

# Windsor Church News



**The Revd Canon  
Peter Johnson**

Dear Friends

On February 14 the Church commemorates Saints Cyril and Methodius, the "Apostles of the Slavs". Cyril and his older brother Methodius were born into a Greek senatorial family in Thessalonika in 826 and 815 respectively. Cyril, as he is usually known, was baptised Constantine, and took the name Cyril only when he became a monk the year before his death. For convenience, he will be referred to throughout this article as Cyril.



February 2025

the online newsletter from  
the Parish of Central Windsor

Thessalonika, the capital of the theme (administrative area) Thessalonika, was the main Byzantine base controlling both the Aegean and the Slavic tribes further up the coast and in the interior, so it was "no mean city". Thessalonika and its surrounds were the home to many Slavic speakers, so both brothers, able linguists, knew the local Slavonic language.

Both were ordained (Methodius as a monk, Cyril as a deacon), and served in the civil service of the Byzantine empire in Constantinople, Cyril being the librarian of the church of Saint Sophia. Methodius had served as a governor of a province.

Cyril had earlier been a member of Byzantine embassies to the Arab caliphate and the Khazars of Central Asia. In 863, at the request of Prince Rostislav of Moravia, he and Methodius were sent from Constantinople to assist in the spread of Christianity

there, using the local Slavonic language. Rostislav wished for a counterbalance to western influencers (from the Latin church), so the mission of Cyril and Methodius had a political element from the beginning. Byzantine Christianity tended to expand north, because it was restricted on the west by the Latin church and to the east by non-chalcedonian Churches and Islam.

Nevertheless, from these beginnings the Slavonic churches were in due course born. Cyril translated all the service books into Slavonic, as well as the New Testament and the Psalter, some patristic writings and Byzantine legal texts. These translations produced in due course a common literary idiom for the Bulgarian, Serbian and Russian churches. There had already been a mission from Constantinople to Russia in the 860s, but the firm establishment of the Russian church only came about a

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Celebrate  
**CANDLEMAS**  
with us

Sunday 2 February

10am Sung Eucharist

St Stephen  
& St Agnes Church  
Vansittart Road

All welcome



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century later in 988, with “the baptism of Rus” in Kyiv.

Cyril seems to have been developing an alphabet for Slavonic, called Glagolitic (from the Slavonic *glagol* = word), before he and Methodius arrived in Moravia. This alphabet was designed to allow for Slavonic sounds that do not occur in Greek or Latin, both consonants and vowel variations. A few documents survive in Glagolitic script, but the script we know today as Cyrillic, and which is used for many Slavonic languages, was developed after Cyril’s death by his pupils and associates, adapting Greek and Hebrew letters. (Those Slavonic languages which use the Latin alphabet with diacritics are from the areas where the western interest prevailed; ironically this includes Moravia.)

Of course, the Slavs were already spread in the Balkan peninsula and north of the Black Sea, so there would have been varieties of Slavonic. Cyril and Methodius would have started from the South Slavonic variety heard in the neighbourhood of Thessalonika. They created a new literary language, usually called Old Church Slavonic, from which in due course literary languages formed in the different Slavonic speaking areas.

In 864 Moravia was invaded from the Holy Roman Empire and Prince Rastislav was forced to submit. The rivalry of the two empires meant that Cyril and Methodius also needed to

leave. They made their way to Venice, where they debated with Latin theologians who claimed that the only permissible languages that could be used in the liturgy were Latin, Greek and Hebrew (the languages written on the cross, according to John 19.20). Cyril replied by quoting verses from 1 Corinthians 14:

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth him...except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken?

While in Venice, they received an invitation to visit Rome, where they were welcomed and several of their disciples were ordained priest. The Pope, Hadrian VII, issued a bull allowing the use of Slavonic in the liturgy, but this indulgence did not endure in the western, Latin church.

Cyril died in Rome in 869 and is buried in the church of San Clemente.

Methodius was then appointed by the Pope to be Archbishop to the Slavonic nations. But in Moravia Rostislav was deposed by his nephew Svatopluk, and the country reverted to German hegemony within the Holy Roman Empire. Methodius was in fact arrested and imprisoned for two years, until Pope John VIII intervened to have him

released, when Methodius was able to resume his work.

He continued to experience opposition from Western oriented clergy, lack of support from the ambitious Svatopluk and Rome’s loss of interest. The Roman rite did however continue to be celebrated in Slavonic for some decades in Moravia. In the final years of his life Methodius completed translations of the Old Testament and some patristic writings. He died in Moravia in 885.

The disciples of Methodius were able to withdraw to Ohrid in the kingdom of the Bulgarians, which became an important centre of theological learning.

Cyril and Methodius were “the most important in a succession of missionaries who worked to bring the South Slavs and then the East Slavs into the Christian church” (*Dictionary of Eastern Christianity*, introduction xvi). And in the judgment of the Byzantine scholar Dmitri Obolensky, Cyril deserves to rank among Europe’s greatest philologists for his invention of the Glagolitic script, which was specifically designed for Slavonic. Cyril and Methodius are truly called “equal to the Apostles”.

*Footnote.* In some contexts, of course, February 14 is known as St Valentine’s Day. That commemoration in previous Calendars appears to refer to

two Valentines, one a priest and one a bishop, who were martyred in the late 3rd century. The romantic associations of St Valentine’s day may perhaps have arisen from certain customs of the Lupercalia festival at Rome on February 15, whose purpose was to secure fertility for field, flocks and people. The worshippers gathered at a cave on the Apennine hill in Rome where its founders, Romulus and Remus, were believed to have been suckled by the wolf (*lupus* = wolf, hence the name of the festival). The blood of sacrificed goats and a dog was smeared on strips of goat-hide, called *februa* (hence the name of the month), and daubed on women. The ceremony survived into Christian times until its suppression in 494.

Rev'd Canon Peter Johnson

### Morning Prayer

A small group of us meet to say Morning Prayer at gam on weekdays on Zoom and some days also in a church. Please contact [Rev'd Sally](#) if you'd like a Zoom invitation. You can download the Daily Prayer app with the order of service [here](#) (there are also books available in churches).





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# PARISH OF CENTRAL WINDSOR

## Parochial Church Council

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025, seven churchwardens were elected to serve our new parish. Regulations permit our new parish to have two 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:

Treasurer (Brandon Mudditt)

Deputy Treasurer (Mary Delaney)

Secretary (Victoria Stevens)

Parish Safeguarding Officer (Estlyn Davies)

These appointments are interim pending the election of the new PCC at the special Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.





## Windsor Christian Action: Night Shelter

The Night Shelter at Alma Beacon has now been running for a few weeks and most nights is at full capacity (15 guests). The intention is to keep it open from 8pm to 8am 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](mailto:almanightshelter@almabeacon.org) for more information.

## The Parish Choir

The Choir were very busy in December - not only in the four churches but at the Guildhall and also carol singing at La Planchette restaurant.

John Halsey, Director of Music, received a letter of thanks from the Mayor for singing at his dinner at the Guildhall in December (which raised over £4,000 for the Baby Bank which helps families in extreme need, who are referred to them, with baby equipment).

## Do you recognise this Bible?



A large, elderly, bible appeared early in January by the doors of Holy Trinity - it was rescued by owner of Gennaro's before being collected by Revd Sally. Do you know of anyone who might be missing it? The bible includes the commentaries of Scott & Henry. It has the name Nellie Devonshire inside and at the back an Eton Wick postcode.

## Pyjama Donations



On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October the Sunday Club met to celebrate and support the work of the Charity '[Children's Hospital Pyjamas](#)'. Rebecca Hennessey of the charity collected our donations from All Saints church last year. Here are some of our donations pictured in one of the hospitals they reach out to.

*Fr Richard*



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## Regular midweek services

### Mondays

9am Morning Prayer - All Saints' Church

### Wednesdays

9am Morning Prayer - St Stephen & St Agnes Church

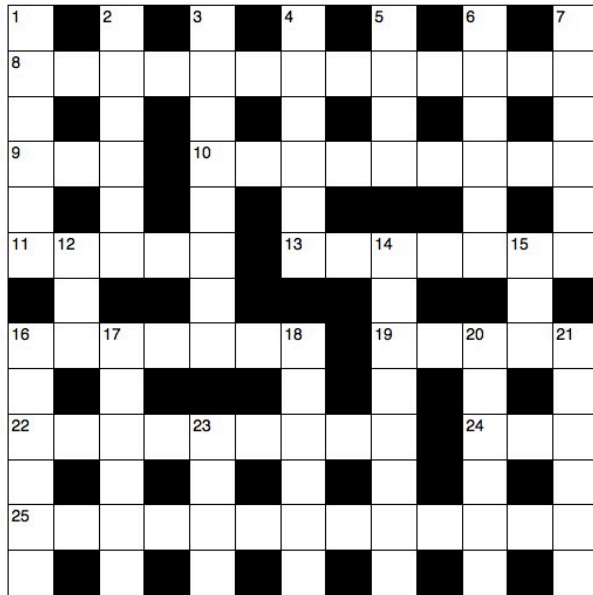
11am Holy Communion (BCP) - Holy Trinity Church

### Fridays

9am Morning Prayer - Holy Trinity Church



# Puzzle Page



## Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

## Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)



The Bible used is the New International Version.



February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between men and women: Valentine cards and wedding fayres abound. 'Love' as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, Education Sunday and National Nest Box Week. ... Love is truly needed by everyone!

Anna	education	love	romance
bananas	Fairtrade	marriage	Simeon
Candlemas	Fortnight	Matthias	Sunday
chocolate	Holocaust	naming	temple
Christ	justice	nest box	Valentine
coffee	leprosy	poverty	wedding

Puzzle solutions are on page 14

## Paws for Thought



2011-2025

*We are very sad to inform our readers that Barnabas the Vicarage Dog came to the end of his long and faithful life at the end of last month. We have enjoyed hearing about his exploits over the last 4 years and, as a tribute, include below his first Paws for Thought which appeared in March 2021.*

Hello! It occurred to me the other day that I have been living in the Vicarage for nearly two years and, although I have met some of you at the door or out on a walk, I have never formally introduced myself. So, I asked The Boss if it would be ok to add a few lines to this month's magazine. I gave her one of my special, pleading looks and she agreed!

My name is Barnabas (more about that in a moment) and I'm nearly 10 years old. I'm a sprocker spaniel which means I'm a mix of springer and cocker – just the good bits I like to think! I was born in Suffolk and I became a Vicarage Dog when I was just 3 months old, so I've been doing it for quite a while now. Being Vicarage Dog is a hugely responsible role and I take it very seriously. My main tasks are to provide The Boss with a sense of security, to offer a listening and compassionate ear, to give entertainment, exercise and fun, and to remember always, *always* to act delighted to see The Boss when she returns home, even if her return has woken me from a well-deserved nap. In all these responsibilities and more besides I am pleased to remind myself that St Barnabas, the loyal companion of St Paul, was known as The Encourager. I like to think that I am following in the footsteps of my saintly namesake.

Well, I should get back to work! Do say hello next time we meet.

*Barnabas*

## Mothers' UNION

### January 2025 Meeting

We had a very enjoyable, happy, meaningful meeting. Unfortunately because of ill health some of our members were unable to attend.. We are relieved they are well now.

Our Prayers were for World peace, strength for the needy and blessings for the suffering. There is so much trouble everywhere.

We were amazed at the stories about experiences that were "Stranger than Fiction". We shared stories of strange coincidences, peculiar incidences... in particular in Singapore and a moving Spiritual experience.

As usual we thoroughly enjoyed our tea and chat.

Next month on February 13th our speaker is Rev. Canon Jeremy Hurst. He will be speaking on 'Coleridge and The Ancient Mariner.' I can assure you it will not only be interesting and informative

but Jeremy always manages to have an extra piece of knowledge to impart!

You are very welcome to join us on Thursday 13th February at 3.30 in All Saints Church Hall. I promise you an entertaining enjoyable afternoon.

Dear God may we recognise people in need - help us to care enough to help them.

*Estlyn Davies*

### Service of Welcome for the new Bishop of Reading

The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please save this date in your diaries. More details and formal invitation to follow.

## Toddlers @ 10.



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## Aid for Ukraine

Soroptimist International is a volunteer service, various Soroptimist Clubs have been supporting humanitarian aid initiatives to help Ukraine, including SI Slough Windsor & Maidenhead. As a result of one of their members seeing a social media appeal, they became involved with the Embrace Me Foundation. The Foundation buys second hand ambulances in the UK and they are either driven to Ukraine or sent by truck, filled with aid such as: generators (for field hospitals), painkillers, bandages, candles (which are melted down with cardboard in tin cans to make trench candles), warm clothes, blankets, tents, disability aids, thermal vests for the soldiers, ground coffee (which is very good for stemming bleeding), instant soups, male disposable protective pants, sleeping bags, hearing aids, warm socks, tooth brushes and toothpaste, and unused vitamin drinks only available normally via prescription. The Club was able to provide everything apart from tents through the huge generosity of members and others. These included items from churches in the Parish of Central Windsor, SI High Wycombe, Age Concern Windsor and candles from St George's Chapel (Windsor Castle).



*Estlyn with Dimitro  
and one of the ambulances*

Last month there was enough aid to fill two ambulances. Two members donated cash towards a generator which would be purchased in Poland, as they are cheaper there than in the UK. Three Club members met the Ukrainian (Dimitro) who was driving one of the two ambulances the Foundation had just bought and they saw the donated items packed in these vehicles. Dimitro showed them a video of men in the trenches and a message saying four of his friends had just been killed (communication is via a Translation App on his phone as he doesn't speak English). His mother-in-law, a retired hospital consultant, has gone back to work describing what she has seen as horrendous.

As we "go to print", Estlyn has received confirmation that the ambulances have both safely arrived in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 Friday 7 March A service for everyone!

Everyone is invited to this year's World Day of Prayer service at  
**7pm on Friday 7 March**

at

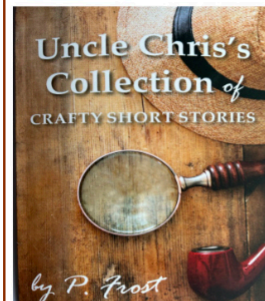
**St Edward's Church, Alma Road SL4 3HJ**

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation led by women which enables us to hear the thoughts of those women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns, and prayers.

This year's service has been prepared by the sisters in the Cook Islands. The theme of the service is 'I made you wonderful'.

For more information please see [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk).

### A Collection of Twisty Short Stories

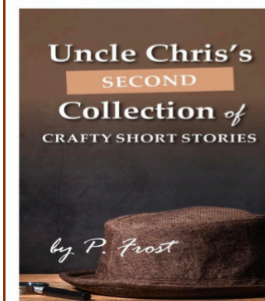


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I aim to generate at least £1000 to contribute to World Vision's **Ukraine**/children work. Thank you.



### Do you like a mystery?!

Peter Frost, who lives locally and is already a World Vision supporter, has written two books of cosy mystery stories (all with a "twisty" ending), with the aim of raising money for World Vision's work in Ukraine. He was particularly inspired by to write them by a Ukrainian work colleague. They are available from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and [Waterstones](https://www.waterstones.com).

[World Vision](https://www.worldvision.org) is a charity which helps the most vulnerable children overcome poverty and experience fullness of life. They help children of all backgrounds, even in the most dangerous places, inspired by their Christian faith.



# St Stephen's Church

celebrating

# 150

1874 2024  
years

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

It was a double celebration on the Sunday before Christmas. St Stephen's Church celebrated 150 years to the day since it had been consecrated and Estlyn celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!



*Estlyn with her daughter Sharon and surprise birthday cake*

The Ven Stephen Pullin Archdeacon of Berkshire    The Revd Canon Ainsley Swift Area Dean    Jim Tucker Deanery Lay Chair



# EPIPHANY



*below, Revd Sally toasts the new parish*

Another double celebration took place on the first Sunday in January, at St Stephen & St Agnes Church, when we not only celebrated Epiphany (the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by Magi) but our first Sunday service as one parish. 1 January 2025 was the date the three parishes (and four churches) formally became one parish – coffee was replaced with wine to properly celebrate! While worship won't be affected by this change, it necessitated many meetings and much paperwork to bring this about. The wardens thanked Revd Sally after the service and presented her with a bouquet and box of chocolates.

*left, Revd Sally is presented with a gift from the wardens, by Steve Holton, warden of Holy Trinity Church*





*Ash  
Wednesday*  
5 March

**11am**

**Holy Communion  
(BCP) with ashing**  
**Holy Trinity Church**  
Claremont Road  
& Trinity Place

**7.30pm**

**Sung Eucharist  
with ashing**  
**St Stephen  
& St Agnes Church**  
Vansittart Road

*All welcome*

### Lent Course

The Revd Dr Jeremy Hurst will again be leading a Lent Course, this year studying the Psalms. It will be taking place on Thursdays starting on 6 March with the final meeting is on 10 April - all at 11am in the Vestry in All Saints' Church. Places are limited so [please get in touch with Jeremy](#) to request a place.



### Parish Giving Scheme

Following our becoming a single parish on 1<sup>st</sup> January this year, regular giving and individual donations made via the Parish Giving Scheme will be paid to the Parish of Central Windsor to use in the mission, ministry, upkeep and outreach of our four churches. If you already give through the Parish Giving Scheme, you do not need to do anything as this change will happen automatically.

The Parish Giving Scheme, which is operated by the Church of England, manages, free of charge, the necessary administration, Gift Aid and tax reclaim on behalf of the PCC and thereby ensures nothing is lost on bank charges, administrative

overheads or delay. It is therefore by a considerable margin the most effective and efficient method of making a donation.

If you do not currently give under the Parish Giving Scheme, please consider changing to this method of giving to maximise the income we receive.

Thank you for your generous giving which is vital to our future. In the next few months when the new PCC is fully elected, we will be considering our priorities and how we 'Make God's Love known in Windsor'. We will create a list based on mission, community service, children's work and improvements to our buildings to which it will be possible to donate specifically alongside regular giving. We will be publishing details of these and how you can donate in due course, but in the interim please feel free to speak confidentially to our Treasurers, Brandon Mudditt and Mary Delaney.

Many thanks

The Reverend Canon Sally Lodge  
Rector, Parish of Central Windsor



### Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist: NEXT200



Following the articles in [last month's magazine](#) and in KUiT pew leaflet [please complete the questionnaire](#) if you haven't already done so. Responses will be used to help shape the project to develop the church and grounds for the use and benefit of congregation, community and visitors for the next 200 years! At the time of writing (15<sup>th</sup> January), completed questionnaires have been received from: 7 visitors to the church and 8 organisations which hire the church, but only 2 members of the congregation so far ... deadline is the end of February, and a summary of findings will appear in the magazine in April or May.

*John Halsey*



## Illuminated address from Clewer St Stephen to the Misses Fenemore

Thank you very much to Jim Fenemore for sharing this photograph with us of this beautiful item which was presented to Elizabeth and Mary Fenemore on their retirement from Clewer St Stephen's Schools in 1922. You don't have to look too closely to see familiar buildings! Particularly kind of Jim to get in touch as he lives in Australia.

He was also kind enough to enclose a page from Ascot and South District Advertiser, from 28 April 1922, which gives a little information it.

*On Easter morning the Misses Fenemore received their testimonial – a cheque for £130, an illuminated address, and a letter from the Vicar [Revd William Edward Boys] written in the name of all the subscribers. Their long period of work in connection with Clewer S. Stephen Schools is well-known, and their retirement some time ago at the close of many activities as schoolmistresses was universally regretted.*

The Advertiser also includes a letter from the Vicar to the sisters and their letter to him in which they say "Clewer S. Stephen will always have a very warm place our hearts, although, for health's sake, we are removing to Hythe, we mean (so long as God permits) to never let a year pass without spending a few weeks in this beloved spot." It further reports that there couldn't be a public presentation to the Misses Fenemore as "owing to the state of Miss Fenemore's health this was absolutely forbidden by the doctor". The Illuminated Address was put on view in the porch of St Stephen's Church the following Sunday and during the following week at the Girls' School. The article also includes a number of glowing comments from friends and former pupils from their almost 40 years in the parsh.

Thank you again to Jim. We are grateful to be able to remember the Misses Fenemore and see both the esteem in which they were held over a hundred years on, as well as a little bit of our parish history.





## This month it was...

175 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1850 that Cesar Ritz, the Swiss hotelier, was born. He founded several notable hotels including the Ritz and Carlton Hotels in London, and the Hotel Ritz in Paris.

125 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 1900 that the Labour Party was founded in the UK.

Also 125 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 1900, that the German football club FC Bayern Munich was founded.

90 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1935 that US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House – because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly now for security reasons.

Also 90 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1935 that British radio engineer Robert Warson-Watt demonstrated a working radar system for the first time, in Daventry.

80 years ago, during Feb 1945 that Anne Frank died. The young Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15, probably from typhus.

Also 80 years ago, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1945 that the Yalta Conference took place in Crimea. US President Franklin D Roosevelt, Winston Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin met to plan the final defeat of Nazi Germany. Stalin also agreed to enter the war in the Pacific, within three months of the war in Europe ending.

Also 80 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1945 that Bob Marley, the Jamaican reggae/ska/

rock steady singer, songwriter was born. He became a musician and cultural icon (died 1981).

Also 80 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 1945 that the bombing of Dresden took place. The Allies carried out four massive bombing raids, completely destroying the inner city, and killing about 25,000 people.

Also 80 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 1945 that the Battle of Iwo Jima, Japanese volcanic islands, took place. The iconic photo of US Marines triumphantly rising the American flag on top of Mount Surabachi was taken on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

Also 80 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1945 that Eric Liddell, Scottish athlete, died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 (400 m), he had withdrawn from the 100m heat because it was held on a Sunday and entered the 400 m instead. The story is featured in the film *Chariots of Fire*.

(Liddell died in a WWII internment camp in China, aged 43.)

75 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1950 that the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.

70 years ago, from 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

65 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1960 that the Hollywood Walk of Fame was established in Hollywood. It consists of more than 2,700 stars embedded in the pavement, that bear the names of notable figures from the entertainment industry.

Also 65 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1960 that Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor.

50 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1975 that Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party. She became Britain's first female Prime Minister in 1979.

Also 50 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1975 that P G Wodehouse died. This well-loved British-born American comic novelist, short story writer, lyricist and playwright is best known as the creator of Jeeves.

40 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1985 that the Mayor of New York City, Ed Koch, adopted the song *New York, New York* by Franck Sinatra as the city's official anthem.

Also 40 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1985 that the Islamic militant group and political party Hezbollah was founded in Lebanon.

30 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1995 that the leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation held an emergency summit in Cairo, where they reaffirmed their commitment to the Middle East peace process.

Also 30 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1995 that the environmental campaign group Greenpeace discovered Shell's plan to

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### Church Opening Times

Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist,  
High Street - daily, all day

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St Stephen & St Agnes Church,  
Vansittart Road - daily, all day

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All Saints' Church,  
Frances Road - Mon-Wed & Sat, all day

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Holy Trinity Church,  
Claremont Road - Wed, Thu & Fri, 10am-12pm

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dump its defunct *Brent Spar* oil rig in the Atlantic. It launched an international campaign to stop it, and the rig eventually was taken to Norway where it was dismantled and part of it were used to extend a quay.

Also 30 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1995 that James Alfred Wight died - a veterinary surgeon and best-selling author, better known by his pen name of James Herriot. His series of books, based on his experiences as vet in 1930's Yorkshire, were adapted into a hugely popular television series, *All Creatures Great and Small*, in the 1970s and again much more recently.

Also 30 years, on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1995 that Barings Bank, the oldest merchant bank in London, collapsed after its chief trader in Singapore, Nick Lesson, lost £827 million on unauthorised transactions.

25 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2000 that the British government suspended the Northern Ireland Assembly, after it failed to strike a deal on decommissioning IRA weapons.

20 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 that yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur broke the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, gaining international renown.

Also 20 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, and Camilla Parker Bowles announced their engagement. They were married on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2005 in Windsor.

Also 20 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005, that North Korea confirmed it had nuclear weapons.

Also 20 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 that YouTube, the online video-sharing service, was founded. It was purchased by Google in 2006.

Also 20 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 that the Kyoto Protocol came into effect. The international treaty obliges industrialised nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

15 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 that Wikileaks published the first classified documents led by US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning. In total, she sent Wikileaks nearly 750,000 sensitive documents. She was arrested and served seven years in prison.

10 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 that Leonard Nimroy, actor and film director, died. Best known for his role as Spock in the *Star Trek* films and TV series.

*adapted from Parish Pump*



## Pause for a Poem

I recently heard the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, read Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem "The Windhover" on the radio. That had me reaching for my copy of the "Selected Poems and Prose" of Gerard Manley Hopkins. I have chosen one of Hopkins lesser-known poems. As is often the case, Hopkins uses alliteration make his words more effective, though one or two in this poem deserve explanation. In line 4, *delves* is the plural the obscure word *delf* meaning mine or pit. In line 6 the word *abeles* refers to the way that the leaves of the whitebeam tree turn up the silvery undersides of their leaves in a wind. Having likened the stars in the sky to the flickering whitebeam leaves and to farmyard doves Hopkins sees signs of Christ in it all.

*Michael Bailey*

### The Starlight Night

Look at the stars! look, look up at the skies!

O look at all the fire-folk sitting in the air!

The bright boroughs, the circle-citadels there!

Down in dim woods the diamond delves! the elves'-eyes!

The grey lawns cold where gold, where quickgold lies!

Wind-beat whitebeam! airy abeles set on a flare!

Flake-doves sent floating forth at a farmyard scare!

Ah well! it is all a purchase, all is a prize.

Buy then! bid then! — What? — Prayer, patience, alms, vows.

Look, look: a May-mess, like on orchard boughs!

Look! March-bloom, like on mealed-with-yellow shallows!

These are indeed the barn; withindoors house

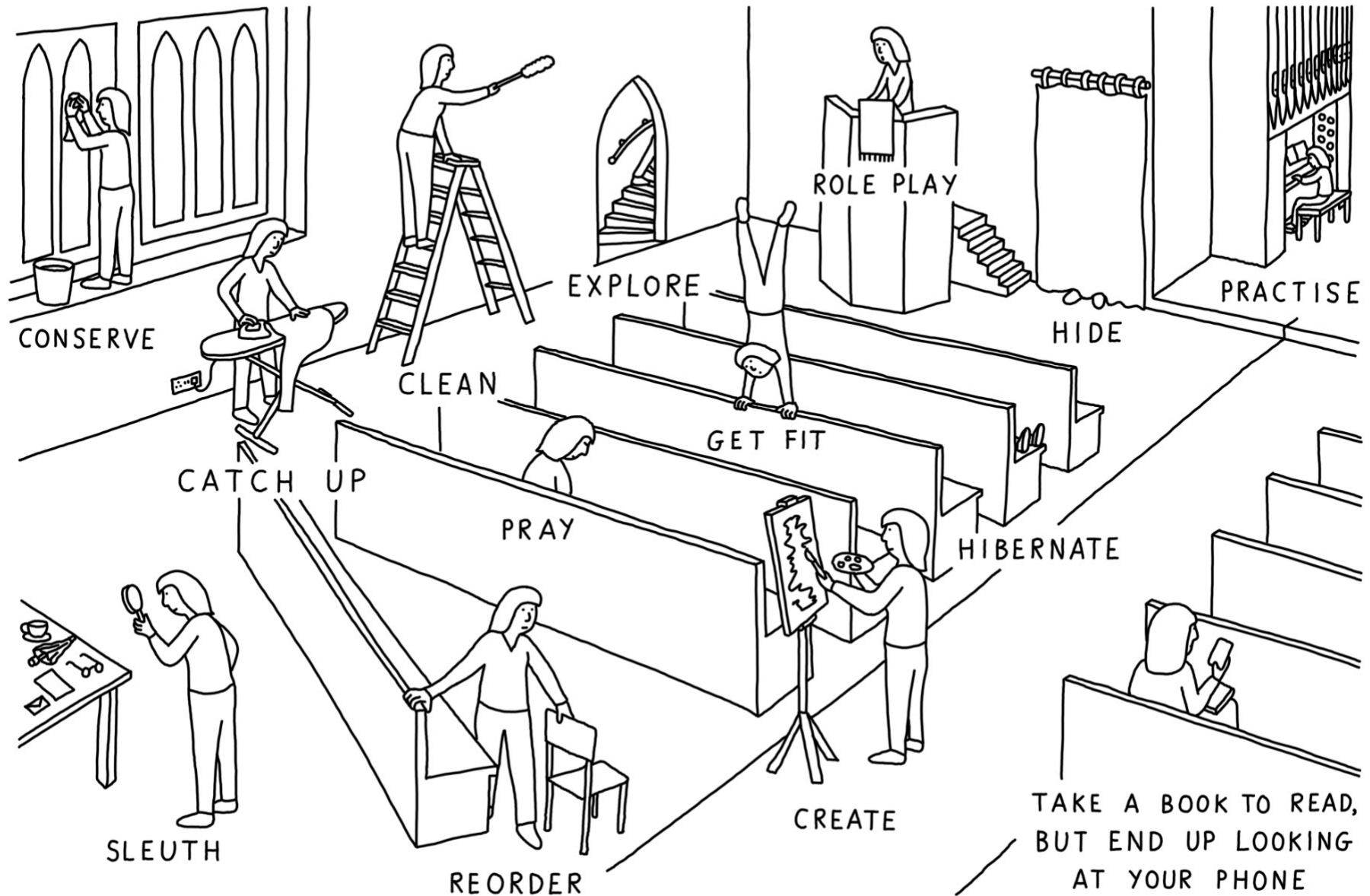
The shocks. This piece-bright paling shuts the spouse

Christ home, Christ and his mother and all his hallows.

*Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)*

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# From the December & January registers



## Baptisms

- Ratu Komaisavai (Holy Trinity)
- Leigh Beach (St John the Baptist)
- Betsy Beach (St John the Baptist)
- Lottie Ives (St John the Baptist)
- Matilda Pearce (St John the Baptist)
- Kai Pearce (St John the Baptist)



## Funerals

- Peggy Outhwaite
- Richard Crane (St Stephen & St Agnes)
- Brian Overall

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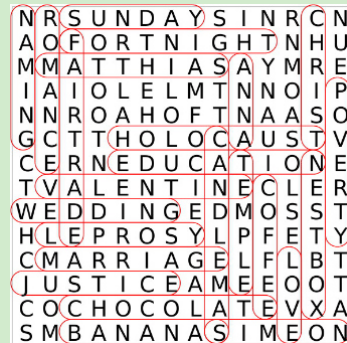
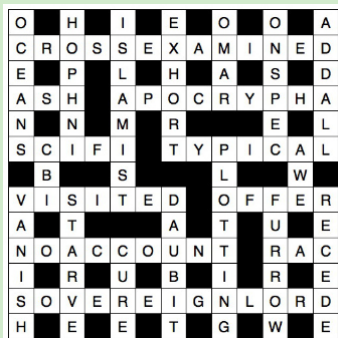


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# February

- 1 *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525*
- 2 **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**
  - 10am Sung Eucharist – St Stephen & Agnes Church
- 3 *Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865*
- 4 *Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189*
- 6 *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*
- 9 **The Fourth Sunday before Lent**
  - 10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church
- 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*