision of a new heaven and new earth where every tear will be wiped from every eye and a place where there will be no more death (John, Chapter 21). A few years ago, I went to a day organized by a charity that sought to put faith into practice and we were challenged to rewrite this passage from John showing how we would transform the societies around us. Out of the session came some of the most powerful hopes and dreams of how culture and society could be transformed by Churches worshipping God and acting out their faith in the service of others; and I guess that is at the heart of our own Vision Day.

In many ways, I can completely understand if those who have been worshipping in the Parish for some time wanted to respond with 'Not another Vision Day! Surely we have our Mission Action Plan already?' Well, it just so happens that our Mission Action Plan is due to be rewritten, and following the Crawley Review, the setting seems right to look again into Why, What and How we do things in the Parish.

Of course, Anthony, Gordon, Roger and I could look at imposing a clergy-centric Vision on the Parish that we feel would help us grow in numbers, in depth as Christians and in the vitality

of our service to our community. However, most leaders recognize that such an imposed Vision rarely achieves any traction or progress. Why? Because those that it intends to inspire do not feel ownership or investment in the Vision and therefore do not invest their time and love in the same way.

I hope that the Day will affect the Parish on many levels. I hope that a good number of us will engage in the process either in the conversations that have already begun and/or by coming on May 7th and in doing so, that we will grow closer in fellowship, be inspired by each other and grow deeper in faith as we explore God's Mission for us in Worth Parish.

There are many options and things we could be involved in, but we can't do everything and your views will help us prioritize our demands – we want to do a number of things well rather than lots of things badly!

We have chosen to hold the event outside the Parish (but not too far away) so that we have space to think. The Hub in Copthorne was itself born out of Copthorne's Church's own dynamic and relevant Vision for its own community and context. We have chosen Revd Simon Newham to lead the day – a man experienced and talented in helping Parishes achieve some sort of clarity. His message to us as we prepare is reproduced below.

Steve Burston

ST NICHOLAS CIRCLE

The St Nicholas Circle had two excellent talks in February and March. Nicki Clarke gave a talk on the work of the Aldingbourne Trust. They look after adults with learning disabilities and provide work and a home life (both supported and independent) according to needs. A great example of the work they do is in the agreement with the railway network where, at a number of the stations in Sussex, those working at the Trust supply and maintain the flower beds and boxes. The Trust has a centre near Chichester where many of their clients work and use the facilities and the Centre, a great place to visit, is

increasingly being opened to the public to help raise funds and to share with the community.

In March, David Bone gave a history of the stones of Sussex. With comprehensive information on how quarries had been opened across the centuries and how this had influenced the use of stone in areas of Sussex, it was a fascinating picture of the development of buildings (and particularly churches) in the County. The talk ended with details on the variety and reasons for the use of stones in St Nicholas' church.

We are looking forward to two more talks during the period of this magazine. On April 7th, Kevin Gordon will share with us his experience of

working for the British Transport Police, together with their history. On May 5th, Corinna Woods revisits the parish after some years, to give an update on the charity work she is involved in in Nepal.

St Nicholas Circle talks start at 8pm (doors 7.30pm) on the first Thursday of every month (except July and August) at St Barnabas' Pastoral Centre, and everyone is welcome.

We are experimenting with the variety of speakers and will soon be booking for 2017.

Please give us feedback on our 2016 talks, by calling Max Perry (01293 888488) or Ann Lane (07973 214095) with any suggestions or comments. We have a £2.50 annual membership fee covering speakers and hall hire. Some speakers donate their time, but others do charge a fee so in order to cover a variety of subjects we need as much income as we can get, preferably from increased attendance.

Max Perry

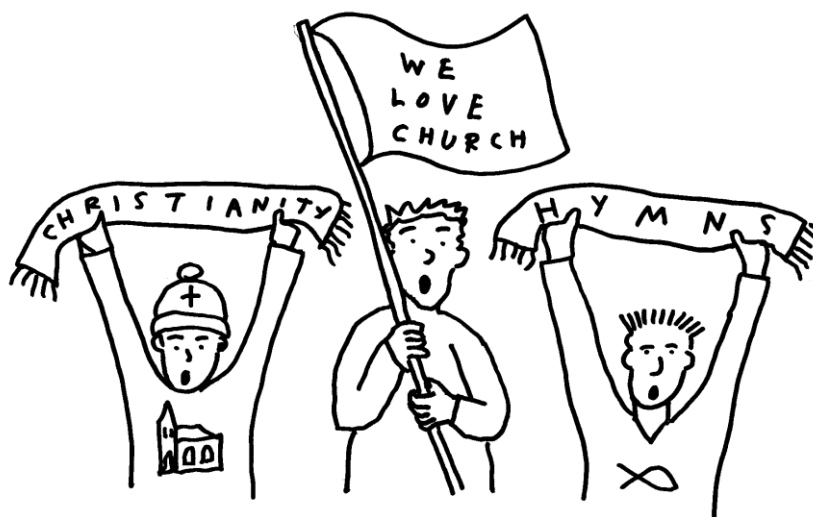
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BLOOPERS

Seen in other parish magazines...

Four new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The Year 10 theatre group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

WeightWatchers will be meeting this week at 8pm at the First Presbyterian church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

FOR KIDS

Well over 400 years ago, on 9th June 1549, the Book of Common Prayer was first issued throughout the Church of England. It was called 'Common' because it was in English, the language people used in their everyday lives instead of in Latin which only the priests understood. Imagine how strange it would be to say prayers in a language you don't understand?

You can get an idea of what that is like when you are holiday in a foreign country where you don't speak the language. Some things will seem familiar but there will be long stretches when you don't understand what is going on. And the Book of Common Prayer changed that: suddenly people could understand and take part in the act of worship.

There have been lots of changes in church services over the years but few can have been as major as when our prayers suddenly became 'common'.

UNUSUAL WORDS

What would you do with these things? All the words are in the Bible but are rarely heard today. Answers at the bottom of the page.

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| 1. KNOP | a) polish it | b) eat it | c) harness it |
| 2. DARIC | a) herd it | b) sharpen it | c) spend it |
| 3. HYSSOP | a) carry it | b) cultivate it | c) dig with it |
| 4. SHOFAR | a) drive it | b) play it | c) prune it |

Answers: 1. a) polish it, it is an ornamental knob on lampstands in the tabernacle. 2. c) spend it, it's a gold coin 3. b) cultivate it, it's a type of plant 4. b) play it, it's a musical instrument made from a ram's horn.

The Cost of Repairs - in bygone days !

The following story appeared in the parish magazine of St.Mary the Virgin, South Elmsall, Yorks. in May 1949. The original source is unknown.

An artist who, having undertaken the work of restoring the mural decorations in a church, sent in his bill for £38.15s.6d., was requested by the Parochial Church Council to render a more detailed account, which he did as follows :-

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1 Correcting the Ten Commandments	5	10	0
2 Embellished Pontius Pilate and put a new ribbon in his bonnet	1	0	0
3 Put new tail on rooster of St.Peter and mended his comb	1	5	0
4 Replumed and regilded the wing of the Guardian Angel	7	15	0
5 Washed the servant of the High Priest, and put carmine in his cheeks	0	10	0
6 Renew Heaven, adjusted the stars and thoroughly cleaned the moon.	3	5	0
7 Re-animated the flames of Purgatory and restored souls	1	7	6
8 Revived the flames of Hell, put new tail on the Devil, mended his left hoof and did several odd jobs for the damned	4	16	6
9 Put new spotted dashes on the son of Tobias and dressing on his sack	5	6	0
10 Cleaned the ears of Balaam's ass and shod him	0	14	0
11 Put ear rings in the ears of Sarah	1	6	0
12 Put new stone in David's sling enlarged the head of Goliath and extended his legs	2	5	0
13 Decorated Noah's Ark	3	0	0
14 Mended the shirt of the Prodigal Son and cleaned his nose	0	15	6
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MUSINGS UPON...

END OF LIFE EXPERIENCES -AKA DEATH

A recent piece of advice to me was that it would be healthy to think of my death every day. Do you? Or does that idea make you feel uncomfortable? In my experience, many families avoid talking about it altogether: even the person dying seems to be in denial of the inevitable. It's over two hundred years since Benjamin Franklin wrote "In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes."

The clergy know, much better than I do, that the end of life can be comparatively easy or, actually, quite appalling... and a whole range in between.

I expect, by now, many of you have turned over the page!

We are, every one of us, unique. We experience pain and disease differently from other people. So, for each of us, the end of our life will be as unique as we are, and as unpredictable.

My first experience was my friend Andrew's father's death eighteen years ago. That was quite sudden, following a stroke, and involved making bedside promises that have been hard to keep for all these years.

The second end of life that I witnessed was my own father. That involved a long period of suffering and a complete inability, on my part, to cope with any of it - MRSA, C. difficile, bouts of prolonged vomiting and the indication that he wanted me to put a pillow on his face. That was more than I could bear!

Some time later, we had the final weeks of Andrew's mother, but at a distance. That was a very mixed experience emotionally.

It was quickly followed by the death of my own mother. Her end of life experience is still very vivid as I was alongside her, daily, for the final few weeks. I faced, full on, every step of her long journey except when the nurse needed to change the dressings on her ulcerated legs. I could not bear her cries of pain! I was there at the end and learned that you don't die when you stop breathing. We had to wait for the pulse to fail.

Recently, the rapid ending of my dear friend's life, here in Crawley, was a shock for me and his family. Told that he had a few short months, I



could not keep pace with the decline that took just three short weeks. Unique, indeed, as he wanted to stay in control of everything that happened to him right up until the last three or four days.

With those five experiences in mind, I was not prepared to be totally surprised again by the extremely protracted end of life of another loving friend. Having said our impassioned goodbyes over two weeks ago, she came home twelve days ago and is still alive. No food or drink for ten days and yet there she is! I can only stand and gaze in awe at this mystery. A long, hard journey and I fail to comprehend it.

The wonderful hymn *In Christ Alone* finishes with these words:

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.*

*No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

I couldn't put it better!

Ann Phillipson

STORIES IN STAINED GLASS

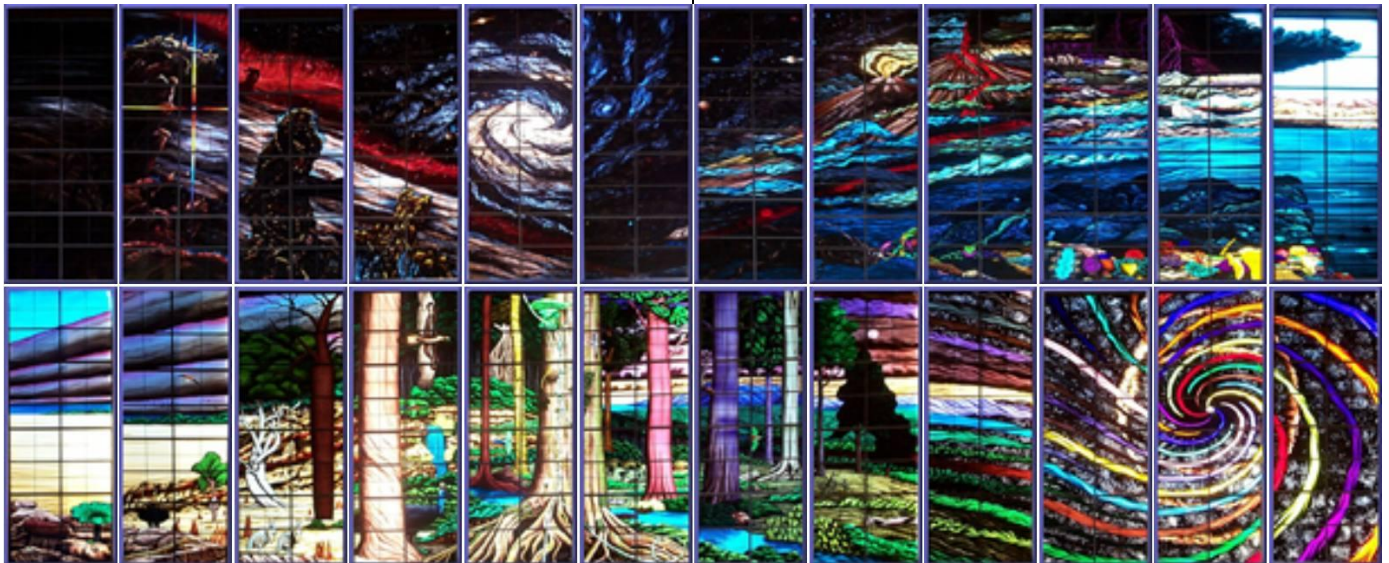
EVOLUTION AND CREATION

Telling stories through stained glass windows is one of the great traditions of western Christianity. By the 13th Century, it had become a high architectural art dedicated to the glorification and embodiment of God. Ordinary people, most of whom were illiterate, were moved by the wonder of the biblical stories brought to them by refracted beams of sunlight in the darkened inner spaces of churches and cathedrals.

of Queensland landmarks and the arrival of humans to a crystal pattern symbolising perfection.

One of the windows includes a reproduction of an image of the Eagle Nebula - the so-called Pillars of Creation - taken by the Hubble space telescope.

We were amazed by this more modern take on the bible which seemed to combine creationism



I am always very drawn to churches when travelling overseas and was delighted when I found the hotel where we were staying in Cairns, Australia last year was just over the road from St Monica's Cathedral. As usual, it was top of the list of things to do and I visited one afternoon.

The beauty of the stunning windows known as The Creation Windows was striking. They have been described as the world's largest themed stained glass windows and were installed in late 2000. Stained-glass artists, Gerry Cummins and Jill Stehn spent two years designing the windows and four years building them. In the photos below, the windows have been squeezed together to show the complete story.

There are 24 windows, depicting the cycle of creation and the art flows and unfolds around the cathedral.

The designs range from an exploded supernova to the formation of the earth, from the development

with evolutionism so simply.

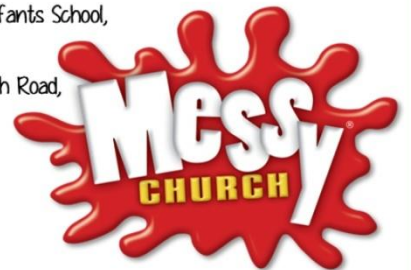
For more information including an audio commentary, see

www.cairns.catholic.org.au/documents/creationwindows.html

Sue Walshe

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Wednesday 13th April (Maidenbower) 3.15 - 4.30

Wednesday 27th April (St Barnabas) 3 - 4.30

Wednesday 11th May (Maidenbower) 3.15 - 4.30

Wednesday 25th May (St Barnabas) 3 - 4.30

GRAVE TALES

In his spare time, Mark Chappell is putting the churchyard burial records on the computer to make finding things a bit easier. In the course of entering information, he came across an interesting and intriguing memorial inscription and sent us the story for the magazine.

Elizabeth Clifton wife of Henry Clifton who died at The Grove in this parish by the accidental explosion of a gun 11 Sept. 1826 aged 35 years

Researching further Mark found a newspaper report of the inquest from The Times of Wednesday, Sep 20, 1826 (reproduced here) and also a map of the churchyard showing where the grave is, which led him to find it.

Mark hopes to have another interesting story for us in the next issue of the magazine.



On Tuesday last an inquisition was taken before G. Gwynne, Esq., at Turner's hill, in the parish of Worth, Sussex, on view of the body of Elizabeth Clifton, the wife of Henry Clifton, bailiff to General Cartwright, of the Grove-house, who on Monday last was unhappily killed by the accidental discharge of her husband's gun. It appeared in evidence, that Clifton and a friend of his who had called upon him, having agreed on going out to shoot rabbits, the former went up stairs, and brought his gun from the bed-room into the kitchen, where he proceeded to brush the dust from the pan of the lock, and finding the lock did not move so freely as it should do, stooped down to remedy the defect, by loosening its screw, when by some means his gun exploded, and Mrs. Clifton, who was standing in an opposite direction, with her back towards the gun, received the whole of its contents in the calves of her legs, which were dreadfully lacerated, and particularly the left leg, the bones of which, a little above the ankle joint, were shattered to pieces. Able surgical assistance was quickly procured, when an amputation of the shattered limb, a little below the knee, was determined upon, but before the operation could be commenced, an extreme hemorrhage put a period to her sufferings, as she expired about four hours after the accident.—Verdict—"Accidental Death," with a deodand of 5s. on the gun. The husband of the deceased stated that he did not know the gun was loaded, although he usually kept it so in his bed-room, for the protection of his master's property. Mrs. Clifton was a woman much respected in her situation.—*Leices paper.*

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MOTHERS' UNION

SHRIVING SERVICE

It was a damp and very windy Shrove Tuesday but being true Mothers' Union, 35 of Crawley District Members arrived at St Barnabas', Pound Hill, this year for the annual Shriving Service.

Our Curate, Steve, who had never been faced with either so many MU folk or a Shriving Service before, took the service; he soon relaxed as he realised we were 'friendly' and put everyone at their ease!

Sallyanne Waller, (East Grinstead) who looks after our District's Indoor Members, read the Lesson and Psalm, the Intercessions were written and read by Jacky Hemsley, the outgoing head of Faith and Policy. Our Branch Leader, Mary Fry, and the outgoing District Treasurer, Joan Tick, were Chalice Assistants, all in all showing a lovely District feeling of fellowship in the Mothers' Union year of the "Celebration of our Faith".

During the service, stones, which had been issued with the service sheets, were placed in the Font and washed as a symbol of cleansing, shriving, giving us all a 'fresh' start.

It was wonderful to welcome Kathryn Anderson, our new Diocesan President to this service as it gave her and us an opportunity to get to know each other, we are grateful to her for making the long trek from the East Sussex coast.

Steve produced a wonderful, thoughtful service, which was appreciated by everyone there.

Following the service we all gathered for coffee and Scotch pancakes in the Pastoral Centre

WAVE OF PRAYER

Every year, about this time all the Branches of the Mothers' Union around the world join in a *Wave of Prayer* for their Linked Dioceses and our turn came on Saturday 27 February. At 1pm our Members gathered at St Barnabas' to pray for our Links in Mundri in South Sudan, Madi and West Nile in Uganda, Isuikwuato in Nigeria, Seoul in South Korea and our own diocese of Chichester.

For an hour we prayed for each other as people and their plight, as Mothers' Union members, as



enabling everyone to relax, have time to talk, renew old friendships and make new ones.

During this time gifts of potted orchids were given to the retiring Officers of the District after 6 years' service – Elsie Sanmogan (District Chairperson) Margaret Hearnden (District Secretary) and Joan Tick (District Treasurer). Three new ladies have taken over these positions for the current triennial and we pray that they have a rewarding and fulfilling time.

Joan Tick

countries and for the work we each undertake; this can range from visiting (at home, in hospitals, care homes and prisons or detention centres), parenting, setting up self-help groups, gender awareness, stopping child exploitation, supplying essential items for those in England as well as those who are homeless in other countries because of war, dictatorship or famine and we work in so many other ways too (just ask).

It is heartbreaking to hear how our fellow human beings in other countries are suffering, even in those places we think of as being well off, like the prosperous and well-educated country of South Korea, so many people are in need of care there, and also in England, yes, even in the Chichester Diocese.

We believe so much in the power of prayer and this annual gathering of like-minded people helps us all to know we are loved and cared for as we reach out to the Lord, asking for His blessing, strength and love on all who are reaching out as His hands across the world and those we are reaching out to.

Perhaps next year you would like to join us, you do not have to be a member of the Mothers' Union to pray and sing a hymn or two, everyone is welcome.

Joan Tick

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VIEW FROM A PEW

Diverse weather and equally varied services sums up the Easter period, with the two things generally complementing each other by coming at the right times.

On Palm Sunday, I was part of the gathering at Worth Rectory for a sunny start to the walk to St Nicholas' church. Following the Rector, acolytes and choir, with palm crosses and hymn books in hand, we sang the first hymn as we passed the spur leading off down the Worth Way to East Grinstead. At least one family on a walk stood watching, with a toddler raised up and waving enthusiastically at us - that was the spirit of Easter and proclaiming our faith.

As we walked down to church, I thought what a good thing it was that the path had been repaired improving the ability to simultaneously read and walk. We continued, careful with our pace to keep within earshot (and therefore the timing) of the choir. A year or two ago, we had circumnavigated the church arriving at the West door many yards and one verse behind the choir.

Not everyone does the walk, and when we arrived at the partially-filled pews, I was keen not to disturb those already there. However, I temporarily forgot that my legs are only a small proportion of my 5' 10" height and for a brief moment, I became awkwardly beached, straddling the rear pew to take up my preferred place at the back!

There was variation in the service to reflect the Palm Sunday theme, but the only part that threw me was at the end when there was no organ playing. Had the organist (Alex) been taken ill? No – it was simply that the service is structured to become more solemn as Good Friday approaches. I still have lots to learn about the liturgy of the Church calendar.

I was sad to miss this year's Easter Vigil Mass. As a result of the weather, the bonfire was moved from its normal place in the churchyard and lit just by the doorway. Despite the relative safety of the

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event, several self-appointed fire marshals popped back and forth throughout the service to check that all was well. All went according to plan which was good considering.....

Easter Sunday was a special service, not least because it included both Baptisms and First Communion. Apparently, Baptism at Easter is a tradition going back at least to the 2nd Century and Lent became (and was for our candidates) the period of preparation for entering the Church's fellowship. It was encouraging to see the Church packed to the rafters with the Christening parties and Easter visitors missing with the regular congregation. Congratulations must go to all those organising who brilliantly managed to avoid any chaos. The heavy showers heralding Storm Katie held some people in the church, allowing an extra opportunity for more conversation and welcoming spirit.

Max Perry

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APRIL – MAY CALENDAR

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24 Regular Services	25	26 7.30pm Everybody Welcome Course	27 3pm Messy Church 6.30pm -7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting	28 11.30 Everybody Welcome Course N 2pm Knit and Natter 7.30pm Mothers' Union Branch Meeting	29 8pm Church in the Pub CH	30 9.30-12pm Preparation for Baptism
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