

Windsor Church News



**The Revd Canon
Peter Johnson**

Dear Friends

Pope Leo has indicated his intention to declare St John Henry Newman to be a Doctor of the Church, a teacher of the faith. Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis in 2019 (in a ceremony attended by the then Prince of Wales).

In the Church of England we commemorate Newman on 11 August, the date of his death in 1890. Unfortunately this coincides with the commemoration of St Clare of Assisi, so in the Roman Calendar Newman is



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the online newsletter from
the Parish of Central Windsor

commemorated on 9 October, the date he was received as a Roman Catholic in 1845.

As he was born in 1801 and died in 1890, his life splits neatly into two halves, first as an Anglican and then as a Roman Catholic.

His written output is considerable, in pamphlets, letters, books, sermons and devotional poetry. He is also known through three hymns, originally written as poems, later set to music by distinguished composers.

In 1833 he was returning from a visit to Italy and Sicily. He had become seriously ill, near to death, in Palermo. After sufficient recovery, he began the homeward journey but the boat on which he was travelling became becalmed in the Ligurian Sea. That was when he wrote *Lead, kindly light*. One may justifiably wonder whether that frustration, his recent illness and his theological concerns all form a background to that poem.

Firmly I believe and truly and Praise to the Holiest in the height are both contained within the *Dream of Gerontius*. This work (1865) is a cast as a poetic meditation by a dying man, but really became widely known from its setting by Elgar which was first performed in 1900. Malcolm Sargent wrote in 1943 of its “combination of sublime faith and bewildered despair”. Others have taken a different view; the piety is intense and, dare one say, Victorian. But we have these two splendid hymns.

Newman was a significant figure in Victorian Britain, as is evidenced in particular by obituaries in the secular press. *The Times* wrote that “a great man has passed away, a great link with the past has been broken.” *The Daily Telegraph* called him “one of the most distinguished and highly gifted Englishmen of the nineteenth century.”

Religious weeklies of course were more varied in their response. Ironically *The Church Times*, while declaring that he had the character of a saint, averred that his



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influence had already waned and would not outlive the current generation.

To commemorate the centenary of Newman's death, a series of seven public lectures and an ecumenical service took place in Oxford in Hilary Term 1990. These lectures by a range of distinguished scholars, Anglican, Roman Catholic and agnostic, and the sermon by Archbishop Runcie, were collected in a book *Newman: a man for our time*, on which I have unashamedly and gratefully drawn for much of this article. The range of contributors is in itself an expression of Newman's lasting influence and interest.

When trying to understand Newman's faith journey, it is quite important to remember that the Church of England in the 19th century was very different from that of today. We have to avoid the annoying journalistic simplification of saying that the Church of England became protestant under Henry VIII, for a start. Separated from Rome, yes, and then under the influence to a greater or lesser degree of Continental Reformers. But there remained a strong "high church" tradition associated with Richard Hooker, Lancelot Andrewes, William Laud and John Cosin, although much of this legacy was dissipated by the departure of the "non-jurors" who could not accept the legitimacy of the installation of William and Mary in 1688-9, after the abdication of James II. The subsequent Stuart attempts to reclaim the crown in 1715 and 1745 did not help.

The upshot was that by Newman's time the Church of England was in the hands of Erastian Latitudinarians and Evangelicals. The former saw the Church as a department of state "with a gentleman in every parish", the latter emphasised "justification by faith alone" in pietistic religion. And in the words of Professor Henry Chadwick, while the "Latitudinarians saw doctrine as narrow, the Evangelicals saw it as desiccated."

Newman was elected a fellow of Oriel College, Oxford in 1822, and there he met Edward Bouverie Pusey and John Keble among others, with whom what was to become known as "the Oxford movement" was to develop. It is important to understand that essentially Newman and his colleagues were motivated by doctrinal seriousness, not by vestments and candles. In fact, it was

not until 1837 that Newman, as Vicar of the University Church of St Mary's, established a weekly Sunday Communion service, in contrast to the prevailing practice of three or four Communion a year.

At the risk of oversimplification, Newman came to the view that "justification" is through God's mercy in the indwelling of Christ in the soul, mediated in the sacraments. He rejected the view that one's relation with God was an all or nothing affair, just as much as he rejected earning indulgences; rather it was a matter of a lifetime's gradual growth in holiness under the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And faith included intellectual assent and moral quality as well as trust: it is a matter of both heart and mind.

Throughout his theological work, Newman insisted on the necessity to accept change as the divinely given means of a fuller understanding of truth and of adapting to changing circumstances. He insists that the Church should face history seriously. He approved of Darwin's ideas because evolution is also "historical" in Newman's sense. Similarly he viewed scripture as developed rather than as a single deposit. Religious truth, he said, is like the dim view of a country seen in the twilight, a view which one might well see as a wise reminder of the limits of human reason.

Then there was Newman's study of scripture and the fathers of the Church. Contemporaries commented on the "riveting" way he read scripture. By 1825 he could say that the New Testament is not Christianity, but a record of Christianity. How can scripture be understood apart from the community understanding of it, for the community formed scripture? If scripture was clear at first reading, why are there so many sects?

He was still thinking (1838) that the Church of England could offer an adequate middle way between Rome's excesses (dogmatism, popular Marian devotions, the denial of the chalice to the laity for instance) and doctrinal inadequacy, but gradually found he could not sustain this position within the contemporary Church of England.

Services on Sunday 21 September

- 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**
Holy Trinity Parish & Garrison Church
- 11am Battle of Britain Sunday Civic Service**
St John the Baptist Parish Church
- 5.15pm Taize Style Communion**
St Stephen & St Agnes Parish Church

All welcome

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Not that life became easier for him in the Roman Church. For Newman did not become ultra-montane, more Roman than the Romans, unlike some of his fellow religionists. He was subjected to jealousy in some quarters. The Catholic community itself was "multi-layered"; with old Catholic families in the countryside (many in Lancashire), recent Irish immigration, and others who had converted before Newman.

John Henry Newman by Sir John Everett Millais
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With permission from Rome, he founded an Oratory in Birmingham in the tradition of St Philip Neri for the training of priests, but was not permitted to found a college in Oxford because of the perceived dangers of mixed education.

The restoration of the Roman hierarchy in England in 1851 led to further tensions, within the Roman Catholic community and in English politics. Then there was the first Vatican Council (1870) and the

declaration of papal infallibility, which many opposed or were reserved about because it was one-sided, appearing to exclude the role of bishops in council, not to mention the rest of the faithful. Newman wrote that subsequent popes or Councils could modify the work or decision of their predecessors, which was certainly to be seen in the work of Vatican II (1962-5).

In all these matters Newman could be misrepresented. Indeed, at one point the papal chamberlain wrote to Cardinal Manning, Archbishop of Westminster (himself a former Anglican) that "Dr Newman's spirit must be crushed" and Manning replied that Newman had become "the centre of those who hold low views about the Holy See..."

In 1879 a new pope, Leo XIII, appointed him a cardinal in recognition of his work for the Roman Catholic church in England. The story of this appointment, at the instigation of the Duke of Norfolk and others, but opposed by those who claimed Newman was not loyal to the Holy See, is a good example of ecclesiastical machination known in all parts of Christendom. Nevertheless, the appointment was widely welcomed.

Newman's role in the understanding of the development of doctrine in the changing of the empirical world, his concern for the role of the laity, his use of scripture – all these contributed to the way in which the Roman church has evolved. Anglicanism similarly has benefited from the renewal of a

sacramental understanding of the world and of the Christian faith and a better understanding of "the church catholic". Newman has therefore, albeit not explicitly, helped in the development of ecumenism, and it was Pope Paul VI himself who could remark that Vatican II was "Newman's Council".

The fruits of that Council include better ecumenical relations, in which Rome plays a key role through the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity. After Vatican II, through the initiative of Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Michael Ramsey, the Anglican Centre in Rome was established in 1966. Through that initiative also the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) subsequently began its work of producing reports on doctrinal topics such as the Eucharist, Authority and Mary, to name but a few, in a shared endeavour.

So well may we rejoice in St John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church.

Revd Canon Peter Johnson

St Matthew - 21 September

The light depicting St Matthew, on the first page, forms part of the window in the Household Division Chapel in Holy Trinity Church. The other three lights depict St Mark, St Luke and St John. The window is dedicated to Lieutenant John Weyland (of the 1st Life Guards - the chapel was originally dedicated to the regiment) we don't have any specific

information regarding its installation and dedication, however, the Naval & Military Gazette and Weekly Chronicle of United Service of 1 November 1882 reports his death the previous week and tells us:

He was the son of Mr John Weyland of Woodeaton, Oxfordshire, who married Lady Catherine De Burgh, daughter of the late Marquis of Clanricarde. Lieutenant Weyland was educated at Eton and Oxford, and entered the 1st Life Guards in 1876. Soon after the war commenced he was sent out with drafts for the squadron of his regiment in the field, and at Cyprus he contracted the fever known as Cyprus fever. He was removed to Malta, where he succumbed. He is the only officer which the Household Cavalry have lost during the Egyptian campaign.

Matthew was one of the twelve apostles. He was originally a tax collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

adapted from Parish Pump



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4-6pm
at
All Saints' Church
Frances Road

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Little People, Big Faith

A view from the children's corner



Dear Friends

In the summer holidays I went on
holiday to Bardolino in Italy on Lake
Garda.

We went to lots of different towns and
we got to see lots and lots of churches.
It is lovely in these churches. In one we
got to light a little candle. We read
about the life of Blessed Andrew who
worked with poor people in the 1600s.
We lit a candle and we said a prayer to
ask God to help all the people not as
lucky as us.

We did lots of other fun things on our
holiday. One day we went up a
mountain in a basket and a chair lift.
We climbed even higher at the top of
the chair lift and we saw all of the lake.
Daddy and Harry waited at a little
restaurant and me and Mummy
climbed to the top where we took a
great photo.

The best thing though about my
holiday was having lots of ice creams,
going to pool in our hotel and being
with my family every day.

I hope you have had a lovely summer
holiday too,

Love Lyra

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

Back to School Sunday

14 September



10am

Sung Eucharist

**St Stephen &
St Agnes Church**

All welcome!
*...especially if you are
starting a new academic
year*

*at school, college or
university.*

*The service includes the
blessing of school bags
and we invite you to bring
yours with you.*

Mothers' UNION

July Meeting

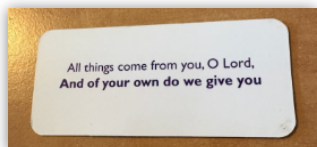
Nothing is better on a hot summer's day than to spend an afternoon in a beautiful garden chatting with good friends. And we were privileged to just do that for our July Meeting. We had a delightful afternoon in Margaret Parsons' lovely garden enjoying a delicious afternoon tea.

We thanked God for the blessings we enjoyed, for strength for all those in distress from bereavement or ill health and we prayed for peace and compassion and support for all those suffering the ravages of war.

Parish Giving Tokens

Thank you to everyone who donates to the parish. If you give via the Parish Giving Scheme you will soon be able to pick up a token on the way into church to put into the collection during the service, allowing your gift to be blessed, should you wish to.

If you're not aware the Parish Giving Scheme, it is the most cost effective way to donate to the parish either regularly or for a one-off gift (and your gift can be anonymous, if you prefer). You can find out more [here](#).



Our September meeting is on Thursday 11th September at 3.30 in All Saints Church Hall when our speaker is Anne Casson. Anne will talk about Ignatius Loyola. Having recently been on the Ignatius Loyola Pilgrimage Trail I'm sure Anne's talk will be extremely interesting.

Please join us, you are all always welcome

Estlyn Davies

24-hour Windsor Community Sing-A-Thon at The Windsor Boys' School

26th-27th September 5pm-5pm. The Parish Choir has signed up to sing for **one** of the twenty-four hours, 8pm-9pm on Friday 26th September. All members of the congregation are invited and indeed encouraged to join choir members to sing favourite hymns, helping to raise funds for the Windsor Homeless Project.

Just turn up at the boys' school. Hymn books provided! Further information <https://www.windsorhomelessproject.org/events>



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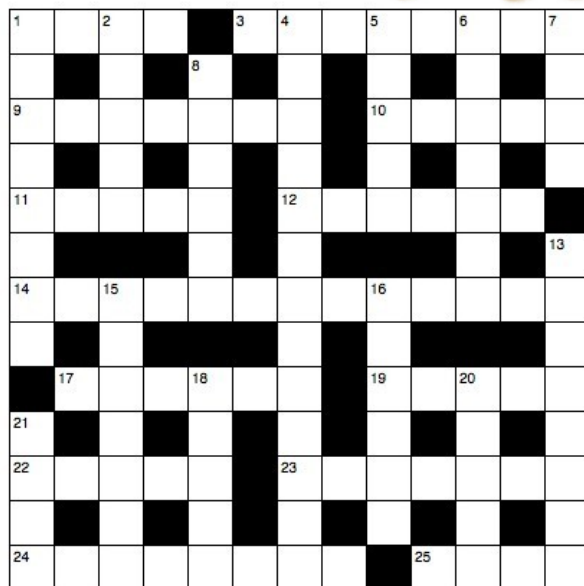


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Puzzle Page



Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)

- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27-28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)



The Bible used is the New International Version.



Angels
Angles
Apostle
Converted
elected
English
Estates
Generous
Gregory
History
Monasteries
Monk
Plague
Poor
Pope
Roman
Senator
Slaves
Son
Young

On 3rd September, the Church remembers St Gregory the Great (540 – 604AD), one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. He is well worth remembering, because he also changed the course of history in the British Isles. The son of a very rich Roman senator, Gregory converted as a young man, and then sold his vast estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome. He gave generously to the poor and became a monk.

Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, "They are Angles." Moved with compassion for these despised men, he replied, "They are not Angles, but angels!" He planned to go to England to evangelize the Angles, but plague broke out in Italy about 590, and during this time he was elected Pope. But Gregory did not forget the Angles. In 596 He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

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Pause for a Poem

I found this poem as we were in our third heatwave of the summer, and I found it refreshing to read of wind and rain in darkness on the moors after our weeks of bright sunshine and drought. The line "Man's spirit away from its drear dungeon sending" seemed particularly apposite. I was then stuck by the usual rhyming pattern that the poet has chosen – no less than eight of the first twelve lines end with words ending with the letters, 'ding'! Then even in the last stanza the pattern is echoed with words ending in, 'ying'. With this device, Emily Bronte paints the picture of movement both of the storm itself and caused by it in the plants and waters of the moors.

Michael Bailey

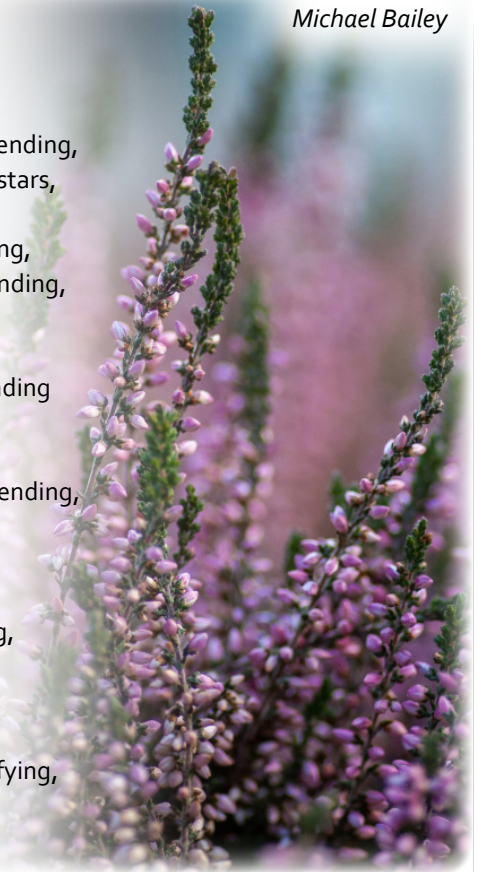
High Waving Heather

High waving heather 'neath stormy blasts bending,
Midnight and moonlight and bright shining stars,
Darkness and glory rejoicingly blending,
Earth rising to heaven and heaven descending,
Man's spirit away from its drear dungeon sending,
Bursting the fetters and breaking the bars.

All down the mountain sides wild forests lending
One mighty voice to the life-giving wind,
Rivers their banks in their jubilee rending,
Fast through the valleys a reckless course wending,
Wider and deeper their waters extending,
Leaving a desolate desert behind.

Shining and lowering and swelling and dying,
Changing forever from midnight to noon;
Roaring like thunder, like soft music sighing,
Shadows on shadows advancing and flying,
Lightning-bright flashes the deep gloom defying,
Coming as swiftly and fading as soon.

Emily Brontë (1818-1848)



Lammas Tide Service



Lammas tide falls between the summer solstice and the autumn equinox. Lammas Day is also known as loaf mass to celebrate the start of the wheat harvest and the gathering in of the first fruits. The ceremony ceased after the Reformation and has recently been revived in some churches.

At this service, bakery workers and their bread are blessed by the clergy. On the morning of 1 August, the Dean of Southwark Cathedral, the Very Reverend Dr Mark Oakley gave blessings and a short service in Bread Ahead Bakery in Borough Market, London. We then processed to the cathedral close by where the Lammas day loaf was used as the Eucharist

bread in the service. This traditional celebration was very moving, giving prayers for food which we so often take for granted, or do without and prayers for reducing food waste. Shockingly, 1 million loaves of bread are thrown away each day in the United Kingdom.

Be gentle when you touch bread
Let it not lie uncared for, unwanted.
So often bread is taken for granted.
There is much beauty in bread:
beauty of sun and soil,
beauty of patient toil.
Wind and sun have carressed it.
Christ often blessed it.
Be gentle when you touch bread

Megan Gent

Windsor Fringe 2025

BOX&FIR

Jenny Thomas *flute*
Richard Boothby *bass viol*
Ian Gammie *bass viol & guitar*
John Halsey *harpsichord*

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September at 4.00 pm

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Tickets are also available from John Halsey after a Sunday service



Trinity St Stephen First School was formed in 1978 when Holy Trinity and St Stephen's Schools merged.
The parish continues to enjoy its strong links with the school through regular worship and governorship.

Goodbye Mrs Lovegrove

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Lovegrove, who retired after twelve years as Headteacher, with a service at St Stephen & St Agnes Church followed by tea in the school hall where Year 4 had provided some amazing portraits of Mrs Lovegrove!



Welcome Mrs Pennington

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Linda Pennington as the new Headteacher of Trinity St Stephen, she kindly introduces herself to us:



I have lived locally my whole life and reside just outside of Windsor with my husband Brad Pennington. We have three beautiful daughters, a wonderful granddaughter and Bandit, who is a school trained learning support dog/dog advocate.

My understanding of the RBWM educational systems comes from the perspective of a pupil, parent and professional. I am passionate about ensuring children and families have the best educational start in

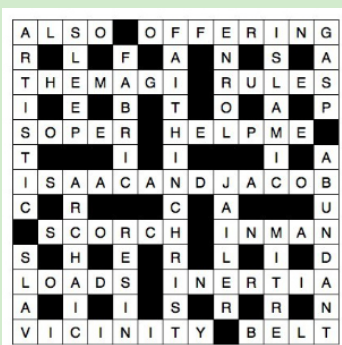
life. My ethos and values link directly to core Christian Values and are based on kindness, recognition of individuals, mutual respect and understanding. I believe in a fair yet firm professional approach. My educational experience spans 22 years and is underpinned by my BA. Hons. degree in Children's Development and Learning.

It is my intention to ensure our wonderful school continues to thrive and provide the high quality experience and education it has under the strong and positive leadership of our previous headteacher, Louise Lovegrove, with the guidance of St Stephens and Holy Trinity Churches.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all, and my family and I becoming an integrated part of the Trinity St Stephen CofE School community.

Linda Pennington
Headteacher
Trinity St Stephen Church of England First School

Puzzle Solutions



Donation Envelopes and Contactless Donations

To making donating easier, new gift aid envelopes will be available in churches during the course of the month. They are designed to be a little more friendly and also include all the ways to make a donation.

In addition, two new contactless donation boxes are being purchased for the parish, primarily for use at All Saints' and Holy Trinity Churches, but with the intention that they can move round the parish for large events and services.

Voci Chamber Choir

Autumn
Windsor Festival Concert

Vivaldi Gloria

Sunday 21st September

7.30 pm

at

St Stephen &
St Agnes Church

Tickets available from
vocichamberchoir.co.uk or
windsorfestival.com
or please click here

More Crafty Short Stories

Local author, Peter Frost, is continuing to fundraise for World Vision's aid for children in Ukraine by writing a third book, in his Uncle Chris's cosy mystery series. The books, all containing a number of stories, are intended for all ages with each story taking only a few minutes to read and featuring a twist! Peter wishes to thank those who have purchased his books so far and reports that he has now reached his £1,000 target for World Vision - he has a new target of £5,000. His new book is available from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1527014444) and [Waterstones](https://www.waterstones.com/book/author/peter-frost).



Loving Care (Carers' Meeting)

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 at Holy Trinity
Church. All are very welcome

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.

Alive in Christ

A Journey Through John's Gospel

An eight session, monthly, online,
Contemplative Series

Starting on **Tuesday 16 September 2025**
at 8pm

Overview

Step into the mystical heart of Christian
faith through the Gospel of John.
Blending Scripture, Christian mysticism
(East & West), psychology, and
contemplative practice, this series
nurtures spiritual growth through
reflection, shared discussion, and
personal transformation — not academic
study.

Themes

- Love and spiritual growth
- Seeking and finding God
- Contemplative interior transformation
- Spiritual community and connection
- Resilience in spiritual challenges
- Hope as a foundation for living
- Divine calling and purpose
- Legacy and future generations

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This September it was...

1,100 years ago, on 4th Sept 925 that England gained her first ever king. He was Aethelstan, King of the Anglo-Saxons (924-927) and then King of England (927-939). Aethelstan was grandson of Alfred the Great, and 30th great-grand uncle to Queen Elizabeth II.

300 years ago, on 29th Sept 1725 that Robert Clive, 1st Baron Clive (Clive of India) was born. This British general helped to found the British Empire in India.

200 years ago, on 27th Sept 1825 that the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

175 years ago, on 9th Sept 1850 that California was admitted as the 31st state of the USA.

150 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1875 that Ferdinand Porsche, Austrian-born German automotive engineer was born. He designed the Volkswagen Beetle and Tiger tank, and founded the Porsche sports car company.

100 years ago, on 7th Sept 1925 that Laura Ashley was born. The Welsh designer and businesswoman was known for her traditional printed fabrics, soft furnishing and women's clothing. Co-founder (along with her husband) of the Laura Ashley textile company and chain of shops. She died in 1985 when she fell downstairs, aged 60.

Also 100 years ago, on 8th Sept that Peter Sellers, actor and comedian was born. Best known for the Goon Show, and as Inspector Clouseau in the Pink Panther film series. He died in 1980.

90 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1935 that British driver Malcolm Campbell set a new world land speed record of 301.13 mph in *Bluebird* at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. First person to break the 300mph barrier.

Also 90 years ago, on 15th Sept 1935 that the Nuremberg Laws were passed in Germany. Jews were no longer classed as German citizens, and the Nazi flag was adopted as the national flag of Germany.

80 years ago, on 2nd Sept 1945 that VJ Day (victory over Japan Day) formally took place. Representatives from Japan signed the formal instrument of surrender on board the US battleship *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

Also 80 years ago, on 5th Sept 1945 that Iva Toguri (Tokyo Rose), an American-

born Japanese radio propaganda broadcaster during WWII was arrested by US forces in Yokohama.

Also 80 years ago, on 19th Sept 1945 that the Nazi propaganda broadcaster William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw) was sentenced to death by a British court after being convicted of treason. He was executed on 3rd January 1946.

75 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1950 that Italian racing driver Giuseppe (Nino) Farina became the first-ever Formula One World Champion after winning the 1950 Italian Grand Prix.

70 years ago, on 4th Sept 1955 that Kenneth Kendall became the first newsreader to appear on screen in the UK, reading the *BBC Television News*.

Also 70 years ago, on 21st Sep 1955 that Britain annexed Rockall, an uninhabited granite islet in the North Atlantic, to prevent the Soviet Union from placing surveillance equipment there to spy on Britain's secret nuclear missile tests.

Also 70 years ago, on 22nd Sept 1955 that Britain's first independent TV channel was launched. ITV ended the BBC's monopoly.

Also 70 years ago, 26th Sept 1955 that Bird's Eye frozen fish fingers went on sale in the UK.

50 years ago, on 24th Sept 1975 that Dougal Haston and Doug Scott became the first Britons to reach the summit of Mount Everest. They were also the first climbers from any nation to conquer the south-west face.

40 years ago, on 9th to 11th Sept 1985 that the Handsworth Riots took place in Birmingham. Unemployment and racial tensions fuelled a mass riot following the arrest of a man in a café and a police raid on a public house. 45 shops were looted and burned, and at least two people killed. Several more riots occurred across England that autumn.

30 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1995 that the online auction site eBay was founded (as AuctionWeb). The first item sold was a broken laser pointer.

20 years ago, on 12th Sept 2005 that the evacuation of all Israeli security forces and Israeli civilian settlements from the Gaza Strip was completed. Israel had occupied the Gaza Strip for 38 years.

15 years ago, on 19th Sept 2010 that the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was finally sealed after gushing oil for almost five months. It was the

Regular midweek services

Mondays

9am Morning Prayer - All Saints' Church

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9am Morning Prayer - St Stephen & St Agnes Church
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biggest marine oil spill in history. In 2016 BP agreed to pay fines of \$20.8 billion – the largest corporate settlement in US history. BP also paid more than \$65 billion in clean-up costs.

10 years ago, on 24th Sept 2015 that the Mina stampede took place. More than 2,000 people were killed in a crush and stampede during the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

from Parish Pump

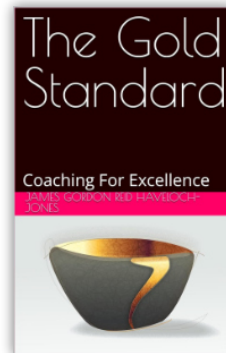
VJ Day



Over seventy-five people came together for a service at Holy Trinity Church to mark the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Japan Day on 15 August, remembering all those who gave their lives and suffered as a result of events leading up to that day eighty years ago, and to pray for peace in our world. The medals of Sergeant J H Greaves (of the 18th Hussars) and Thomas Evans (of the Royal Navy, Prisoner of War and Nagasaki Survivor) were placed on the altar at the start of the service. The retiring collection raised £215 for the Gurkha Welfare Trust - thank you to all who contributed so generously.

The Gold Standard – Coaching for Excellence By James Gordon Reid Haveloch-Jones

James Gordon Reid Haveloch-Jones is an educational consultant, mentor, and author, who worships at the Chapel in the Park. He has recently published a book which he tells us about below.



The Gold Standard: Coaching for Excellence is my personal and philosophical reflection on mentorship, education, and formation. It's rooted in my lived experience — from elite institutions to grassroots outreach — and reframes excellence not as polish or pedigree, but as presence, empathy, and discernment.

Heythrop College was where this journey truly began. As a Jesuit institute, it offered me more than academic rigour — it gave me a spiritual and intellectual home. I encountered *cura personalis*, the Ignatian principle of care for the whole person, and discovered the writings of Matteo Ricci. His dialogical approach to truth and culture became a guiding light for me. Ricci's vision of grace as accompaniment, not coercion, helped

me heal from the punitive theology I'd previously encountered in elite evangelical circles. That contrast — between grace that transforms and grace that punishes — runs throughout the book.

My coaching practice is deeply shaped by Ignatian spirituality. I don't see coaching as transactional; I see it as transformational. Whether I'm mentoring neurodiverse pupils, supporting BAME girls in sacred music, or guiding the children of global leaders through high-stakes interviews, I try to create a space of reverence and rhythm — a ceremony of care where young people can discover their voice and honour their story.

The book is structured in three parts: Foundations of Excellence, Education and Transformation, and Legacy and Leadership. I share personal encounters — singing at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, meeting President Bush at Westminster Abbey — alongside systemic critique. I reflect candidly on spiritual abuse, LGBT Christianity, and neurodivergence in ecclesial spaces, offering a theology of healing that is both personal and prophetic.

Throughout, I return to the metaphor of kintsugi — the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with gold. I see my own story as a kintsugi vessel: fractured by exclusion and spiritual harm, but mended through

discernment, grace, and the Ignatian conviction that education is a journey inward.

Ultimately, this book is my call to raise the standard — not just in education, but in how we lead, listen, and live. In the spirit of Ignatian spirituality, I invite readers to see excellence not as inherited, but as cultivated — through presence, through care, and through the courage to be fully seen.

If this speaks to you and your personal ethos please purchase a copy, share with friends, and feel free to contact me via my website, <https://www.jamesgordonreid.co.uk/>.

The book is available from [Amazon](#), House of Windsor in Peascod Street and bookshops in Eton.

New Noticeboard



All Saints' Church has a very smart new noticeboard on Alexandra Road. Thank you very much to Roger Bowden along with neighbours Nic and Derm for installing it and removing the old one.

Parish Registers

Thank you to Jane Burr, our Parish Clerk, and our Clergy who keep our Parish Records. They are not likely to be the sole record about an individual nowadays. I was interested by items about registers in two old Windsor Parish Magazines (the magazine for St John the Baptist and All Saints' Churches) that Michael Harding, Warden of St John the Baptist Church, kindly passed to me recently.

The February 1893 Windsor Parish Magazine reads:

A Parish Register is really the history of the parish for some centuries. And in the times before us they were kept with a freedom of entry and of remark, very different from the matter of fact statements which are now confined to spaces precisely ruled out. We fear that our own Windsor Registers are less interesting than some, but they have occasionally their special interest. For instance, they contain perhaps the only

official record of the burial of King Charles I. The book was, by desire, sent up and exhibited in London at that most successful and interesting display called the "Stuart Exhibition".

It goes on to give the background to Parish Registers generally:

We may consider that from the earliest times some record was kept of parochial doings. But while scholarship was scarce, and many parishes were served from a distance, Registers were not kept apart for each parish. Perhaps, most commonly, they were kept at the abbey or monastery, from which the priest came forth to serve the church. At the Reformation, which saw the dissolution of monasteries, a new arrangement was necessary. So, in 1538, the same injunction of Cromwell (King Henry VIII's lay commissioner), which ordered the Great Bible to be set up in every church, ordered a register of births, marriages, and burials to be kept in every parish.

This was, however, to be kept as a "ledger", rather than a "day book". It was posted up weekly in the presence of the churchwardens, from notes or rough entries made at the time that each service was solemnized.

It was not until 1812 that the present formal arrangement of specified particulars was made, and that paper was allowed as a substitute for parchment. This has very rightly prevented the comments of some Clerical Registrars, upon the characters of those named as having died and been buried. It would not please some inquirer to read (as I have read) that his ancestress was a "Hypocritical Queen"; though it would greatly gratify another to read that his ancestor was an "English Nathanael". Sometimes the story of a life is compressed into very forcible language. Take the following as an example: "This man having land, drank it, fled the country and was slain".

In 1908 the Old Age Pensions Act, providing the first state pensions, was passed. To qualify you had to be aged 70 or over, or for married couples the man had to be aged 70 or over (along with other criteria, for example, you couldn't claim if you'd been to prison or convicted under the Inebriates Act!)

The February 1911 Windsor Parish Magazine tells us that:

During the last month or two deputy parish clerk, Mr Drye, has no doubt been called up to consult the Parish Register on behalf of many claimants for old age pensions, anxious to prove that they were born at some time previous to the date of their baptism. Indeed many people over seventy-nine years had no other record by which they could prove the approximate date of birth beyond that of the register of the parish where they had been baptised, for the record of births at Somerset House do not begin before 1832.

It must not be forgotten that for nearly three centuries previous to this date, the Church alone kept the tale of the lives of the people of England. Few parish registers are older than our own, which goes back without a break to the year 1559.

Historical baptism records are no longer held by the churches but at the Royal Berkshire Archives.

Victoria Stevens

THE BIG SLEEP OUT



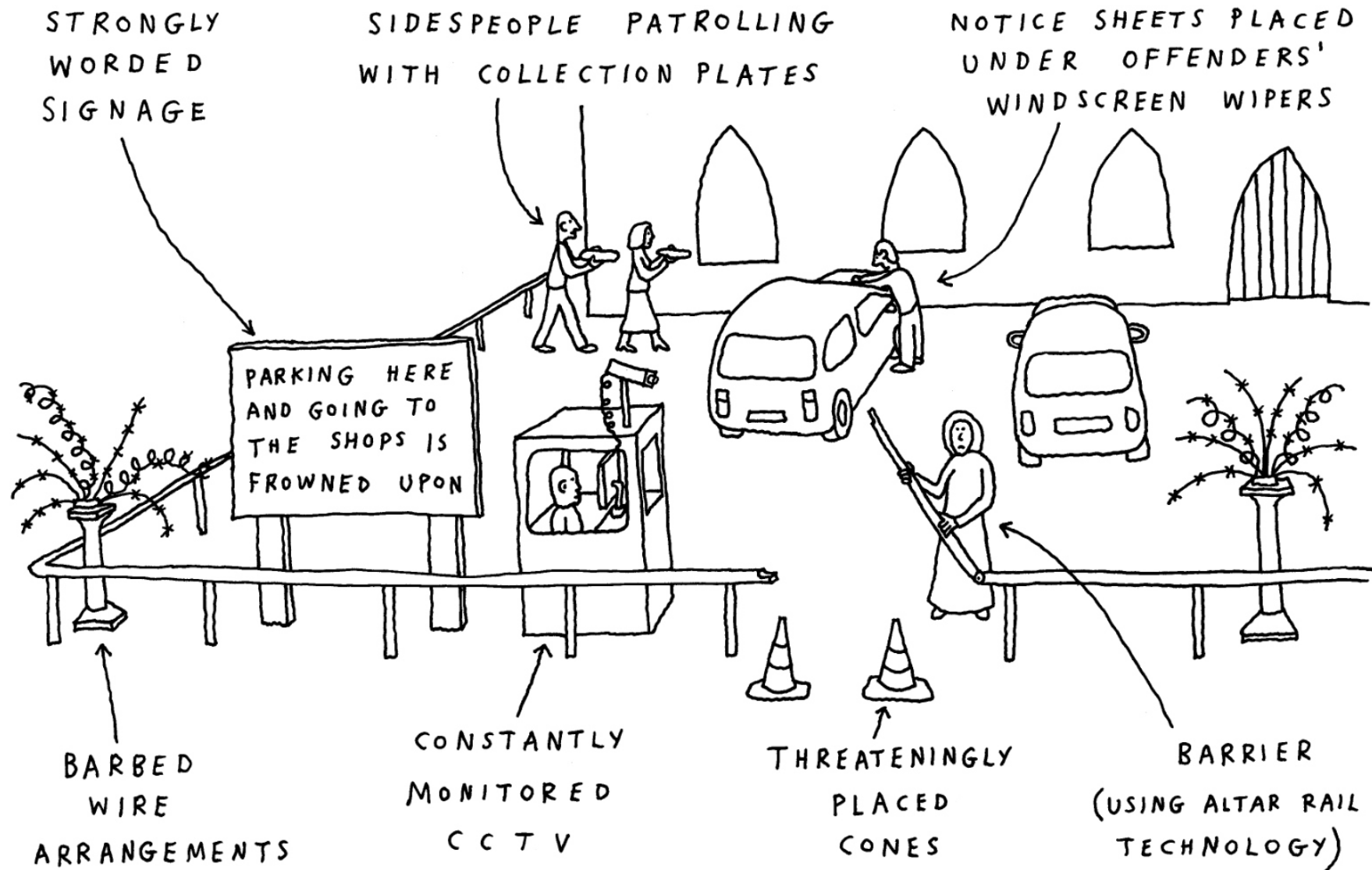
Friday 17 October



Windsor Homeless Project is inviting you to think about joining them for the Big Sleep Out on Friday 17 October, 7pm to 7am, at Windsor Rugby Club raising funds to support the homeless and vulnerable in Windsor. You can donate via [Just Giving](#) now. More details of how to sign up for the night of live music, warm food, powerful stories will be in our next issue and on posters nearer the time.

THE CHURCH CAR PARK

HOW TO DEFEND IT FROM NON-CHURCHGOERS

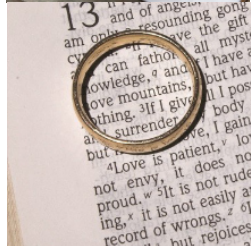


From the July & August registers...



Baptisms

Leo Ledwidge - St Stephen & St Agnes Church Willa Claridge - All Saints' Church
Oskar Chapman - St Stephen & St Agnes Church Adelaide Rowell-Gray - Holy Trinity Church
Hebe Chapman - Holy Trinity Church
Ava Rogers - St Stephen & St Agnes Church
Olivia Rogers - St Stephen & St Agnes Church
Elizabeth Holton - Holy Trinity Church



Weddings

Joshua Shama & Shannen Phillips - St John the Baptist Church
Edward Holmes & Laura Vella - Holy Trinity Church
Jay Capelli & Li Birnie - St John the Baptist Church
Charles Bourne & Olivia Frankham - St John the Baptist Church
Caleb Wright & Laura Snelling - St John the Baptist Church



Funerals

Keith White - Holy Trinity Church
Caroline Bengel - Holy Trinity Church



For your prayers this month

Anne Harding
Gill Pengilley
Steve Smith



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Christmas Tree Festival

28 November - 1 December '25

12⁰⁰ - 7⁰⁰ pm
Friday - Sunday
4⁰⁰ pm - 7⁰⁰ pm
Monday

Holy Trinity
Parish & Garrison Church
Trinity Place
Windsor SL4 3AX

Christmas Tree Festival



The annual Christmas Tree Festival returns for its third year to Holy Trinity Church. The theme this year is angels.

There is plenty of time for creative contemplation between now and the end of November - entrants can be families, groups or individuals. Perhaps you might also be able to spare some time to welcome people to the festival (no arboreal, ecclesiastical or specialist knowledge about Holy Trinity is needed!). There will be plenty of tea and coffee ...and the heating will be on! You can enter the festival [here](#) (and sign up to be part of the welcome team nearer the time).

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



Saturday 13 September

Our churches will be open for some or all of the day on 13 September to welcome visitors and those who are taking part in Ride & Stride:

All Saints' Church

Frances Road
all day

Holy Trinity Church

Trinity Place & Claremont Road
10am-12pm (and possibly longer)

St Stephen & St Agnes Church

Vansittart Road
all day

Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist

High Street
all day

The Ride+Stride event raises money through sponsorship of participants, who will be visiting local churches - half of the money they raise goes to their home church and the other half to Berkshire Churches Trust. You can find out more [here](#).

Windsor Festival at St John the Baptist Parish Church, Windsor

Wednesday 24 September

7pm Organ Recital
by John Challenger

Tickets £10

from Windsor Festival
(windsorfestival.com or via the QR code)



or
from John Halsey after a Sunday service

Thursday 25 September

10.45am Schools Coffee Concert

Schools from across Windsor and Slough
will be represented with contributions
from children and young people.

Admission ~ £5 on the door

September



- 1 *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710*
- 2 *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942*
- 3 *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604*
- 4 *Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650*
- 6 *Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851*
- 7 **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
10am Sung Eucharist – Holy Trinity Church
- 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880*
- 13 *John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407*
Ride & Stride – churches open for all or some of the day
- 14 **Holy Cross Day (Festival)**
10am Sung Eucharist for Education Sunday – St Stephen & Agnes Church
- 15 *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*
- 16 *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432*
Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882
- 17 *Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179*
- 19 *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*
- 20 *John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871*
1pm Wedding: Christopher Kerr & Sofie Shackcloth – All Saints' Church
- 21 **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Festival)**
8am Holy Communion (BCP) – Holy Trinity Church
11am Battle of Britain Sunday Civic Service – St John the Baptist Church
5.15pm Taizé-style Communion – St Stephen & St Agnes Church
- 24 Ember Day
7pm Organ Recital – St John the Baptist
- 25 *Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626*
Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392
10.45am Schools Coffee Concert – St John the Baptist Church
7.15pm Parochial Church Council Meeting – Holy Trinity Church
- 26 *Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942*
- 27 *Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660*
- 28 **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10am Sung Eucharist – All Saints' Church
- 29 **Michael and All Angels**
- 30 *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420*