



All Saints Guildford
Joyfully Living Jesus

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Growing Disciples Deepening Community



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If you'd like to feature anything in the magazine, we would love to hear from you! Articles should be emailed to **allsaintsmag@gmail.com** by the **15th of the previous month**. We like to keep content varied and interesting so almost anything goes. Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS SERVICES AND OPENING TIMES

Our pattern of services is as follows:

- ★ Morning Prayer takes place Monday to Wednesday at 9.15am in the church and via Zoom for anyone who would like this option.
- ★ A service of Holy Communion is held in church every Thursday morning at 9.30am.
- ★ An 8am service of Holy Communion is held in church on the first and third Sundays of the month (the third Sunday will use the Book of Common Prayer).
- ★ Our 10am Sunday services follow this pattern:
 - ◊ First Sunday: Café-style Altogether Worship
 - ◊ Second, fourth and fifth Sundays: Church Family Communion with Children's Church
 - ◊ Third Sunday: Morning Worship with Children's Church

Note: Children's Church is term-time only

- ★ Each Sunday, we hold 'Tea-Time Church' at 4pm.
- ★ Each Sunday, we record the sermon and this can be found on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford



THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE



For many years I've valued this prayer, which is often attributed to Sir Francis Drake, that great seaman, navigator and explorer (c. 1577):

Disturb us, O Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we have arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, O Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
When having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of Heaven to dim.

Stir us, O Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

In the name of Him who pushed back
The horizons of our hopes
And invited the brave to follow. Amen

This February, and during Lent, we will be 'venturing on wider seas' as a church. We'll be doing this as we walk with Jesus through the wilderness, during the season of Lent. We'll be doing this as we prepare ourselves for the challenges of Holy Week and also the glory of Easter. We'll be doing this through our Stewardship Campaign, as we seek to increase our financial giving by a third. We'll be doing this as our Big Build project

begins to be realised, with 'spades in the ground' projected for this coming summer.

I pray that as we 'venture on wider seas' together, our vision will be enlarged, and our faith and courage will be born anew.

Wishing you blessings for the month ahead.

Beverly

MISSION FOCUS: HAVE YOU MET AN ANGEL GIVING OUT LOLLIPOPS IN GUILDFORD?



The work of Guildford Street Angels

In 2026, All Saints will be supporting the 'Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy'. GTCC is a charity which is run by representatives of various churches in Guildford, for the people of Guildford.

Over 100 volunteers take part in the three activities of the Chaplaincy:

- Street Angels
- Community Angels
- Volunteer Chaplains

In this article we will focus on the work of the Street Angels, perhaps the most visible to members of the public.

Street Angels is a team providing practical care every Friday and Saturday night to folks who are in Guildford town centre. Anyone who finds themselves in a vulnerable state can be helped – for example this could be a result of use of alcohol, drugs, or homelessness. The Street Angels have become a well known presence, helping people to get home safely with no strings attached.

The work was founded in 2008, as a response to the high level of antisocial

cial behaviour in the town late at night. Almost overnight, tensions were calmed, crime dropped, and antisocial behaviour was reduced by around a third. Now, 50 volunteers help thousands of people per year, in work that is widely recognised and supported by civic leaders and appreciated by the police.

I recently attended a talk given by one of the chaplains, which featured many inspirational stories. The team's friendly presence establishes communication and trust on the street, and enables them to spot where their interventions can make an enormous difference to people whose night out in Guildford could otherwise have ended in danger or distress.

To quote the Police Commissioner from their most recent newsletter, "Most people will know [the Angels] for the lollipops, as well as the flip-flops they give to those who have given up on uncomfortable shoes, but all who encounter the team will remember their kindness and care."

If this whets your appetite to consider volunteering or donating yourself, please check out their website on gtcc.org.uk

Bruce Hopwood, Chair of the Mission Vision Group

LENT COURSES 2026

This year, the usual Lent course is not running, but some of the Small Group will be will be choosing their own Lent materials, and continuing their usual patterns of meeting during the week.

If you'd like to join in with one of these groups during the season of Lent, do be in contact with one of the Small Group leaders directly, to find out what they're studying.

Here's a reminder of our Small Groups who you could join for a Lent Course:

Sharing and Learning Group

- Meets fortnightly in the evening on Wednesdays.
- To encourage, learn together, and support one another in person and through prayer. Newcomers very welcome.
- Contact: Eve Gunn on 07980 621766

Friday Group

- Meets fortnightly on Friday afternoons.
- Learning together from the Bible and what it means for our own lives.
- Contact: Angela Rose on 07799 662308

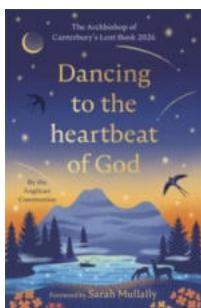
Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group

- Meets fortnightly on a Monday lunchtime.
- Women gathering together for Bible study, prayer and mutual support.
- Small children welcome.
- Contacts: Annie Twidell on 07765 660872 and Sue Jones on 07973 802943

Men's Wellbeing Group including 'Exploring the Way' Bible Study Group

- Supporting men's wellbeing across the community.
- Contacts: Andy Wells on 07411 985218 and Martyn Whiteman on 07775 676887

And here are some suggestions of books you may like to read yourself over this period:



Dancing to the Heartbeat of God

Stories of Discipleship: the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2026, SPCK, £11.99

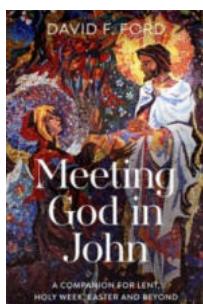
With a foreword and an afterword by the Archbishop of Canterbury designate, an introduction by the Archbishop of York, and chapters by around thirty authors drawn from across the globe, the volume creates a sense of excitement, dynamism and faithful witness in its gloriously diverse writers and readers alike. Its testimonies and stories aim to encourage people in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion to share their faith with others.



Draw Near - Life-Giving Habits for Lent

By Kate Bruce, Michael Leyden and Jessica Martin, CHP, £22.99

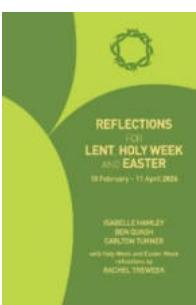
This is the official Church of England booklet for Lent 2026. It invites you to develop a rhythm of life that will help you grow as a disciple of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's saving love at Easter. Each week a different contributor explores an activity central to Christian discipleship: worship, prayer, Scripture, communion, service to others and sharing the good news. For each day of Lent, it offers daily Bible readings, images, short reflections, prayers and practical responses to help you draw near to God this Lent and beyond.



Meeting God in John - a Companion for Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Beyond

By David F. Ford, SPCK, £10.99

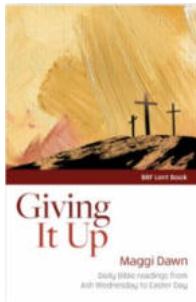
Whether you are completely new to John's Gospel or have read it many times before, this book offers an accessible and absorbing introduction to the main message of John's Gospel, packed with compelling observations into the personality and impact of Jesus, both in the first century and today. It will leave you with a renewed appreciation of and enthusiasm for John's writing. Each chapter includes questions for reflection or discussion.



Reflections for Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2026 (18th February to 11th April)

By Isabelle Hamlet, Ben Quash, and Carlton Turner, CHP, £5.99

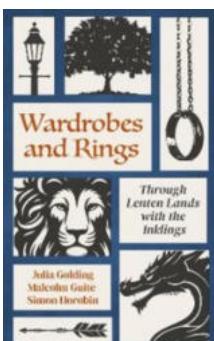
This book could enhance your spiritual journey through Lent. It offers reflections from respected Christian authors on daily readings from the Common Worship Weekday Lectionary. It is aimed at both individuals and groups and provides a simple but profound daily prayer companion throughout Lent. There is also a guide to building your daily prayer into your daily life by Bishop Rachel Treweek.



Giving It Up: Daily Bible Readings from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day

By Maggi Dawn, BRF Lent Book, £9.99

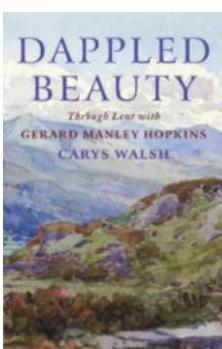
We all know about the practice of 'giving something up for Lent'. But how many of us know that the Lenten fast had several purposes? It was designed to be a reminder of our daily dependence on God for all our needs, to draw us closer to God in prayer, to reconnect us with the idea of community, and to help us follow Christ's journey through the wilderness and on to Jerusalem. In this series of daily studies, Maggi Dawn shows how, throughout Scripture, people were radically changed by encountering the true God.



Wardrobes and Rings - Through Lenten Lands with the Inklings

By Julia Golding, Malcolm Guite, and Simon Horobin, Canterbury Press, £12.99

This book could help enrich your Lenten journey with the insight and imagination of the Oxford Inklings - a group of writers who reshaped Christian thought and storytelling in the 20th century, and who included C S Lewis and JRR Tolkien. Wardrobes and Rings draws on their writings - their fiction, poetry, and essays - and offers daily readings and reflections that illuminate the path to the Cross and Resurrection. Weekly themes such as temptation, time, nature and creativity guide the way.



Dappled Beauty - Through Lent with Gerard Manley Hopkins

By Carys Walsh, Canterbury Press, £12.99

Gerard Manley Hopkins is one of English literature's most celebrated religious poets and a powerful companion through the Lenten season. This book takes readers on a journey of reflection and renewal, guided by Hopkins' vivid imagery, inventive language and deep theological insight. Whether you are new to Hopkins or a long-time admirer, Dappled Beauty opens a poetic and prayerful path through the season, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day.



In Quietness & Trust – Lent Devotions from the Beatitudes

By Matt Searles, 10Publishing, £6.99

Early in his ministry, Jesus gave His followers a description of how He wants His people to live. Rather than seeking to ascend to God, Christian discipleship is a downward flourishing; a counter-cultural way of blessing. And so these 40 devotions will guide you through the beatitudes Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount. Join Jesus on His path to the cross, and see that His way – though so different from the way of the world – leads to freedom, joy, and life. This book has eight groups of five devotions, with each group focusing on the theme of one of the beatitudes from Matthew's gospel. Each day there is a verse or passage from Scripture with an accompanying devotion, a prayer and a song.



The Man on the Middle Cross - Are You Going to Heaven?

Alistair Begg, 10Publishing, £3.99

This book focuses on three people who had their lives changed when they met Jesus. Each was given hope, restoration and a way back to God: the woman at the well, the paralysed man, and the thief on the cross. With characteristic clarity, Alistair Begg explains how this offer is open to all who come to Jesus, the man on the middle cross.

Wishing you blessings for this season of Lent, and as we begin to prepare for the momentous events of Holy Week and Easter.

Beverly

BIG BUILD UPDATE



The architects, Symbiosis Architects Ltd, have started to familiarise themselves with the project. They are seeking all the various additional consultants (structural engineers, mechanical engineers and so on) that are needed to assist in the preparation of the detailed construc-

tion drawings. These drawings will form the basis for contractors to tender for the work.

The tenants of 6 Thorn Bank vacated the property on 29th December but unfortunately the purchasers pulled out at the last minute. Fortunately a new purchaser made an offer which we accepted. Legal work is now in progress which we expect will be completed by Easter.

We are aiming to have an open meeting towards the end of April. We want to show how the input from parishioners and all the parties who took part in the Community Audit has been translated into our vision.

Further details of the date and time will be announced nearer the time.

Robin Holdsworth



Guildford Travel Club

60 years of travel for travel's sake

On **Tuesday 3rd February** join us to hear from members about their travels and adventures. Four talks covering different parts of the world and different forms of travel. Great inspiration for your next trip!

Then, on **Tuesday 17th February**, Lillian C. Gonzalez will take us on an exploration of the beautiful country of Portugal, way beyond its capital Lisbon, to encourage visitors to engage with sustainable and off-the-beaten-track tourism.

Talks held at Onslow Village Hall, GU2 7QR at 8pm.

Visit: www.guildfordtravelclub.org.uk for our full programme.

Contact our membership secretary: Barry Nelson 07789 202720 or email: info@guildfordtravelclub.org.uk if you wish to join the club or attend as a visitor.



SOME SMALL CHURCHES FURTHER AFIELD

My article in the January magazine was about some attractive small churches not too distant from Guildford. Now the Magazine Team has asked me to write another article by way of a follow-up. I had always planned to pen a further article later in the year, describing small but wonderful churches which I have visited during my life in more distant parts, but I have been asked to help fill the February magazine, and so I will try to do just that.

I have selected one church which I visited only last year in the Yorkshire Dales, one in the northern Lake District and one in a remote corner of Wales. All have their attractive features and all have been memorable for me in their way.

Let me introduce readers to delightful Coverdale, one of several smaller dales which feed into Wensleydale in North Yorkshire and through which one can drive to neighbouring Wharfedale. But I would recommend that you park the car in the small village of Horsehouse half way up the dale, because there you will find the humble parish church of St. Botolph (see picture 1). It lies snugly at the foot



Picture 1

of a tumbling stream which once powered a small mill wheel in the garden of a self-catering house where I stayed last October (see picture 2).



Picture 2

Down Coverdale and into Wensleydale, you will find the splendid ruins of the Cistercian Jervaulx Abbey, situated near the River Ure, which gives its name to the great county of Yorkshire.

This is a place to visit, even if it is on a smaller scale than not too distant Fountains Abbey. Also, a sign on the road before a narrow bridge over

the river informs road users that they are approaching the River Cover. The pun on the word Bridge was not lost on me!

But not far away from Jervaulx, going back to Coverdale, are the ruins of another (Premonstratensian) monastery called Coverham Abbey. Like Jervaulx, this monastery was dismantled in the reign of Henry VIII, but not before the canons of Coverham had founded a chapel at Horsehouse. This building continued to be used after the dissolution as a Chapel of Ease, but, in the nineteenth century, the church was established in its present form, probably using material from the existing chapel.

It was a quiet autumn morning when I made my way round the corner of the lane in Horsehouse and approached the church up the path, as in the first photo. Fortunately, the church was open and I was able to experience the quietness of the interior and take time to linger and absorb the holiness and peace of a building for God's people of the area. Picture 3 shows the interior.



Picture 3

My second choice is St. Patrick's Church in Patterdale. Patterdale, as is well known, is a popular centre for tourists situated close to the southern end of Ullswater (not far from the site by the lake where William Wordsworth noticed the wild daffodils and wrote one of his most famous

poems), and is one of the starting points for walkers wanting to ascend Helvellyn. I first became acquainted with Patterdale over 60 years ago, when I was invited to stay at the Rectory by my close friend, Andrew, during the spring university holidays. I worshipped at the historic church and helped to ring the newly installed chiming bells.



Picture 4

Daffodils are also to be found in a profusion of colour in the spring (see picture 4), and if you are not able to visit the church soon, please visit the church website where you will find plenty of evidence of a really happy

worshipping community.

Like St. Botolph's, the church was completely rebuilt in the nineteenth century. The earlier building is recalled in a sketch made by the famous artist J.M.W. Turner, and there has been a church on the site since at least the fourteenth century and, in the church, is a list of all the rectors since 1547.

For the last 60 years, Patterdale has been a place that I always feel that I want to re-visit. The climb up Helvellyn over the slightly frightening Striding Edge may be followed by a circular walk along to the head of Grisedale via Dollywagon Pike, or one can take a shorter route home via Catstye Cam and Swirrel Edge. I walked the former with Andrew and his father all those years ago, and, a few years later, on Andrew's 21st birthday, one party of guests camped overnight on the summit of Helvellyn, and the rest of us were guided by Andrew's father in darkness over Striding Edge, in order to meet up with the first party at dawn and greet the sunrise. Although clouds obscured the sunrise itself, we were treated to a moment of pure magic as a rainbow appeared over Red Tarn as we descended via Swirrel Edge. Andrew's father was a member of the local Mountain Rescue Team, so that helped our morale!

Lastly, please meet St. Melangell (pronounced Melangeth), who founded the church dedicated to her in the hamlet of Pennant Melangell in the Tanat Valley in mid Wales south east of Bala. Melangell was the daughter of an Irish prince in the seventh century of the Christian era, who did not fancy the life mapped out for her by her father. So, as a teenager, she sailed across the Irish Sea to Anglesey and made her way to the centre of Christianity at the time in St. Asaph further to the east. After a time, she decided to cross the hills and ended up in the beautiful Tanat Valley where she founded a church on the present site.



This site was almost certainly already used for religious worship of some sort, as the yew trees which still stand around the churchyard are about 2,000 years old. She was credited with miraculous powers, and the cur-

rent church contains a shrine to her. She is also the patron saint of hares, based on a legend that, while the local chieftain was pursuing a hare with his greyhounds, the hare ran to St. Melangell and hid by sitting on her feet underneath her full length religious gown. She gave the hare sanctuary, and it is believed that, despite what she did, she still remained popular with the said chieftain and the local community. Again, do please visit the website for further really interesting reading about this church and shrine.

Richard Hemingway

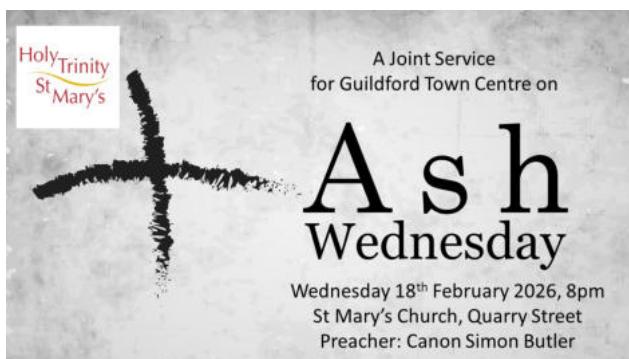
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - 22ND FEBRUARY



Each year we review our financial giving to All Saints on Stewardship Sunday and the following three weeks. David Senior, the Diocesan Stewardship Officer, will be coming to preach at our 10am and 4pm services.

2026 is a big year for us financially as we embark on the Big Build project, face rising costs on a day to day basis and look for replacement users of the church hall following the loss of the Montessori Nursery. We're going to have to dig deep and pull together this year!

Please do come and hear David. He is a very inspiring speaker.



Lent Lunch

Sunday 22nd February
12 noon in the hall

No need
to book



Donations to the Koens Family

Join us for a bread and soup lunch as we consider the valuable support that the Koens family provide to the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea.



REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL 2026

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised annually and this will be done in February, prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in March.

The planned timetable is that the formal 14 day notice of the revision will be posted in the church lobby on Sunday 8th February. The revision period will begin on Sunday 22nd February and end on Saturday 7th March. On Sunday 8th March the revised Roll will be posted and no changes can then be made until the conclusion of the APCM on Sunday 22nd March.

Whilst the main purpose of the revision is to remove any names of people no longer eligible, it is a good opportunity for new people to enrol. Enrolment can be done in a number of ways. On our website (allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/about-us/electoral-roll), an easy to use on line form can be completed. Alternatively, there is a version which can be downloaded and, after completion, either scanned and emailed to allsaintschurchgfd@gmail.com or posted to: Electoral Roll Officer, All Saints' Church, Vicarage Gate, Onslow Village, Guildford, GU2 7QJ. There will also be paper forms available in church.

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact me by email on richard@thepointers.plus.com or phone 01483 576785.

Richard Pointer

All Saints' HEAR HERE CLINIC



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Vicarage Gate
Guildford
GU2 7QJ

Provided by NHS
trained volunteers.

Re-tubing and
battery replacement,
NHS supplied
hearing aids only.

MONTHLY
Third Monday
of the month
2pm-3pm

February 16th
March 16th
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th
July 20th
August 17th
September 21st

**No need to book,
just drop in for
FREE hearing aid
maintenance,
battery changes
and advice**

For more information:
allsaintschurchgfd@gmail.com
01483 563713

CARBON FAST FOR LENT



This Lent, why not take part in Climate Stewards' Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation.

Beginning on 5th March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation.

Find out more and sign up at:

climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/

WOLF MOON OVER ALL SAINTS

Our thanks to local resident, Craig Kellum, who took this amazing photograph of January's wolf moon rising above All Saints.



Pancake Party!

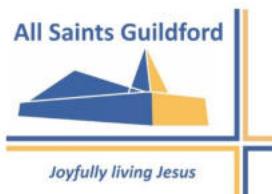


**Shrove Tuesday
17th February, 5pm-6.45pm
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL**

**Join us for pancakes cooked and
flipped in the church!**

Selection of toppings available.

**Donations welcomed.
No booking needed - just turn up!**



HALL FOR HIRE

Within the next few months, the Montessori Nursery will be relocating to Onslow Infant School. We've had a nursery on site for many years and we're sad to see them go. However, we now have a wonderful opportunity to offer the hall for use by the local community in the day time, as well as evenings.

The hall is an ideal space for classes such as dance and exercise and for community group use, such as Guides and Brownies. We're hoping we can expand into daytime activities such as adult education classes or as a space for meetings.



There's a kitchen in the hall building equipped with a cooker, microwave, kettles and fridge and plenty of crockery for providing refreshments.

Maybe you attend classes, or know people who run classes, and maybe this could be a perfect venue!

Please send any enquiries to our Bookings Secretary, Eve Gunn at bookings.all saints@gmail.com

More information about room hiring is on our website:
allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/hall-and-church-hire/our-rooms/

*Eve Gunn
Bookings Secretary*

THE REWARD

by Trixie Tuck



Sleepless nights, baby filled days
And rather restricted holidays.
Nursery teas, games in the car
Whilst chauffeuring to places near and far.
Tears when left at nursery school,
Chilly swims in the nearby pool.
Favourite stories many times read
To pyjama'd cuddlesomes ready for bed.
Days on the beach with buckets and spades
Small plump feet and screams at the waves.
Quarrels and squabbles and sibling rivalry
Birthday parties and utter tomfoolery.

Christmastime - all small cylinders fired
Parents spend it in a haze of tired.
Piano practice - resistance of course
And screams when the answer is 'NO!' to a horse.
Agonies when the hamster dies
And scenes if they only want to eat fries.
Primary school - will they settle, each day?
And big school - is the teaching OK?
O levels, A levels. Which ones to take?
And then will they pass or the whole lot forsake?
University entrance? Don't push or force -
Gently let them steer their own course.
That's difficult when 'you don't understand'
If they want to drift off and just play in a band.

Boyfriends and girlfriends - staying out late
Awake in bed you get in a state.
Little half grown-ups - arrive home at two?
No way would MY father think that would do!

Then one by one they leave the nest
Taking the toy they love the best.
How have the years gone so quickly by?

How can our nestlings be ready to fly?
But oh what joy to watch them spread their wings
And do all sorts of different things.
Coping with life and people and places
Coming up smiling when put through their paces.
And when they come home and hug you so tight
You feel, after all, you got some things right!



ONSLOW VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

February is the start of the 2026/2027 gardening year for Onslow Village Garden Club.

We meet at Onslow Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month (except August and December) at 7.30pm. We have a programme of talks, shows, plant sales and this year there will be special events to mark the Club's 80th anniversary celebrations.

Everyone is welcome, visitors as well as members.

The first talk will be on **Wednesday 18th February** when Pamela Holt will be speaking on '**Tree Planting and Aftercare**'. Pamela is a keen horticulturalist with a special interest in trees. Maybe you are thinking about another tree in your garden or would like help on existing trees – do come to hear her advice.

Membership to the Club is open to all. The Club subscription is £15 per person per year or £19 for family membership including children. Alternatively, you might like to come as a visitor for which we charge £3.

Anne Bradbeer

NEWS FROM ANDY



Hello everyone from St Martin's!

Well, I've started my placement at St Martin's Church in East Horsley.

I'm there until just after Easter as part of my training which finishes in June when, by God's grace, I'm ordained as a curate at All Saints.

Our churches are very similar in parts and then very different. We're both community local churches and serve the local community with many outreach activities.

St Martin's is 990 years old! The tower dates back before the Doomsday Book and, as you can imagine, is steeped in history. Walls soaked in prayer, as they say.

Whilst I've only been there for three weeks, it seems like months! I've attended and participated in the Sunday morning services and am reading and preaching soon. We've been on hikes called Pilgrim Walks and coffee mornings on Thursdays.

Coming up are mornings with the team and helping at external services. There's even a movie night!

Linda and I are missing you all and look out for you as we walk around the town so we can say hello. The congregation are so friendly and welcoming at St Martin's, though, so we do feel right at home.

Best wishes to you all and see you soon

Linda, Ellie and Andy





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4. *Submit your results:* At the end of the week, submit your results online.

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All the data will be combined with the data of everyone who takes part in The Big Plastic Count. The numbers will be crunched to figure out how much plastic the UK is throwing away and where it ends up. The findings will be taken directly to the government. That means the more people who count, the better the data, and the greater the evidence to push for change!

When taking part, you might feel like the plastics crisis is your fault. It's not. Only governments, brands and supermarkets can create alternatives that work for everyone. Your count will push them to do that.

Trish Tye

A RECIPE FOR LENT



This recipe is taken from a Lent cookbook produced by Christian Aid and the Scottish Episcopal Church. The book includes prayer and Bible study suggestions for each day. See more information at www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Lent-Cookbook.pdf

Spicy butternut squash soup (serves 4)

Ingredients:

- 1 large butternut squash
- 2 medium onions
- 2 tbsp oil
- Water
- tsp of chilli powder if desired
- salt and pepper to taste.

Method

- Chop up the butternut squash without peeling it.
- Dice the onions. Fry the onions in the oil until soft: five minutes.
- Add the chilli powder and mix well with the onion and oil: two minutes.
- Add the chopped butternut squash. Mix well.
- Add sufficient water to cover the vegetables.
- Bring to the boil and then simmer until the butternut squash is soft.
- Allow to cool then either mash or blend with a blender until smooth.
- Serve with crusty bread, oatcakes or crispbread.

Thank you God for food to share.
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May it nourish us to dare to shape a world where trade is fair
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INTRODUCING DAME SARAH MULLALLY THE 106TH ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE officially became Archbishop of Canterbury on 28th January 2026.

Most people know that she had been Bishop of London for several years, and that she is the first woman to ever become Archbishop of Canterbury. But what else do you know about her?

- ★ She was born in Woking in 1962, and is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother.
- ★ She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She went on to South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London.
- ★ She worked as a nurse in the NHS, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital, before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.
- ★ At the age of 37, she was appointed the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health. She was the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.
- ★ She had become a Christian at the age of 16. While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, she discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education.
- ★ She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St Saviour's Battersea Fields, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as "the biggest decision I have ever made".
- ★ In 2012 she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral

and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter.

- ★ On 12th May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role.
- ★ Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spiritual, having been introduced on 24th May 2018.
- ★ She was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in March 2018 and became Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal in July 2019.
- ★ As Bishop of London, she led the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process from 2020 to 2023. This included the formative stages of discernment and decision making which saw the introduction of the Prayers of Love and Faith for same-sex couples.
- ★ She has served on the Church's National Safeguarding Steering Group and is also Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care issues.
- ★ As a Lord Spiritual, she has drawn from both her pastoral experience and her background in nursing and healthcare and has played a key role in the ongoing debates on assisted dying.
- ★ Archbishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide. The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.
- ★ Archbishop Sarah has continued her interest in the health service having been a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust then at Salisbury NHS Foundation Hospital.
- ★ She is Chair of Christian Aid.
- ★ She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.
- ★ In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

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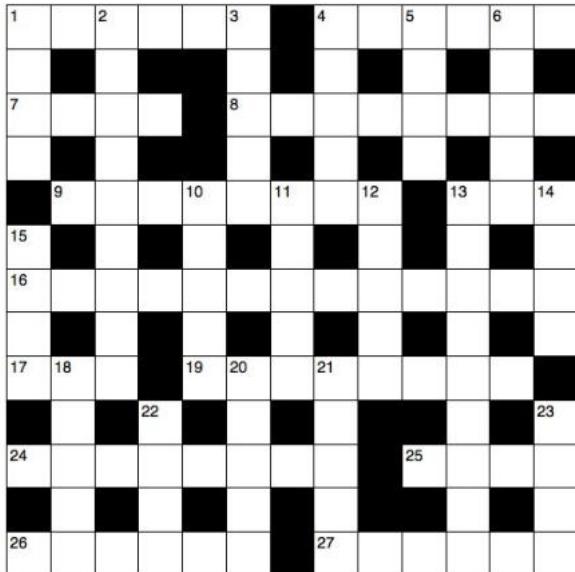
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PUZZLE PAGE



CROSSWORD

Answers on page 34

Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

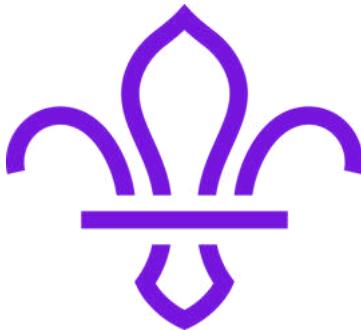
- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)

2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
 4 Belief (5)
 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

SUDOKU

Solution on page 39

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5TH GUILDFORD SCOUT GROUP NEEDS YOU!

5th Guildford Scout Group is currently formed of three sections: Cubs (8-10½), Scouts (10½-14), and a recently reinvigorated Beavers (6-8). There is an ambition to start a Squirrels section (4-6)...Watch this space for further news.

All three sections are vibrant and lively, led by an enthusiastic team of leaders and supported by parents volunteering on a weekly basis.

So why do we need YOU? As a charity, the Group needs a Board of Trustees to help ensure that our young people stay safe in a sustainably run, legally compliant, fun place to grow and gain skills. At the moment our Board of Trustees consists of just three people and we would really welcome your support. If you can spare a few hours a month to help with the background administration, scrutiny, and oversight that the trustees provide, please drop me a line to find out more about what is involved.

David Jesson, Chair of Trustees, 5th Guildford Scout Group
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Crossword answers (grid on page 32)

ACROSS: 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.

DOWN: 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene

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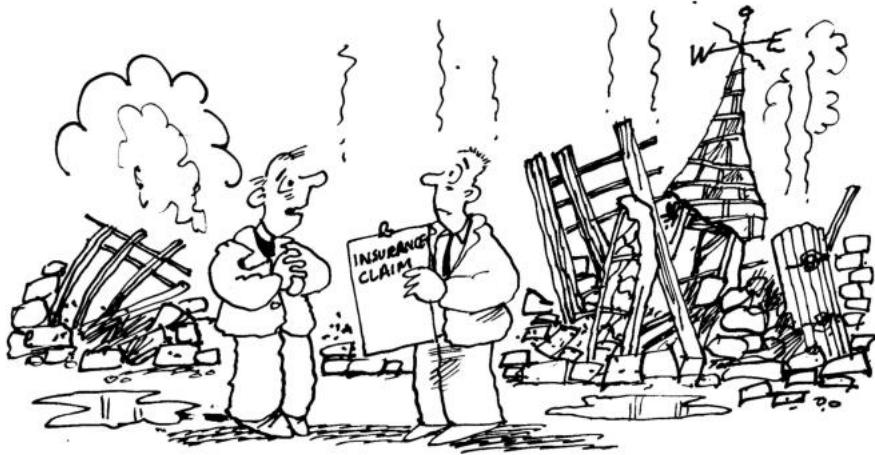
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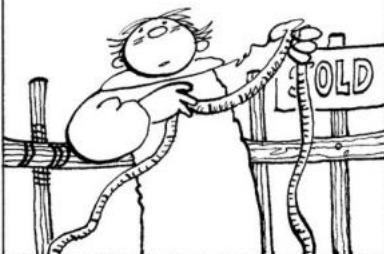
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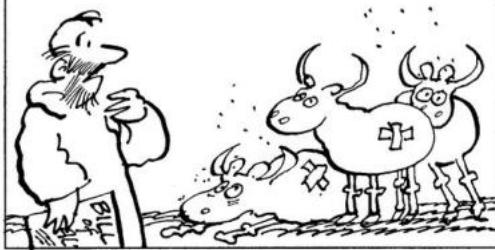
HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS



ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



WORSHIP AND READINGS

2026	8am	10am	4pm
1st February, Presentation of Christ in the temple	Holy Communion Malachi 3:1-5, Hebrews 2:14- end and Luke 2:22-40	Altogether Worship Malachi 3:1-5, He- brews 2:14-end and Luke 2:22-40	Tea Time Church Malachi 3:1-5, Hebrews 2:14- end and Luke 2:22-40
8th February, 2nd before Lent		Church Family Communion with Children's Church Genesis 1:1-2:3, Romans 8:18-25 and Matthew 6:25- end	Tea Time Church Genesis 1:1- 2:3, Romans 8:18-25 and Matthew 6:25- end
15th February, next before Lent	BCP Communion Exodus 24:12- end, 2 Peter 1:16 -end and Mat- thew 17:1-9	Morning Worship Exodus 24:12-end, 2 Peter 1:16-end and Matthew 17:1- 9	Tea Time Church: Valentines Day Exodus 24:12- end, 2 Peter 1:16-end and Matthew 17:1- 9
18th February, Ash Wednesday			8pm Eucharist and imposi- tion of ashes (Joint service at St. Mary's Quarry Street)
22nd February, 1st of Lent and Stewardship Sunday		Church Family Communion with Children's Church Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19 and Mat- thew 4:1-11	Tea Time Church Genesis 2:15- 17, 3:1-7; Ro- mans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11

SUDOKU SOLUTION

Grid on page 33

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Wednesday 4th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Thursday 5th, 11.30am	Funeral of David Garrick
Thursday 5th, 1.30pm	David Garrick's Reception at Seasons
Thursday 5th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Thursday 5th, 8.00pm	Men's Group - 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 6th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 7th, 10.00am	Band Rehearsal
Monday 9th, 10.30am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 9th, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study Group
Monday 9th, 4.00pm	Barnabas Group
Monday 9th, 7.30pm	Big Build Team Meeting
Tuesday 10th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 11th, 10.00am	Central Team Meeting
Wednesday 11th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
Wednesday 11th, 7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Friday 13th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 14th, 9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 15th, 5.30pm	Youth Group
Monday 16th, 2.00pm	Hear Here Clinic
Tuesday 17th, 5.00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
Wednesday 18th, 2.30pm	Dray Court Service
Wednesday 18th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Thursday 19th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Thursday 19th, 8.00pm	Men's Group - 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 20th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Sunday 22nd	<i>Stewardship Sunday</i>
Sunday 22nd, 12 noon	Lent Lunch

Monday 23rd, 10.00am	Finance Vision Group
Friday 27th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 28th, 10.30am-1pm	Orchard Volunteer Morning



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14TH FEBRUARY - THE TWO VALENTINES

If you dig into the history of Valentine's Day, you discover it has a complicated past. There seems to have been two Valentines: Valentine of Terni and Valentine of Rome. But there was only one road involved: the Via Flaminia, or Flaminian Way.



According to some sources, Valentine of Terni was a third century bishop found "guilty" of having encouraged some young men to convert to Christianity. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he was furious, and had Valentine of Terni arrested.

Valentine of Terni was then taken to Rome on the Flaminian Way, which was the road linking Rome and Terni. In Rome, Valentine of Terni was beheaded in 273. His remains were then taken back to Terni for burial. An 8th century basilica named after him is found on the Flaminian Way.

Valentine of Rome was a priest who was also martyred in the middle of the third century, this time under the authority of Claudius II. But Valentine of Rome's death may have occurred on the Flaminian Way, where another basilica, bearing his name, has also been found. This one was completed by Pope Theodosius about three centuries later.

The two stories have understandably become confused. Two Valentines, both martyred, in a time of persecution of Christians, and one Flaminian Way. Even Common Worship's choice of c.269 as the date of death is at best a guess.

One thing seems sure: our present-day custom of sending cards and flowers to declare our love has nothing to do with either Valentine. Instead, these may come from the poet John Donne in about 1632. He wrote a marriage song which includes religious commemoration of Valentine along with fertility symbolism. Even the pagan Lupercalia festival may have gone into the mix which flavours our current celebrations of the day.

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