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Joyfully Living Jesus

Welcoming Everyone

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: Cafe-style Altogether Worship
 - ◇ Second, fourth and fifth Sundays:
Church Family Communion with Children's Church
 - ◇ Third Sunday: Morning Worship with Children's Church

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



THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE



Many of us will be familiar with John Keats' poem, 'To Autumn':

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.*

It's a beautiful reflection on the 'fruitfulness' of this season, which I'm so aware of in this parish. Many of us will have noticed the numbers of apple trees growing in this area, dating back to earlier times; and also the many wild plum trees growing freely in our communal green spaces. Keats' poem hints at the 'blessing' (line 3) that lies behind this fruitfulness, and which we celebrate during our Harvest festivities this month.

The main focus of those celebrations will be our Harvest Festival on Sunday 11th October, preceded by our Harvest Supper and Quiz on Saturday 10th. Our local schools will be coming to celebrate their own Harvest Festivals the week before (QE), and the week after (Onslow Infants); and the season will culminate in our Dray Court Harvest Festival on the 21st October – also marking the 10th year anniversary of the Dray Court Service!

During this fruitful season I pray that we'll also see a 'spiritual' harvest in our midst; a gathering in of new people into our church; a welcoming back of those we've not seen for a while; and all of us putting down deeper roots in faith as we worship and serve together. Let's do all we can, through our prayers and our actions, to make this a wonderfully fruitful season.

Wishing you blessings as always,

Beverly

MISSION FOCUS: A ROCHA



A Rocha International is a global family of conservation organisations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise. One of these organisations is A Rocha UK, which has granted All Saints their Gold Eco Church award.



The name “A Rocha” means “The Rock” in Portuguese (as A Rocha's first initiative was a field study centre in Portugal). A Rocha is present in more than 20 countries around the world.

A Rocha projects are frequently cross-cultural in character, and share a community emphasis, with a focus on science and research, practical conservation and environmental education, through residential field study centres, site-based projects and wider advocacy.

While each A Rocha organisation is its own legal entity, they all share :

1. A vision: A world where nature flourishes as people live equitably and sustainably
2. A mission: To live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise
3. Five core commitments:
 - **Christian** – We follow Jesus Christ, who created the world and calls us to care for it.
 - **Conservation** – We protect and restore nature and are committed to local places and people over the long term.
 - **Community** – We invest in good relationships through our commitment to God, one another and the wider creation.
 - **Cultural Diversity** – We celebrate the insights, perspectives and solutions offered by our diverse cultures.
 - **Collaboration** - We seek to work with anyone who shares our vision.
4. The A Rocha Commitment to Creation Care

5. A Covenant which sets out their rights and responsibilities to each other.



One of their focus areas is on marine conservation. Projects include beach cleanups and microplastics research. A Rocha has put together a “plastics toolbox” where one can

learn all about microplastics, including how to have a “nurdle hunt” and contribute one’s data to their research.

A Rocha’s marine team in Florida, based close to the Kennedy Space Centre, conduct research and education in the Cape Canaveral National Seashore Indian River Lagoon and coastal marine habitats. Local wildlife includes manatees, alligators, countless fish species, and numerous shorebirds. The team are leading the way in beach cleanups and microplastics research.

Nurdles are plastic pellets, about the size of a popcorn kernel. They are made from hydrocarbons, and are transported by land and sea to factories where they are melted and made into most plastic products. A Rocha’s marine conservation globally has developed projects to study nurdles using methods that non-scientists can join in with. The method is simple: search for a set amount of time on a coast, river or lake and upload your results to the Great Nurdle Hunt



(www.nurdlehunt.org.uk/take-part/submit-your-finds.html) – a partner documenting citizen science nurdle hunts globally.

Please look at the website of A Rocha international at: arocha.org/en/ and the UK website: arocha.org.uk/ to see how you can help on an individual basis, as well as through church.

Katherine Hopwood

ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

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St Luke's Day

Service of Wholeness and Healing

Sunday 18th October
4pm

We will provide an opportunity for those attending to come on their own or another's behalf, to receive personal and individual prayer.

MUSIC AT ST MARTHA'S

Notes from the Undergrowth

an ecosystem of piano miniatures

Saturday 10th October 1pm

in the Pilgrim Church of St Martha



**Hannah Watson Emmrich,
Piano**

Admission free. Walkers and dogs welcome. Donations invited towards the upkeep of this iconic church, the resting place of Hannah's beloved father, the late Bishop Andrew.

More information from 07960 170006.



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BEEN FEELING THE HEAT?

Watch the People's Emergency Briefing Film together and join in the climate conversation.

**FEATURING
YOUR COMMUNITY
YOUR FUTURE
(AND CAKE)**

***Fri 2nd October,
All Saints' Church, 6pm***

Please book your free ticket at:
<https://allsaints.short.gy/peb>
(Recommended for age 16 +)



All Saints Guildford



MEN'S GROUP

I am delighted to say that we have launched a new men's group called **Beer and Belief**. It is open to all men 18 years and over.

Its mission to the men of this parish and wider, is simple: "to provide a space for all men to meet and to introduce them, through conversation and encounters with God, to faith".

We meet in a friendly open environment at the Astolat pub within our parish to discuss a topic. There is a short talk on a topic of faith, and then the opportunity to discuss it and widen it to anything else that is on our minds. We have varied the meeting days, as we know people cannot make certain days, so this makes sure there is time for everyone. Our dates and topics for this year are:

- ✦ Monday September 21st : Rule of Life Part 1
- ✦ Monday 12th October : Rule of Life Part 2
- ✦ Tuesday 17th November : Dan's Pilgrimage
- ✦ Wednesday 23d December : Keeping a Journal

Our meeting times are 7:30pm for 8:00pm until 10pm.

Our first mini presentation to you for discussion is about a rule of life. The Benedictine and Franciscan Monks all followed a rule of life and we will discuss what this might mean for us all. A rule of life is for everyone. It is a statement on how we wish to live our lives and from this we build a framework, like a trellis, from which we grow. It helps us keep God at the centre of what we do.

I'm really looking forward to sharing this with you on the 21st. A rule of life needs some reflection and so we're devoting our next Beer and Belief meeting on the 12th October to it as well.

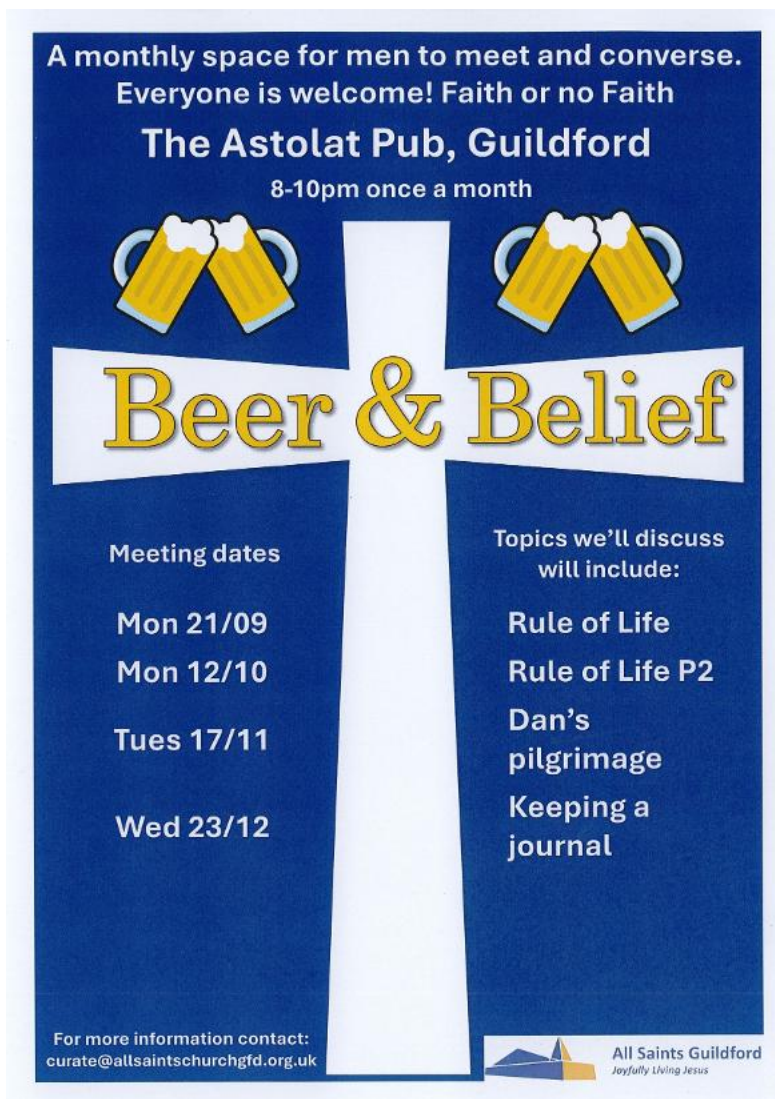
In November we're going to hear more about Dan's pilgrimage to Bosnia and Herzegovina this summer.

Then in December, (as we might be thinking about New Year's Resolutions) we'll be talking about how to create and write a spiritual journal.

Our team involved in this new group are Martyn Whiteman, Dan Brown, Joseph Jones and me.

We're looking forward to sharing this new group with you and please contact us if you would like to find out more. There is no need to register, just come to the Astolat and we'll be delighted to see you!

Revd Andy Wells



**A monthly space for men to meet and converse.
Everyone is welcome! Faith or no Faith**

The Astolat Pub, Guildford

8-10pm once a month

Beer & Belief

Meeting dates

- Mon 21/09
- Mon 12/10
- Tues 17/11
- Wed 23/12

Topics we'll discuss will include:

- Rule of Life
- Rule of Life P2
- Dan's pilgrimage
- Keeping a journal

For more information contact:
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SHEILA KIRKLAND - EULOGY

As read at Guildford Cathedral by her daughters, Alison and Linsay.

Well, this is a huge place to be celebrating the life of a tiny person, albeit with a big character!

Mum had a smile for everyone and a great sense of humour. When she told the respite home assessor that she was born in Guildford and had lived here all her life, Mum followed it up with, "Bor-ing!" In fact, she had such a long and varied life that we have really struggled to reduce it to a few pages, especially as Mum had started to write an autobiography and we wanted to incorporate a few quotes.



Mum's childhood was not easy. As she put it: "When I was three years old the Second World War started which convinced my parents that it wouldn't be fair to bring another child into the world at such an unsettled time, so my pram stayed sitting forlornly in the shed, while I remained an only child."

This had a profound effect on her. As a result, she valued her friends highly and was determined to have more than one child herself.

Mum went to several schools in Guildford, cultivating life-long friendships in each. She also gained an enduring nickname, Squirrel, given to her by a form tutor because she was often found perching on a desk or radiator. Her strengths were in English and Art... definitely not in Maths, much to her mother's disappointment.

Alongside her academic education, Mum joined the St John Ambulance Brigade. She wrote of being on duty with the cadets as part of the Guard of Honour when Princess Margaret officially opened the Nave at the unfinished Guildford Cathedral. Perhaps that is what sparked her lifelong fascination with the Royal Family and her links with the Cathedral.

Mum played tennis at Onslow Tennis Club, which she was introduced to by her parents, remaining a member for many years, and later competing with Dad against a keen band of friends, while we kids roamed around the Rec with a horde of associated children. All her life she loved watching tennis on the television.

Mum also took ballet lessons from the age of nine, which she loved. She was clearly talented, winning a place at the prestigious Arts Educational School but was unable to take it up because she didn't qualify for a grant and her parents couldn't afford the fees. When she explained this to the Principals, they offered her a secretarial role at the school, which she accepted. As a result, she realised that the life of a dancer would not have been right for her. In her words: "There was a lot of 'Hello darling, this and that' often followed by a derogatory comment when the addressee was out of earshot, and quite a few of them smoked cigarettes when their class was over, as the smoke filtered through into my office. It made me realise that this was not my type of life."

Instead, she got a job in Boots' buying office, next to the Dominion Theatre in Tottenham Court Road. She commuted to London for seven years, only stopping in 1962 because she was expecting Ali.

We're not sure of the exact year when Mum met Dad, but we do know they met at a Guildford Technical College social. This is how she described it: "One evening a stranger turned up who happened to know Trevor, one of the regulars. His name was Colin Kirkland and he was doing National Service at Fernhurst. He was a pleasant fellow and not as brash as some of the other chaps, including Trevor who insisted that I was his girlfriend when Colin showed an interest in me." Fortunately, Dad was not put off by the confident Trevor, and romance soon blossomed.

Mum and Dad married at All Saints' Church in Onslow Village on the 6th June 1959 "the old wooden church before the new brick one was built". They also joined the congregation of Guildford Cathedral, which was only partially constructed and had not been consecrated, and they quickly became part of the fabric of this remarkable place.

At this time, Mum was the main wage earner and Dad was a junior engineer at Sir William Halcrow and Partners. They moved to Irwin Road in 1966, when Ali was three and I was about six months old. Graeme was born three years later and Mum lived there for the rest of her life.

Despite her longing to have a family, Mum struggled with post-natal depression, so to help her overcome the 'baby blues', as she called it, she joined the Guildford Young Wives Choir (run by the redoubtable Elizabeth Lyon) as a soprano. Singing very much helped lift her spirits and Mum sang with many choirs in her lifetime. She also joined the 'Curtain-Raisers' amateur dramatic group, appearing in numerous productions, including, much to our amusement, playing the Fairy Godmother at a sprightly 40!

In 1980 the Dean, Tony Bridge, was a guest speaker at an event organised by Guildford Lions Club, in which our parents were actively involved. When chatting with Tony, Mum mentioned her secretarial skills and Tony promptly offered her a job as his secretary, initially part time. Although Mum wasn't looking for work, he was clearly very persuasive as she accepted the job, working for him until his retirement in 1986 and going on to work for his successor, Dean Alex Wedderspoon, until they both retired in 2001. Both Deans were wonderful characters, and Mum loved working with them, amassing a wealth of hilarious stories and anecdotes. At that time there was only a small team of staff at the Cathedral and Mum found herself dealing with a wide range of tasks – and some tricky customers – but she relished the challenge and felt very honoured to be part of the team.

When the Cathedral funds unexpectedly went into deficit by £5000 in 1982, Mum and Dad organised a fundraising 'Cathedral Day', with myriad stalls taken on by churches across the Diocese. It raised £10,000 and was so successful, they organised three more. Each event had a guest star, including Frank Muir, Diana Dors and Mollie Sugden, all of whom were friends of Dean Tony Bridge, who must've had some fantastic dinner parties!

We realise in retrospect that our parents struggled financially in the early years of our lives. Mum made many of our clothes, and we have vivid memories of a road trip and camping holiday to Austria in 1972, at the end of which, Dad had to jump over a fence and pinch five corn cobs



from a French field for supper – at the time, we thought it a great adventure but we later discovered they had run out of money and it was the only option for feeding us all.

Dad's career gradually took off. As his expertise grew, he became a revered expert in tunnelling and was the Technical Director for the Channel Tunnel project – but that's another story. Mum relished all the opportunities this gave for international travel, accompanying him on trips whenever she could, including Japan, Norway, Mexico and Australia.

Style was important to Mum and she was always beautifully turned out. Thanks to the additional income provided by Dad's success, she became an inveterate shopper and bargain hunter, latterly becoming a catalogue and online fiend when she was no longer able to get to the shops. If anyone turned up unannounced, they would find her in a carefully considered outfit, with matching jewellery and shoes, make-up applied. We never caught her out...except on one memorable occasion when I had taken her shopping in Guildford and I noticed that she had mistakenly picked up the wrong eye pencil and given herself blue eyebrows. She was mortified and amused in equal measure!

Mum loved Guildford and was a proud resident of the town. In 2003, she was persuaded to stand for the Borough Council as a Conservative candidate. She was duly elected, throwing herself wholeheartedly into the role, working on a range of committees and initiatives, supported by Dad.

By this time, all three of us 'kids' were married, and had provided six grandchildren, whom Mum and Dad loved dearly. Life was good. But then, to our shock, in early 2004 Dad, who always seemed so energetic and indestructible, was diagnosed with skin cancer. It proved to be a particularly virulent form of the disease and it took him from us on December 23rd 2004. Mum suddenly found herself on her own. Remarkably, she took this as a challenge, and was determined to show that she

could survive as an independent widow, continuing in her role of Borough Councillor until the end of her four-year tenure in 2007.

Mum was supported by her many friends, including George and Pauline Dean who lived nearby. After Pauline was sadly also taken by cancer in 2007, Mum and George frequently escorted each other to social events. This developed into a supportive relationship, through which they shared friends and enjoyed holidays and cruises. When George passed away in 2014 it was a huge blow to Mum but she was determined, again, not to be beaten. In 2015 aged 79, she was persuaded to stand again for election to the Borough Council, supposedly as a place-holder. To her amazement, she was elected and served for another four years.

When COVID struck, an Irwin Road WhatsApp group was quickly organised and Mum's lovely neighbours made sure that she was well looked-after: Christmas dinner was provided for her, Benji the dog was taken for walks and later, as restrictions eased, lifts were offered to the Cathedral, the hairdresser... and the much-loved monthly 'ladies lunches'. We would like to thank all of her wonderful local friends for the many quiet favours and gestures of goodwill. You all helped to keep her living independently, despite her increasing frailty (and a terrifying tendency to fall over without warning).

A special mention must go to Lara, whose friendship with Mum was sealed when Lara fortuitously passed by just after Mother had toppled over close to home while walking the dog. Lara noticed a pair of legs sticking out from a neighbour's hedge and recognised Benji lurking nearby. Having pulled Mum out and dusted her down, Lara became a firm friend, often taking her out for coffees and lunches and sharing her silly sense of humour. This friendship kept Mum going for much longer than she might have managed without it.

Our Mum would always give her honest opinion, whether solicited or not. It always came from a place of love, and the hope that pointing out some failing that you might not have noticed would be helpful to you... but she did come out with some outrageous comments, as many of you will recognise!

Mum really was extraordinary in her determination never to give up on life, to find the fun in it, and always to live it as fully as she could. In fact,

she was still volunteering at the Cathedral as a guide every Tuesday, meeting and greeting visitors, until the beginning of May this year.

Mum was delighted to have such a big extended family and was so proud of all her grandchildren: Harry, Anna, Katie, Tom, Laura and Tessa. In 2023, we were all devastated by the shocking loss of Tessa, but the news, a month or so later, that Mum was going to be a great-grandmother gave her a new lease of life and she was delighted to meet little Poppy.

Mum was always planning the next thing; visits, holidays and events. Even in her final hours, she was looking forward, with no thought of leaving us. We all live our lives in that spirit. For a tiny person, she made a huge impact. Rest in peace Mum.



Onslow Village Garden Club

On October 21st at 7.30pm we are to have a talk by Martyn Denney entitled **'Cyclamen in the Wild and Cultivation'**. There are so many different cyclamens in the genus from the small *C. hederifolium*, flowering in gardens now, to the large indoor plants that fill the garden centres around Christmas time.

Martyn Denney has written a comprehensive guide to cyclamen for The Cyclamen Society. His talk will give us a good insight into the genus for both indoor and outdoor cultivation.

Anne Bradbeer

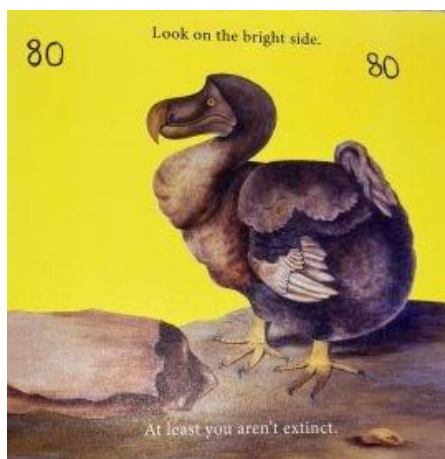


A HOLIDAY IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

When we lived in Manchester some 50-odd years ago we had a few skirmishes into the Derbyshire Peak District, but we never had a holiday there. So, when my wife offered me a holiday for my “zero” birthday I decided on a few days in Baslow. This small, scattered village of yellow stone properties is just a walk away from Chatsworth House, which I had long wished to visit.

Our holiday was book-ended by visits to two stately homes, Chatsworth and Hardwick Hall. Both of these were owned, and Hardwick built, by a lady from very humble origins, Bess Hardwick. Through four marriages, three of which were caused by her husband’s deaths, she amassed incredible wealth. This enabled her to carry out extensive works at Chatsworth and also to build from scratch Hardwick Hall.

On my birthday we decided to visit Bakewell. In the morning I had opened a card from my brother and sister-in-law which is always guaranteed to be rude. On the front was the picture of a dodo with the strap-line: “80 Look on the bright side... at least you aren’t extinct”. I expected to look inside and see the words “... Not yet”. But no, just a friendly greeting. A real opportunity missed!



For me this card, perhaps ironically, chimed with the inscription on a gravestone in the churchyard for All Saints Bakewell which we visited later that same day. It was well worn and probably dated from the 1700s. The words really spoke to me: “In well-grounded faith for a joyful resurrection.” A joyful resurrection! What faith and assurance in a loving God Robert Bradbury must have had and demonstrated by his life. A wonderful birthday message confirming such faith and assurance that I also have.

The origin of the church was old. The first stone church was Anglo-Saxon

occupied in 947 and probably even replaced an earlier wooden church. The current church had many different architectural styles including Norman and Gothic, but what particularly caught my eye was the 14th century font carved from one block of stone with images of Christ and the Apostles carved around its circumference. Imagine how many people have been baptised there over the last 700 years, perhaps even Robert of gravestone fame, all awaiting “a joyful resurrection”.

During the week we made a number of walks in stunning scenery and also went 264 footsteps down the Blue John Cavern (and fortunately also up again!).

On our penultimate day we eventually obtained access to Saint Anne’s church in Baslow, previously trying twice, once when there was a funeral and once when it was locked. One of Jeanette’s cousins, Martin Leigh, had been the vicar there in the 1980s. His name was on a board showing all the other vicars who had served at the church going back to 1565, Martin served there for ten years and there was a group of photos of, presumably, the last eight vicars, one of which was of Martin, whom Jeanette recognised.

On our last day we visited Hardwick Hall. It was monumental in its Elizabethan style, reflecting European architecture of that time. It was very different from and, at least internally, more modest in design than Chatsworth.

It was filled with many interesting objects, the finest of which were the tapestries. We had fun identifying two tapestries depicting Gideon’s story: where, having to engage with the Midianite army, he followed God’s instructions to massively reduce the number of his army, despite the overwhelming number of the Midianite army. Initially God told him to let go any men who did not wish to fight. This reduced it from 22,000 men to 10,000. God then told him that this was still too many and he should allow the men to drink from the brook. Some drank by bending down and lapping up the water, others got the water in the cups of their hands and drank. Only 300 warriors drank from their cupped hands and that, following God’s instructions again, was to be his army. Reduced from 22,000 to just 300. God can sometimes move in, what seems to us, mysterious ways.

The other tapestry was how that small band of warriors surrounded the camp of a far greater army. By acting at night they created a rout by sounding their rams' horns and by smashing their clay pots of which revealed burning tapers. The Midianites heard and saw the lights their enemy all around them and those who were not killed by their own comrades in the confusion fled for their lives. (Gideon Bibles: you may have seen a symbol on the front cover showing a pot with a flame coming out of it).



Also at Hardwick I saw a plaque in the main dining room which read:

"The conclusion of all things is to feare (sic) God and keepe his com-mavndmentes"

God speaks to us in many different ways: perhaps by hearing him through the conversations we have with others, by asking his Holy Spirit to reveal something to us, or simply by opening our eyes to what we see around us. During that week I was encouraged by the epitaph of Robert Bradbury, the wisdom of Gideon following God's implausible instructions to reduce his army (you can read the whole story in Judges chapter 7) and Bess Hardwick putting on full display to those dining with her at Hardwick what must have been very important to her and represented her "rule of life".

A good holiday for all manner of reasons which, as I said repeatedly during that week, "ticked all the boxes".

Martyn Whiteman

Lord, as You paint the trees in brilliant colours and guide the
harvest, help me to trust Your changing seasons and rest in
Your unchanging love.

A local book with a big heart

The Adventures of Petie

A new children's book from local creators

There are some stories that stay with a family for generations – told around the kitchen table, at bedtime, or on long car journeys. *The Adventures of Petie* is one such story. A much-loved tale, passed down through three generations, it has finally been brought to life in a beautifully illustrated children's book.

Petie is the central character in a new children's illustrated book written by local author **Sarah Hammond** and brought to life through the illustrations of local artist **Peter McNiven**.

The book follows Petie as he sets about building his very own den in the woodland. What begins as a simple idea soon develops into an adventure filled with fun, friendship, discoveries and a little bit of mischief along the way. Petie approaches everything with positivity and curiosity, and along the way discovers that some of the best adventures are those shared with others.

Petie's adventures are only just beginning...



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Guildford

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GREENING YOUR HOME THIS AUTUMN

Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home.

Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example).

Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online.

It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

SAVE THE DATE!

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One of the most exciting parts of the project at the moment is that we are beginning to move beyond simply designing the spaces and start thinking about how those spaces will actually feel to use, and one of the most engaging parts is the interior finishes.

As we continue through RIBA Stage 4, the drawings are becoming increasingly detailed. We are no longer just considering where rooms should go or how they connect; we are now working through the materials, lighting, doors, finishes and practical details that will shape the everyday experience of the building.

It is at this stage that the project starts to feel much more real.

So... what's actually happening right now?

This month I have been developing a series of internal studies, looking at the proposed layouts, finishes and electrical arrangements. The current proposals include a new entrance hall, kitchen, office, WCs and furniture store, all of which need to work together as part of the wider building. The entrance hall in particular will play an important role as the first point of arrival, creating a welcoming transition between the outside, the new spaces and the existing church.

We have been exploring different approaches to the entrance, including natural timber doors and glazed panels, different wall treatments and ways of creating a visual connection with the existing church. Some options explore continuing the character of the existing yellow brick internally, whilst others look at softer painted finishes or a more contemporary dark-framed glazed approach.

At this stage, the purpose isn't necessarily to have all the answers, but to test different ideas and allow the client to understand what each approach could bring to the space.

The materials matter

We have also started to develop the internal finishes in much more detail.

Rather than using one material palette throughout, each space is being considered in relation to how it will actually be used. The entrance hall is being explored with natural hardwood flooring or a warm, hard-wearing stone or porcelain alternative, whilst the kitchen requires a more robust, hygienic solution such as heavy-duty porcelain or seamless resin flooring.

The office takes a softer approach, with natural hardwood flooring intended to create a warmer, more residential-quality environment.

These decisions demonstrate that finishes aren't purely aesthetic. They need to balance appearance, durability, maintenance and practicality, whilst contributing to a consistent character throughout the building. This can be demonstrated with the internal elevation options for the new entrance between the new space and the existing main church building.

Designing for how people actually use the building

One of the things I enjoy most about this stage is thinking about the everyday moments that can easily be overlooked.

- ✦ Where will someone put something down when they arrive?
- ✦ Where will someone work?
- ✦ How will the kitchen function during a busy community event?
- ✦ Where will equipment be stored?
- ✦ How will people move between the new entrance and the existing church?

The drawings are gradually becoming answers to these questions.

The kitchen, for example, is being developed around the practical arrangement of ovens, dishwasher, storage, shelving and a preparation island, ensuring that the space can properly support the activities it is intended for.

This is where the community needs identified earlier in the project begin to translate into tangible design decisions.

What's next?

As we move forward, we will continue developing the internal design alongside the wider technical coordination and cost analysis. There are still decisions to make, and some finishes and specifications will need further discussion with you the client, before they are finalised. Then collating the information to have our final stage 4 design package.

Final Thoughts

I think one of the interesting things about architecture is that the finished building can make hundreds of individual decisions feel effortless.

You don't necessarily think about why a particular floor has been chosen, why a door is glazed, or why a light or socket sits exactly where it does. But all of those decisions have been thought through. For me, that is what makes this stage so exciting. The big ideas are still there, but they are now being translated into the smaller decisions that will ultimately make this building feel like a real place — practical, welcoming and genuinely designed around the people who will use it.

Bijou Harding

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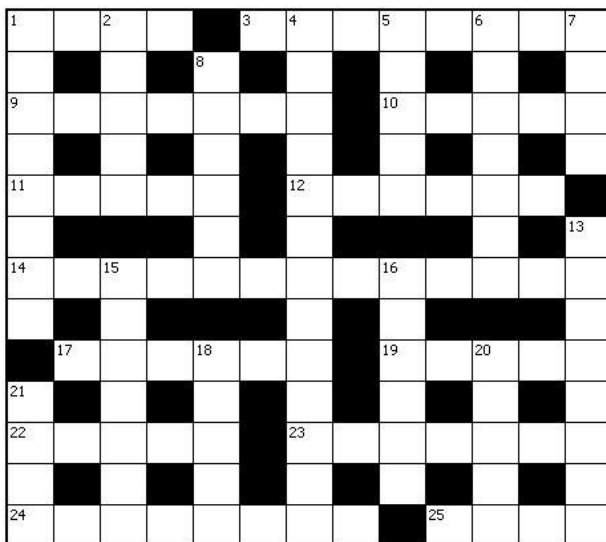


PUZZLE PAGE

CROSSWORD

Answers on page

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Across

- 1 "Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?" (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

SUDOKU

Solution on page 42

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Crossword answers (grid on page 38)

ACROSS: 1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton.

DOWN: 1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA .



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SUDOKU SOLUTION

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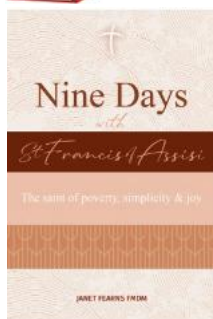
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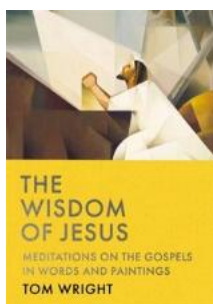
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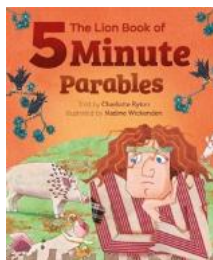
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11th October, Trinity 19 Harvest Festival		Church Family Com- munion with Chil- dren's Church Deuteronomy 8:7- 18, 2 Corinthians 9:6 -15 and Luke 12:16- 30	Tea Time Church Deuteronomy 8:7-18, 2 Corin- thians 9:6-15 and Luke 12:16 -30
18th October, Trinity 20 Luke the Evangelist	BCP Communion Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1-9	Morning Worship with Children's Church Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Tim- othy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1-9	Tea Time Church: St Luke's Day ser- vice of Whole- ness and Heal- ing Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1- 9
25th October, Last Sunday after Trinity and Bible Sunday		Church Family Communion Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8- 12; Colossians 3:12- 17 and Matthew 24:30-35	Tea Time Church: Bible Sunday Nehemiah 8:1- 4a, 8-12; Colos- sians 3:12-17 and Matthew 24:30-35

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Friday 2nd, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday 2nd, 6.00pm	People's Emergency Briefing
Saturday 3rd, 10.00am	Band Rehearsal
Monday 5th, 7.30pm	Mission Vision Group
Monday 5th, 6.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Tuesday 6th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 7th, 10.00am	Central Team Meeting
Wednesday 7th, 10.30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 8th, 10.00am	Diocesan Church Growth Conference
Friday 9th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday 9th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 10th, 9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Saturday 10th, 5.30pm	Harvest Supper & Quiz
<i>Sunday 11th</i>	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
Monday 12th, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study Group
Monday 12th, 7.30pm	Beer & Belief
Tuesday 13th, 7.30pm	Talk: Coping with Parenting When Your Child Is Neurodivergent
Wednesday 14th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
Wednesday 14th, 7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Thursday 15th, 8.00pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 16th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Sunday 18th, 5.00pm	Confirmation Group
Sunday 18th, 5.30pm	Youth Group
Monday 19th, 10.30am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 19th, 2.00pm-3.00pm	Hear Here Clinic
Monday 19th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group

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Tuesday 20th, 10.00am	Safeguarding Team Meeting
Wednesday 21st, 2.00pm	Dray Court Service
Friday 23rd, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 24th, 10.30am	Orchard Volunteer Morning
Thursday 29th, 8.00pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 30th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 31st, 10.00am	Band Practice
Saturday 31st, 4.00pm	Light Party



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