Keeping Us in Touch

The Parish of Central Windsor

Working together to make God's love known in Windsor

The Parish Churches of St John the Baptist, All Saints, Holy Trinity and St Stephen & St Agnes

Sunday 9th February 2025

Fourth Sunday before Lent

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Diary

- 10 Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543
- 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885 Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269
- 15 Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045 Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730
- 16 The Third Sunday before Lent
 - 10am Sung Eucharist All Saints' Church
- 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977
- 23 The Second Sunday before Lent
 - 10am Sung Eucharist St John the Baptist Church
- 27 George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

Weekly Notices

"Deep Sea Divers" February Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club, for primary school age children, runs 9.30am-12:30pm on 17th to 19th February at All Saints' Church. The Club uses resources from the Scripture Union and is based on three stories from St Matthew's Gospel. You can find more information and book on the website (or book by emailing windsor.churchbookings@gmail.com). Places are limited and the closing date for bookings is 7 February.

Service of Welcome for the new Bishop of Reading

The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday **2**nd **March** at 3.00pm in Reading Minster. All welcome, more details to follow

Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday falls on **5**th **March**. There will be services at Holy Trinity Church (11.00am) and St Stephen & St Agnes (7.30pm). Please leave your palm crosses at the back of any of our churches so they can be made into ash. A reminder that Ash Wednesday is a Principal Holy Day and therefore one on which all baptised Christians should make it a priority to attend.

Parish of Central Windsor PCC

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held at the end of our service on Sunday 17th January, seven churchwardens were elected to serve our new parish. Regulations permit our new parish to have 2 churchwardens for each church so we have one vacancy which we hope it will be possible to fill in due course. The wardens elected are: Michael Harding (Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist); Karen Allott and Katy Kerr (All Saints); Penny Wells and Steve Holton (Holy Trinity); Jane Burr and Trevor Parsons (St Stephen & St Agnes). It was also possible under the Regulations to appoint a Treasurer (Brandon Mudditt), Deputy Treasurer (Mary Delaney), Secretary (Victoria Stevens) and Parish Safeguarding Officer (Estlyn Davies). These appointments are interim pending the election of the new PCC at the special APCM on 23rd March.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The meeting is taking place after the 10.00am Sung Eucharist on **Sunday 23rd March** at St Stephen & St Agnes Church. Everyone on the church Electoral Roll is able to attend the meeting at which PCC members are elected and the business of the last year reviewed.

Windsor Christian Action: Night Shelter

The Night Shelter at Alma Beacon has now been running for 5 weeks and most nights is at full capacity (15 guests). The intention is to keep it open from 8.00pm to 8.00am every night until the end of March. In order to maintain this level of support for the most vulnerable in our community, more volunteers are required. If you are able to volunteer for a shift or, for example, to cover a breakfast slot please contact Jim at almanightshelter@almabeacon.org for more information.

Electoral Roll

The Parish Electoral Roll is being revised ahead of the Annual Meeting in March. If you were not on one of the rolls of our three parishes before they merged in January (or if you are not sure), please complete an ER form available in each of the churches and return to the PCC Secretary, Victoria Stevens, by **28 February.**

Parish Information

Sunday Services in the Parish at 10.00am

16 th	February	All Saints' Parish Church (3rd Before Lent)
23 rd	February	St John the Baptist Parish Church (2 nd before Lent)
2^{nd}	March	Holy Trinity Parish Church (Next before Lent)
9 th	March	All Saints' Parish Church (First Sunday of Lent)

Parish Finances

You can donate to the Parish by giving regularly by Direct Debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. You can register by:

- phone by calling 0333 002 1271 and quoting the parish code 27A627391 (you will need your bank details to hand)
- visiting the <u>PGS page for our parish</u> or by searching for the Parish of Central Windsor on parishgiving.org.uk.
- · using the QR code

You can also make a one off online donation this way. Alternatively, please contact our Parish Administrator (windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com) or Rector (windsor.rector@gmail.com) or one of the PCC Treasurers for bank transfer details.

Service Booklets

Please download the service booklet to your tablet/smartphone or print it off at home before you come to church. You can also download it from <u>our website</u> and, for ease, a QR code is available at the back of the church.

Weekday Services

Mon	aay	Morning Prayer	9.00am	All Saints' Church
Tuesday		Morning Prayer	9.00am	On Zoom only
Wednesday		Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Stephen & St Agnes Church
		Holy Communion	(BCP) 11.00am	Holy Trinity Church
Thursday		Morning Prayer	9.00am	On Zoom only
Frid	ay	Morning Prayer	9.00am	Holy Trinity Church

If you would like to join the Zoom Morning Prayer please contact the Parish Administrator, Steve Smith - Email: windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com

Church Opening Times

St John the Baptist Church and St Stephen & St Agnes Church are open most days for individual prayer. All Saints' Church is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday. Holy Trinity Church is usually open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, 10.00am-12.00 Noon.

Items for this Leaflet:

Please send any requests or information for the KUiT leaflet to the Parish Administrator, Steve Smith - Email: windsor.churchoffice@gmail.com

For Your Prayers - Week beginning 9th February

Loving God, the desire of all who seek you and the joy of those who find you, call us this day out of our complacency towards the vision of your kingdom. Strengthen our hope, renew our zeal and deepen our love for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This month please pray for these streets in Windsor: Adelaide Square, Balmoral Gardens, Bulkeley Avenue, Clarence Crescent, Edinburgh Gardens, Grove Road, Lammas Court, Osborne Road and River Street.

Please pray for:

Sunday 9th February

Staff and students of Windsor College

Monday 10th February

Members of General Synod meeting in London this week

Tuesday 11th February

Growth in love and understanding between Christians of different traditions

Wednesday 12th February

Those preparing to be married this year

Thursday 13th February

Our Messy Church volunteers

Friday 14th February

Courage to love one another as Christ loves us

Saturday 15th February

The Society for Promoting of Christian Knowledge (SPCK)

Parish Contacts

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www.windsorchurches.org.uk