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make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the Lord lift up his
countenance upon you and give you peace.

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“For me, becoming *isn't* about arriving somewhere or achieving a certain aim. I see it instead as forward motion, a means of evolving, a way to reach continuously toward a better self. The journey doesn't end.”
— Michelle Obama

A note from your Ed



As we continue to battle the virus, I am reminded of a story which has, since it first appeared 40/50 years ago, been dubbed the **Parable of the Drowning Man**, also known as **Two Boats and a Helicopter**. It is a short story, often told as a joke, most often about a devout man, who refuses several rescue attempts in the face of approaching floodwaters, each time telling the would-be rescuers that God will save him. After turning down the last, he drowns in the flood. After his death, the man meets God and asks why he did not intervene. God responds that he sent all the would-be rescuers to the man's aid on the expectation he would accept the help. We have been given scientists who developed vaccines, knowledge that masks prevent the spread of disease and technology that allows us to communicate safely at a distance, so that we can limit our closer contact to the times when it is really necessary. This is not to say that we should not do something just because we 'want to', but I, for one, think first – Could someone be harmed by my being there? Secondly, could I be harmed by being there? Thirdly, is it a risk worth taking?

Enough of my personal thoughts, let's get onto this issue of the mag. As you will see life in the Parish is returning and we have the pictures to prove it! Our St Barnabas' hub is nearly at capacity with regular groups and it has come a long way since its initial dedication – see the middle spread, our Church Mouse has been busy! Don't forget our church quiz (see P 20) and look out for Jubilee events in the diary dates as there will be more on these in the April Mag. Finally, advertising helps keep the colour content high, so please encourage any businesses you know to get in touch and let's keep our Parish flourishing. Sue x

Voice of the Vicar

Unexpected Blessings

Within the space of a few seconds my whole world can change for the better! I am talking about the wonderful experience of unexpected blessings. As I was musing out loud about this magazine article, my youngest son gave me the idea when he celebrated the fact that after many years of "being fed" he cooked a delicious, in his words; "impeccable" meal for the family during the last week. This is part of a new strategy in the vicarage to make life run more smoothly and indeed it was rather tasty and an unexpected blessing for me!

Then this was immediately followed by a generous donation for the Parish and the news about Olly's success with his 'Ho Ho Ho' production before Christmas which managed miraculously to go ahead down in Swindon and was extremely well received. Olly and his team rehearsed at St Barnabas', the stage set was wonderful, and the dress rehearsal was an unexpected blessing because the production was so lovely and gentle and encompassed the Christian message of kindness.



I believe that we may take many blessings for granted and I suppose that is from where the phrase comes about 'count your blessings'. Maybe we can be encouraged to count our blessings but how about being, or delivering the unexpected blessing: ring and chat to a lonely person, make them laugh or send them a note?

For me, one of the best parts of being a priest is that I can bless the congregation in God's name, and frankly bless anyone willing I meet, including London taxi drivers as my siblings would tell you!

Here is my adaptation of an ancient blessing:

May the Lord bless you, may he shine his face upon you and give you peace in your heart now and forever. Amen.

I am now going to pray that whoever reads this will be blessed and comforted by an unexpected blessing.

Peace be with you,

Reverend Sarah

TIMES PAST & CURRENT



Worth & Pound Hill Mothers' Union Autumn Update

November 2021 – January 2022

Our planned Branch Meeting with a Eucharist service preparing us for Advent went ahead, socially distanced and with masks, but a joyous occasion nonetheless. Revd Sarah led the service; our newest member, Revd Greta, read the Gospel; one of our members read the lesson and another the intercessions. Seasonal refreshments followed the service, while we packed 70 small parcels of socks for those detained at the Gatwick Detention Centre. We also had a short discussion about how we could encourage others to join Mothers' Union to carry on the wonderful work started by our founder, Mary Sumner, 145 years ago. Watch this space, as they say.



Mothers' Union ran the Home Made Cake & Cookie stall at the Christmas Fair and we were very grateful for the cakes and biscuits made by so many people in the Parish as well as our Members. Over £100 was raised for the Parish. Thank you to everyone who donated and those who purchased our wares.



Also, during December, Mary and Joan decorated the little Christmas tree with blue & white baubles ready for the Blue Christmas service. Revd Sarah led this service, and it is a gentle way of remembering loved ones who have died; a time to light a candle, listen to readings and prayers and then join in with some refreshment and talk to others and someone who will listen.

In January we plan to hold our annual New Year Supper as our Branch Meeting, and invitations will be extended to family, clergy and others in the Parish who have supported us during 2021.

Hopefully 2022 will be a better year for us all, a time when we will be comfortable to meet again, without too many restrictions, and have our planned programme in full swing. If you would like to join us please come along to the Meetings each month that will be advertised in the pewsheets. You will be made very welcome.

Joan Tick & Committee



St Nicholas' Circle

Have you missed us? I suspect that with Christmas, the dark nights and the current transient situation, that the answer may be not much! However, when an impromptu discussion came about, one of our number had a brilliant suggestion! Goggle Box

– Circle-style. For those who have not seen Goggle Box on TV it is a bit like Book Club, but instead of reading a book, you watch something instead. When we meet we can discuss what we thought about it.

So, trying to avoid Ash Wednesday, World Prayer Day and a course run by the Diocese, our next get-together will be Wed 9 March at St Barnabas' 19:30 for 20:00 start. The actual TV programme has yet to be decided, but if you email your interest to Max or the Office (see below), we will send out the details a week before (it will be something like a documentary from a normal, terrestrial channel).

Having been 'in office' for 6 years – governments get shorter terms – I am in need of a break and will be stepping down from the role of Chair of the group at the end of 2022. Please will anyone interested in taking over please let me know – we could work together for a smooth handover.

Max Perry max.perry@datamax.co.uk or ring 0300 111 8150 or email office@worthparish.org

Worth Bellringers

Tower Captain's Report 2021

On 20 January, Worth bellringers held their AGM, this year in the Pastoral Centre at St Barnabas' ably chaired by Greta (one of our ringers commented that that was like trying to herd cats!). The existing officers were all re-elected, the accounts for the year presented and plans for the coming year discussed. At the meeting I presented my report for the past year, an edited version of which is reproduced below:

We started the year with recorded bells for the service on 3 January and then we were locked down again and services didn't start until Easter Sunday, but it was still only the sound of our recorded bells that greeted the congregation. However, we still met over Zoom for our weekly practices which also provided the forum for our AGM. The only time the sound of a real bell was heard was when we tolled the tenor, sadly, on four separate occasions, first for Captain Tom, then for the National Day of Reflection and finally for Prince Philip, once following the announcement of his death (we rang the Nine Tailors) and then the following week while the funeral procession was taking place.

On Easter Sunday it was back to recorded bells on Sundays. Then on 3 June we finally managed to meet in person and have a real practice, albeit socially distanced. After some initial trepidation by some of the band who hadn't touched a rope for over a year, we were soon back into the swing of things (so to speak)! Live service ringing started the following Sunday and has continued through the year, with the odd exception that I will come to. We are still not back to the "old normal", because of the limited space in the ringing room. Thursday practices were, and still are, planned in advance with those attending, but not ringing, waiting their turn in either the church, or latterly, the choir vestry (on occasion with the handbells). However, this does lose some of the social aspect of ringing. Thank you to Carolyn for helping (driving might be a better word) with the planning. As the "waiting area" is not available on Sundays, a band of 7 or 8 is chosen in advance, with others having a Sunday off. Hopefully, we have managed to give everyone a reasonable share of Sunday service ringing.

Only two Sunday morning services were missed; one where it would have been inappropriate to play my recording of open ringing on the Sunday following the death of Prince Philip, and the other when a number of our band had been "pinged" so we didn't have enough ringers available. The same event caused us to miss our practice in the same week. We also missed three practices in December – one for our social, hosted by Judy and Trevor, the others being either side of Christmas, to give us (and neighbours) a break.

In addition to ringing for all bar one of the Sunday services (including the one on Boxing Day) we also rang for Greta's Ordination, Erin's Christening, Butch's Funeral, the Choral Evensong, the All Souls Requiem service, the Advent Carol Service, the service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day itself. There was no live Crib Service otherwise we would have rung for that as well!

We only rang four quarter peals this year, but each had a significance of its own. In August we rang a quarter for the wedding of Sue's son Alex to Marianne. For the Requiem service we specifically remembered our former ringers Cecil (Butch) Butcher and Anthony Rouse who both passed away this year. We were able, finally, to ring a quarter to welcome Erin to the family using her first birthday as the excuse (this happened also to be for the Advent Carol service). Finally, we rang a Date Touch (2021 changes) on 31 December to revive our traditional end of year quarter having been prevented from doing so last year. This last quarter was rung after the last of the 14 weddings this year for which we rang. It is nice to get back to some sort of normality!

We didn't manage a dinner or an outing this year, but hopefully things will improve as time passes and that can happen in 2022.

The ringing room now appears to be watertight again, so the next thing will be to carry out some making good and redecoration. We also have a Platinum Jubilee to ring for!



Neil Dobson, Tower Captain, January 2022

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

St Barnabas'

It has been very busy at St Barnabas' over the past few months, with lots of events and, of course, our Christmas services.



In November we had a Barn Dance, organised by James Pithie as a Parish event to celebrate his "big" birthday. Great fun was had by all who attended, the music and the calling was by a local band that made the whole evening fantastic, even for those who'd never been to a barn dance before!



In early December we held our Christmas Fair. We decided to hold it on a Friday afternoon to coincide with the end of the school day; this proved extremely popular with a very well attended Fair. The focus was on celebrating Christmas and being able to gather together. The Parish youth group, the Hangout, took a lead, making decorations for sale and also looking after the stalls on the day with other groups, including Mothers' Union, making cakes and providing much appreciated support. Father Christmas was there, as was Annie the donkey; both drew in the crowds throughout the afternoon. Grateful thanks to all those who supported the Fair – it was a great success!



Whilst Covid restrictions limited attendance at our Christmas services, it was great to be able to hold all of our services this year.



Our “Carols for All” was held on the 12 December and included a wonderful selection of Carols and readings defining the Christmas story, involving readers from our church congregation and our wider church family of Toddlers and the Hangout. Something a little different this year was a “Bake-Off” style competition, building and decorating gingerbread houses. This was great fun!



The Blue Christmas service was held on 21 December. The Christmas season can be a difficult time for anyone who has suffered loss or hurt, this service is a space for sadness to be acknowledged alongside hope. The service was led by Revd Sarah and Mary Fry; with the Mothers’ Union providing a Christmas tree decorated with blue baubles. The service took the form of prayers, reflections and lighting of four candles. The first for those we have loved and lost, the second to redeem the pain of loss, the third remember ourselves at Christmas time and the fourth to remember our faith and the gift of hope which the Christmas story offers us. It was a beautifully poignant service that brought comfort to all those who attended.



The Crib Service was another wonderful service with a multitude of children dressing up to tell the Christmas story. Each part of the story being told in a Bible reading followed by the singing of a carol. At the end of the service the crib was blessed. Thank you to all those involved – your help is truly appreciated.



We were extremely fortunate to have Olly Taylor's theatre production of the "Ho Ho Ho Christmas Show" at St Barnabas' in December. Olly was looking for a rehearsal space for his show and we were delighted to be able to accommodate him – in return the Parish were able to attend the dress rehearsal show and what a show it was! It was full of warmth and magic as we followed Steve the head elf as he made his preparations for Santa Claus ahead of Christmas Eve. It was based on the true spirit of Christmas - being kind to others in need. The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with the cast - pressing buttons, finding carrots and even meeting Santa himself to get a present.

The show transferred from St Barnabas' for a successful two week run at the Swindon Arts Centre.



The Café continues to thrive. In January a surveyor, working on behalf of Crawley Borough Council, visited to update our entry in the "AccessAble" accessibility guide – ensuring anyone checking out where they can go if they have any accessibility issues will see the wonderful facilities we have. As the café becomes more popular there is an increased need for homemade cakes – if you can help, please do let us know.

David Anderson



St Nicholas' Churchwarden Update

We took down our two magnificent Christmas trees the day after we had celebrated the Feast of Epiphany. They provided a wonderful background for all our Advent and Christmas worship and additionally a Candlelit Concert by Ensemble Reza. It was interesting to reflect on the fact that when they went up none of us had heard of the Omicron variant. In spite of the new threat we celebrated all the traditional services streaming Nine Lessons and Carols and our Crib Service to provide a connection for people who were ill, anxious or absent. I was amongst the absentees as Christmas brought our family a special gift of a new baby in Wales. Warm thanks to everyone who covered for me.

Just before the Christmas trees arrived our new down pipes finally were delivered and had to be stored safely and securely whilst maintaining all our fire exits - so important in the season of candlelit services! The scaffolding to install the down pipes was being erected as the trees left the church.

Through all the changing scenes of life
In trouble and in joy
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ

Rose Wells Churchwarden, St Nicholas'



St Nicholas' Nativity 2021



Once again we were required to film our Crib & Nativity Service for Christmas Eve, as sadly it was still not permitted for a large number of people to be present in our church on Christmas Eve.

The first problem was trying to get children to come to take part so early in December but, bless them, the majority were keen to, so we went ahead, with arrow prayers and fingers crossed.

By the first rehearsal, 2 days before filming, we were 3 children down due to Covid, so a quick rethink and a couple of the children's friends being "volunteered" plus young Zara from St Barnabas' and we were more hopeful. We gathered on Saturday 4 December at 9:30 for a

pre-film rehearsal and we were ready, just after 10:00, under the watchful eye of Tony, our film guru!

The result was brilliant. We also had a donkey, sheep and oxen to join in with singing, they left us to our own devices at the end, for children and helpers to sing *Away in a Manger*.

The service went "live" on the website at 16:00 on Christmas Eve and it was a joy to behold when I saw it; I hope you thought so too. If you have not seen it please visit our website Facebook page and relive with us the story of Jesus' birth. With grateful thanks to all the children, Eva for narrating, adult helpers, Sally & Tony Chamier, Olly our puppeteer, Alex our organist and choir members. It would not be the same without you all.

Joan



Tick.

PCC Meeting

St Barnabas' Church, 26 Jan 22

The PCC met on Wednesday 26 January 2022 in the St Barnabas' Café. Among matters discussed was the introduction of the Life Events Diary, an online church administration facility, supported by the CofE, that many parishes are finding useful.

Fr Michael reported that the scaffolders had returned to St Nicholas' and the restoration of the downpipes (cast-iron to replace the lead ones stolen after dark on Christmas Day 2019) along with some minor roof repairs was about to begin.

He then asked the PCC to consider which projects to take on next, once the roof repairs have been completed. A strong case was put to replace the old boilers and convectors with new energy efficient ones; upgrading the sound system; replacing post-fire (halogen) lighting with LED. At St Barnabas' David Anderson reported that the roof repair has been completed but some of the felt is disintegrating, so we will need to look at re-felting the church roof. A quotation for levelling the Narthex floor is still awaited and it is now known that the floor is wooden and

not concrete, which should reduce the cost. Revd Sarah is exploring acoustic sound reducing panels, printed on the theme of 'Fruits of the Spirit' to dampen the sound in the Café.

HM The Queen's Jubilee will be celebrated in the Parish. First, on Accession Day (Sun 6 February) and then on Sat 4 June at St Nicholas' when there will be an event, for which Liz Gallagher has booked a fish & chip van and a drinks van.

There will be a planting of a Platinum Jubilee tree at St Barnabas' and the Mothers' Union are holding a Platinum Afternoon Tea on 26 May in the Café.

Another event planned is a Jigsaw Festival in August. We will running the Diocesan Lent course on Saturdays 5, 12, 19, 26 March & possibly 2 April and there will be a pilgrimage to Walsingham from 20 to 22 September.

Sheila Dring announced that she will be moving to Ifield shortly and therefore resigning as Treasurer. Fr Michael and all present warmly thanked Sheila for her hard work. Stuart Sharpe is also stepping down from looking after the Gift Aid. He has done an excellent job bringing the Gift Aid claims up to date; approximately £32,000.

Joan Tick / Fr Michael



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other way.'

Ezra Taft Benson

Home Group in Worth



Yes, there still is a 'Worth, Home Group'.

We have continued from afar either by email, telephone or Zoom and four of us did manage a socially distanced meet-up just before Christmas.

We had a break during the summer, but due to personal reasons we did not really get started again until Advent. I know the ladies would have been reading their Bibles and other religious books to keep them going during the extended break.

During Advent we started again with an Advent Devotional study entitled *Hope Has Come* by Jayne Martin Patton.

The study was a daily reading from 1 to 25 December. All the short readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke and an explanation is given. After the explanation came 'Thoughts about Advent' and a question to ponder and answer; it was very interesting. When we met up in person it gave us a chance to explore the 'thoughts' and how they may apply in life today.

Since Christmas we have been studying the Book of Ruth; how Ruth's life compares with that of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and with our lives, today.

The occasional study challenges, yes, but sometimes we have refreshers of the Pilgrim Course; but mostly it is good to think things through and ask questions together in a friendly group without judgement and always caring of each other.

We meet up when permitted every two weeks. If you are interested, please give me a call.

Joan Tick (884695)

Prayer Groups in the Parish - an update

Despite the challenges of the past 2 years, **our two Julian Groups** continue to meet in church for silent, meditative prayer at:

St Barnabas': 14:00 on the second Monday of each month

St Nicholas': 12:30 on the second Wednesday of each month

Meanwhile the **Parish Prayer Group** is meeting for the foreseeable future on 'Zoom', so that all can participate whatever their current circumstances, at 19:00 on the last Wednesday of the month; to give thanks and pray for our parish: its needs, its outreach, its people.

We'd be delighted if more people would like to join us at any of these times.

Please feel free just to turn up at our Julian Groups.

If, instead or in addition, you'd like a 'Zoom' invitation to the Parish Prayer Group or, indeed, if you would like the group to include you, or your loved ones, in our prayers just let Sue Perry or me know.

The more the merrier!

Linda Eells



Leaning towards Lent

Stunted imaginations

Lockdown thoughts from Helen Paynter, a Baptist Minister, writing for the Bible Reading Fellowship

As always, the Sermon on the Mount packs a punch. Today I'd like to focus simply on those few words in Matthew 6.21: 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

Judith Butler described the concept of 'grievability' - what are the deaths that a society considers worthy of grief? This might be considered a test of a society's values.

The World Health Organisation estimates that over 400,000 people died of malaria in 2018. Around 144 million children under five are stunted in their growth because of malnutrition. I could go on. Of course, these are not part of a rapidly escalating pandemic. And many of us support organisations that seek to mitigate these ills, while most western governments have overseas aid budgets (which are closely tied up with trade agreements). But if we are honest, the indignation, consuming anxiety and determination with which we are confronting the Covid-19 crisis vastly exceeds our response to these other health crises - because they mainly affect people who aren't like us and whose pain we somehow struggle to imagine.

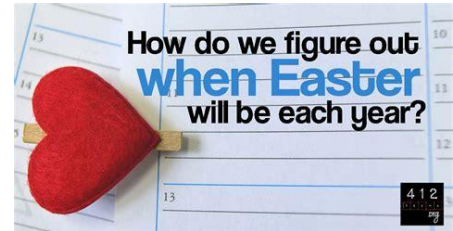
'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' I'm not sure those words are done with us yet. Here's something else I have noticed in these times - and I describe my own response as much as anyone else's. The inconveniences we lament - being unable to gather with friends, being unable to buy things we want or have maintenance work done on our properties, even some of our financial anxiety - are the everyday realities of life for many in our own country, and even more so in global terms. For many who are immuno-compromised, severely incapacitated or very elderly, getting out and about are luxuries or unattainable. Things that we regard as barely tolerable (like the damp patch spreading in the wall that adjoins my shower) are wildly beyond the reach of those who live in precarious accommodation, refugee camps or shanty towns. Even our ridiculous preoccupation with toilet roll reveals our incapacity to imagine what life is like for the billions of people who do not have toilets in their homes.

I find myself ashamed as I write these words, and I resolve to do better. Because where our heart is - the things that we become indignant or dismayed about - reveals where we have placed our treasure. Lord, grow our imagination for the woes of others.



When is Easter?

It may seem a minor irritation that Easter moves about the calendar. Easter now falls, at least in the Western church, on the first Sunday after the Full Moon based on mathematical calculations, that falls on or after March 21. If the Full Moon is on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday.



But, during the Anglo-Saxon period, the date of Easter was a really **big** issue.



Christianity was brought to Britain in the late Roman period but with little enduring effect. In the same period missionaries from Ireland established the Celtic Church in the North of England and Scotland. With the arrival of St Columba in 563, Iona became the centre of the Church with important outposts, principally at Lindisfarne.

Southern Britain was converted by the mission of St Augustine (of Canterbury) who was sent by Pope Gregory and arrived in 597 as a representative of the Western (Roman) Church. There was, from the start, some opposition between the Celtic and

Roman Churches.

There were two important differences at stake. One was the shape of the tonsure adopted by clergy and monks. The Celtic Church drew a line over the top of the head from ear to ear and shaved all hair in front of that line. The Roman Church had adopted the tonsure with which we are more familiar: a circular shaved area on the crown of the head, supposed to symbolise the Crown of Thorns.

The other issue was the date of Easter, the principal Christian festival. All agreed it should be on a Sunday and immediately after the Jewish Passover (the 14th day of the Jewish month of Nisan). This was decided at the Council of Nicea in 325. But what if Passover fell on a Sunday? The Celtic Church was unconcerned if the two coincided, but the Roman Church insisted that Easter must be the following Sunday.

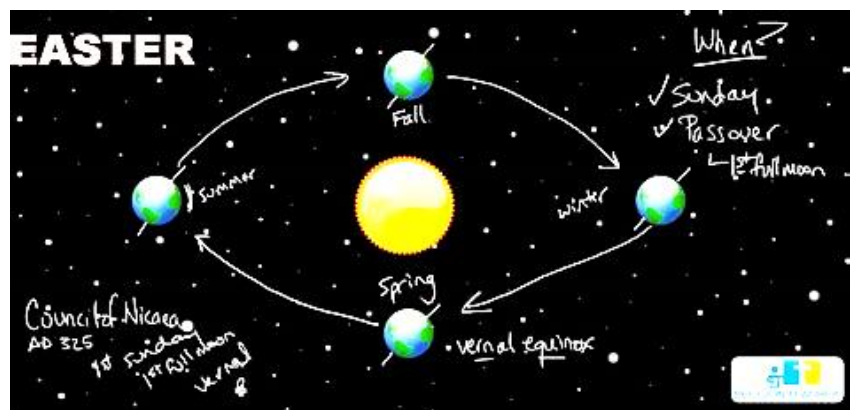
This could result in real difficulties. In the 660s King Oswiu of Northumbria was feasting and celebrating Easter while his queen, Eanflaed, who was born in Kent, was still observing Lent until the following week. Oswiu decided to convene a conference to sort it all out, which was hosted by Hild (St Hilda) at her Abbey of Whitby – the Synod of Whitby in 664.

There was acrimonious debate, colourfully reported by the Venerable Bede, but the arguments were largely won by Wilfred (St Wilfred the Great) who happened to be a Northumbrian but who had converted to the Roman Church. The Roman form of tonsure was adopted, and the Roman calculation of Easter endorsed.

Although this appears a clear decision, the Britons, although not other groups in the Celtic Church, continued to observe the Celtic Easter up until 768 and were deemed heretics and persecuted as a result.

Happy Easter!

Church Mouse

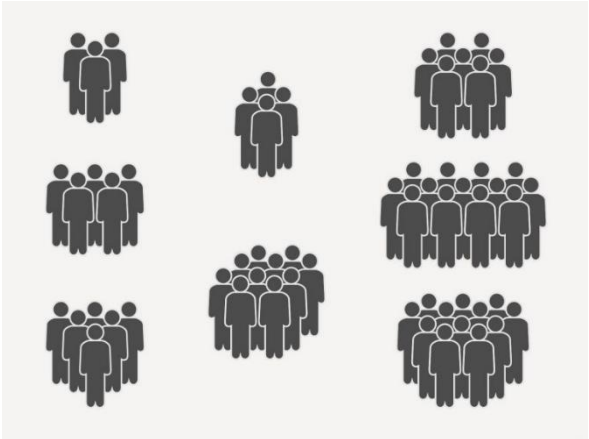


Groups and Activities at St Barnabas and St Nicholas

Homegroups

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<p>Mondays</p> <p>Pilates Mini Notes Self-help group Seated Exercise Julian Group 2nd at St B Upahaar Dance Toastmasters International, 1st and 3rd Mondays Zumba</p>	<p>Tuesdays</p> <p>Eucharist Service at 10.30am Dimensions Worth Park History Society Self-help group Toddlers 1-3pm Pilates Brit Theatre</p>	<p>Wednesdays</p> <p>Pilates Café open 10am till 2pm Self- help group Julian Group 2nd at St N Messy Church 3rd Wed Scabble & Cake once a month Earth Matters, 4th Wed Baby Sensory Choir at St Nicholas St Nicholas' Circle</p>
<p>Thursdays</p> <p>Weight Watchers Toddlers 9 till 11am Knit and Natter Mother's Union Brownies Pilates Bellringing</p>	<p>Fridays</p> <p>Pilates Café 10 till 12pm Friday Lunches The Hangout Youth Club</p>	<p>Saturdays</p> <p>Café 10 till 2pm Self - help Early Risers Saturday Market once a month Pilates Musical Hands Messy Church (2nd or 3rd) Self-help group</p>
<p>Sundays</p> <p>Eucharist Service at 10am with Sunday School (at St B) Self-help group Trainmaster monthly Asian Congregation led by Pastor Shahbaz</p>		

The Dedication of the Chapel of St Barnabas

St Barnabas' was dedicated on Saturday 8 October 1955. Initially only the Chapel was consecrated (at the West end of the building, now the Narthex) and the rest of the building, being dual-purpose, was dedicated.

The dedication was performed by the Rt Revd Dr G K A Bell, Bishop of Chichester, together with the Rector of Worth, Revd L N Phillips, and the Curate-in-Charge, Revd R O H Eppingstone. Also present were members of the Crawley Development Corporation, including the Chief Executive, the MP for Horsham, Mr F Gough, the Architect, Mr Kenyon, and representatives of the Contractors.

A copy of the Order of Service of Dedication was recently donated by Keith Waight of Highworth, Wiltshire, for which we are most grateful. A highly condensed copy follows below. If you want to see the full original, contact the Parish Office.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Bishop, attended by his Chaplain, the Rector of Worth, Assistant Priest and Churchwardens, will proceed to the principal entrance to the Church. The Churchwardens will enter, the Bishop remaining outside.

The Rector will then ask the Bishop to dedicate the Church, saying,

Right Reverend Father in God, we pray you to dedicate this Hall and Sanctuary.

To which the Bishop will reply:

I am ready to proceed to the Dedication.

The door being shut by the Churchwardens, the Bishop will then knock three times with his Pastoral Staff.

The door will be opened wide, and the Bishop will enter and say:

Peace be to this House from God our Heavenly Father. Peace be to this House from His Son Who is our Peace. Peace be to this House from the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL PROCESSION

Hymn: SALVE, FESTA DIES

('Hail thee, Festival Day' – although not the familiar version).

Then the Bishop, preceded by the Crucifer, Taperers and Churchwardens, will proceed towards the Altar, Psalm 122 meanwhile being sung:

The Bishop, standing at the Altar, says two prayers.

Then the Bishop, preceded by Crucifer, Taperers, Vicar and Assistant Priest, will proceed to the middle of the hall. (The people stand throughout until the Bishop returns to the Altar and begins the prayers there).

IN THE HALL

The Bishop reads Romans xii. 10, 11; prayers and responses follow.

AT THE FONT

Then the Bishop will proceed to the Font and the Bishop will read; St. Matthew xxviii. 18, 19; prayers and responses follow.

AT THE LECTERN

Then the Bishop, reads: 2 Timothy iii. 16, 17; prayers and responses follow.

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of the
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and Dual-Purpose Hall

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by
The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Chichester

at 3 p.m.
on
Saturday, 8th October, 1955

2 Timothy iv. 2; prayers and responses.

THE HALLOWING OF THE ALTAR

Then the Bishop, with his attendants, will proceed to the Altar and the Bishop, standing before the Altar, and turning himself to the people, will say prayers and responses.

Then the Bishop, turning towards the Altar, will say further prayers.

Then the Bishop will lay his hand upon the Altar to be hallowed, saying these words:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And further prayers follow.

The **CREED** is said, followed by the **DEDICATION OF THE BUILDING**

The **SUPPLICATIONS** follow, and then the

HYMN: 'The Church of God a Kingdom is.'

The **BISHOP'S ADDRESS**

HYMN: 'Thy Hand, O God, has Guided thy Flock from Age to Age.'

The **COLLECT of ST BARNABAS** follows

And the Service concludes with **THE BLESSING**.



It may be of interest to note that various donations were received: a Bible (Miss Bank and Mrs Nix), Altar linen (Mr Woodward), Altar crucifix and candles (the Rector), Vestry crucifix (Mrs Benny), an 'outsized' teapot (the Women's Guild) and steps for outside work.

Church Mouse



Love Your Neighbour Crawley

Love Your Neighbour are looking for volunteers for the new Listening and Signposting Service. Currently, the main focus is getting the new Town Centre Hub up and running for a launch in February. Please do be praying for it, here is a reminder on what it's all about:

Where? The old Shopmobility Unit behind County Mall, around the corner from the bus station

When? Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm

What? Listening and signposting service (to local churches and other agencies)

Working alongside? Easter Team Foodbank (Crawley foodbank partnership)

What next? Build a volunteer team...

Do you love people?

Are you a good listener ('Listening')?

Do you love to help people ('Signposting')?

Do you have 2 hours (10-12pm/12-2pm) on a weekday?

If **"YES!"** to all the above, please consider joining the LAS (Listening & Signposting) team at the Hub and contact if interested please contact Liz Burston on Liz@stjohnscrawley.com for more info. The bigger the team the more resilience we have, we hope to see opportunities to pray for people too!

In addition, please could we share that the following donations are particularly sought for Refugees being supported locally:

Sussex Aid for refugees and ABC who are in need of the following donations:

Men's coats, all sizes but especially medium and small

Men's casual shoes, sizes 7-11

Men's jeans, joggers and jumpers, medium and small

I (Rebecca) am happy to collect anything left at St Barnabas' and deliver them – just let me know.

Many thanks for your help,

Rebecca Turvill (rebecca.turvill@gmail.com)

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Answers – to the Carol quiz in the last edition

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night	11. Away in a manger
2. I saw three ships come sailing in	12. The first nowell the angels did say
3. O little town of Bethlehem	13. We three kings of Orient are
4. Ding dong merrily on high	14. Angels from the realms of glory
5. Silent night	15. Once in royal David's city
6. O come all ye faithful	16. It came upon the midnight clear
7. The holly and the ivy	17. Good King Wenceslas looked out
8. On Christmas night all Christians sing	18. God rest ye merry gentlemen
9. Hark the herald angels sing	19. In the bleak midwinter
10. See amid the winter snow	20. Good Christian men rejoice

Further afield



The Hiding Place is coming to Trinity Methodist Church, East Grinstead

We are delighted to announce that Oddments Theatre Company are bringing their play, *The Hiding Place* to Trinity Methodist Church, Lingfield Rd, East Grinstead, RH19 2HA on Sat 19 & Sun 20 Feb, starting at 19:30

The Hiding Place brings to life the inspirational and heart wrenching testimony of Corrie ten Boom. Corrie was born on April 15, 1892 in Haarlem, Holland. Corrie and her Christian family are outraged at the German occupation in the Second World War, and the constant persecution of the Jewish community. Her sister, Betsie, and father, Casper, join Corrie and thousands of others in the unceasing resistance of God's underground. With the help of an underground regime, her family's faith and a man named Fred, Corrie was able to create a safe place for Jews to hide in her family's home. It goes on to tell the story of what happened when the ten Booms were betrayed, arrested and sent to a concentration camp.

Their refusal to stand by and watch the Nazi's horrendous onslaught, and their faith that prevails throughout their subsequent suffering of the Second World War's darkest terrors, continues to inspire all of those who encounter Corrie's incredible story.

'Oddments' are one of the few full-time Christian Theatre Companies in the UK. Based in Yeovil, Somerset, they are a registered charity reaching out to churches, schools, and prisons. *The Hiding Place* is currently brought to you by a production team of 5 performers who, alongside an exciting, rotating stage set, music, and lively stage action, will make you laugh before they make you cry. Rated 5 stars by audience members, you will not be disappointed by this passionate story of God's love and hope amidst an environment of darkness and brutality.

Described by the audience as - "a powerful performance showing how God's love can overcome hatred and evil" and - "an inspiration to us all", we can guarantee it is a show not to miss. Corrie and her family's incredible story is timeless, and Oddments truly capture the Christian message in a new and encouraging way.

Tickets are £12 (+43p booking fee) in advance and are available at <http://oddments-theatre.co.uk/book-your-tickets-here/> or follow the link on Trinity's website (www.trinitymethodist.org.uk). On the door price (if there are any left) will be £13.

Further information on the show and a 2 minute trailer can be found at:

<http://oddments-theatre.co.uk/the-hiding-place/>

Alison Bentley On behalf of Trinity Methodist Church

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Many families forced to flee their homes and up living in camps such as this one in Northern Iraq.

“Many will never see their home again. But they will always remember.”

THE VOICES BEYOND THE HEADLINES

“I don’t remember how I left because I was only a baby. I guess I was lucky because this means I don’t remember packing bags, making sure not to forget the jewellery that was passed down to me by generations, and personal diaries telling stories of my past. I don’t remember needing to decide which photographs were the most treasured not to leave behind ... I don’t remember saying farewell to my neighbours and loved ones while holding back tears of desperation... But I can tell you that my parents who fled with me live with these memories every day.

When I see photos of people leaving their homes in Iraq, Palestine, or Syria, I think that although the personal reasons for leaving are very different, the feelings of displacement and the memories of loss are things we have in common.

When I looked out of my window this morning, I remembered how fortunate I was to resettle back in my homeland ... Many will never see their home again. But they will always remember.”

This is part of a very personal reflection on the trauma of having to flee your own home. It was written for our blog by a close friend of Embrace after the terrible scenes of families desperately trying to leave Afghanistan.

The news from the Middle East over this last year has been hard to hear and overwhelming at times. Sanctions in Syria continue to impair life for ordinary people, while Lebanon’s economic and political crisis spirals further out of control. People in Iraq voted in elections but have little hope for better times ahead and there has been a worrying increase in pressure from governments in Israel and Palestine on civil society, including the deeply worrying designation of six human rights NGOs (none of them Embrace partners) as terrorist organisations by the government of Israel.

But news headlines only tell us so much. Through our blog, we seek to give a deeper understanding about what this and other developments might mean for people in the Middle East. Please help us spread awareness and understanding by following our Beyond the News blog and sharing it with friends. Together we can listen to and amplify the voices of our brothers and sisters in the region. This is an important and powerful way to demonstrate our solidarity.

BEYOND THE NEWS

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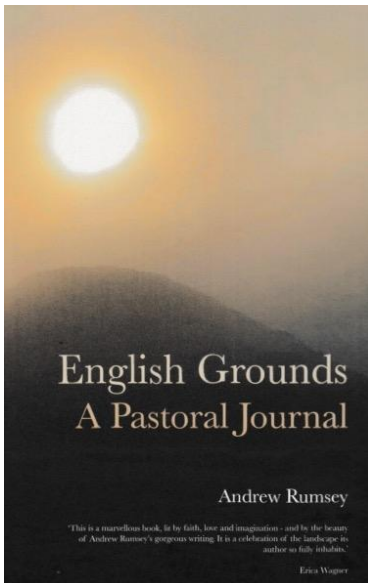
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Book Review

English Grounds: A Pastoral Journal. Andrew Rumsey 2021



English Grounds is a stimulating and engaging book, and I have not enjoyed another more in a very long time.

The title comes from a strange remainder of a road between London Bridge Station and the Thames but that is little guide to the book's content. The book consists of 61 brief observations and meditations. These chapters are short – mostly two or three pages, and perfect for reading in bed as you wait to fall into sleep. There are copious monochrome illustrations.

Andrew Rumsey is the Bishop of Ramsbury (where the gin comes from) in the Diocese of Salisbury and most of the content derives from his country walks and explorations over the past two years.

Much relates to Wiltshire (E M Forster wrote 'The fibres of England unite in Wiltshire.') but there are also chapters set in Northern Ireland, Dorset, West Wales, North Yorkshire, the Isle of Wight and Lambeth.

The book is well served by literary quotations from Asser and Henry of Huntingdon through to Foucault, Emerson, Bonhoeffer, Julian Barnes and

Andrew Motion, but this is in no way an academic book. Nor, surprisingly, is it a theological or spiritual book. Rumsey says that the book grew 'from a conviction that the Church I served had a foundational stake in this nation's story, for better or worse – and a desire that ... we should attend far more than formerly to what 'of England' might now mean.'

A delightful read. The book would make a great present, but *do* also read it yourself.

Church Mouse



Murmering - A reflection from the past

Reading the newspapers and watching the television at the end of 1989 and the beginning of 1990 reminds us that the world is in a state of constant change, and that we continue to live in a restless age.

Although it's a good thing from time to time to question and criticise certain aspects of life (particularly the life we lead as a school community) such criticism and questioning is bad if it unsettles individuals and leads to stress and strain.

A by-product of this kind of unhealthy questioning is an activity which St Benedict called 'Murmering'. In his rule for monks written in the sixth century he has this to say:

"Let not the evil of murmering show itself by the slightest word or sign on any account whatever."

We all know what he means. Perhaps nowadays it might be called grumbling! Criticism and questions must be voiced; but without bitterness, resentment, intolerance or envy. 'Murmering' indicates that we are unhappy about our lot; it betrays a non-acceptance of the present situation. And the present situation is the one in which God wants us to be.

Fr Anthony Stidolph



#trendingchurch

Pound Hill Toddlers Toddler Group Anniversary

Not as important an anniversary as the one which we all celebrate later in the year, but March will see the 40th anniversary of one of our church groups.

In March 1982, 'The Worth and Pound Hill Mother and Toddler Club' opened its doors for the first time. It was started by the wives of the Rector of Worth and the Vicar of Pound Hill, - Chrys Kefford, and Glynnis Tingay.

Times have changed a lot since then, but “The Worth and Pound Hill **Parent** and Toddler Club” is still meeting twice a week in school term time.

Looking back at the records it is interesting to see what has changed and what hasn't!

The accident book still records the same sorts of mishaps! The money collected rarely correlates with the number of people attending! However it's noticeable that in 1982 the attendees were all 'mothers' whilst these days the group should more accurately be called a 'carer and toddler group'.

Neil has recently put together a manual of the way 'Toddlers' works, containing lots of the experience that has been gained over the last 40 years. I have been lucky to have been involved with the group for many years and started to help with the organisation of it in 1992. Over time I became the leader, helped over the years by many friends! Neil joined us when he retired and has made the kitchen his domain. We recently decided that it was time to slow down a little, so Sarah now takes the lead, necessitating a move to Tuesday afternoons instead of the morning. Neil and I are still there on Thursday mornings, both days benefiting from the help of Nicky and David Anderson.

I have enjoyed the fellowship of many people over the years and get recognised and acknowledged a lot. Once, when on holiday in Helsinki, we were under the Sibelius memorial when I was approached by a lady who asked if I was from Crawley; it transpired she had come to 'Toddlers' years before with her little boy who was now an adult.

Although we are not as busy as we once were, the recent pandemic and lockdowns have highlighted the need for this sort of facility. It is essential for children to learn to socialise and having a child in the house can become very isolating, even in normal times.

The Group has been a valuable resource for innumerable families for many years. It is important that it continues to provide the support needed.

If anyone feels they would enjoy the company of both the carers and under-threes, they would be most welcome to join our team! Please contact Jenny or Sarah.

Jenny Dobson



Sunday School

Sunday School continues, being run by Nicky and helped by other members of the congregation. We regularly have between 4 and 7 children; it is wonderful to see them taking part in the service as they learn about Jesus and being a Christian. They have activities related to the Sunday readings and it is fantastic to see them recounting what they have learnt when they rejoin the service and saying the prayer that they have written. On the fourth Sunday they stay in the service and are encouraged to take part in service.



We are continuing to catch up with our baptisms and rarely a week goes by without at least one new request for a baptism. We already have about 25 booked for 2022.

Welcome to our faith

Wynter Penelope Innes	Oliver James Cobbett
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Helen Audrey Marsh	

Hunt the Mag!

What is the first thing to consider if you will be in close contact with someone?

Who dedicated the Chapel of St Barnabas?

When was the Synod of Whitby?

Where is Andrew Rumsey the Bishop?

Why was Steve the Elf at St Barnabas'?

How were the bells at St Nicholas' rung during lockdown?



Child friendly services

Come and celebrate with us!

At St Barnabas', Sunday School is every week and the 4th Sunday every month is especially child-friendly.

St Nicholas

Mother's Day, 27 Mar
and Easter Sunday,
17 April



the hangout

We are in full swing for the new term, having returned on 7 January. Following the generous donation from the "Police Property Fund" (mentioned in the Autumn Mag) the young people are discussing what they would like to purchase for their Club - a net for the goal post (great use is made of the Jubilee Garden when weather permits playing football); PS4 games and maybe a few treats. Thank You to the Church community and the parents of the young people for their continued support. We meet every Friday evening from 19:00 to 20:30 during term time - no charge. If you're in years 7 – 11 please come along and see what we do.

Contact: youth@worthparish.org or Revd Sarah Upchurch (01293) 524804.

Your hangout **team**

Messy Church

We were back – and then we weren't – but as we heard of so many suffering from Covid after Christmas and the return to school, we thought it prudent not to push our luck too much. So January has been morphed into February, when hopefully the virus will be in a sharp decline. Rest assured we take our lateral flows on a regular basis and especially before Messy – we want to keep everyone as safe as we can.

In December our Christingle Services this year were part of Messy Church. They were led by Revd Sarah, assisted by Mary, Nicky, Ann and Sue. All the ingredients to make the Christingle were passed to each group as the Christingles were assembled following Revd Sarah's instructions. With each step there was a short Bible reading to illustrate the meaning.



Then everyone joined in with the actions from "Our God is a Great Big God" and Revd Sarah gave her talk about the significance of the work carried out by the Children's Society – assisted by the children. Finally, as the lights were lowered all the Christingles were lit and a collection of £100, from the two services, was passed to the Children's Society to support their valuable work. The service closed with prayers.



Shadow's Blog

Happy new year! I hope you had a good Christmas. I love Christmas, but I always find it difficult waiting for Christmas Day to arrive. That time before Christmas that my humans call Advent is so frustrating, it seems to last forever as I can't wait for it to be Christmas.

Well, this year I decided to take matters into my own hands and bring on Christmas sooner! I realised that when my humans had finished opening their chocolate Advent calendar it would be Christmas Day, so with only a week to go I thought I would help matters along ... by opening the remaining doors all at once. This of course meant that I had to eat ALL the remaining chocolates at the SAME time. I thought my humans would be pleased, but no. Pandemonium ensued with panicked humans running hither and thither, calculating grams of chocolate consumed ... how was I to know that chocolate is toxic to dogs!!! But nonetheless, I think I made it off the naughty list as I still got a new toy on Christmas Day. Maybe next year I will get my own dog-safe chocolate Advent Calendar.

Must go... it's time to play with my new toy.

Shadow



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FEBRUARY to APRIL CALENDAR

Travelling far? - we recommend you check dates/times on our website calendar, or with the Office.

When?		What?	Where?
Wed 9 February	12:30	Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sat 12 February	15:30	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Mon 14 February	14:00	Julian Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 16 February	15:00	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 19 February	10:00	Saturday Market	<i>St Barnabas' Café</i>
Sat 19 February	20:00	Parish Quiz	<i>Zoom</i>
Wed 23 February	14:30	Scrabble and Cake	<i>St Barnabas' Café</i>
Thur 24 February	15:45	Mothers' Union Meeting	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 26 February	10:00	Jumble Sale	<i>St Barnabas' Hall</i>
Sat 26 February	11:00	Marriage Preparation Day	<i>St B (am) + St N (pm)</i>
Wed 2 March		Ash Wednesday	
Wed 9 March	12:30	Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Wed 9 March	20:00	St Nicholas' Circle	<i>St Barnabas' (Zoom back up)</i>
Sat 12 March	15:30	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Mon 14 March	14:00	Julian Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 16 March	15:00	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 23 March	19:00	PCC	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 24 March	15:45	Mothers' Union Meeting	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 9 April	15:30	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Mon 11 April	14:00	Julian Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 13 April	12:30	Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Thur 14 April		Maundy Thursday	
Fri 15 April		Good Friday	
Sat 16 April		Easter Eve	
Sun 17 April		Easter Day	
Thur 28 April	15:45	Mothers' Union Meeting	<i>St Barnabas'</i>

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