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# WINKFIELD PARISH NEWS

March 2018

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# *A message from Huw*

## **The next step**

On 1st December 2017 an important change happened to our three churches – we officially became one Parish! This was the task the Bishop charged me with when he appointed me to this post, and everyone warned me it would not be easy. In fact, I have to say, everyone has been so cooperative and helpful that it could not have gone more smoothly. But what does it mean in practice?

From day to day most people won't notice much difference. Each church will continue to worship in its own style, and generally run their business in their own way. However, after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April there will be only one official PCC to manage the official business of the Parish. Each church will elect four members to that, and these will be supplemented by the Warden and Deputy Warden, so each church will have equal representation. That group will meet four times a year but, in between, three subcommittees will deal with all the practical issues that come up. Because we are legally one body now, at the end of each financial year one set of Accounts will be presented to the Charity Commissioners. However, each congregation will be responsible for its own income and expenditure, although I hope we will work together when big projects come up.

And what might those big projects be? At the end of January a group of us met to think about what might lie ahead, and I was delighted that each church was well represented. It was good to hear all the positive things that people enjoy that already happen – a warm welcome, encouragement, diversity of styles yet a willingness to work together, and a strong sense of caring for each other.

Then we started to think about where we would like to be in five years' time, and here the ideas came pouring out. We do need to sort our finances out, but we want to be in a position where we can support charities in this country and abroad. We would love to be doing more to serve the local area, with Parents and Toddlers Groups, and lunch clubs for those who live alone. Our Youth Work is, rightly, a priority for many and we want to see every church training and encouraging its young people, with them playing an active part in the services. In this vision so much would be happening we might need to enlarge our buildings, and we would have the resources to pay for extra staff, including a Youth Worker – although more lay people would be stepping up and taking on new responsibilities. People also want to deepen their faith, so all sorts of study groups would be great. One particular dream of mine is that we might

make a link with a church elsewhere in the world that does not have our material advantages, and work hard to support it.

All of these are still possibilities, rather than being concrete. Yet these show the real enthusiasm that is burning in so many, a willingness to serve in new ways, and the excitement that change is round the corner. We will continue to value and preserve the many gifts we already enjoy in our Parish, but we look ahead for God's blessing and ask him to guide us into all that lies ahead.

## **A note from the Editors**

Many congratulations and thanks to Huw for safely carrying us through to this point, by the use of a lot of diplomacy and hard work. And we applaud the aspirations for our churches and their communities, and for the broad outlook that Huw has outlined in his article.

This is an exciting time for the Parish! Let us all work together to make it work in the multitude of ways that are important for us, the church our communities, and our Christian outreach.

## *From the Parish Registers*

### **Baptisms – November and December 2017**

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

Scarlett Collingwood	4th February 2018
Sebastian Killik	4th February 2018
Charlotte Williams	11th February 2018

### **Funerals etc. – January 2018**

A funeral service for the late Mrs Georgina Harvey was held at Easthampstead Crematorium on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

A funeral service for the late Mr G Annett was held at St Mary's church followed by Easthampstead Crematorium on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

A funeral service for the late Mrs Janet Swain was held at St Mary's church followed by Easthampstead Crematorium on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

**Requiescant in pace**

## *Bits and Pieces*

### **Office opening hours**

Now Monday-Friday 9:30am – 12noon.

## Contact info

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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.

Prayers are held every week at 9:15am on:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| ❖ Monday at St Peter's   | ❖ Wednesday at St Mary's  |
| ❖ Tuesday at St Martin's | ❖ Thursday at St Martin's |

For further details please contact the church office. All are welcome to attend.

## Friends of St Mary's Winkfield contact info

The Friends of St Mary's Winkfield website is [www.fosmw.com](http://www.fosmw.com) – see this for Friends' activities and events. Or contact the Friends at [info@fosmw.com](mailto:info@fosmw.com).

## Parish Mag and Who's Who in the Parish on-line

The editorial part of the Winkfield Parish News for present and past years (back to 2014), and 'Who's Who in the Parish' can be accessed online at [www.fosmw.com](http://www.fosmw.com) – bring this up and click on the blue [Parish Mag] button. Web editions are in colour and may have additional material.

## Online Parish Mag cover photographs

Each month the online version of the parish mag will have a colour photo of St Mary's church, and also one of St Martin's. Please send us your photos to consider for use for this purpose, e.g. by email to [info@fosmw.com](mailto:info@fosmw.com). These must not be photos from the Web, as they usually have copyright restrictions.

## *In Memoriam*

### Tim Morgan

We are very sad to have to announce the untimely death of Tim Morgan, who was a hugely gifted musician in our midst, and contributed, as organist and accompanist to many of the Music and Merriment Christmas concerts over the years, until he moved to Wokingham to be Director of Music at Ludgrove School. He was only 35 when he died, on the fifth of February.

Tim began his musical career as a chorister in Brecon Cathedral, Wales, where he later served as Organ Scholar, then Assistant Organist. He won an Organ Scholarship to Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he read for a degree in Music. He has accompanied choirs on the international stage and played solo organ performances in major UK venues including St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and the Royal Albert Hall.

Fresh from Cambridge, Tim joined the staff of Lambrook Haileybury school as Assistant Director of Music in September 2005. Not only did the school gain an inspirational musician who expanded the musical life of the school, but he also contributed unflappable energy to broader school and community activities, including playing a major role in our Winkfield concerts.

Tim always played the organ in his socks, and he would delight those who saw him in action with his multi-coloured feet!

Moving to Ludgrove School as Director of Music in 2015, he made great contributions to the music department there. John Kimbell, a close friend of Tim's, writes:

"Passing away so suddenly and still in the prime of life, Tim 'Organ Morgan' will be remembered by pupils, staff and parents alike as an inspirational and passionate member of the Lambrook community and we send our sincerest condolences to his partner, family and many friends."

## *Events, Notices and Dates for your Diaries*

The deadline for articles etc. for the March Parish Mag is **9 March** (not 10 March). This is because of the early collation day of 23 February.

The 3rd page of our magazine is the parish Who's Who. Please report any changes or corrections needed, as soon as possible, to [info@fosmw.com](mailto:info@fosmw.com)

### **EASTER MEMORIAL LILIES**

Each year at Easter, St Mary's Women's Guild and Church Flower Arrangers decorate Winkfield Church with lilies donated in memory of loved ones.

If you would like to remember a loved one at Easter by purchasing one or more lilies please contact Mrs Doreen Potter, tel no. 01344 886324, -mail [ronanddoreen@gmail.com](mailto:ronanddoreen@gmail.com) to whom payment should be made..

The cost of each lily is £2.00.

## Lenten Services

Every week during Lent there will be a simple morning service on Wednesdays at 10am, to which everyone is welcome. Our theme this year is Prayer, and the pattern will be:

❖ Prayer as Asking	28th February	St Martin's
❖ Prayer as Conversation	7th March	St Peter's
❖ Prayer as Worship	14th March	St Mary's
❖ Prayer as Action	21st March	St Martin's

## Confirmation

Confirmation classes will start early in March, in preparation for a service on Sunday 6th May at St Michael's Sunninghill at 7pm. No one is ever too old to be confirmed, but children should be in Y6 or above at school. If anyone is interested please let Huw know – classes will be arranged at a time convenient for those who sign up. Email [beneficeminister@gmail.com](mailto:beneficeminister@gmail.com).

## Collect for the Month!

Wanted – nimble fingers and an hour or three free on 10 Fridays per year between 8am and 11am to help collate the currently 1,400 copies of the Winkfield parish magazine. The friendly group of 8 volunteers – 7 from St Martin's and 1 from St Mary's (me) – could do with some extra help to sort, staple and fold this illustrious publication. Fortified by tea or coffee, it's one of those absorbing activities that is (a) for a very good church and community cause and (b) enables one to think great thoughts whilst doing it!

The dates this year are: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please just come along and join in. Margaret Smith, who organises the collation, and the rest of the group would be delighted to see some new faces – and hands! (Or email [info@fosmw.com](mailto:info@fosmw.com)) Many thanks.

Patricia Powell

## Chavey Down Women's Institute

Our meeting takes place on Monday 19 March in St Martins church hall at 7:45pm. This is our annual meeting at which new officers for the forthcoming year will be elected. After the meeting we will have an Aloe Vera demonstration with Zoe de Sousa.

As well as our monthly meeting we have coffee/tea get-togethers, theatre trips, garden visits and many other outings. We also have craft groups which meet once a month.

Janey Bethune-Williams 883854

### **Friends of St Mary's Winkfield AGM**

The Friends' AGM will take place on 23 February at 8 pm in Popels Hall; plans for the future will be presented and discussed. See also page.

Lesley Philpot Chairman

### **The Maidens Green Society AGM**

The Maidens Green Society are holding their AGM on Thursday 15 March at Stirrups Country House Hotel, Maidens Green, Bracknell Road. 7 for 7:30pm, refreshments served. Do come along and catch up on local issues, and have your say: new residents are very welcome.

Richard Bell

### **Sunninghill Charity Concert**

There will be a Charity Concert on Saturday 26th May at 7:30pm in St Michael and All Angels Church, Sunninghill, under the auspices of Ascot Inner Wheel with half the profits going to this year's charity, the children's hospice, Alexander Devine in Maidenhead, and the other half to St. Michael's Church.

The evening will include Vicar Stephen Johnson on Trumpet, 20 singers from the Windsor and Eton Choral Society (WECS), John Halsey (Accompanist of WECS rehearsals and Organist of the Parish Church, Windsor) on Organ and Piano, and two other singers from WECS, David Mear (Baritone) and Hilary Mear (Soprano). Our Conductor will be Martin Barber, who is also a singer from WECS. Hopefully, there will also be two Rotary Young Musicians.

Do come and join them for an entertaining, musical evening!

## *News from around the Parish*

### **Bell Ringers Report February 2018**

Well, January has come and gone with a variety of bugs afflicting the bell ringers. However we managed to maintain all our tower ringing commitments and only had to cancel one hand bell practice.

Two of us went to Clewer tower to join them in successfully ringing a quarter peel in memory of our dear friend Reg who died a year ago – remember we



can offer this for any special occasion you may have, just have a word with Tony to discuss.

We continue to welcome a variety of young ringers to the tower on Sunday mornings from the 9:30am service to have a "dong" (+ accompanying adults) and we hope that they will one day join us to learn the art of tower bell ringing. Anyone is welcome to come and have a go – just turn up on a Monday evening at 7:30pm, or give Tony a ring.

We are looking forward to Saturday when the East Berks and South Bucks branch practice is at Winkfield – ringers come from all over the area to the tower for a practice, which is both fun and informative. This will be followed by our quiz, so a busy day for us – not to mention the rugby!!

The hand bell ringers are practicing hard for various rallies in March and April plus Guildford Festival which is on 23 June this year; definitely worth a visit to this beautiful cathedral for a short service that includes a huge bell orchestra.

Do come and give hand bell ringing a go – any Wednesday evening at 7:30pm or give me a ring.

Jill Glennerster 01344 884071

### **St Mary's Choirs (adult and junior)**

Members of the adult choir with several of St Mary's Extra singers joined together for the funeral service of Graham Annetts, the husband of Daphne. Daphne had been a very loyal and longstanding member of St Mary's choir until ill health prevented her from attending. The very moving service was led by the Rev. Huw Mordecai. It was good to see Daphne.

The Junior choir returned from the Christmas break in mid-January and are rehearsing for the Family Matins services and working through the RSCM Voice for Life programme

We have welcomed a young organist, Luke Saint, to two of our services. Members of both choir and congregation have enjoyed his playing.

New members to both the Junior and Adult choirs are always welcome.

Lesley Philpot Lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com 01344 427561

Please come and sing with us...



# Faure's Requiem

## Two devotional performances for Passiontide

Sunday 18 March 2018

Sunday 25 March 2018

6.30pm (rehearsals at 4.30pm, juniors 4.00pm)

All Saints Church  
Ascot

St. Peter's Church  
Cranbourne

Combined church choirs from Ascot, Winkfield & Cranbourne

Mervyn Williams(organ) Paul Jackson(music director)

**Suggested donation £10 per adult singer - retiring collection  
for congregation - all proceeds to church's charities**

- ❖ Local church choirs and friends invite you to perform this choral favourite with us.
- ❖ Junior singers especially wanted to sing sections of the work including 'Pie Jesu'. Rehearsals for juniors with Marilyn Rogers also available Thursdays at St. Mary's Church, Winkfield 6.30-7.30pm from Thursday 22 February 2018.
- ❖ Music will be provided.
- ❖ Adult and Junior singers - to join in and for more information please contact:

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# SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

## St Mary's – March services

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		12:45	Holy Baptisms
11	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		No 9:30am service in St Mary's today – please join the 10am Joint Patronal Service as below	
		10am	Joint Patronal service followed by Said Communion
		No 11am service in St Mary's today – please join the 10am Joint Patronal Service as above	
18	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
25	Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Morning Prayer
29	Thursday – Maundy	2pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
30	Friday – Good Friday	2pm	An Hour at the Cross

## St Martin's, Chavey Down – March services

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Family/All Age
11	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday	No 9:30am service in church today – please join the 10am Joint Patronal Service at St Mary's followed by Said Communion	
14	Wednesday	10am	Lauds
18	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Morning Prayer
25	Palm Sunday	9:30am	Holy Communion

## St Peter's, Cranbourne – March services

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	SPATS – Family All Together
7	Wednesday	10am	Lauds
11	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering	No 9:30am service in church today – please join the 10am Joint Patronal Service at St Mary's followed by Said Communion	
18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer
21	Wednesday	10am	Lauds
25	Palm Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
30	Friday – Good Friday	10am	Stations of the Cross

## Winkfield Row Methodist Church – March

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 stated). **All are welcome!**

### March and April services

4th March 10:30am: Maggy Garton

18th March 10:30am: Revd Jackie Case – Holy Communion.

30th March 9:30am: Maggy Garton. – Good Friday.

1st April 10:30am: Rev. Jackie Case. Easter Sunday. Holy Communion.

15th April 10:30am: Peter Whalley.

29th April 3pm: Rev. Bryan Coates. Closing service followed by tea.

The church is closing on 29 April 2018, so the April services will be repeated in the April magazine for the last time.

The Editors would like to express their sadness at this development, and their thanks to those who have supported the Parish Mag by supplying service and other information so assiduously over all these years,



# Flowers & Cleaning Rotas

## St Mary's – March 2018

Dates	Flowers
2 and 9 March	Penny Cardwell and Doreen Potter
16 and 23 March	Esther Bond and Doreen Potter
30 EASTER	Arabella Cameron, Doreen Potter and Church Flower Arrangers

## St Martin's – March 2018

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
4 March	Mrs Bunker/Mrs Smith	Mrs Crane
11 March	Mrs Bunker/Mrs Smith	Mrs Jenkins
18 March	Mrs Fanning/Mrs Logan	Mrs Jenkins
25 March	Mrs Fanning/Mrs Logan	Mrs Paramor

### More flower arrangers needed for St Martin's

St Martin's church still requires two more flower arrangers. Please help if you can. Training and assistance will be given if needed. Please remember Sonia Simmonds in your prayers she is very poorly. We miss her at Martin's. Ruth T.

## What's on in March 2018

### Special events

Day	Mar	Event	Time/place
Wed	7	Prayer as Conversation	10am at St Peter's
Fri	9	Deadline for Parish Mag articles	
Wed	14	Prayer as Worship	10am at St Mary's
		Ascot Horticultural Society	7:45pm at King Edwards Hall
Thur	15	Maidens Green Society AGM	7 for 7:30pm at Stirrups
Mon	19	Chavey Down Women's Institute	7:45pm St Martin's church hall
Wed	21	Prayer as Action	10am at St Martin's
Fri	23	Parish Mag collation	
Fri	30	Good Friday – see above for Good Friday services	

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 <a href="http://www.ascotbridge.org.uk">www.ascotbridge.org.uk</a>
	Pilates with Amanda Mann at St Martin’s Church from 9:30-10:30am & 10:45-11:45am. Visit the website: <a href="http://www.amandamann.uk.com">www.amandamann.uk.com</a> or email <a href="mailto:info@amandamann.uk.com">info@amandamann.uk.com</a> 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 <a href="http://www.AscotFitness.co.uk">www.AscotFitness.co.uk</a> for more info or contact Flo Young on 07711 077038 email <a href="mailto:Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk">Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk</a>
	Fun Adult Jive Classes at King Edwards Hall, SL5 8PD. Contact Debra on 07748 391776 or email <a href="mailto:john@jive-cats.co.uk">john@jive-cats.co.uk</a>
2nd Monday of the month	Whist Drive at 7:30pm in the White Hart, Church Road, SL4 4SE
Tuesdays	Short Mat Bowls at Carnation Hall at 7pm. For more information please ring 882137 and 301158
	Cranbourne and Winkfield Community Orchestra – Rehearsal - At St Peters at 7:30 – 9 pm. Whether you are just starting out on a new musical adventure, a lapsed player or a proficient musician you can join us. School age, working, retired, all are welcome. If you are interested phone or email me. Carl Lister - 0793 263 2114 - <a href="mailto:carlister@btinternet.com">carlister@btinternet.com</a>
1st Tuesday of the month	St Mary’s Women’s Guild meeting at 2:30pm, now always at St Mary’s church.
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: <a href="mailto:lizziewright25@hotmail.com">lizziewright25@hotmail.com</a>

Day	Event
	Zumba gold class at St Peter's church hall 7-8pm
	Chavey Down Association Bingo Club at St Martin's Hall (fortnightly) at 8pm contact Monica or David on 884348.
	The NOMADS Table Tennis Club at Carnation Hall, For more information contact Mike on 773939.
	Pilates classes at Carnation Hall: Contact Rebecca on 0774 860 3145, email: pilatesascot@btinternet.com or visit <a href="http://www.pilatesascot.co.uk">www.pilatesascot.co.uk</a> .
	Soft Furnishing/Dressmaking Courses on Wednesdays. Day and evening courses. Places available. Please contact Sally Beer on tel no: 01344 882528 for further details, the venue schedule and timings.
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 <a href="http://www.ascothorticulturalsociety.org.uk">www.ascothorticulturalsociety.org.uk</a> or call Peter Cleare on 01344 622086.
Thursdays	CHAT & CRAFT – now including Chess, Scrabble and Bridge. Between 2 and 4pm at St Peters Church. Entry £1. Open to all. Finish that project, enjoy a good game, or just come for a cuppa and chat. For more information please contact Anne Crewe on 01344 885091 or email: <a href="mailto:annecrewe83@gmail.com">annecrewe83@gmail.com</a>
	The Carnation Badminton Club plays on Thursdays at Carnation Hall, 8-10pm. New members welcome.
	CLUBBERCISE Dance Fitness class at Carnation Hall 7-8pm, For more info, please see <a href="http://www.AscotFitness.co.uk">www.AscotFitness.co.uk</a> or contact Flo Young on 07711077038 or <a href="mailto:Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk">Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk</a>
	Yoga at St Peter's Church from 9:30-10:45 am. Contact Lucy on 07769 252250, or email <a href="mailto:lucyvicjackson@gmail.com">lucyvicjackson@gmail.com</a>

## *More news from around the parish*

### **Friends of St Mary's Winkfield**

The application for organ restoration was sent to the Chancellor on 7 February and the public notice was taken down on 14 February.

Fund raising is still continuing and is necessary. So please do think about sponsoring a pipe. Take a look at the Friends website [www.fosmw.com](http://www.fosmw.com) and click on the to see how many pipes remain. Press the button under Stop press: [Organ pipe sponsorship – see how we are doing!!]. As of the time of tome of writing, we are nearly 90% of the way to our target of £7,500.

The Friends' AGM will have taken place on 23February.

Application forms for membership of the Friends of St Mary's, formed to ensure St Mary's church is able remain open as a community asset, are in the church. Or use the website [www.fosmw.com](http://www.fosmw.com) to join up. Do please consider becoming a member.

Lesley Philpot, Chairman

## **St Mary's Women's Guild – Meeting of 6 February**

Members returned this month to their first meeting of the year. Flowers and cards had been sent to three members of the Guild who had not been well. Several members were able to update the meeting of the progress of the three ladies

The Guild thanked Doreen Potter and her group of flower arrangers for the Christmas floral arrangements.

The meeting continued with ideas and discussion on events and in particular fund raising.

On Saturday 12 May Guild members will host another plant stall in the church or grounds if the weather is good. Wednesday 29 August has been booked at Carnation Hall for another Family Fun Day.

Daisy McMahon, a member of the Junior choir took part in the Triathlon last year and raised money for her school; she is taking part again this year and has offered to raise money for St Mary's church. This is a very generous offer from Daisy and we are very grateful. The Triathlon is on 30 June.

As soon as full details for these events and other ideas are known flyers and posters will be available.

As the meeting date was the 66th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne Mary Knight read the accession prayer and members sang the National Anthem. The Rev Huw Mordecai closed the meeting.

Lesley Philpot



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# Thoughts of all sorts

## Two saints from the last 200 years

### Woodbine Willie - bringing love with cigarettes and the Bible

Here's a 'saint' that the Church of England remembers from the 1st World War - the Revd. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy MC, or 'Woodbine Willie', as everyone knew this popular, much-loved army chaplain on the Western Front. "pStuddert Kennedy (27th June 1883 – 8th March 1929) had been born in Leeds as the seventh of nine children. After reading divinity and classics at Trinity College Dublin, he'd studied for ordination at Ripon Clergy College, and served his curacy at Rugby. "pBy the time war broke out in 1914, Studdert Kennedy was vicar of St Paul's Worcester. He soon volunteered to go to the Western Front as a chaplain to the army. Life on the front line in the trenches was a desperate affair, but soon Studdert Kennedy had hit on a way of bringing a few moments of relief to the stressed out soldiers: as well as good cheer he gave out copious amounts of 'Woodbines', the most popular cheap cigarette of the time.

One colleague remembered Kennedy: "he'd come down into the trenches and say prayers with the men, have a cuppa out of a dirty tin mug and tell a joke as good as any of us. He was a chain smoker and always carried a packet of Woodbine cigarettes that he would give out in handfuls to us lads. That's how he got his nickname. He came down the trench one day to cheer us up. Had his Bible with him as usual. Well, I'd been there for weeks, unable to write home, of course, we were going over the top later that day. I asked him if he would write to my sweetheart at home, tell her I was still alive and, so far, in one piece... years later, after the war, she showed me the letter he'd sent, very nice it was. A lovely letter. My wife kept it until she died."

Kennedy was devoted to his men, so much so that in 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross at Messines Ridge, after running into no man's land in order to help the wounded during an attack on the German frontline."pDuring the war, Kennedy supported the British military effort with enthusiasm, but soon after the war, he turned to Christian socialism and pacifism. He was given charge of St Edmunds in Lombard St, London, and took to writing a number of poems about his war experiences: *Rough Rhymes of a Padre* (1918) and *More Rough Rhymes* (1919). He went on to work for the Industrial Christian Fellowship, for whom he did speaking tours. It was on one of these tours that he was taken ill, and died in Liverpool in 1929. He was only 46."pHis compassion and generosity in the face of the horrors of the Western Front was immortalised in the song

'Absent Friends': "Woodbine Willie couldn't rest until he'd/given every bloke a final smoke/before the killing." He himself had once described his chaplain's ministry as taking "a box of fags in your haversack, and a great deal of love in your heart."

## **Dominic Savio - the youngster who found God**

Several years ago the hit film Slumdog Millionaire touched millions of people with its story of a youngster triumphing against all the odds. Dominic Savio did the same thing. In fact, he is a good patron 'child saint' for children today who struggle to get anywhere in life.

Savio (1842 – 57) was born into a poor family in Riva, near Turin. There were 10 children. The father was a blacksmith, the mother a seamstress. Somehow, they managed school fees, and when Dominic was 12, he was sent to the famous school of John Bosco at Turin.

A strict Roman Catholic school wasn't exactly the set for 'Who wants to be a Millionaire', but Savio loved it. He responded with enthusiasm to the wise and moderate spiritual guidance of Bosco, and began to grow. He was soon widely loved for his cheerfulness and friendliness to all. He was respected by fellow students for his mature, sound advice. Behind it all lay the key: Savio had discovered God for himself, and had responded with all his heart: – one story of him tells how he was rapt in prayer for six hours continuously.

Sadly, Dominic Savio contracted tuberculosis. Like AIDS today, it was incurable. He accepted his disease with dignity and composure. He did not fear death – his deep and radiant faith assured him that something far better lay beyond.

Savio died aged only 15. He had never been a millionaire; his riches lay in his faith in Jesus Christ. The memory of this lovable lad lived on, so deeply had he touched the hearts of the people who knew him. Over 100 years later he was still remembered – and made a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

*There is an RC primary school in Woodley named for St Dominic Savio. The Woodley Concert Band, who have contributed musicians year after year to the Music and Merriment Christmas Concerts, rehearses in its hall every week. The inspiration of St Dominic's faith is very openly expressed in this school.*

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