

Windsor Church News



**The Revd Canon Sally Lodge
Rector**

Dear Friends,

The Christmas decorations are back in their boxes and even the wise men have been put away for another year. The Christmas season comes to an end with Candlemas on 2nd February as we turn our attention towards Ash Wednesday and Lent. But I still have a background noise of carols playing in my head, their words and familiar tunes have not yet faded away completely. One carol which seems stuck on a permanent loop is O Little Town of Bethlehem and in



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the online newsletter from
the Church of England in Central Windsor

particular the final line of the first verse "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight".

The carol was written in 1868 by the Reverend Phillips Brooks (who later became Bishop of Massachusetts). Unlike many other Christmas carols which emphasize the glory of God as seen in the grand chorus of angels, Brooks focuses on the quietness of Christ's birth, and how little the larger world paid attention. He had visited Bethlehem at Christmas time a couple of years before he wrote his carol and had seen Bethlehem and its surrounding countryside on Christmas Eve: "O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie". In 1865, the American Civil War had ended and President Lincoln had been assassinated; in 1868, themes of peace and quiet would probably have been very welcome to Brooks' fellow

Americans. They are similarly welcome it seems to me now in a world which feels so full of chaos, unpredictability and despair.

"The hopes and fears of all the years" speaks of hopes and fears of all time. Those experienced by the Israelites in the long years of exile and those expressed by the prophets of old, tied up with those experienced here and now, and those which will be experienced in the future. All are bound up in the coming of Christ. All are "met in him" because he is *God with us*. In the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever*, a source of constant hope and comfort in a world of change, across all time.

This is reflected in the final verse of the carol which is a prayer for Christ to come and be present with us.



*Ash
Wednesday
18 February*

11am
**Holy Communion
(BCP) with ashing**
Holy Trinity Church
Claremont Road
& Trinity Place

7.30pm
**Sung Eucharist
with ashing**
All Saints' Church
Frances Road

All welcome

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

This is not just for Christmas. It is for the whole year, for all time, for always.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wisemen, the love of Mary and Joseph, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours now and for evermore.

Sally

The Reverend Canon Sally Lodge
Rector

Church Opening Times

St John the Baptist Church
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

Mothers' UNION

Katy Kerr as usual prepared our candle stand for our traditional Advent Service. Members took part in the Service lighting the candles and reminding us of their significance. The Service ended with members reading their favourite Christmas verses, secular and religious, starting as usual with Jill Church's rendering of 'Twas The Night before Christmas'. We also enjoyed hearing 8 year old Henry's beautiful voice. We then enjoyed a happy festive tea and chat!

Members were delighted to help with this year's Christingle Service. We helped Jane Burr and Katy prepare the Christingles and on Christmas Eve assisted Revd Sally with the Service. The packed Church and delighted children ensured us all feeling the true, joyful message of Christmas. Anne Casson encouraged us at our January Meeting to meet the New Year boldly and prayerfully with her interesting talk, "New Year....New Ways of Praying". She reminded us of the influence of Ignatius Loyola and her previous talk on his inspiration. Our next meeting is on 12th February at 3.30 at All Saints Hall when Mike Bailey will speak on 'Research Finding Windsor's Oldest Grave'. Sounds intriguing! You are all welcome to come along to find the answer!...and enjoy tea and good company after.

In the words of John Wesley

Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can
to all the people you can,
for as long as you can

Estlyn Davies

From the Rector

Ash Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday, like Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, is a Principal Holy Day which means its place in the church calendar is as important as Christmas Day and Easter Day. Under Church Law, Holy Communion must be celebrated in every parish or benefice and, as such, it is a day when traditionally all Christians are expected to attend church.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent which for centuries has been a time of self-examination, penitence, self-denial and preparation in readiness for the great festival of Easter. The 40 days of Lent reminds us of the 40 days which Jesus spent in the wilderness before he took up his public ministry.

Church services on Ash Wednesday often include the ancient practice of the imposition of ashes. Ash has been a sign of penitence since the Middle Ages when it became customary to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross, signifying Christ's victory over sin and death. The practice of "ashing" has in recent years seen something of a revival and often attracts the attention of the press with photographs of "ashing" in shopping centres and at railway stations.

Attending church on Ash Wednesday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect, repent and prepare. We all need time out of our hectic lives to listen to God and to think about the way in which we live personally, in community and globally.

Whether you are an Ash Wednesday regular, whether you have in the past attended on Ash Wednesday but have fallen out of the habit or whether you have never attended an Ash Wednesday service, you are very welcome to come along this year.

Our two Ash Wednesday services are at Holy Trinity Church at 11am and All Saints at 7.30pm. The service at 11am will last about 30 minutes and the service at 7.30pm will be about an hour. Both services will include the optional extra of "ashing".

Please do be in touch if you would like any further information.



Little People, Big Faith

A view from the children's corner

Austin was interviewed by his mum about last year's Holiday Club, which ran for a few fun-filled days and was led by Fr Richard and church volunteers. Here's what he had to say:

When asked what he remembered most about Holiday Club, Austin didn't hesitate.

"It was fun," he said. "We learnt stories about Jesus, did activities in a book, and ate snacks together. I liked helping Daddy and being with my friends and my brother."

Would he recommend the club to his friends?

"Yes," Austin replied confidently, "because it was so fun."

But even great days have their moments...

"My least favourite part was when we had to pretend to surf while watching a video of someone surfing," he explained. "Daddy made a really excited noise!"

Was that embarrassing?
"Oh yes, it was!"

Daddy would say it's his job to embarrass his children.

"Well," Austin confirmed, "he did!"

Holiday Club will be running again Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th February from 9:30am-12:30pm during half term. If you have children who enjoy stories, activities, snacks, and plenty of fun (with minimal surfing!), we'd love to see them there.

*Thank you to Austin and his family.
Please see the next page for details of how to book for this year's club.*

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 [Revd 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).

Daily
Prayer



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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, when she was legally confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral.

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?

1. She was born in Woking in 1962, and is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother.
2. She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She went on to South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London.
3. She worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, 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.

4. In 1999, 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.
5. 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.
6. 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".
7. In 2012 she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in

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Scripture Union

DIARY OF A DISCIPLE

LUKE'S STORY HOLIDAY CLUB

16-18 February
(9.30am-12.30pm)
at
All Saints' Church
Frances Rd

£18 per child
payable in advance
Book by 6 February

A three day holiday club for Primary School age children

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the Diocese of Exeter, the fourth woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England.

8. 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.
9. Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, having been introduced on 24th May 2018. Her maiden speech paid tribute to the NHS on its 70th anniversary, telling the Lords: "I am the Bishop I am today because of that first vocation to nursing, and compassion and healing are constants at the heart of who I am."
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. She has served on the Church's National Safeguarding Steering Group and is also Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care issues.
13. 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.

14. This year, she chaired the Triennium Funding Working Group that developed the Church of England's three-year spending plan that led to significant investments in local churches and parish clergy.
15. Archbishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide.
16. The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.
17. 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.
18. She is Chair of Christian Aid.
19. She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.
20. In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

from Parish Pump



**Organ Recitals
& musical events in Lent**
at St John the Baptist Church

Sunday 22 February
4pm Julian Addison

Sunday 1 March
4pm Nathaniel Keiller

Sunday 8 March
4pm Robert Mingay-Smith

Sunday 15 March
4pm Relf Clark

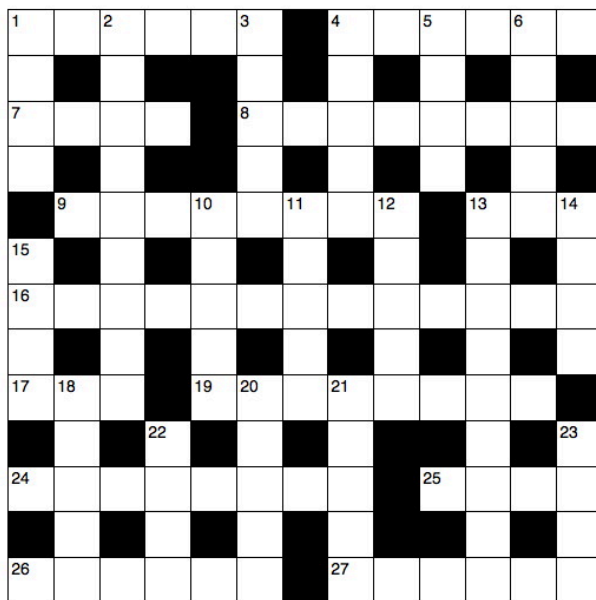
Sunday 22 March
6.30pm Devotional Performance of Stainer's Crucifixion,
directed by Brian Henry, with John Halsey (organ)

Sunday 29 March
4pm Ian Hillier

Good Friday 3 April
12pm John Halsey (organ) and Sally Whale (cello)
The First Hour of Three Hours' Devotion for Good Friday

All welcome ~ Free admission

Puzzle Page



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)

The Bible used is the New International Version.



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Candlemas, 2nd February, comes exactly 40 days after Christmas. In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Luke 2: 22-40). So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day.

After	Christmas	Important	Public
Age	Days	Jewish	Temple
Appearance	described	light	Testament
Baby	early	lighting	world
Boy	festival	Mary	
Candlemas	First	New	
candles	Forty	presentation	

Puzzle solutions are on page 12

Pancakes & Cakes

Coffee Morning



Friday
20 February
10am-12pm

Holy Trinity
Church

All welcome

Praying for the New Bishop of Oxford

We are asked to pray for: all those involved in the appointment of the next Bishop of Oxford; for Bishop Steven and his family as he gets ready for retirement; for Bishop Gavin and his family as he prepares to cover the vacancy; and for the person who will be called to the role. To the right is a prayer for the Vacancy (the Prayer sub-group of the Vacancy in See Committee will be producing prayers for each phase of the process).

Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church
and illuminate our path
as we seek a new Bishop.

Help us to work together
for the good of your kingdom
and all who live, work and study
in the Diocese of Oxford.

Give wisdom and listening hearts
to those who have influence.

Send out your Holy Spirit to call one
who will faithfully teach, pastor,
care for and equip us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Lent: Study and Pray with St Matthew's Gospel

11am
on
Thursdays
from
19 February
at
All Saints'
Church

All welcome

please see next page
for details





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Discovering Jesus through the Eucharist

Come and See is a free online experience to explore spirituality and find out more about the Christian faith.

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to get daily emails through Lent,
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Each Sunday, there's a video from Bishop Steven.

This year we will explore the profound meal at the heart of Christian life - whether you're new to Christianity or have been coming to church for years.



Lent: Study and Pray with Matthew's Gospel

You are invited to join Anne Casson for a Lent Study Course, Praying with St Matthew's Gospel, at 11am on Thursdays during Lent in the Choir Vestry at All Saints' Church.

Please let Anne know if you would like to attend. The course can be accessed on-line (free) or with a book - also free. Anne would like to know your preference so she can order sufficient copies of the book.

You are also welcome just to come along.

The course starts on 19 February, continues on 26 February, and then runs on Thursdays throughout March.



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2026

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Pause for a Poem

The stormy, wintery weather earlier in January prompted me to look for a poem about snow. Over the years I have featured several by different writers, but this time I have found one new to me by the American poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson. As it describes a snowstorm it seemed particularly appropriate given that the much of the north of the country have experienced snowstorms that in Emerson's words hid "hills and woods, the river, and the heaven".

Michael Bailey

The Snowstorm

Announced by all the trumpets of the sky,
Arrives the snow, and, driving o'er the fields,
Seems nowhere to alight: the whited air
Hides hills and woods, the river, and the heaven,
And veils the farmhouse at the garden's end.
The sled and traveller stopped, the courier's feet
Delayed, all friends shut out, the housemates sit
Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed
In a tumultuous privacy of storm.

Come see the north wind's masonry.
Out of an unseen quarry evermore
Furnished with tile, the fierce artificer
Curves his white bastions with projected roof
Round every windward stake, or tree, or door.
Speeding, the myriad-handed, his wild work
So fanciful, so savage, nought cares he
For number or proportion. Mockingly,
On coop or kennel he hangs Parian wreaths;
A swan-like form invests the hidden thorn;
Fills up the farmer's lane from wall to wall,
Maugre the farmer's sighs; and, at the gate,
A tapering turret overtops the work.
And when his hours are numbered, and the world
Is all his own, retiring, as he were not,
Leaves, when the sun appears, astonished Art
To mimic in slow structures, stone by stone,
Built in an age, the mad wind's night-work,
The frolic architecture of the snow.

Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803 – 1882

Thank you to Michael for the photograph, as well as the poem, of this wonderful snowy scene, which he took when he was visiting his sister in America.



St George's Lent Lectures 2026



Meeting Faith...

...in Architecture

Nick Cox

Tuesday 24th February at 7pm

...in Poetry

Professor Catherine Clarke

Tuesday 10th March at 7pm

...through Music

The Rev'd Canon Dr Nick Brown

Tuesday 24th March at 7pm

Free admission, but donations appreciated

Please enter the castle via Henry VIII Gate, which should be open between 6.45pm and 6.55pm for those attending this event.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

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Nigeria 2026

7.30pm TBC

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This month it was...

175 years ago, on 1st Feb 1851 that novelist Mary Shelley died, aged 53. Best known for her Gothic novel *Frankenstein*.

125 years ago, on 2nd Feb 1901 that the funeral of Queen Victoria took place.

80 years ago, on 11th Feb 1946, that the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was published. It was the first major English-language update of the Bible since the King James version was published in 1611.

Also 80 years ago, on 14th Feb 1946 that the Bank of England was nationalised.

Also 80 years ago, on 19th Feb 1946 that mathematician and cryptanalyst Alan Turing presented a detailed paper for the national Physical Laboratory that gave the first reasonably complete design of a stored-programme computer.

70 years ago, on 11th Feb 1956 that two members of the Cambridge spy ring, British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, announced that they had defected to the Soviet Union. They had both vanished in mysterious circumstances in 1951.

65 years ago, on 9th Feb 1961 that the Beatles played at the Cavern Club in Liverpool for the first time.

50 years ago, on 11th Feb 1976 that John Curry won Britain's first-ever Olympic gold medal in figure skating.

Also 50 years ago, on 23rd Feb 1976 that artist the L S Lowry died. Known for his bleak industrial landscapes of north-west England, populated with matchstick men.

40 years ago, on 12th Feb 1986 that the Treaty of Canterbury was signed by Britain and France. It was the agreement to construct the Channel Tunnel linking the two countries. The tunnel opened in 1994.

30 years ago, on 1st Feb 1996 that US President Bill Clinton met Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams at the White House, to discuss the Northern Ireland Peace Process.

Also 30 years ago, on 15th Feb 1996 that the oil tanker Sea Empress ran aground near Milford Haven in Wales, causing a major oil spill along the coastlines of Wales and Ireland.

25 years ago, on 12th Feb 2001 that the Human Genome Project announced the publication of the first complete working draft of the human genome.

Also 25 years ago, on 19th Feb 2001 that the first case of foot-and-mouth disease in the 2001 UK outbreak was detected at an abattoir in Essex.

from Parish Pump

Mothering Sunday

15 March

10am Sung Eucharist
All Saints' Church
Frances Road



*Please join us to give thanks
for all who love
and care for us.*

*Families and children of
all ages are welcome and
Mother's Day flowers
will be distributed
during the service.*

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

The funeral of Queen Victoria

125 years ago, on 2nd February 1901, the funeral of Queen Victoria took place.

She had died at the age of 81 on 22 January, having ruled for nearly 64 years, and her death took her family, courtiers and subjects by surprise in difficult times. The Boer war was still in progress, and the previous year the Prince of Wales had been shot at in Belgium, by a boy who was protesting against the war.

Her third adult child – Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh – had just died, another was near death, and she herself had been confined to a wheelchair, almost blind and often confused. She died at the remote Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, and when it happened there was no-one alive who could remember how to bury a monarch.

Victoria had asked for a full military state funeral, and there were secret instructions concerning mementoes of her personal servant, John Brown. The official service in St George's Chapel was chaotic because of timing errors, but it was followed by an emotional ceremony for the family on 4th February, in the mausoleum the queen had built for her husband at Frogmore, adjoining Windsor Castle, where the Queen was laid to rest beside her much-loved Prince Albert.

The total cost was £35,500 (£4.5 million). Victoria had outlived all the members of her Privy Council alive in

1837; all the members who had sat in the House of Commons at that time; and all nine of her bridesmaids.

What has been described as the godly domesticity of the Victorian era appealed to a mainly Protestant public, centring more on morals than on radical evangelicalism and effective prayer. One historian noted the transformation in the general British attitude from "aggressive, brutal, rowdy, outspoken, riotous, cruel and bloodthirsty" to "inhibited, polite, orderly, tender-minded, prudish and hypocritical".

*Tim Lenton
Parish Pump*

[British Pathé has made available some footage of the day on YouTube](#), which includes the arrival of the coffin at St George's Chapel.

Jubilate!

Our Choir had a packed schedule in December but, fortunately, did find time to celebrate with a Christmas Lunch in the Palmer Arms in Dorney. Thank you to the choir, John Halsey (Director of Music) and Nathaniel Keiller (organist) and friends for all they do to enrich our worship.

If you're aged 7+ and might like to join the choir, please do have a chat with John or one of the clergy.



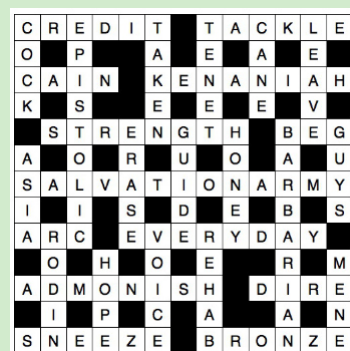
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Meeting (at which wardens are elected) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (at which reports on the fabric and finances of the parish are received and PCC members elected) are on **26 April** this year, after the Sung Eucharist at St Stephen & St Agnes Church. Please make a note in your diary and, if you're not already on the electoral roll, please consider joining by asking for a form when you're next in church. If you're considering serving as warden or PCC member, you can find out more by having a chat with Revd Sally or Fr Richard.

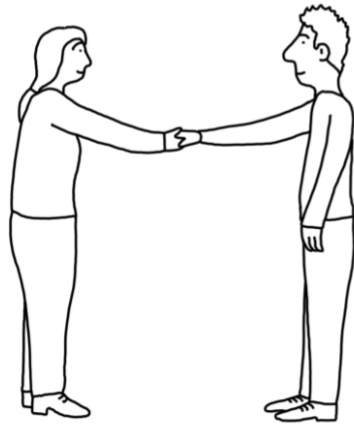
New Bishop of Oxford

Following the recent announcement of Bishop Steven's retirement, the Diocese has begun the process of seeking his successor. Everyone is encouraged to complete a short, anonymous survey which has been designed to gather the views and opinions of people living in the Diocese of Oxford. The survey will take less than ten minutes to complete and is available until 4th February. Every voice matters so please do complete it. You can complete it [here](#). Thank you

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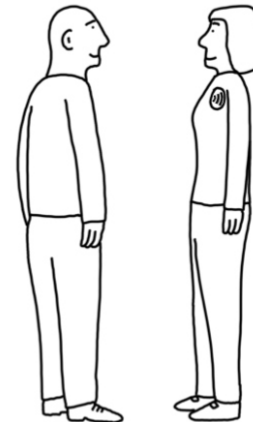
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From the December & January registers...



Baptisms

Amelia-Grace Hibberd - All Saints' Church
Margaux Smith - All Saints' Church
Aurora Babbs - Holy Trinity Church



Funerals

Peter Whittle - St John the Baptist Church
Margaret Gimblett
Matilda Dancey - Holy Trinity Church
Gill Pengilley - St Stephen & St Agnes Church

New Pathways

New Pathways is an informal bereavement group, which meets monthly, in the Mountbatten Room at Holy Trinity Church, 2.30-3.30pm, on the last Thursday of the month - do come along for a cuppa and a chat! Everyone is welcome, no matter whether your loss was recent or a long time ago.



For your prayers this month

Anne Harding
Steve Smith
Colin Oakley

Loving Care

Do you care for a loved one or friend?

Would you like to meet up with others in a similar situation?

Join us for tea and biscuits on the **second Thursday** of each month from **1.30pm** to 2.30/3.00pm

in the Mountbatten Room
(opposite the Car Park) at

Holy Trinity Church in Claremont Road

All welcome



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Friday 27 March
4-6pm
at
All Saints' Church
Frances Road

Fun for all ages!...crafts, bible stories and a meal

Please click to book or email
windsor.churchbookings@gmail.com,
to let us know you are coming

Children must bring an adult

**Parish Church
of St John the Baptist**

22nd March 2026

6.30pm

Stainer – The Crucifixion
A devotional performance

All welcome ~ Free admission
with retiring collection



February

1 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas, Principal Feast)

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*

8 The Second 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 The Sunday next before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist – St John the Baptist Church

16-18 February – **Holiday Club**

17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

18 Ash Wednesday (Principal Holy Day)

11am Said Communion (BCP) – Holy Trinity Church

7.30pm Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church

22 The First Sunday of Lent

10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church

23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155

25 Ember Day

26 **7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting – venue TBC**

27 George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

28 Ember Day