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In a magazine, one can get - from cover to cover - 15 to 20 different ideas about life and how to live it.

Maya Angelou

A note from your Ed



Sarah's writing below certainly resonates in the Perry household this Christmas. It has always been a tradition in our house that we will have visitors on any of 364 days of the year, but Christmas Day is just for us – Max, the children and me. However, this year it will be different; we have a new family living with us now and what a joy (mostly – read on) it is proving to be, sharing each other's traditions and rituals! Advent calendars don't exist in the Ukraine and they still use the Julian calendar and so Christmas for them starts on 6 January! As a result, we could be celebrating from 24 Dec to 19 Jan!! However, our university student, who is working remotely at Kyiv Uni, could potentially have an exam on Christmas Day (well, the day before or after, as this year it is a Sunday)! Her term doesn't officially finish until 31 Dec. However, no matter what, we will make the best we can out of each and every day. The Advent calendars are ready, Father Christmas has started shopping and the goose is in the freezer.

But now onto this edition of the mag. As you will see we have been a very busy parish reaching out to others with every finger in every direction. Read on and enjoy.

Wishing all our readers, near and far, a Christmas full of love and a New Year full of good health and exciting times.

Sue x

OUR VICAR – VARIETY AND VISUALS!

Traditions and Rituals

I heard someone ask the other day: why don't we have flowers in Church during Advent? Also, I gather from Christians in other churches that they don't have an Advent candle. They were not aware that there are different colours, and different people are celebrated each week, as we do in this Parish. Some churches have clergy who do not wear clerical collars, or wear vestments; some don't follow the Lectionary (set readings for the year). This variety, I think is a great and glorious phenomenon and part and parcel of being in the broad church which is the Church of England.

This got me thinking about traditions at this time of year, for us personally and for our families. Some people open one Christmas present on Christmas Eve, some wouldn't dream of it. Some have Christmas dinner, traditional Turkey with all the trimmings, with or without sprouts; then watch the Queen's Speech, of course it will be the King's Speech this year. We all tend to visit loved ones at Christmas, I wonder whether you have unique traditions within your family festive celebrations.

Traditions like rules are good if we know why they are rules and traditions in the first place. Then we can ask, are these traditions life-giving and help us to feel good in our worship or at home?

I have particularly enjoyed thinking about 'visual liturgy' outside St Barnabas' as so many people travel past, maybe you have noticed a fine purple candle outside, soon to be joined by the other Advent candles following on. Our hope is that people will notice and wonder about all this, perhaps prompt them to find out about us as a Parish, even a little about the true meaning of Christmas.

In the coming weeks we have a lively programme of events taking place at St Nicholas' and St Barnabas', there is something for everyone, any age or tradition. We are especially looking forward to our Carol and Crib services and hopefully more and more people in the surrounding area will make it their new tradition to come and see the preparations and celebrations for the Christ Child from this Christmas onwards.

May you have a prayerful and considered time this Advent and a blessed and joyful Christmas! We pray here at Worth Parish for a happy and healthy New Year for you and all those you love in 2023.

Peace be with you,

Reverend Sarah Upchurch

PARISH ROUNDUP



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September – November

Another time, another season! I really cannot believe that summer has officially gone and we are in autumn, with winter rapidly approaching and I am still not really shivering, only in my boots as I think about all we have planned for the rest of this year and thinking about 2023! Yes we are still working, sometimes quietly, so that you do not notice, and other times with clashing cymbals and loud drums!

Our quiet moments are continuing to help and support the numerous Baptisms in the parish. The moderately quiet “drumbeats” are our monthly Branch Meetings when we have a speaker or discussion, and the more noisy cymbal times are our Coffee Mornings or Afternoon Teas, Outings or New Year Suppers!

In September, Revd Gordon Parry blessed us with a very interesting, and at times amusing, talk about how he was called to be ordained and how that has also fitted in with his voluntary work at the Bluebell Railway. Gordon conducts a lot of services in the special Memorial Garden there, where steam enthusiasts can be permanently remembered.



October was our Branch's 35th Birthday and we held our Songs of Praise service. Many hymns, chosen by our Members, and readings were carefully crafted into a service by Simon. We also had Members joining us from Gossops Green. It is always lovely to have guests, especially at our special Branch Meetings and services. Why not come along too, you will always be very welcome?

At the beginning of October, Mary and Joan attended the MU Diocesan Overseas Day at Haywards Heath. Our speaker, Robert Dawes, was from Mary Sumner House; he told us about our linked dioceses in Africa and South Korea and showed a video of how people in those areas are struggling. We had a ‘game’ in which we could all participate and resulted in learning that everyone is important - from the poorest to the richest. As groups we need each other to survive; it is no good being a village of rich people without workers, nor is it good to be all poor people without funds and teachers to show how to improve. Mothers' Union supports the people of areas that are struggling, Mothers' Union buy chickens, farming implements, help to fund those who dig holes and lay pipes for water and send books etc to schools. The MU workers in those countries use them to educate those in need by teaching “How” to do something to help themselves, how to make a profit from their toil and educate young boys and girls, so they can improve life for themselves and their families. The money raised through our fund raising is not just for A.F.I.A. but some also goes towards the General Fund that helps people around the world and in the UK, and we do it with Christian love for all.

In November we will be holding our annual ‘Preparation for Advent’ service and packing socks, as gifts for the Gatwick Detainees; we have a lot of socks this year! I will tell you all about how that goes in our next ‘Update’.

We pray that you will have a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Joan Tick and the Committee

St Nicholas' Circle

On a grey Wednesday evening in October, those gathered for St Nicholas' Circle, boarded 'God's train' with our good friend the Reverend Francis Pole to steer us. There followed an hour of remarkable and entertaining memories and anecdotes which, as Rose pointed out, should skip publication in print and go straight to the screenplay!



We were swept from Vienna to Crawley via the London Boroughs of Walthamstow, Norbury and Croydon to the Surrey Hills of Shirley and out to Gillingham and the garden of England. We met impossible priests, nervous bishops, dormitory ghosts, secretaries who swore at the new moon and young offenders who fished bespoke menswear through the roof of a gentlemen's outfitters.

Among his many undertakings Francis remembered: being the only boy in the convent, forging signatures to escape games, publishing articles in underground journals, accompanying police patrols, becoming a paid railway enthusiast, hearing confessions, advising probationers, setting up chaplaincies for the ambulance and fire services in Sussex and swapping his Catholic priesthood for an Anglican one - their loss being our huge gain.

There was truly not a dull moment to be had and only confirmed our suspicions that Francis had a unique tale to tell and would tell it well. We are grateful for the time and trouble he took to share his recollections with us and thank Max and Sue for organising such a treat.

Linda Eells

If you are reading this on the day of publication it is not too late to join us for Wine & Cheese in the Café at St B on Wed 7 Dec at 20.00, please email office@worthparish.org to ensure we buy enough bread.

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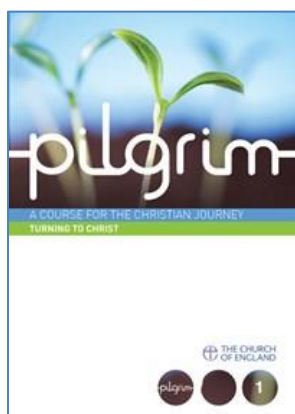
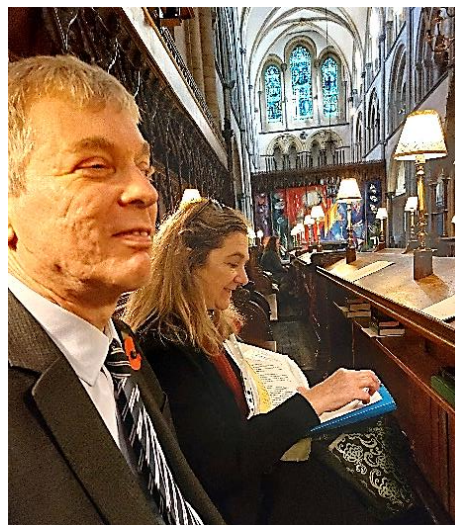
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St Barnabas' Churchwarden Update

On Sunday 13 November, as part of the Great Is Thy Faithfulness course in which the Parish is taking part, a group of us (Fr Michael, Revd Sarah, Liz Gallagher, Linda Eells, Nicky and I) were invited to Chichester Cathedral for Choral Evensong. This coincided with the Service of Remembrance. As always, the music and the choir were amazing. Bishop Martin gave a lovely sermon about growth coming through being welcoming and inclusive.



The Café at St Barnabas' continues to be well-used by many groups meeting during the week and remains popular on Wednesday and Saturday for coffee and cake. More volunteers are always needed, as are cakes – please let us know if you can help.

Saturday Markets continue to be held and are, as always, popular, raising much needed funds for the St Barnabas' project to provide level access throughout the Church – thanks to Phyl for organising these events, the helpers and, of course, our customers!

We have started a Pilgrim's Nurture course for those beginning to explore or wanting to refresh their faith. This is in the Café at St Barnabas' on Wednesday evenings at 19:00. It is a course that helps to discover and understand the Christian way of life, as well as showing you how to pray through readings, reflection and conversation. Thanks to Revd Sarah and Mary Fry for leading us on this journey.

Gladden the heart of your servant,
For to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,
Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
Knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And glorify your name for evermore.

Psalm 86.4-5, 11-12

We have a Family Eucharist on the fourth Sunday of the month, and as we entered Advent, we had a fabulous visual liturgy by Revd Sarah leading us from Creation to Advent. It was lovely to see both old and new faces! If you've not seen it then why not have a look on our Facebook page?

Also, as we enter Advent – thanks to Revd Sarah and Colin – we have a representation of the Advent candles outside St Barnabas', hopefully causing a reaction and a desire to find out more about what is happening here and, hopefully, leading more people of Pound Hill to Jesus.

David Anderson



New Note Orchestra

On Saturday 29 October the New Note Orchestra presented their 'Green Recovery' programme of music in St Barnabas' Church. The orchestra gave two concerts, each an hour long, at 16:00 and 19:30.

The Music Director/Conductor was Conall Gleeson and there were twelve performers; each musician was on his own journey to recovery from addiction. There were four guitarists and three pitched percussion players, including a penny whistle. One of the narrators played the flute. Also there were two keyboards and a Theremin (a fascinating instrument invented 100 years ago and played by waving one's hands near a metal post).



The music was composed by members of the New Note Orchestra. It was rhythmically very intricate and easy to listen to. The pieces had strong rhythms each developing marked dynamic variations and, between each piece, there were little talks by members of the orchestra about their life experience.

I particularly enjoyed the final piece. It had a "Morse style" (repeated note) theme which built to a great climax which included an almost inaudible triangle !

Great entertainment for those who attended.

Ann Phillipson

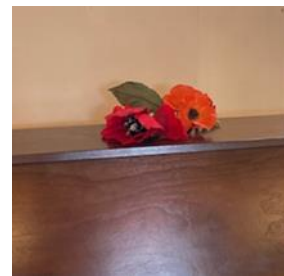
Remembrance Sunday at St Barnabas'

As we joined together on Remembrance Sunday to pay our respects to all those affected by wars, past and present, and remember those who lost their lives in conflict. Once again, our church looked resplendent with beautiful floral tributes, with poppies on every available space. The children's corner looked particularly impressive, giving children the opportunity to learn and understand why poppies are so relevant at this time of year.

Once again, our thanks go to the ladies who made the church look so beautiful.

If I should die, think only this of me:
That's there some corner of a foreign field
that is forever England. There shall be
in that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
a dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
gave, once, her flowers to live, her ways to roam.
a body of England's, breathing English air,
washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

Rupert Brooke 1914.



Jane Stanford



St Nicholas' Churchwarden Update

November 2022

The season of Remembrance and Requiems has been fully observed at St Nicholas' with some memorable and moving services to honour Patriots, Priests and People of the Parish.

On 6 November we held a 'Special Ordinary Service' to celebrate the Life and Priestly Ministry of our much-loved Priest and Friend Revd Canon Roger Brown. Christine Brown provided memorial prayer cards featuring the beautiful Rublev's Icon depicting the 'Hospitality of Abraham'; to the three angelic visitors (see *separate article in this Magazine*). What an appropriate choice given Roger's deep appreciation of the sacred mystery of the Trinity and his lifelong practice of generous hospitality to friends and strangers alike. The service was conducted by Revd Gordon Parry with Revd Greta and the address was given by Revd Andrew Wadhurst, Roger's curate at St Swithun's East Grinstead. All three priests had personally experienced



Roger's wisdom and encouragement towards their vocations. After the service, what was modestly billed as 'wine and canapés' turned into a Celebratory Feast to honour a Good Man and a life well-lived.

Within a few hours we were back in church (with all signs of feasting cleared) for an All Souls' Requiem with our Choir, under the direction of Mark Harrison singing excerpts from Duruflé's Requiem. A walker who had arrived in the churchyard at the right moment said it sounded 'ethereal and beautiful' from the threshold. Candles were lit in memory of the beloved Faithful Departed by those attending and for the first time we were able to light candles for people unable to attend the service but who had replied to a mail shot or messaging. This outreach was warmly received and reminded me of the importance of our ongoing Ministry to the Bereaved.

Amongst those I messaged were several members of the Worth Garden Party team who do churchyard maintenance to honour friends or family buried here. Their work was applauded last week by a family visiting one of our war graves.

"Fantastic" he wrote "Wow. What a transformation. Thank you." On Remembrance Sunday we were joined by the full force of the 4th Worth Scout Troop who looked and sounded wonderful as they played a full part in our service continuing a tradition which has endured over 70 years. Finally, this month we have new stones in our White Garden commemorating two people who were faithful friends to our Church, Clergy and Congregation: Peter Gusterson and Patricia Welsh. I remember them both so vividly sitting in our pews and now they are back with us in their earthly spiritual home. We will remember them too.

After a month spent in the Valley of the Shadow of Death I'm looking forward to celebrating a Birth next month!

Rose Wells, St Nicholas' Churchwarden

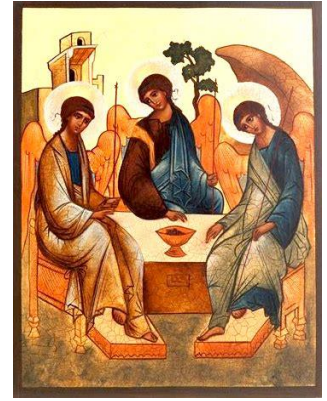


History of Rublev's Icon

St Andrei Rublev painted *The Hospitality of Abraham* in 1411 for the abbot of the Trinity Monastery in Russia. Rublev portrayed what has become the quintessential icon of the Holy Trinity by depicting the three mysterious strangers who visited Abraham (Genesis 18:1-15).

Abraham's Three Visitors

In the Genesis account the Lord visits Abraham in the form of three men who are apparently angels representing God. Abraham bows low to the ground before his three visitors and they speak to Abraham in union and are alternatively referred to by the Genesis writer as "they" or "the Lord." Abraham offers them the hospitality of foot washing, rest under a shade tree, and a meal and they offered him the announcement that God was going to give him and his wife Sarah a son, though Sarah was far past the age of childbearing.



Symbolism in Rublev's Icon

In Rublev's icon painting he depicts the visitors sitting with a cup placed before them on the table. Most scholars understand the figures to be seated left to right in their doxological order of Father, Son, and Spirit. Others had painted this story, but Rublev was the first to paint only the three angelic figures and to make them of equal size. Rublev depicts the three as One Lord. Each holds a rod symbolizing their equality in his left hand. Each wears a cloak of blue, the colour of divinity and the face of each is exactly the same.

The Father is like the figure on the left. His divinely blue tunic is cloaked in a colour that is light and almost transparent because he is the hidden Creator. With his right hand he blesses the Son – he is pleased with the sacrifice he will make. His head is the only one that is lifted high and yet his gaze is turned to the other two figures. The Son is portrayed in the middle figure. He wears both the blue of divinity and reddish purple of royal priesthood. He is the King who descends to serve as priest to the people he created and to become part of them. With his hand he blesses the cup he is to drink, accepting his readiness to sacrifice himself for humanity. His head is bowed in submission to the Father on the left. The Spirit is indicated in the figure on the right. Over his blue tunic he wears a cloak of green, symbolizing life and regeneration. His hand is resting on the table next to the cup, suggesting that he will be with the Son as he carries out his mission. His head is inclined toward the Father and the Son. His gaze is toward the open space at the table.

Notice the beautiful circular movement in the icon of Father, Son, and Spirit. The Son and the Spirit incline their heads toward the Father and he directs his gaze back at them. The Father blesses the Son, the Son accepts the cup of sacrifice, the Spirit comforts the Son in his mission, and the Father shows he is pleased with the Son. Love is initiated by the Father, embodied by the Son, and accomplished through the Spirit.

Henri Nouwen's Meditation on Rublev's Icon

The more we look at this holy image with the eyes of faith, the more we come to realize that it is painted not as a lovely decoration for a convent church, nor as a helpful explanation of a difficult doctrine, but as a holy place to enter and stay within.

As we place ourselves in front of the icon in prayer, we come to experience a gentle invitation to participate in the intimate conversation that is taking place among the three divine angels and to join them around the table. The movement from the Father toward the Son and the movement of both Son and Spirit toward the Father become a movement in which the one who prays is lifted up and held secure...

We come to see with our inner eyes that all engagements in this world can bear fruit only when they take place within this divine circle, the house of perfect love (*Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons*, p. 20-22).

Praying to the Lord before Rublev's icon painting can help us to join Abraham in hosting the Lord in our hearts. As we do we discover that the Father, Son, and Spirit were already inviting us to join in their circle of love! "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

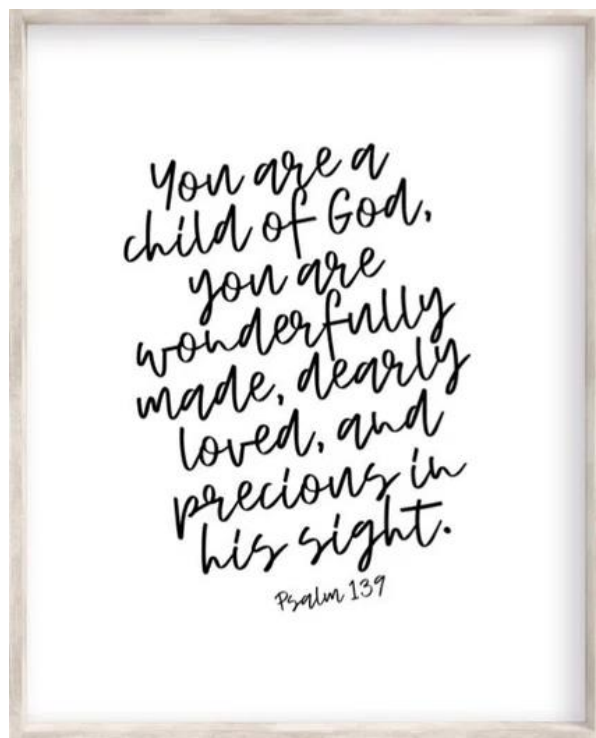
When we participate in "The Hospitality of Abraham" to the Lord we discover that, really, we are responding to "The Hospitality of the Trinity."

A copy of this icon was distributed, with the above text, at the Eucharist of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Canon Roger Brown. Roger was ordained on Trinity Sunday.

Holy Baptism

9 Oct 22	Luna Anna-Lisa Elliott
9 Oct 22	Edward Michael Jones
22 Oct 22	Waylon Mikel Victor
23 Oct 22	Leo Michael John Bunker
23 Oct 22	Teddy Paul Powders
20 Nov 22	Sophie Olivia Szulc
20 Nov 22	Jude Frank Elliott Carter
20 Nov 22	Flora Maria Veturiano Coleman

It has been our pleasure to baptise all these children. Baptism is a Sacrament of the Church – through baptism we become members of the Church, the body of Christ here on earth. Baptism is available for everyone, young or old – come and talk to us.



Confirmation 11 September

Congratulations to Ashley Roote and Sebastian Pelissier.

Holy Matrimony in the Parish in 2022

18 Apr 22	Luke Elsworth & Annie Pullen
21 May 22	Adam Collins & Lauren Harnett
22 May 22	Marcus Portsmouth & Danielle Hearne
28 May 22	Scott Price & Candice Hoare
29 May 22	Ryan Cunningham & Hannah Pittaway
18 Jun 22	Thomas Paine & Katie Pelham
9 Jul 22	Dominic Dezzani & Louise Atkins
6 Aug 22	Daniel Watts & Katie McMillan
13 Aug 22	David Moore & Faith Andrade
18 Aug 22	Donald Nicol-Wilson & Fenella McCarthy
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PCC Meeting St Barnabas' Church, 19 October 2022

PCC Meeting

The PCC Meeting opened with prayer and apologies for absence. Minutes of the previous Meeting on 10 August were approved with a minor amendment.



Matters Arising (not otherwise on the Agenda)

- Some minor procedural matters relating to the Accounts
- Luke Milburn is to be supported in creating a Home Group for Forge Wood
- There will be further training for Chalice Assistants and Servers
- Parish Defibrillator – ongoing.

Finance

A Financial Report was circulated by DA (copies can be obtained from the Office).

- Cash flow is not too bad
- Energy costs are a concern; a grant from the Diocese will be applied for
- Digital giving will be facilitated by a new device and QR codes; to be publicised
- Gift Aid: good response to request for declarations, but more needed
- Business Processes Review is under way; Report expected in New Year
- Parish Share: a 5% increase over 2022 was approved.

Church Fabric: St Barnabas'

- Fabric Report: previously circulated
- The suppliers are being asked to remedy the defective laying of the Hall floor
- An improved pool/billiard table has been donated for The Hangout

Church Fabric: St Nicholas'

- A Faculty has been applied for to install new boilers and LED lighting
- Urgent remedial works in the Rectory are ongoing
- Access path to Rectory also to be made safe; plumbing problems have been addressed
- Jason is now the Churchyard Maintenance Co-ordinator (Sexton) and has established a new group of volunteers. No further vandalism has been reported. Jason and his team were thanked for the remarkable improvement in the appearance of the churchyard.

Safeguarding and Governance

Training is ongoing and mostly up to date. Treatment of accident records discussed.

Health and Safety Paths are being cleared of fallen leaves on the approach to St Nicholas'.

Christmas Planning

Dates and times for events up to Christmas were noted and will be advertised in due course.

Parish World Bank Current system operating well; appeals responded to in a timely manner.

Baby Changing at St Nicholas' Provision of a suitable drop-down table to be investigated.

Heating and Energy Use Being investigated; letter from St Nicholas' Julian Group noted.

Next Meeting 18 January 2023 at St Barnabas'.

The Meeting closed with Prayer.

The Parish

2023 Engagement Calendar



- A3 – plenty of space to write engagements
- Includes Public Holidays in England
- Shows Common Worship Festivals
- Every home should have one!
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Eight stalwart souls, a mix of both churches and genders, still meet every other Tuesday on Zoom to explore our faith in a joyful, supportive and relaxed environment and to say a Northumbrian Compline together before lights out! So, what have we been up to since Lent?

After the uplifting Lenten extracts from the 'All will be well' compilation, culminating in some very moving Easter readings, we returned to the Lord's Prayer to appreciate its depth and ability to express our inner thoughts when we struggle to express them for ourselves. We then decided to look more closely at the letters of Peter and James - more concise and less numerous than those of Paul, but full of timely advice as to how to live in a world of non-believers and those who would put wealth first.

Interestingly, we decided to study the short epistle of James via key extracts on the Visual Commentary on Scripture website (thevcs.org). This site takes a variety of Bible extracts and, for each extract, a writer comments, separately, on three artworks related to the text and then gives a comparative commentary linking the text and all three artworks together. This is a very imaginative resource and would be suitable for anyone wishing to explore biblical passages together with others, or by themselves, in a more creative way.

We then began a longer-term project following John Pritchard's book '20 Questions Jesus Asked....and how they speak to us today'.

Written by a retired Bishop of Oxford, each chapter in this book, as the title suggests, takes a question asked by Christ. It is quoted in the context of its Biblical text and then Pritchard reimagines and recounts the event from the view of someone else present (usually the person to whom the question has been addressed). He follows this with his own thoughts, about the challenge the same question sets us today, before giving the reader "points to ponder" and suggestions for prayers.

So ... we have answered alongside his mother Mary, "What concern is that to you and to me?"; thought about our own identity and place in the world, alongside the demoniac, by answering "What is your name?"; and responded to the very personal call to each disciple, then and now, "But you, who do you say I am?" "What are you looking for?" "Why are you afraid?"

The book highlights how often Jesus questioned others during his teaching and healing, and considers the impact of those simple but searching questions on followers past and present. We have truly enjoyed being made to think of our own individual responses, have discovered insights and new ways of looking at very familiar texts and can thoroughly recommend the book for other groups and for individuals alike.

Now we intend to turn our thoughts to Advent, when Sarah will be running the Pilgrim's Nurture Course from the café at St Barnabas' on Wednesday evenings, but are looking forward to the New Year and "What do you want me to do for you?" "Do you know what I have done for you?" but may find "Are you asleep?" too close to home!

As always, if you would like to join us from the comfort of your own home, please do let one of us know: Graham, Liz, Stuart, Mary F, Mary P, Don and Janet or me, and we'll send a link to you to join the group. Though we miss meeting in person, zooming does allow us to have more people join us than our lounges allow!

Linda Eells



The Butler, The Coachman and The Nightwatchman

A line of headstones stands close to the fence on the south west side of the churchyard; a family where three very young children lie between their parents.

Parish Magazine, April/May 2021



In September, I received an enquiry from Tony Daniels enquiring about a family tree that was currently being researched for a project being undertaken by the Worth Park History Society, tracing the lives of those who worked at Worth Park in the employ of the Montefiore Family. This particular enquiry was from Tony whose great, great grandfather was the youngest sibling of Thomas Holdway, 'The Butler' mentioned in the introductory article. With contact made and many emails over the following days, both Kevin Gravenor and myself met Tony and his wife Pat at Worth Church and then took a walk along Church Road, using photographs, maps and other items to trace the roots of the Holdway family during their time at Worth.

Since the previous article, some of the information has been updated with new records added to the genealogy website and alterations to some dates and events which had originally been transcribed incorrectly. *Indicated with italics.*

Thomas Holdway – The Butler and His Family – updated and revised version.

Thomas Holdway (snr 1792 – 1840) married Maria Ratley (1797 - 1873) on 3 July 1817 at St Nicholas' Church, Brighthelmston. Soon after, the couple moved to Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

Maria gave birth to her first child in 1818, a son named Edwin. There were eventually 13 children, Maria giving birth every twelve to eighteen months until her last pregnancy in 1840, a son George Reuben. George was the great, great grandfather of Tony from whom the enquiry came. Thomas, to whom this article relates, was the sixth child, born in Woodstock, Oxfordshire during the summer of 1826 (1828). He was baptised in the parish church on Wednesday 25 October of the same year.

We note from the 1841 census, Thomas then 16, was living in Ely Place, Saffron Hill, Holborn, London employed as a servant to a lady of private means. He may have been in service for at least a couple of years

prior, as was customary at that time, in order to support his family. The 1851 census was taken on Sunday 30 March and Thomas was listed as a servant for the Reverend Oswald J. Cresswell, Hanworth Rectory, Middlesex. Also listed was Elizabeth Philips (b1825) and her younger sister Jane (b1833), both employed as servants coming from Exton, Somerset.

Thomas and Elizabeth were married at St George's Church, Hanworth on 14 December 1851 by Revd Cresswell. Thomas's employment on the marriage certificate was given as a Grocer (*groom*) and living in the Parish of St Helen's, Bishopsgate. Here we should note that previous records had the date of marriage as being 24 December 1852. Both the date and the year had been transcribed incorrectly which initially led to the belief their first child Emily was illegitimate. Thomas and Elizabeth were the last marriage at Hanworth Parish Church in 1851; their entry into the register being on the left hand page of the register of marriages that has two entries per page. The next marriage did not take place until February 1852. It therefore seems the typographer had entered the later year for all four marriages shown across the two pages of the register. With the records amended, we can now establish that Thomas and Elizabeth came to Worth soon after their wedding and took up residence at the grocer's shop on the corner of Church Road, *now demolished*. Emily was born October 1852, one could say she was a honeymoon baby. Her baptism took place at Worth Church on Sunday 2 Jan 1853 performed by Revd G W Bethune, the first of the year.

Their second, Thomas, arrived in the Spring of 1854 and was baptised 4 June: Sarah was born in late 1856 and baptised on 7 December. The family would have witnessed the construction of the Three Bridges to East Grinstead railway line, so the young children would have seen the first steam trains chugging through the deep cutting beneath the bridge.

Ellen was born in the early days of May 1859. A week after her arrival, tragedy struck the family. On the 6 May, young Thomas died and was buried four days later. He was just five years old. The following day 11 May, Emily age six died. She was buried beside her brother on the 15 May.

One month old Ellen was baptised on Thursday 2 June by Revd G. W. Banks. In the margin beside her record of baptism is the sign of a crucifix, sadly indicating that death was imminent. She passed away a few days later on the 5 June and was buried with her two siblings on the 8 June.

How many of us may have stopped by the grave, seen the very young ages of the children, let alone the

dates of death, and wondered what had caused their premature demise? The family applied for the death certificates and we now know they had all died of diphtheria. Thomas had been diagnosed ten days before his death, Emily five days and Ellen a week.

One can only imagine what heartache the parents went through losing three of their precious children in such a short time. I take the quote from the email received after Tony and Pat's visit on 4 October. It sums up the feelings of the day so eloquently:

'I can picture clearly the line of graves, the font and the aisle the funeral procession would have walked, the sad journey made three times that early summer of 1859, the route from the grocer's shop to the church, past the cottages, over the railway bridge, by the fields which would have been brimming with growing corn and maybe some animals, the turn left to the lychgate, the final services repeated three times, and the burials. The contrast between the living natural world and the three little coffins could not have been more stark; but the children lie in a beautiful, tranquil place and rest for them came after life's struggles.'

One of the many questions that was raised during the research was; "Who was the doctor attending the three children?" We believe this may have been Mr. Timothy Henry Martin, Assistant Surgeon Reg. to Mr Thomas Smith, Surgeon, The Tree, Crawley. Mr Martin was born in Merthyr Tydfil, the son of a Physician. Having attended Mr. Browning's Boarding School in Weston, Somerset, he studied at St Thomas's Hospital, London before returning to his hometown taking up work at an Iron Works as a surgeon. He came to Crawley, gaining a respectable reputation. May 1862, Mr Martin married Alice Lemon, daughter of Mark Lemon at St John's Church, Crawley. I won't digress anymore as it is another story!

In July 1861, Elizabeth Holdway gave birth to her fifth child, George, who was baptised at Worth Church 29 September. Thomas Holdway was now employed as a butler for Joseph Montefiore and, according to the census of 1861, was 'living in' at Worth Park. On January 30 1860, Joseph Montefiore had married his second cousin, Henrietta Sichel in The Hague. Their son, Francis Abraham Montefiore, was born on 10 October 1860 at Worth Park. It could be fair to say, Thomas would certainly have met the new Montefiore heir.

Elizabeth Holdway was carrying on the business of running the grocer's shop being assisted by her sister, Fanny. The surviving daughter Sarah, now age four, was living with her mother and aunt.

By 1871, Thomas had gone to live with his ailing mother in Kennington, South London while Elizabeth

was still at the grocer's shop in Worth. The two children, listed on the census as scholars, probably attended the village school on the opposite corner.

1872, and the family were now living in London (?) and tragedy struck the family in April with the death of their fifteen year old daughter Sarah after a short illness. Her death certificate reveals that she had Cephalitis; inflammation of the brain; diagnosed just three days previously. Sarah was laid to rest with her three siblings at Worth on 4 May. It would be worth noting here, that Revd G.W. Banks had not long arrived at Worth as Rector. He most certainly would have come to know the family well in the short period of such sad events. Maria Holdway, mother of Thomas, died in 1873 aged seventy six. This now left Thomas, his wife Elizabeth and their youngest son George.

There is a gap of ten years where one hopes the family lived a somewhat 'normal' life. We don't know; but once again, death is not too far away. On the thirteenth of August 1883 the remaining child, George, now aged twenty two and working as a bank clerk, had an unpleasant passing having been diagnosed with phthisis pulmonalis (consumption), fistula in ano and exhaustion. Again, he is brought to lay in rest with his brothers and sisters, of whom Sarah would have been the only one known to him.

Elizabeth Holdway herself passed on 22 January 1885. She had suffered with phthisis for three years and finally, exhaustion. She was sixty years old. Now laid to rest with her children in the tranquil peace of Worth.

Thomas Holdway was now a widower. For many years he worked as a Butler or club waiter. He lived until the age of eighty, outliving all of his siblings and, having lived a longer life than any of them. He died on the fifteenth of January 1907, in Penge. His death certificate cites influenza asthenia (exhaustion).

The footstone for the three children had been leaning against the headstone for some years, and the family requested for it to be placed back at the foot of the grave. This request was approved and on Monday 31 October both Kevin and I were present to witness this event, which for both of us felt an honour. A posy of white roses was placed at the grave. One inscription that has been indecipherable on the headstone, it being covered in lichen, has now been revealed with the aid of modern photography:

*Mark 10:14 - Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God
May they rest in peace.*

Elizabeth Steven
Worth Park History Society

Friday Lunches

At St Barnabas' Café 12:30. There are five ladies who take it in turns to cook a two-course homemade lunch with tea/coffee afterwards for the sum of £7.

Please note that in December lunches will be provided on 2, 9, 16 Dec, but the Café will be shut on 23 and 30 Dec.

On 27 January there is a special treat as Halyna, Sue & Max's, Ukrainian granny has offered to cook, ably assisted by Phyl. Because we do not want to waste food or not have enough, it is helpful if you book by telling whoever is on duty that Friday for next week, contacting 0300 111 8150, or call into the café and have your name added to the list.

The Ladies who Cook

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Congratulations to Mrs Pam Smith – a very worthy winner of the wordsearch in the last magazine.

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A Saint or Just a Mistake?

From prehistory until within the last century, St Kilda was the most remote inhabited island in Britain. Lying about 50 miles out into the Atlantic beyond the Outer Hebrides it supported a population of up to about 200 people who lived a precarious and rather desperate existence with little contact with other communities before the eighteenth century.

St Kilda is properly the name of the archipelago comprised of the main island Hirta with a bay and the single village, together with the islands of Dun, Soay and Boreray and a number of towering sea stacks. The islanders managed to grow a little wheat, a few vegetables and herded sheep and a few cattle providing milk and cheese, and horses. Their main diet, however, came from fulmar, gannet, kittiwake and puffins, and their eggs which the St Kildan men caught on the almost vertical 1,400 ft sea cliffs – easily the highest in Britain. It is remarkable that they did this using homemade ropes and enormous courage and skill.



The population of Hirta gradually declined, partly as a result of emigration, but also as a result of staggering infant mortality – over 50%. The explanation appears to have been poor obstetrical practice, using an unsterilised knife to cut the umbilical cord. This allowed tetanus infection leading to death of the infant within two weeks. The last 36 inhabitants left an open bible and a small cake of bread in their homes as was the Highland custom, drowned their beloved dogs in the bay, and were evacuated in August 1930.



But who was St Kilda? There is no reference to this saint elsewhere except in places to which the St Kildans emigrated. There is no hagiography of this saint. No manuscript mentions him or her.

The most favoured explanation is really quite surprising. One thing that mariners need is fresh water and St Kilda abounds in springs of good pure water. It was so important that sources of water were marked on early maps and nautical charts. 'S' was used to indicate either the French 'source', or the Flemish and Dutch 'springbron'. The Old Norse word for a freshwater well is 'kelda'. The Gaels of the island obviously retained this so that it became 'Tobar Childa' (and as Tobar is the Gaelic for a well, the name actually meant Well Well in two languages). As a result the chartmakers noted 'S Kelda' or 'S Kilda' to indicate good water, which was later interpreted as 'St Kilda'.

So, no saint I am afraid, just a mistake. There are many saints whose origins are obscure, or who are purely fictitious, but few can have such an interesting origin as St Kilda.

Church Mouse

(Incidentally, Church Mouse has cousins peculiar to St Kilda: a subspecies of the house mouse, now extinct, and a subspecies of the wood mouse still happily living on the islands.)

(If you want to learn more about St Kilda, an excellent and detailed history is *St Kilda* by Roger Blutchinson.)



Chapel Talks by Anthony Stidolph

Non-Uniform Day

There are lots of stories about rich men and poor men, but none perhaps as strange as this (Luke 19 v 19-31).

The point of this story is, however, very simple. It illustrates the glaring inequalities of life between the very rich and the utterly destitute. And rather more importantly, it shows how easy it is for us here to become blinded to the great human need on our doorstep.

We each have the gift of a unique human personality which can be killed by self-centredness and irresponsibility. The sin of the Rich Man was pride, gluttony, arrogance and complacency; for these can never help the poor and needy.

Jesus' parable reminds us that we need to reflect on how we stand in regard to this. Our collection today, towards the hungry in the Sudan is only the tip of a very big iceberg. We must constantly help in the major effort to eradicate hunger, disease, human degradation and despair, if we are to achieve co-operation and solidarity among all the nations of the earth.

So as we go about today in our 'smart casuals' perhaps we can spare a thought for the 900 million or so people somewhere in the world who don't have the choice of clothes to wear.



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Vesture [1]

You may recall that Church Mouse was asked to write about Liturgical Colours – which appeared in the last Mag – and about Vestments, or ‘Vesture’ or the ‘Ornaments of the Ministers’. This the first part about the vestments and will deal with those which we routinely see in our Churches.

This is a vast and complex, but interesting, topic which deserves at least a book, but for now we will keep it simple.

You might note that in Canon Law, B8.1 “The Church of England does not attach any particular doctrinal significance to the diversities of vesture permitted by this Canon, and the vesture worn by the minister ... is not to be understood as implying any doctrines other than those contained in the formularies of the Church of England.” What the minister wears must be agreed by the PCC (B8.2); in the case of disagreement the Bishop decides (B8.4A).

Despite this (almost) Anything Goes approach, there is enormously subtlety in what is worn, dictated by varying traditions and, of course, fashion.

The basis of what the clergy wear is either a long black **cassock** or a clerical **shirt**. Both have a gap to reveal the ‘**dog collar**’ – narrower gap, higher churchmanship. In my youth we used to see full white collars but this is now unusual except in Evangelical circles. The remnant dog collar slots into the front of the shirt/cassock, and may even be cut as a strip from a washing-up liquid bottle. On the cassock, more buttons higher churchmanship.

One consequence of the ordination of women has been the variety of colours available in clerical shirts – all the colours of the rainbow except purple (Bishops), crimson/mulberry (clergy of Royal Peculiars) and scarlet (reserved for the Monarch). Some institutions have tried to co-ordinate the colours; all the staff at Coventry Cathedral wear mushroom shirts.

For the Eucharist, the most common garment is the **alb** with an **amice**. The amice is tied to form a collar around the neck and generally has an **apparel** (fancy decorated bit) standing up at the back. The alb, which is plain white, goes over this and is fastened by a white rope girdle. A modern alternative is the **cassock-alb** (see Fr Gordon right) worn over a clerical shirt and with an integral collar and hood, which is synthetic, washable and convenient.

Surprisingly, the most significant item, the **stole** goes on next and it is a sign of ordination. Worn by a Priest as shown here, or diagonally across the body by a Deacon, it is the one feature common to almost every form of clerical dress.

For the Eucharist, over the top goes a **chasuble**, as worn here by Fr Michael. It will reflect the liturgical colour, be more or less decorated with **orphreys** (the patterned bits) and comes in a variety of shapes. Just occasionally we see a **fiddle back chasuble** (self explanatory in shape and very High Church). A deacon, or a priest acting as the deacon, assisting at the Eucharist may wear a **dalmatic** – shorter square-shaped version of the chasuble, rather like a tabard but with sleeves. You may well see Revd Greta in one. The Eucharistic vestments are completed by a **maniple**, a strip fastened over the lower arm, although it is a long time since I have seen one in use. A **cope**, a form of richly decorated cloak, may be worn over the vestments (as here by Revd Sarah) but is only worn for processions and not for the sacramental rite.

In a later article we will look at other forms of clerical dress, and at the altar linen.



Church Mouse

If you want a treat, albeit in a Roman Catholic context, see the ecclesiastical fashion show in Fellini’s film *Roma*. Google ‘Fellini Roma Fashion Show’ to watch on YouTube (10 minutes).



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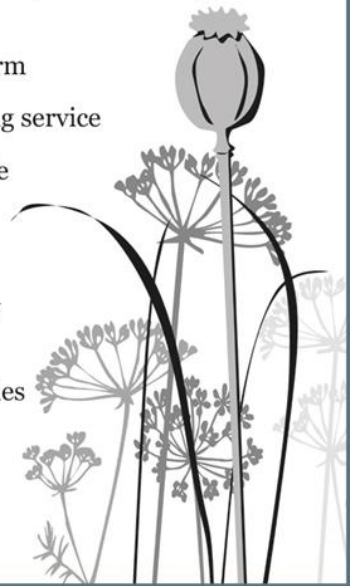
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Dear all at Worth Church,

I just wanted to say thank you to all the Worth Church members including, Father Boag, Greta the Curate, Rose the Churchwarden and Professor Graham.

Since that trip, I have learned that vicars wear a different type of clothing to different type of clothing to different events, about gravestones, the font and the different things on the altar. To be honest it was really 'worth' the visit! My favourite thing was trying on the coloured stoles!

Again I would like to say thank you, for making our school trip interesting.

Thank you for telling me so much about Worth church. I never knew that it was so old. It's 1057 years old. There were so many graves.

The attention to detail was phenomenal as they were in different styles. The 1 hour 15 min walk was 'worth' it. Some of the vestments must have made you roost.

Dear Greta

Thank you for showing what to wear at a church. I learnt a lot when I was there I enjoyed learning about it very much.

I learnt a lot about what you wear at a church like a an alb, cassock and a stole. I enjoyed this very much I never knew about this until now. I also learnt what type of albs you would wear on occasions like the purple one which represents christmas and the red one represents blood.

Dear Church People,
I am writing to you to tell you what amazing time I had as yesterday and a thank you for teaching me about the Church and the olden times.
I've learnt a little bit more about Christianity and Jesus. Jesus was a good man. I learnt some of the names of where some Church workers were called like, Cassock, Stole, etc. It was very interesting to see how many quizes and Cagans there were. Especially when young some of the kids were.

Dear all the adults in the church,
I thank you for letting us learn and see worth church in all its beauty. I was astonished be how peaceful it was.

I learned all about the history, and the religion of this wonderful church. I also learned that a homeless person or someone that doesn't have much money gets buried with no headstone. The most amazing fact is some graves are 1000 years old.

I thank you for teaching us about the history of Worth Church, I really enjoyed it. I am writing this to all of you for giving me, us, an amazing time.

It was so fun learning about what different clothes you wear for different events. I think it's really exciting that we got to hold a 300-400 year old chalice.

Thank you again for the wonderful time and the activities you set up for us. I'm so happy you invited us.

I am writing to say thank you for letting us visit your church and for telling us all about it. It was a great experience.

Pound Hill Toddlers

Toddlers continues, every Tuesday (13:00 to 15:00) and Thursday (9:00 to 11:00) during termtime. Lots of fun had by all with activities to keep all the toddlers (and carers!) entertained. We have a break in the middle for refreshments followed by singing and more fun activities. The Tuesday session is quieter which suits some children more and the Thursday session is as popular as ever! Why not come along!

Revd Sarah, Jenny Dobson & the team



Sunday School



Sunday School continues, with some new faces, being run by Nicky and helped by other members of the congregation; it provides a fun learning environment to get to know Jesus. There are always activities linked to the readings of the day and it is fabulous to see and hear what the children have been doing – and to hear the prayer that they have written – when they come back into church towards the end of the service.

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David & Nicky Anderson



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Hunt the Mag



What does a cloak of green symbolise in Rublev's Icon?

Which Psalm encourages our readers to become a pilgrim?

When has Halyna offered to cook a Ukrainian meal at St Barnabas'?

Where is Hirta?

Who visited St Nicholas' on 30 Sept 2022?

Why has a faculty been applied for at St Nicholas'?

Shadow's Blog

Waiting, waiting, waiting! I hate waiting!

Waiting for my breakfast, waiting for my dinner, waiting for my walk, waiting for my humans to come home...Life can seem like just a long wait. Sometimes the waiting is boring, sometimes it's frustrating and sometimes it's difficult, especially when my humans are trying to open a packet of treats for me, (that is sooo hard, but I try to be good and wait calmly). My humans keep talking about a time of waiting and sometimes they get very excited. I wonder what they are waiting for? Oh, I remember now, it's Advent and they are waiting for Christmas! However, unlike last year there is not a chocolate in sight as their Advent calendar is now non-edible. It's not my fault that they now have to have non-edible Advent calendars (how was I supposed to know that dogs shouldn't eat chocolate!). I did hear a rumour about an Advent candle being used instead, now I wonder what mischief I can cause this year! However, I know that I need to be patient as good things can come to those who wait! Must go... I need to practise my patient waiting skills!

Shadow



the hangout

A group for school years 7 to 11, the Hangout meets every Friday in term time from 19:00 to 20:30. With the start of the new school year, we've welcomed back young people from last year as well as new members.

Through Richard Turpie and his company Fileturn, we have, very generously, been given a new pool table. It is newer and, having been recently recovered, is in much better condition than the old one – which has given many years of service to the Parish.



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If you're in school years 7 to 11, or know somebody who is, why not come along? For more information email youth@worthparish.org

David Anderson

Hello everyone! Its me again,  **your Cuddly Christmas Bear.**

I am not sure I should be here yet, is it really nearly Christmas?

It still feels like summer, except it is too cold to swim in the sea and the leaves are falling off the trees. Perhaps I am getting too old for all this thinking and my memory is playing tricks??

I have just checked my diary and it is definitely December, so I will draw the curtains and think Christmassy thoughts.

Ah, that is better.



It has been a strange year, so many unusual things happening and some sad things too. How could it be possible to celebrate a wonderful Platinum Jubilee for our dear Queen one month, with tears of joy and then have to give thanks for her life with tears of sadness so soon afterwards?

I suppose it was like that for Mary, Jesus' mother, when she celebrated His birth and then watched as he was crucified. However, Jesus' death brings us Good News, because if we believe in Him and follow His teachings we will have eternal life, free from sin! Remember all that our Lord has given us, so we can give to others with the same love and thoughtfulness He gives us. Now what would **you** like this year?

How about, "Good tidings of comfort and joy."?

Do you know that at the moment, in the garden of the house where I live, instead of holly & berries there are azaleas in bloom? It must be like that spending Christmas in Australia! Oh dear, if it is too different this year, where am I going to find some mistletoe?

I must stop getting depressed; this is the season to be jolly (so they tell us) and I know where the mistletoe should be!



It is found on branches of old trees, especially apple, plum, hawthorn and poplar trees. Did you know that mistletoe was a symbol of love and friendship in Norse mythology? That is where the practice of kissing under the mistletoe originates.

Thinking of the environment, mistletoe also promotes wildlife. Although the berries are poisonous to us, they provide a great source of food to many animals and birds. Butterflies lay their eggs on it and caterpillars thrive on the nectar in the berries. Honeybees and wasps also collect nectar from mistletoe. Sadly, too much mistletoe on the trees can destroy them, after many years.

God created a wonderful world did He not? Don't let us destroy it, we should try to preserve it, so we can give it to others to enjoy as much as we do.

Now there is a happy, loving gift for all, at no cost to us in these difficult times.

Be happy and if you can, take a walk at Christmas and share the gift of the love of God, seen in His world, for everyone.



Look, I found mistletoe. Remember to buy British mistletoe!
Happy Christmas one and all, love from me,





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Church Cleaning (St Barnabas')	Jane Stanford
Church Cleaning (St Nicholas')	Jill Freeborn
Churchwardens (St Barnabas')	David Anderson
Churchwardens (St Nicholas')	Rose Wells Colin Smith
Co-ordinator (Parish)	Sue Perry
Events	Jane Stanford
Families, Youth and Children's Work	Caroline Formby (lay)
Flower Arranging (St Barnabas')	Jane Stanford
Flower Arranging (St Nicholas')	Noreen Oxlade
Friends of St Nicholas'	Colin Smith
Giving (Donations etc)	David Rice
Julian Group (St Barnabas')	Don Hewerdine
Julian Group (St Nicholas')	Linda Eells
Knit and Natter	Val Rudd
Magazine	Sue Perry
Messy Church	Sue Walshe
Mothers' Union	Mary Fry
Office (Parish) manned and with 24/7 ansaphone	
Offices at St Barnabas' (not manned)	
PCC Chair	Michael Boag
PCC Secretary	Liz Gallagher
PCC Electoral Roll Officer	Jane Stanford
PCC Treasurer	Churchwardens
Prayer Group	Linda Eells
Safeguarding Officer	Anita Wilkinson
Social Media	David Anderson
Stewardship Officer	
St Nicholas' Circle	Max Perry
Sunday School	Nicky Anderson
Toddlers	Jenny Dobson
Website	Elizabeth Whyman
Weddings	Parish Office

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DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 23 CALENDAR

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

When?		What?	Where?
Thur 1 Dec	14:30	Parish Prayer Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Fri 2 Dec	15:00	Christmas Fair	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 7 Dec	19:30	St Nicholas' Circle	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 8 Dec	11:30	The Church Mouse's Christmas	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Fri 9 Dec	Tbc	Ollie Christmas Show (ring the office)	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 10 Dec	10:00	Saturday Market	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 10 Dec	15:30	Messy Christingle	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sun 11 Dec	16:00	Carols for All	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Mon 12 Dec	14:00	St Barnabas' Julian Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 14 Dec	12:30	St Nicholas' Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sun 18 Dec	16:00	Nine Lessons and Carols	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Wed 21 Dec	18.00	Blue Christmas	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 24 Dec	14:00	Crib Service	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 24 Dec	16:00	Crib Service	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sat 24 Dec	23:30	Midnight Mass	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 24 Dec	23:30	Midnight Mass	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Mon 9 Jan	14:00	St Barnabas' Julian Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 11 Jan	12:30	St Nicholas' Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sat 14 Jan	15:30	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 14 Jan	20.00	Quiz Night	<i>Zoom</i>
Wed 18 Jan	15:15	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 25 Jan	14.30	Scrabble & Cake	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 25 Jan	19:00	PCC	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 26 Jan	17.30	MU New Year Dinner	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 28 Jan	10:00	Saturday Market	<i>St Barnabas'</i>

How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon; December before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon? Dr Seuss

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