

Long may she reign!

Our prayers have been answered, as now our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II has reigned over us for longer than any other British monarch. This is an achievement in itself, but the manner in which the Queen has done it, and the personal standards that she has set, her devotion to duty, and the personal achievements during her reign make its length a side issue. The Queen simply wanted 'Business as Usual' in place of celebration!

I was 14 at the time of Her Majesty's accession to the throne, and I can still recall the shock of the death of her father King George VI (I was theoretically to be born on his coronation day, but arrived two weeks early). And I can still recall standing on the walls of Windsor Castle as the King's funeral cortège processed by. Most poignant, though, is the well-known photograph of Her Majesty, alone but carrying the unfathomed weight of State on her shoulders, being greeted at the foot of her aircraft steps on her return to England to take on the burden of Kingship. Almost hidden behind her, eternally loyal and supportive, stands Prince Philip.

My family had places on the specially-erected stands opposite Buckingham Palace, to see what we could of the Queen in her Coronation coach, and later on the balcony, on that showery but splendid day in early June, 1953. Afterwards, my family and I returned to our Oxfordshire home to see the black and white television coverage with friends who had a TV set (we didn't have one of our own then). Only much later did we see the colour coverage of the Coronation, and of Her Majesty's solemn vows.

The Queen's attention to those vows, and her success in obeying them, are legendary. She is the one person who, by her warm personality and sense of duty, has brought the British monarchy safely through 63 years of momentous social, political and technical changes. These have taken place, not only in Britain but in the whole world, and, in particular, in the Commonwealth, of which she has been a true leader. The Monarch of Great Britain is a constitutional monarch, and so in theory a 'figurehead', but everybody knows that Her Majesty has squared the circle of balance between parliament and monarch by her quiet questioning influence on prime ministers and other politicians week after week, year after year.

Her Majesty's position as the head of the Church of England is underscored by her clear personal faith; at a time when Christianity sometimes feels to be under siege, it is a wonderful encouragement to the rest of us that she proclaims it as a foundation for her whole being.

No wonder that in the United Kingdom – and in countries round the world – she is loved and respected to a huge degree. And no wonder those sour people who would convert our country to a republic look glum. They

know that they could never put up a person who would have a tiny fraction of her charisma as head of our country.

Her Majesty the Queen – long may she reign!!

Anthony Hodson

From the Registers

There is nothing to report this month, apart from the following tribute:

The late Joyce Spencer

I am sad to report the death in June 2015 of Joyce Spencer, widow of Walter Spencer. Joyce and Walter travelled to St Martin's and The Priory every year from Nottingham. The Spencer family were very well known in the village. Richard Wade Spencer and his sister Charlotte Elizabeth (where have we heard that name recently?) donated the organ in St Martin's Church.

Walter's grandmother was the first caretaker of the Church and his aunts Bessie and Annie were Sunday-school teachers at St Martin's. Joyce made two banners for St Martin's, one being used for Patronal services; the other hangs in the Chancel. Walter's relative Stanley Wade Spencer was the youngest casualty in WW1 from Chavey Down. Stanley was only 16 years old when he was killed. It was always Walter's wish that a proper memorial for Chavey Down could be erected recording the casualties of WW1. Unfortunately, his wife will not be able to witness the dedication of the new St Martin's Memorials on November 21st (see page 6).

Ruth Timbrell

Bits and Pieces

Office opening hours (Friday closed):

Mondays: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Tuesdays: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Wednesdays: 9:30am to 3:30pm

Thursdays: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Contact info

Church Office: c/o St Martin's Church, Church Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RR Phone: 01344 882933

Website: www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

email: admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

If you are arranging an event please contact Alison Burt in the Church Office so that it can be noted in the Church diary and mentioned on the

website. Alison will endeavour to keep track of activities and timings etc. You may view event details on the website given above.

Morning office (daily prayers) – Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesdays: 9:15am, usually Mary Knight, will be at St Martin's

Fridays: 9:30am will be at St. Peter's – but check during the Vacancy!

Events, Notices and Dates for your Diaries

The deadline for articles etc. for the November edition of the Parish magazine is 10th October 2015. The collation date is Friday 23rd October.

St Martins Brunch

This will be on 4th October at St Martin's after the morning All Together service. Please sign up on the Clipboard at the rear of Church if you intend to come.

Ruth Timbrell

Help launch Friends of St Mary's Church!! Yes, YOU!!

St Mary's church has been described as 'extraordinary' and 'handsome' but the word used by many is 'beautiful'. On a summer's morning, when the sky is iridescent blue against the warm orange brick of the bell tower, it is the sort of architecture that makes the soul sing.

However, as for much that we value, it needs to be tended and cared for, and almost every penny needed to do so has to be raised by the local congregation, and by those who also love their parish church.

Since 1963 the Women's Guild has worked faithfully to keep the building shipshape, but in recent years the tasks necessary to maintain the high standard set by the Guild have become larger and more complicated, and so a Friends' scheme for St Mary's has been formed. This is a Charity with a legal identity separate from the Parochial Church Council (although it will work closely with the PCC). It has now been approved by the Charity Commission with Charity Number 1162342.

You can find the registered details of 'Friends of St Mary's Winkfield' on the Charity Commission website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

On this page, follow the link "Find charities - search the charity register" and enter 'Friends Winkfield' or '1162342' in the search box.

Anybody interested in the objectives of the Charity is eligible to join – and we do hope that you will – but we are initially writing to Winkfield residents, to those who have married in the Church, or who have been

baptised or had children baptised in the Church and families of those whose funerals have taken place in the Church, to ask whether they would be willing to join the Friends and support the upkeep of this building.

The initial launch will take the form of a public meeting for potential Friends and Trustees, and will take place on Saturday 17 October at the home of Mrs Margaret Blackburn.

Details will soon be available on St Mary's website:

<http://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/>

Lesley Philpot

Chavey Down Women's Institute – October 2015

Our monthly meeting will take place on Monday 19th October at 7:45pm in St Martins Church Hall as usual. This is an open meeting, so all visitors and friends are most welcome to attend.

Known to many of us, David Fletcher will be returning from the Antarctic as our speaker. His slides and talk are always a rare treat, so do try and come along. We look forward to seeing you.

Janey Bethune-Williams

Countdown to Razzle Dazzle – 16th & 17th October

The local Spotlights Musical Theatre Group (SMTG) is counting down to their autumn show, Razzle Dazzle, an evening of sparkling entertainment containing songs from some of the best musicals ever: Chicago, West Side Story, Les Miserables, Hairspray, 42nd Street, Kiss Me Kate, The Merry Widow to name but a few.

The concert will be a mixture of big emotional choruses, smaller group singing and solo items, all performed by SMTG members.

The SMTG group, previously 'The Sunningdale Savoy Chorus', have been fund raising through their performances for the last 25 years and their current charity is "Stepping Stones", a charity for children with Downs Syndrome based in Bracknell. They are also annual sponsors of the Ascot Day Centre.

"Helping local charities is very important to us", says John Woodward-Roberts, acting chairman of the group, "and since we started all that time ago we have raised approximately £25,000 for local good causes. Our audiences tell us that it really makes a difference for them to know that they are part of our fund raising effort when they come and see our shows".

Razzle Dazzle, with music directed by Serena Kay, will be performed at the Carnation Hall in Winkfield, Ascot, on the 16th & 17th October 2015 at 7:30pm. There is a matinee at 2:30 pm on the 17th.

Tickets at £10 for evenings and £7 for the matinee (£5 for the under-16s) are now available from the box office on 01344 874177, or you can email spsjb@aol.com. You can also book online at www.spotlightsmtg.co.uk.

Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield Arts Week

Binfield Warfield Winkfield

ARTS WEEK

Sun 25th Oct - Sun 1st Nov 2015

Local FREE arts events www.arts-week.org

For full details of all 52 events in this years Arts Week go to www.arts-week.org

Entry by booked ticket only

Tickets available from 8.00am Monday 12th October via the website or phone 01344 885110

Events at St Peter's Church Hatchet Lane Cranbourne SL4 2ED

Sunday 25th October Event: 01-StP 6:30 - 8:15 pm: **Harpichord recital** and talk by Philip Wharton. Discover and enjoy some wonderful music performed on a beautiful two manual harpsichord. Philip will also explain the history and the workings of this magnificent keyboard instrument.

Tuesday 27th October Event: 19-StP 7:30 - 9:15 pm: **Royal Parks**. A stroll in the park: the story of England's royal, private and public parks by Peter Halman. Why we have parks, where they came from and what is their future. An illustrated talk by Peter Halman embracing their historical origins in the 15th Century through to the current state of parks with particular reference to those in our area.

Wednesday 28th October Event: 26-StP 2 - 4 pm: **Winter foliage workshop**. Return of a popular workshop with local craft/artist Sue Brown who guides you through designing and making a wonderful winter foliage decoration. All materials provided.

Thursday 29th October Event: 36-StP 7.30 - 9.15 pm: **Hugo Vickers** renowned, much published author and broadcaster reflects on our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II who this year becomes the longest reigning British monarch and also talks about the new Queen's Walkway into Windsor.

Friday 30th October Event: 44-StP 3.30 - 4.30 pm: **Djembe family drumming** workshop with Justine Hart. There's a drum for everyone in the family; large and small. Let it flow and enjoy this thrilling drumming experience. Exhilarating stuff!

Friday 30th October Event: 46-StP 7.30 - 9.15 pm: **Shakespeare Rattle and Roll**. Fresh from the Windsor Fringe, a stimulating mêlée of the bard's feisty females and dodgy monarchs by author Gabriel Chanan and the Merry Players.

Saturday 31st October Event: 49-StP 7.30 - 9.15 pm: **Emma Jane Kennedy** performs a selection of her own acoustic folk/blues compositions whilst accompanying herself on guitar. Originally from Ascot, Emma is developing a solo career as a singer/song writer.

Sunday 1st November Event: 51-StP 5:30 - 7:30 pm: **Eton College Music Students** - a double concert. For the fifth successful year an outstanding and exceptional organ recital by the young and very accomplished Eton College music students. Plus - The Incognitos; Eton College senior music students perform popular and traditional vocal pieces a capella (un-accompanied). Some of the very best a capella singing you will hear and once again a real treat, not to be missed.

Entry by booked ticket only.

2015 is the 11th year for our very popular local Arts Week. It is a week-long festival of FREE events for all the family including arts, crafts, theatre,

music, talks and workshops. **Please note some changes to our programme from those published in the September Parish Mag.**

Our website www.arts-week.org provides full details of events, maps and ticket booking information. See also our ad below.

Please note all events are free access to locals. There is a small charge for materials at the Silver Workshops and the Bottle Decorating Workshops reflecting the costs of the materials you will be taking home.

Tickets are available from 8am on Monday 12th October 2015 via the official on-line ticketing service and the telephone booking line 01344 885110. As in every year, you will be required to pre-book tickets and you cannot book tickets from the performers, at the venues or on the door.

Chavey Down War Memorials – Service of Dedication 21/11/15

A service of dedication will take place on 21st November 2015 at 11am. The Rev'd Simon Baynes (former vicar of this Parish) has kindly consented to dedicate both memorials. The Dedication will be preceded by a sung Service of Remembrance in St Martin's Church.

A welcome is extended to those who wish to attend, and car sharing would be a great help. Some descendants and relatives will be travelling from a distance, and will naturally wish to park at the church.

If you propose to attend the Church service and could advise us, it would be a great help with organising the seating. Either telephone Ruth Timbrell 01344 882068 or Adrian Hoare 01344 883330. The Dedication will take place in the front garden of the Church, and seating will not be a problem.

Remembrance 2015

All Souls – Sunday 1st November

By tradition this time of year is when the Church remembers loved ones who have died. As part of our main morning worship, each of our churches will incorporate a time of remembrance and will mention the names of those who have died.

- St Martin's at 9:30am
- St Mary's at 11am
- St Peter's at 11am

If you would like a loved one mentioned, please contact the Church office during office hours from the 1st October, or contact your service church warden: full contact details in the parish magazine or on our website:

- St Martin's Church: Mrs Barbara Knight
- St Mary's Church: Mrs Lesley Philpot

- St Peter's Church: Mrs Anne Crewe

Remembrance Day – Sunday 8th November

Our services on Remembrance Day will be as follows:

- St Martin's at 9:30am
- St Mary's (civic service) at 10:45am
- St Peter's at 10:45am

St. Mary's – Music and Merriment, 5th December 2015

This year's St Mary's Christmas Concert will have a slightly different form, and our guest performers will be the award winning youth choir the Bulmershe Ensemble, who won a National Performance Award in the summer. The programme will also include our popular Junior Concert Choir and the St Mary's Hand-bell ringers; St Mary's Women's Guild will (as traditional) be serving mulled wine and mince pies in the interval.

All in all, it will be a really joyous evening, guaranteed to bring joy into your hearts as we move into the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Tickets are now available, and can be purchased from Marian Stevens by filling in the form below.



St Mary's: Music and Merriment - December 5th 2015

Name:

Address:

.....Tel.....

Number of Tickets - (@£10)..... (@£5).....

Remittance (please make cheques payable to **Winkfield PCC** and please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the reply. £.....

Send your application to:
Marian Stevens, 56 Locks Ride, Ascot, SL5 8QX Tel: 882918

**St Mary's Church
Winkfield
Christmas 2015**

Music & Merriment

**Saturday 5th December 2015
at 7:30pm**

**Bulmershe Ensemble with Sarah Lant
(National Performance Award winners):**

Woodley Wind Quintet

St Mary's Handbell Ringers

Exceptional young soloists:

Junior Concert Choir with Su Mei Kong

Seasonal readings

Carols with Audience participation

**Mulled wine and mince pies will be served
in the interval**

Tickets only £10 (£5 under 13s)

**For tickets or enquiries, please phone Marian Stevens at
01344 882918 or email: Anthony.locksride@btinternet.com**

All proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield fund

Registered Charity 1162324

SERVICES ACROSS THE PARISH

St Mary's – October services

Oct	Day	Time	Form of service	by
4	18 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Messy Church	Lay
		11am	Holy communion	Clergy
		12:45pm	Baptism	Clergy
		1:30pm	Baptism	Clergy
		2:15pm	Baptism	Clergy
11	19 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Family Praise	Lay
		11am	Family Matins	Lay
18	20 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Praise	Lay
		11am	Holy Communion	Clergy
25	21 st Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Family Praise	Lay
		11am	Morning Prayer	Lay

St Martin's, Chavey Down – October services

Oct	Day	Time	Form of service	by
4	18 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family/All Age Service	Lay
11	19 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion	Clergy
18	20 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer	Lay
25	21 st Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion	Clergy

St Peter's Cranbourne – October services

Oct	Day	Time	Form of service	by
4	18 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		11am	SPAS/All Age Service	Lay
11	19 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		12:45pm	Baptism	Clergy
		1:30pm	Baptism	Clergy
		2:15pm	Baptism	Clergy

Oct	Day	Time	Form of service	by
18	20 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		11am	Morning Prayer	Lay
25	21 st Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion	Clergy

Note on Service Leaders: Where 'clergy' is shown – this will be a visiting clergy. Where 'lay' is shown, this includes: Stuart Ager, Paula Darrall, Mary Knight, Jacki Thomas, and Mike Thomas.

Winkfield Row Methodist Church - October

How to find the Winkfield Row Methodist Church:

We are located in Winkfield Row opposite Lambrook

School: Winkfield Row, Bracknell RG42 6NE.

Telephone: 01344 411417

Morning worship 10:30am (unless otherwise stated). **All are welcome!**

4th Oct – Tim Tame

11th Oct – Eirene Robinson

18th Oct – Rev'd Jackie Case – Holy Communion

25th Oct – Mrs Mary Elms



Flowers & Cleaning Rotas

St Mary's

Dates	Flowers
2 nd October	Penny Cardwell
9 th and 16 th October	Esther Bond and Doreen Potter
23 rd and 30 th October	Jean Brown and Alex Jolly

St Martin's

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
4 th Oct	HARVEST – all flower arrangers	
11 th Oct	Mrs Fanning/Mrs Logan	Mrs Jenkins
18 th Oct	Mrs Fanning/Mrs Logan	Mrs Jenkins
25 th Oct	Mrs Atkinson	Mrs Dickinson

What's on in October 2015

NB. All content in these lists may be subject to change without notice.

Regular events

Day	Event
Mondays not including Bank Holidays	Ascot Bridge Club – Chavey Down, Ascot. For more information please call David Calcutt on 886412, or visit the web site www.ascotbridge.org.uk
	Pilates with Amanda Mann at St Martin's Church from 9:30-10:30am & 10:45-11:45am. Visit the website: www.amandamann.uk.com or email info@amandamann.uk.com or call Amanda on 07767 816499
	Ballet With Victoria Lyons at St Peters Hall. For more information call 638538.
	Ascot Yoga 7:45-9pm at Carnation hall. Visit www.ascotzumba.co.uk for more info or contact Flo Young on 07711077038 email Flo@ascotzumba.co.uk
Mondays not including Bank Holidays	Fun Adult Jive Classes at King Edwards Hall, SL5 8PD. Contact Debra on 07748 391776 or email john@jive-cats.co.uk
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls at Carnation Hall at 7pm. For more information please ring 882916 or 884553.
2 nd Tuesday of the month	St Mary's Women's Guild meeting at St Martin's Church Hall at 2:30pm.
Wednesdays	EXTEND – fun, fitness & movement classes for the over-60s. 10:30-11:30am at St Martin's Church Hall, SL5 8RR. Please contact Elizabeth Wright AISTID tel: 883078 or email: lizziewright25@hotmail.com
	Zumba gold class at St Peter's church hall 7-8pm
	Pilates classes at Carnation Hall: Contact Rebecca on 0774 860 3145, email: pilatesascot@btinternet.com or visit www.pilatesascot.co.uk .
2 nd Wednesday of the month	Ascot Horticultural Society meets at 7:45pm in King Edward's Hall, North Ascot (unless otherwise stated). All welcome. Admission: members £1.00 and visitors £2.50. Details on www.ascothorticulturalsociety.org.uk or call Peter Cleare on 01344 622086.
Thursdays	Indoor carpet bowling (no skill required) 2pm to 3:30pm at St Peter's church

Day	Event
	The Carnation Badminton Club plays on Thursdays at Carnation Hall, 8-10pm. New members welcome.
	Ballroom and Latin American dance classes, at the British Legion Hall in Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne, Pay as you go. To find out more, call 621353 or e-mail dancejanet@hotmail.com
1st Friday of the month	Pebbles at 10:30am - a new praise time for pre-schoolers and their parents/carers, with stories, songs and prayers at St Peter's Church, Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne SL4 2EG. Please contact Paula Liverseidge 07584 375386 or email paula_liverseidge@hotmail.com

Other events

Day	Oct	Event	Time/place
Thu	1	World Ship Society David Hornsby (page 14)	7:45 for 8pm. Carnation Hall
Fri	2	Pebbles	10:30 to 11:45am at St Peter's Church (See 'Regular events')
Sat	3	Baptism Prep - October	9:30am at St Mary's Church
Sat	3	Holy Matrimony Reeves & Plumer	12:30pm at St Peter's Church
Sun	4	St Martins Brunch after the morning All Together service. See page 3.	
Wed	7	School Verification Surgeries, <u>by appointment only</u> , 10am to 12 noon. Please email the church office from the 1st October 2015 to book an appointment space. <u>NB. Telephone bookings will not be accepted</u>	
Sat	10	School Verification Surgeries, <u>by appointment only</u> , arrangements same as on Wednesday 7 th October.	
Wed	14	School Verification Surgeries, <u>by appointment only</u> , arrangements same as on Wednesday 7 th October.	
Fri	16	Razzle Dazzle by Spotlights Musical Theatre Group (see p4)	
Sat	17	Razzle Dazzle by Spotlights Musical Theatre Group (see p4) Deanery Synod Meeting: 9am – 1:30pm at Ascot Priory, Winkfield Row, Ascot, Berks, SL5 8RT.	
Sun	25	BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK (see page 5), Harpsichord Recital at St Peter's Church, 6:30pm	

Day	Oct	Event	Time/place
Tue	27	BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK (see page 5), Royal Parks Talk with Peter Halman at St Peter's Church, 7:30pm	
Wed	28	BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK (see page 5), Winter Foliage Workshop at St Peter's Church, 2pm	
Thu	29	BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK (see page 5), Queen Elizabeth II – Talk with Hugo Vickers at St Peter's Church. 7:30pm	
Fri	30	BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK (see page 5), Djembe Family Drumming – Workshop at St Peter's Church, 3:30pm	
		BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK (see page 5), Shakespeare Rattle & Roll – Drama at St Peter's Church, 7:30pm	
Sat	31	Baptism Prep - November	9.30am at St Mary's Church
		BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK (see page 5), An Evening with Emma Jane Kennedy – Music at St Peter's, 7:30pm	
Sun	1 st Nov	BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK (see page 5) Eton College music students – Music at St Peter's. 5:30pm	

Events, Notices and Dates (continued)

Junior Concert Choir for Christmas Concert 5/12/15

The Junior Concert Choir is a lively and popular choir that has been established year by year for the popular Christmas Concert in St Mary's, which will take place on 5th December 2015. It is formed of children mostly of Y4-Y7 age (some were in Y3), drawn from a number of local schools. Many of the children who sang in the Choir last year will be singing in it again. This year, as last year, the Junior Choir Director will be Su Mei Kong, who is a fine musician and an expert in bringing out young talent.

Would your child like to sing in the Choir? Or do you know a child who would like to do so? The only essential is to enjoy singing – no previous experience is needed, and no audition is required. Choir members form a great team, and they enjoy performing to an enthusiastic and supportive audience. Please be in touch with me to find out more, or to enrol your child in the Choir. Rehearsals take place on Sunday evenings (6 - 7pm) during November, and the concert is at 7:30pm on Saturday 5th December.

Anthony Hodson, Tel: 310665 or email: aeh@xdotd.com

World Ship Society

On 1st October, David Hornsby will give an illustrated talk on 21st Century Casualties. Carnation Hall 7:45 for 8pm. All welcome!!

Friends of St Peter's Church, Cranbourne are raising funds for their Church Community Projects and would like to invite you, your family and friends to their:



Music & Curry Night

Friday 20th November 2015

At 7.00pm

At St Peter's Church, Hatchet Lane,
Berks, SL4 2EG

Live Music

Programme to include: Various artists, various easy listening genres -
Full programme of events to be advertised by 1st November

Tickets £15.00 each (includes food)
Licensed Bar: Beer/Wine

Please purchase your tickets in advance, by latest 9th November, from
Alison Burt as.burt@outlook.com or telephone no: 01344 442799

Dress Code: Smart casual



A CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING
Winkfield St Mary's School

THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2015
7PM TO 10 PM

Winkfield Row, RG42 6NH

Lots of lovely stalls selling Crafts, Jewellery, Bags,
Cards, Christmas Decorations, Beauty Products,
Shabby Chic Gifts, Toys and lots more....

ENTRANCE £3.50

Includes a glass of Mulled Wine,

Mince Pie & a Goody Bag

BAR & RAFFLE

ALL WELCOME

Tickets available on the door

Organised by Winkfield St Mary's School PTA

And, talking of Christmas ...

Our family Christmas services have become incredibly popular in recent years, particularly the ones held on Christmas Eve at St Mary's and St Peter's Churches.

In order to make the experience safer and more comfortable for all, the organising teams have come up with the following plan.



This year there will be the following services available on Christmas Eve
Christmas Eve - Carols and Candlelight

- ❖ 2pm – St Mary’s Church, Winkfield
- ❖ 3.30pm – St Mary’s Church, Winkfield
- ❖ 4pm – St Peter’s Church, Cranbourne

The services held at all three churches will be ‘**by ticket**’ only. Tickets will be free of charge and will be available to order from the Church Office. Order forms will be available to download from the church website from the beginning of November. NB. Sorry, telephone or email bookings will not be accepted.

More information will be available as we get closer to Christmas.

News from around the Parish

St Mary's Junior Choir

The Junior Choir returned to rehearsals at the beginning of September to rehearse for the Family Matins services and also for Harvest Evensong. As well as performing a solo item at Family Matins services on 13th September, the youngsters also read the lessons and some of the prayers.

Rehearsals continue to at 7pm on Thursday evenings in St Mary's Church. (adult choir rehearsals continue at 7:30pm, also. on Thursday evenings).

All members of the Junior Choir were members of the Junior Concert Choir (see the notice on page 13), who sang at last year’s annual Christmas Concert on 6th December.

Lesley Philpot

 KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON BELLRINGING	<u>ST MARY'S WINKFIELD TOWER BELL RINGERS</u> PRACTICE EVERY MONDAY Beginners: 7.30pm – 8.00pm Full practice: 8.00pm – 9.15pm For details call Tower Captain Tony Bish on 01344 886087 or why not just come along!
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St Mary's Bell Ringers

Another pleasant month for the bell ringers!

The hand bell ringers enjoyed ringing "Amazing Grace" at the end of August for the 5th Sunday service - thank you for all the kind comments. We are now practicing for the Guildford Cathedral service in November - I can recommend this service if you are free. There will be more hand bells than you have ever seen, ranging from the tiny to bells that look more like buckets. Always a lovely service and a huge bell orchestra.

We are also practicing our next piece for the 5th Sunday in November and the Christmas concert on December 5th.

If anyone would like to join us then do come along on any Wednesday evening at 7:30pm and have a go.

The tower bells continue on Monday evenings, with regular visitors and some new beginners.

We rang an extended touch of Bob Doubles, conducted by Trevor, to celebrate the Queen becoming the longest serving monarch in our history. There was an audience in the church and we all enjoyed a short service of readings and prayers led by Mary and Huw, followed by a toast to Her Majesty. Thanks to Lesley Philpot for organising the drinks.

We have been asked to dedicate a quarter peal to Jack who sadly passed away recently (he is the father in law of Sue who rings with us). This will be the first of our fund raising rings for the new electrics in the tower.

On Saturday 12th September, a large group of us will have gone on a canal boat trip - I will report on this next month!

Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

St Mary's Women's Guild

Members met for the monthly meeting on 1st September. Arrangements for the Harvest Lunch on Sunday 27th September were discussed. Members, as usual, would provide the salads and apple-pies/crumbles and Mrs Gaw has kindly agreed to provide the main hot course. Members were reminded that lunch at 1pm would be followed by Evensong at 3:30pm.

The morning service on that day will be Said Morning Prayer at 12 noon.

Mrs Warren thanked all members who attended the Open House and particularly those who helped in the kitchen. All agreed the day was very successful, with a total of £780 raised on the day and an additional £50 given after the event.

Our visitor on September 1, Oriol Bowden, who had spoken to the Guild about the Sailor's Church earlier in the year, told us that the ladies in the sailors Church had knitted 250 balaclavas to be taken to Dunkirk for the seamen who visit the mission there.

She also described a very rare plant on view in Ramsgate, Kent. A couple opened their greenhouse tea room there for the first time a few months ago hoping for perhaps 3,500 visitors over the summer season. They are now expecting up to 15,000 because of a rare Mexican plant in their greenhouse, an Agave Americana. This specimen has lain dormant at barely three feet high for 40 years, but has now shot up a massive 30 feet in just three months. A panel in the greenhouse roof had to be removed to accommodate its burgeoning growth – you could almost see it growing!¹

The agave – whose juice can be distilled to make an alcoholic drink called pulque – is also known as the Century Plant, because it can live for up to 100 years before it produces this spectacular display. And then, after putting all that effort into the massive growth spurt, it dies. Seeds will be taken for flowering again in 80-100 years!!

It was good to see Oriol, and also Dorothy Robertson, whose son kindly brought her to the meeting.

Several of our members were unable to attend through illness: Margaret Blackburn, Jean Brown, Jane Cullen, Sybil Smythe and Ann Whittington. We wish them all a speedy return to good health and to the Guild.

Mary Knight closed the meeting with a prayer.

Lesley Philpot, President

Relay for Life – Ascot

We would like to thank everyone who took part, donated or just generally supported our event this year. I am thrilled to tell you that this year's event raised an unbelievable £122,004.62 for Cancer Research UK.

More than 40 teams took part and 80 local cancer survivors walked the opening lap. The sun shone, and we all had an exhausting but exhilarating 24 hours.

This year's magnificent total brings us to a wonderful milestone - we have exceeded three quarters of a million pounds income over the 8 years of the event. A great achievement – and it is so good that this has been accomplished by volunteers from this Parish.

¹ See also <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3186076/American-agave-blooms-Britain-height-35ft.html>

Next year's event is booked for July 16th, and registration opens in mid November. We still have 1000 hand-made scarves to sell, if anyone would like one, or has a craft fair coming up. Please contact Rose Dalton 01344 883564 or email rosedalton@btinternet.com or website www.relayforlifeascot.co.uk

Thoughts of all sorts

Email scams

If you are like me, hundreds of scam emails land in your in-tray over the course of a year. **You can never be too careful to avoid scam disasters.**

A common scam advises you that you have won, or been awarded, a huge sum of money as a beneficiary, in a lottery, or as a scam victim. Don't touch them! The chance of their being genuine is **ZERO**, and you will find yourself asked to put down money to get the reward. Of course there is no reward, except to the scammer, who will run off with your money!

More recently, emails arrive announcing a worrying happening of some kind, often with an attached document or web-page link. It may advise:

- You must go to Court (unexpectedly) – Court papers supplied
- An airline booking is confirmed (unexpectedly)
- A parcel has arrived (unexpectedly)
- A named friend has had a disaster and needs money
- Your bank account has been hacked, and is being restricted
- Your Apple Id (or some other Id) has been used improperly

Never respond and do not on any account open any document or access any web page that the message points to. Virus checkers may save you if you do – but maybe not! If you really think a message could be genuine, it is prudent to check it out without using any address or URL given in the document. Try googling the website – perhaps others may have had good – or bad experiences. If the message concerns your bank or building society, strongly consider telephoning them for advice before doing anything.

Do NOT provide PINs or passwords in response to any message unless you are 100% (not just 99%) confident that the message definitely comes from a trusted source, and does not just tell you that it does. It should refer to you by name (not just 'Dear Customer'), but even that is not absolutely reliable as a token of security. Some banks etc. give you additional clues to reinforce confidence that you are dealing with who you think they are.

Be suspicious of any message with poor spelling or grammar – respond at your peril! Many scam emails come from sources outside the UK, as you can often verify by accessing the 'properties' and 'raw' text of a message.

Children's Corner



EDITH CAVELL

Edith Cavell was a British nurse in charge of a hospital in Belgium during the First World War. She saved the lives of soldiers from both sides and helped Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during the First World War, for which she was arrested.

Her strong Christian beliefs led her to help all those who needed it: she said, "I can't stop while there are lives to be saved."

Despite international pleas for mercy, she was shot by a German firing squad. The night before her execution, she told the Revd. Gahan, the Anglican chaplain who gave her Holy Communion: "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."

In the Anglican Church, 12th October is her commemoration day. This year Nurse Cavell is featured on a special £5 coin to mark the centenary of the war.



PROPER POORLY

In the Middle Ages certain saints were associated with particular ailments, and became known as patron saints for people suffering from those illnesses. Can you guess who you might have asked to pray for you ...

If you had toothache?

Dentista Apollonia Peter

If you had a migraine?

Aspren Aspirin Anthony

If you had a sore throat?

Blaise Flannel Godelina

If you had sore knees?

Neale Gangulphus Sebaldu

Worst of all, if you got the plague...

Agricola Adrian Quirinius

Answers at the bottom of the page.

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Doctor, Doctor I feel like I'm biscuits!

You mean the square ones?

Yes!

The ones you put butter on?

Yes!

Oh, you're crackers!

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Answers: 1. Apollonia 2. Aspren (honestly!) 3. Both Blaise and Godelina 4. Gangulphus 5. all of them

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