

A view from the Church Office!

We approach the Season of Remembrance – the time of year in the Christian calendar when we give thanks for those who have gone before us, and who are now singing God's praises in heaven.

As I reflect upon this busy time of year, I am reminded of the changes in the season, the fall of the apples from the trees, the autumn colours, a slight chill in the air, as well as the thoughts of the year itself; happy or sad, good or bad, drawing gracefully to a close and the start of the new preparations and plans to come for the New Year ahead.

For many, including myself, this season and its stirred moments can easily be tinged with sadness. At these times, when looking for inspiration for body, mind and spirit, if we look to the past we can find doctrine, comfort, and beatitude in Jesus, and the example of the Saints, who chose to live their lives through the love of Jesus, sometimes also at great sacrifice, all in an effort to make our world a better place.

And as we ponder, can we find visionary inspiration for both now and for the future closer to hand as well. Well, Saint Paul would advocate that if you have decided to accept and follow the teachings, favour and blessings of Jesus, then you are already a saint. Now I would not for one second profess to be a saint, but I do take comfort in thinking that in Saint Paul's eyes, I have the potential to be one; and when tough times arise and I fall short of the gospel, I know I can humbly pray to Jesus, and know that by the strength of the Holy Spirit, our God will have the love, grace and generosity of heart to still call me by name, even though I would still consider myself very much 'work in progress.'

Based therefore, on this revelation, I can acknowledge and confirm that there are indeed plenty of humble Saints/Servants of Jesus that, I have known throughout my life as well as within the benefice and our local community who work and play tirelessly while trying to live their lives through the strength and power of Jesus Christ, sometimes at great sacrifice to themselves, and all in an effort to make our world a better place.

Now, if you know, or have known any of these Saints then I cordially invite you to attend our Remembrance observances in the first few weeks of November: to pray with thanks for our Saviour Jesus Christ, for the Saints that have been, for the Saints that have committed or given their lives in the past and for the Saints who walk among us today.

The first of these two solemn observances is:

All Soul's day, which should be held on the third day of Hallowmas (traditionally 2nd November) and is also known as the 'Commemoration of

All Faithful Departed'. It is a feast day that held on tenaciously through the Reformation and is now embraced again by many Anglican Churches. Our All Souls services will take place in all three churches in the benefice on Sunday 1st November during the usual morning services.

Here we will together call the names of those who we love but see no longer, give thanks for their lives, and bring their memory to the God who loves them and us.

The second solemn observance is: Remembrance is writ large in the Christian faith: Christ himself lifted a cup and said, 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

Our Remembrance Day services, on the 8th November, work to bring these ideas together in practical national life. We are ordinary people, and most of the many people in the armed services who died fighting in the name of freedom for our country were ordinary people, too. Yet we look at their collective sacrifice as elevated to a reflection of Christ's, no less; and we look at our remembrance of their sacrifice as a sacred duty that is a reflection of our need to remember that Christ died for us.

I pray you can take time out to attend our Remembrance services . In the meantime, if you require any further details, please see the weekly notice sheets in church, or read the parish magazine, or check out our website for full details of these observances, noting also the benefice's Sunday and mid-week prayer services and Bible study groups.

God bless you all!

Alison Burt, Church Office

From the Registers

Weddings & blessings

Congratulations to the following couples, married recently:

1st August 2015	Andrew Watson-Steward & Rachel Esson
15th August 2015	Christopher Aplin & Sabrina Blyden-Ryall
3rd October 2015	Oliver Reeves & Alice Plumer

Baptisms

Welcome to the following children, baptised into God's church recently:

12 th Jul 2015	Evie Baker	2 nd Aug 2015	Troy Bettison
	Quinn Baker		Emily Cenci
	Carly Sabaj		Marnie-Mae Shield
	Clara Sabaj		

6th Sept 2015 Freya Garbutt
Katherine May
Phoebe Oatham
13th Sept 2015 Harry Burke
Jack Garbett

4th Oct 2015 Lucia Bagnall
Archie Graham
Francesca Harrison
Lucia Harrison

Funerals etc

A Funeral service for the late Mr Richard Keys was held at Easthampstead Park crematorium, followed by a memorial service at St Mary's Church, on Monday 17th August 2015.

Rita Hubbuck

It is with great sadness I have to report the death on 10th October 2015 of Rita Hubbuck. The family have requested me to let all their friends in Winkfield know.

Rita descended from the Sone family who were the first residents in North Road Chavey Down when the village was developing. Her great uncle's name will be recorded on the WW1 memorial at St Martins, and Rita was intending to attend the service. Her daughter Kelly and her sister Sheila will now attend to represent the family. If anybody would like to send letters or cards of condolencem I have the address.

We pray for her husband David, daughter Kelly the grandchildren and all the family.

Ruth T.

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!

**Cats Protection
Bracknell and Wokingham
Districts Branch**



Winter Fair 2015

Date: Saturday 7th November 2015
Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Rd,
Winkfield, Berkshire, RG42 7PA

**Entrance
Fee:** £1.00 admission per person
or a donation of cat food

**Cats Protection goods, Cat collectables, Toys,
Books, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle, Tombola, Jewellery,
Membership stand, delicious cakes, parking and
cats to see!**

Winter

Cats Protection Bracknell & Wokingham Districts,
PO Box 4054, Bracknell, Berks, RG42 9DE

Telephone: 0845 371 4212 (Monday - Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm only), www.cats.org.uk/bracknell
Registered Charity 203644 (England and Wales) and SC037711 (Scotland)

Events, Notices and Dates for your Diaries

The deadline for articles etc. for the December and January edition of the Parish magazine is 10th November 2015. The collation date is Friday 27th November.

Chavey Down Womens Institute

Our meeting this month takes the form of a craft meeting at which some of our own members will be demonstrating their own crafts.

Members then are able to have a go if they so wish.

So if you feel you would like to learn something new then do come along on Monday 16th November at 7:30pm in St Martins Church Hall and have a go. A very warm welcome awaits you.

Janey Bethune-Williams 883854

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.

Ballads and Baubles – 10th and 11th December

The dust has hardly settled from Spotlights Musical Theatre Group's (SMTG) very successful last concert "A Little Razzle Dazzle" before an announcement is made that their Christmas concert will be called "Ballads and Baubles" – an evening of carols, readings and other Christmas music. All designed to get people in the mood for the festive season that's just around the corner.

"We have a tradition of Christmas readings from literature combined with lots of community singing at our Christmas concert", says John Woodward-Roberts, the group's acting chairman. "Plus, of course, hot mince pies and mulled wine served at the interval, which generally means that we get more gusto out of our audience when they sing with us in the second half!".

The programme is still being worked up by the groups music director, Serena Kay, but the audience can expect seasonal music and readings that they love and have grown up with all their lives from the likes of Louisa May Allcott, Dylan Thomas, Laurie Lee, Charles Dickens and Thomas Hardy to name but a few. "Plus an odd surprise or two", says John.

As ever, and proudly so, the SMTG will be fund raising through their Christmas concert for "Stepping Stones", a charity for children with Downs Syndrome based in Bracknell. "We hope to be presenting them with a cheque during the concert", says John, "always a heart warming moment for us and a reminder that we come together as a musical theatre group because we enjoy musical theatre but also because we want to help others as part of that enjoyment".

Ballads and Baubles will be performed at the Ascot Baptist Church on New Road in North Ascot on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 December at 7:30pm.

Tickets are £10 each (mince pies and mulled wine included) and are now available from the box office on 01344 874177 or you can email spsjb@aol.com

World Ship Society

On 5th November. Derrick Gray will give an illustrated talk on 'The German Navy of WWI and WWII'. Carnation Hall 7:45 for 8pm. All are welcome.

Chavey Down Village Carol Service

This will be held in aid of the Winkfield and North Ascot Good Neighbours Scheme on Saturday 12th December at 6pm at St Martin's Church, Chavey Down. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. All are welcome!

Richard Hyslop

Hosting For Overseas Students – is there room at the inn?

Registered Charity HOST (327592) is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.

Requested by Pam Grigg

We will not usually advertise national charities, however deserving, in the editorial pages without clear local support and experience. Eds

'Music and Merriment'

St Mary's Church – December 5th 2015

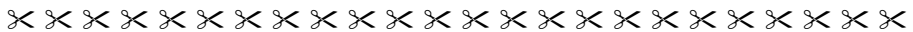
This year, we have given a sparkling new look to our annual Christmas Concert at St. Mary's. While retaining some of our previously popular items, we are delighted to feature the Bulmershe Ensemble, an amazing group of young singers from Bulmershe College, who, under the direction of their enthusiastic young conductor Sarah Lant, have already been winners of a National Performance Award.

We are so pleased to welcome back to the concert St. Mary's own Handbell Ringers, and the Woodley Wind Quintet will again be with us to charm us with their playing. Some young and very talented musicians will also be showing off their skills.

The Junior Concert Choir will once more be singing their hearts out like young angels. This group is specially formed for the concert from local 7 to 12 year-olds, and their performance is always a delight. Su Mei Kong, Assistant Musical Director from Heathfield School, will again be in charge of them.

The evening would not be complete without familiar carols for the audience to sing, readings to bring a smile to their faces and mulled wine and mince pies to warm them within. Altogether, it will be a joyous occasion, guaranteed to bring **Music & Merriment** into your hearts as we move into the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Tickets are now available and can be purchased from Marian Stevens by filling in the form below or by telephone (01344 882918) or email (anthony.locksride@btinternet.com).



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

Name:

Address:

.....Tel.....

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

Remittance (please make cheques payable to:

Friends of St Mary's Winkfield, mark as **Concert**) Total.....

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.lockside@btinternet.com**

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

Registered Charity 1162324

SERVICES ACROSS THE PARISH

St Mary's – November services

Nov	Day	Time	Form of service	by
1	4 th Sunday before Advent - All Souls	9:30am	Messy Church	Lay
		11am	Holy communion	Clergy
8	3 rd Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Day	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Family Praise	Lay
		10:45am	Remembrance (Civic)	Clergy
15	2 nd Sunday before Advent	9:30am	Family Praise	Lay
		11am	Holy Communion	Clergy
22	Christ the King	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Family Praise	Lay
		11am	Matins	Lay
29	1 st Sunday of Advent	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Family Praise, Advent Carols – Bell Sunday	Lay
		11am	Matins – Advent Carols – Bell Sunday	Lay

St Martin's, Chavey Down – November services

Nov	Day	Time	Form of service	by
1	4 th Sunday before Advent - All Souls	9:30am	Family/All Age Service	Lay
8	3 rd Sun before Advent Remembrance Day	9:30am	Remembrance	Lay
15	2 nd Sunday before Advent	9:30am	Morning Prayer	Lay
21	War Memorial	11am	War memorial service	Clergy
22	Christ the King	9:30am	Holy Communion	Clergy
29	1 st Sunday of Advent	9:30am	Advent Sunday with Advent Carols	Lay

St Peter's Cranbourne – November services

Nov	Day	Time	Form of service	by
1	4 th Sunday before Advent - All Souls	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		11am	SPAS/All Age Service – All Saints	Lay

Nov	Day	Time	Form of service	by
8	3 rd Sun before Advent, Remembrance	10:45am	Remembrance	Clergy
15	3 rd Sunday before Advent	8am	Holy Communion	Clergy
		9:30am	Morning Prayer	Lay
22	Christ the King	11am	Holy Communion	Clergy
29	1 st Sunday of Advent	9:30am	Christingle ☪	Lay

☪ Collection to be shared between the Church and the Children's Society.

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 - November



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!**

1st Nov. – Doreen Murgatroyd

8th Nov. – Remembrance Sunday – Mike Bowstead

15th Nov. – Jonny Cunningham

22nd Nov. – Sharon Wright

29th Nov. – Holy Communion – Revd Jackie Case



Flowers & Cleaning Rotas

St Mary's

Dates	Flowers
Nov. 6 and 13	Doreen Potter and Mary Haines
Nov. 20 and 27	Jane Hodgson and Anna Clayton
	Advent: memorial table only

St Martins

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
1 st Nov	Mrs Sawdon/Mrs Greenfield	Mrs Vicos
8 th Nov	Mrs Sawdon/Mrs Greenfield	Mrs Vicos
15 th Nov	Mrs Zerilli/Mrs Randall	Mrs Luff

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
22nd Nov	Mrs Zerilli/Mrs Randall	Mrs Luff
29 th Nov	Mrs Timbrell/Mrs Phillips	Mrs Crane

What's on in November 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 882137 and 301158 (NEW NOs!!)
2nd 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 .

Day	Event
2nd 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
	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	Nov	Event	Time/place
Sun	1	BINFIELD WARFIELD & WINKFIELD ARTS WEEK- Eton College music students – Music at St Peter's. 5:30pm	
Thu	5	World Ship Society. Derrick Gray will give an illustrated talk on The German Navy of WWI and WWII. Carnation Hall 7:45 for 8pm. All welcome	
Sat	7	Cats Protection – Winter Fair, Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road, Winkfield Row Bracknell RG42 7PA. Doors Open 1-4pm. Entrance Fee: £1 admission per person or a donation of cat food. See page 4.	
Sun	8	Remembrance Day services 9:30am St Martin's Chavey Down 10:45am St Mary's Church, Winkfield (Civic service) 10:45am St Peter's Church, Cranbourne	
Wed	11	Ascot Horticultural Society: AGM & Fuchsias. King Edward's Hall, Ascot, Doors open at 7:30pm for 7:45pm. £1.00 entrance	
Thu	12	Winkfield St Mary's School – A Christmas Shopping Evening 7pm-10pm at the school (RG42 6NH). See page 13	

Day	Nov	Event	Time/place
Mon Thu	16	Chavey Down Women's Institute – Craft meeting	7:30pm, St Martin's Church Hall (page Chavey Down
Wed	18	Cranbourne PCC Meeting	8pm at St Peter's Church
Thu	19	Winkfield PCC Meeting	8pm at St Martin's Hall
Fri	20	Music and Curry Night POSTPONED	7pm at St Peter's Church. see page 14
Sat	21	Chavey Down War Memorials – service of dedication 11am St Martins Church. Conducted by Simon Baynes	



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

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

News from around the Parish

Friends of St Mary's Winkfield

The **Friends of St Mary's Winkfield**, Charity No. 1162342, set up to support our beloved church, had a very successful inaugural General Meeting on Saturday 17th October at the home of Mrs Margaret Blackburn – thank you very much, Margaret! Do join us as Friends in our worthy venture!!

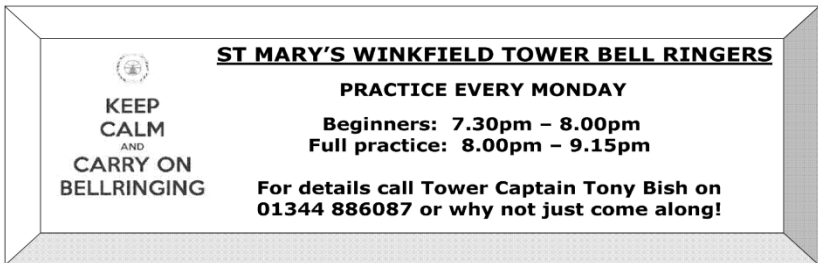
St Mary's Junior Choir

The Junior Choir joined with the adult choir for the Harvest Evensong. This was a very enjoyable and successful Evensong conducted by Christopher Cromar.

The Junior Choir performed two solo items at the Family Matins Service on 11th October: Verse 1 of Chilcott's Irish Blessing and a section of Rutter's Look at the World.

Duncan French read the lesson and members of the Junior choir had other readings. Isaac Jolly was Crucifer for the first time.

The junior choir is now rehearsing, with Marilyn Rogers, for Remembrance Sunday, Bell Sunday (29th November), the Crib service (13th December, Nine Lessons and Carols (20th December) and the alternative carol service (27th December). Rehearsals continue at 7pm on Thursdays
Lesley Philpot



St Mary's Bell Ringers

As promised last month, I can report that we had a lovely day trip on canal boats from Thrupp to Kirtlington. As so many of us signed up we took two boats – and a picnic!

The day started dreary wet and chilly, but by coffee time, and a few locks, we were all warm and down to our T-shirts, and basking in beautiful sunshine. We moored up at Kirtlington quarry, and had a lovely walk to the village, and we rang the tower bells at a very pretty church before

returning. We all had a go at steering the boats and working the locks and had a most enjoyable day - with many thanks to Trevor for organising it.

Several of the bell ringers helped with the church clean up, and things looked lovely afterwards: again we were blessed with good weather for the outside jobs! All the needles were removed again from the pathway, but I noticed that now the leaves have started to accumulate – another job for another day.

The harvest lunch and service was enjoyed by all who attended and we managed to get enough tower ringers to ring before each of the services.

Next week end (of 17th Oct.) four of the hand bell ringers are joining a bell orchestra for a one day practice for the Guildford Cathedral service on November 14th. This is well worth attending if you are free, a lovely service and a vast number of hand bells!!

The hand bell ringers will be performing at St Mary's on Sunday November 29th at the 9:30am and the 11am service and, we will be selling cakes to raise funds for the electrics in the tower. Please come and support us.

As always you are welcome to join us and have a go at bell ringing – Monday for tower bells, Wednesday for hand bells.

Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

St Mary's Women's Guild

Members met on October 6 and all agreed the Harvest lunch had been very successful. Grateful thanks were passed to Moira Gaw, who had very kindly prepared the delicious hot food this year. Moira and the Deputy Church Warden, were thanked for serving the hot food from the hatch to Miss Jean Brown, Miss Pam Brown, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Trainor and Lady Bowden who all very kindly served the food to the guests. Roy Littlehales once again took charge of the drinks. Mrs Potter, was thanked for organising the harvest floral arrangements and she, in turn, thanked her flowers arrangers for dressing the windows and pedestals as she was on holiday.

The Community pay back team had visited the church for a second time and the churchyard at the back of the church was much improved.

Mrs Trainor discussed the treasurers report and Mrs Potter gave details of the flower arrangers rota.

Our speaker, the Rev. Huw Mordecai explained that he would be talking about his favourite writer – C. S. Lewis. His initials stand for Clive Staples but he was always called Jack – the name of the family's pet dog who died when Lewis was just a 4 year old boy. C. S. Lewis is probably most famous

for his Chronicles of Narnia, and this was Huw's favourite book series when he was growing up.

Lewis was born on the 29th November, 1898, in Belfast into a "well-heeled" family and was raised in the Church of Ireland. However, when aged 9 or 10 he lost his faith when his mother died unexpectedly and he was sent to school in England. From prep school he went on to Malvern College which he hated. He was then taught by a private tutor. His education flourished and he won a scholarship to University College, Oxford.

On his 19th Birthday he went off to fight on the Somme. Following the death of his close soldier friend, Lewis fulfilled his pledge to take care of the deceased's mother, effectively becoming her surrogate son. Despite suffering depression, he did return to Oxford to continue his studies where he excelled, gaining firsts in three subjects. He became a Tutor of Philosophy at University College, and then moved on to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he taught for 29 years.

The war confirmed his atheism, but, after his return to Oxford, he became good friends with people with strong Christian beliefs. A close friend was J R R Tolkien (author of Lord of the Rings) – a devout Roman Catholic. Lewis re-discovered his faith within the Church of England. During the Second World War he did many radio broadcasts, where he spoke about Christianity as a whole and asked, 'What do we have in common?' This was also reflected in his book, 'Mere Christianity'. Religion was also a key feature in his imaginative works, for example, 'The Screwtape Letters', in which a retired devil teaches his nephew to tempt people to test human weakness. Similarly, 'The Great Divorce' describes a dream bus-trip to Heaven. Here, God's great ones are identified as ordinary people who are full of the joy of heaven. Huw spoke with particular insight about 'The Last Battle', the final episode of the Narnia series. Narnia is destroyed but the saving grace is that the main characters are saved and find themselves in another world. Lewis died in 1963, one week before his 65th birthday.

A short discussion took place after the talk and Huw finished by saying he would be very happy to visit the Guild again and talk about any favourite authors of Guild members.

Huw closed the meeting with a prayer at 3:25pm.

Lesley Philpot

St Martins is on Facebook!

Are you on Facebook? Well so are we! At long last St Martin's church finally has its own Facebook page. This page will only be a success if you 'like' it and engage with it.

At present it is pretty basic, but over the coming weeks and months we aim to fill it with information about of church family, what we get up to, and with news and updates (including pictures) about our events and services.

Importantly, this page will be a new way for us to reach out to a wider audience and hopefully engage with new members of our community. Try:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmartinschaveydown>

Douglas's Farmer's Market and the Food Bank

Congratulations and thanks go to the congregation of St Martin's for their generosity in supporting Douglas's "Farmer's Market". They did a wonderful job in supporting the Food Bank" during our short growing season.

The sum of £309.85 has been raised this summer, and has been given to the Bracknell Food Bank"

Thank you,

Douglas Cameron, St Martin's

Friends of St.Martins.

The next Committee meeting of the Friends of St.Martins will take place on 2nd Nov at 2:15 p.m.in the Committee Room of St.Martins Hall. We shall be having a debriefing on Harvest Festival.

A special thank-you to the flower arrangers who made the Church really spectacular, to Janey Bethune-Williams and Angela Michie for the superb catering, and for the assistance given by Helen Rogers.

Also on the Agenda will be discussion regarding the Dedication of the War Memorial, the Annual Gift Service, and arrangements for the Friends to provide Tea and coffee at Gift Service.

We are a very small Committee who beaver away in the background doing all sorts of things to make St.Martins special.

We have agreed with Compassion UK (Reg. number 1077216) to support a new child as Leodoir has moved on. below.

Ruth Timbrell

Bezawit - a new child to support

For the past 10 years or so the Friends of St.Martins have supported a child through Compassion UK, namely a boy called Leodoir. We understand that both he and his family have moved on, and at our last meeting we agreed to take on another child.

We have been allocated a girl named Bezawit Fasile and she is 8 years old. Bezawit loves swinging and skipping. Her best school subject is English, her favourite colour pink. The monies collected in the donation bowl for tea and coffee after services helps us to support these children and the congregation of St. Martins have been very generous in their support. For over 10 years in her capacity as Chairman of The Friends of St. Martins, Fay England has corresponded with Leodoir and kept up our support. Fay now wishes to resign from this post and has indicated she would like to resign as Chairman of The Friends of St. Martins. Fay you have been our Chairman for a great many years and allowed us to use your home for our meetings. Thankyou so much you really deserve a well earned rest. Karen Shore has agreed to encourage the Explorers group to write to Bezawit and all correspondence will be sent to the Church Office. Ruth Timbrell .
Secretary

St. Mary's choir

This year we celebrated Harvest at St. Mary's on Sunday September 27th. We are very grateful to Moira Gaw, who prepared a superb harvest lunch, served in the church with the help of various members of St. Mary's Guild. Our thanks go to all those who contributed.

The lunch was followed by a festival evensong and we were pleased to welcome back our former choirmaster Chris Cromar as conductor for the service. The junior choir joined with St. Mary's choir and friends to sing a number of special pieces, including Herbert Brewer's fine settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Demittis. and the anthem 'Look at the World' by John Rutter. It was altogether a joyous occasion.

Looking ahead into November, we have Remembrance Sunday on the 8th and Bell Sunday on the 29th, and we will shortly be planning our programme for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. This is an excellent time of the year to come along and find out more about the choir and what we do. Abandon your TV screens for an evening and try a little choral singing! We are all amateurs and you will be very welcome.

As always, we meet each Thursday evening, 7:30-8:30pm

Lastly, please do not forget your tickets for **Music & Merriment** on December 5th at 7:30pm. Our Christmas concert has a new look this year, whilst retaining some previously popular items, and will be a splendid evening of musical entertainment. Tickets are now available and full information and an application form can be found page 7 of this magazine.

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Children's Corner



POPPIES

Poppies flower in the summer, don't they? So why poppies in November? You will see them everywhere in the next week or so, and everyone from the smallest Rainbow or Beaver to the Queen will be wearing a poppy on Remembrance Sunday.

We wear poppies because, among all the mud and chaos of the battlefields of the Great War, men were amazed to see the humble field flower of home spring up where the earth was disturbed – a blood red splash of colour in a sea of khaki.



When the British Legion started an appeal to help those whose bodies or minds had been smashed by war, the poppy seemed an ideal symbol. And even now, when World War I and II seem so far away, our troops are fighting, being wounded and dying; reminding us that the poppy is also a symbol of sacrifice.

PRINT A POPPY

How? Well the answer lies in your own hands. You will need a white paper plate, red and black finger or poster paint and two margarine lids or saucers to put the paint on.

Put some newspaper on the table and start. Squeeze some red paint onto one lid or saucer and put black paint on the other one. Put your thumb into the red paint and use it to make 5 overlapping petals in a circle on the edge of your plate. Put your index finger into the black paint and use it to stamp a centre for your poppy.

Continue printing poppies all round the edge of your plate to make a wreath. Leave it to dry and then you can write 'Lest We Forget' or 'Remembrance' in the middle of the plate. You could hang the plate in your front window to share with others.



When is the first food fight mentioned in the Bible?

'I looked and behold a flying roll!'
(Zech 5:1 KJV)

Do you know the phone number for the Garden of Eden?

Adam 8-1-2

Did you know that Paul was the 1st surfer in the Bible?

Remember in Acts when he 'came ashore on a board'?

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