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A message from Huw

Love in Action

Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess, who wove the most wonderful shirts in the world – but each one she made took a year off her life. And she had to go on weaving them. In a fairy story, she would be rescued from her slavery before she died; or she would die but her shirts would be preserved as treasures, because of the great price she paid.

We do not live in a fairy tale world. We live in a world where many of our clothes come from sweat shops around the globe, where children labour until their health is ruined, or they die. And what they make at such great cost is not treasured, but bought cheaply and thrown away. Many of my T-shirts come from such a source, but I don't like to think of that. Money is tight for us all, we have bills to pay, and I'm glad when I get a bargain. Living in a glass house, I can't afford to throw stones at others.

We all like to think that we live in a fair world. It's comforting to think that if someone works hard they succeed and prosper, that poverty only comes to lazy people. If that were the case then those sweat shop workers would be millionaires and I would be a pauper. In reality we live in a world which is deeply unfair, where I live in comparative luxury, which others will never get the chance to reach. And it is an unfairness that we are called to fight against. Jesus told a story about Judgement Day, where the questions we will have to answer are: Did you feed the hungry? Welcome the stranger? Care for the sick? He finishes by stating: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me" (Matthew 25. 40)

At the start of June the combined PCC for all three churches met for the first time. It was a good meeting, with useful discussion, as well as matters for concern. (We need to raise an extra £15,000 next year to keep two of our churches in the black.) However, despite our financial situation a brave step was taken – we are going to give some money away to help those far worse off than ourselves. South Sudan is one of the poorest countries in the world. Civil war has rolled on for years, most recently since 2013, making it hard for people to thrive. The Fragile States Index looks to see how likely a country is to collapse – South Sudan currently has the highest rating. And it is a country that means a lot to me, as it where my parents met, and were married, back in the 1950s.

At that PCC meeting, each church pledged itself to send £20 a month to a church worker from Britain who is working out there. Lynn Treneary works with

the Church Mission Society, mainly in education, particularly for women, and that £60 will help her help many others. It isn't a great sum, but it could be argued that we shouldn't be giving anything away until we have our own finances sorted out. My hope is that this gift will be the first of many – one day our position will be secure and then I would like to see us being deeply generous, supporting many in need in this country and abroad. Until then, we have made a start, knowing that whenever we help anyone, no matter how seemingly unimportant, we are helping Jesus.

[See also St Teresa of Avila's well-known poem on page 17 Eds.]

From the Parish Registers

Weddings & blessings

Congratulations to the following couple, married recently at St Mary's Church:

11 May Leo Whyte & Katie Clinton

Baptisms

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

6 May Oliver Dutton
 Sophie Dutton
 Matilda Petley

27 May Lillian Chapman

Funerals etc.

A funeral service for the late Mr Anthony H F Lord was held at St Peter's Church on Thursday 3 May 2018.

A funeral service for the late Mrs Hilda L Kingsbury was held at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 9 May 2018.

A memorial service for the late Miss Laura May Sparkes was held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 9 May 2018.

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In memoriam

In Memory of Ciss Chapman who passed away on 21st July 2012. Thinking of you always. Your family and friends.

Bits and Pieces

Office opening hours

Now Monday-Friday 9:30am – 12noon.

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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.

Parish Magazine compilation and collation

The collation date for the September Parish Mag is Friday **24 August**. The deadline for articles etc. is **10 August**.

If any one would like to come and help us with the Parish Mag collation for an hour or so, please contact Margaret Smith (Tel: 01344 882433 or mobile: 07709 285291 or email margaret@rosie25.plus.com).

New Parish Mag on-line features: www.fosmw.com/parishmag

Find out about parish events on the mag webpage. Also, 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. These must not be photos from the Web, as they usually have copyright restrictions.

Events, Notices and Dates for your Diaries

The 3rd page of our printed magazine is the parish Who's Who. (It is on the second page of the web version.) Please report any changes or corrections needed, as soon as possible, to info@fosmw.com. The Who's Who can also be

found on the Parish Mag webpage www.fosmw.com/parishmag - this version is as up-to-date as possible.

Ascot Horticultural Society

Our big public Summer Show which this year will take place on Saturday 4 August from 2pm at the Licensed Victuallers' School: it is a celebration of local talent and achievement in horticulture, floral and culinary art, handicrafts and photography. We look forward to a full, interesting, and entertaining afternoon: a genuine local community event. Why not make it a date and come and join us?

For further details log on to www.ascorthorticulturalsociety.org.uk or call 01344 622086. Peter Cleare

Chavey Down Women's Institute

Our monthly meeting this month is on Monday 16 July at which our speaker will be Mary Adler MBE talking on the People and wildlife of Brentmoor Heath, Surrey.

Saturday 4 August sees us at Ascot Horticultural show (see above) with our usual cakes, bric-a-brac and gift stall. So please do come and support this local event.

Our August meeting on Monday 20th will take place at Lynwood, Sunninghill at 6pm. This will be a buffet supper followed by music from 'Platform One'.

You are very welcome to bring friends and family along but we do need to know in advance for the catering. Last year it was an excellent evening and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Janey Bethune-Williams 883854

Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary events

Our Open Day takes place on Saturday, 4th August 12noon to 4pm and our Fun Dog Show on Sunday, 19th August from 12:30 (judging from 1:30pm).

It is our 60th year of saving stray and unwanted dogs.

Connie Cuff (Principal) 01344 882689

Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary, Priory Road ASCOT SL5 8RJ

Family Matins at St Mary's– second Sundays at 10am

This change in the service schedule at St Mary's began in April. It is a short BCP Morning prayer service with the children doing the readings and taking part in a short play during the sermon slot.

- 8 July Call of the Disciples
- 9 September Bell Sunday
- 14 October Harvest
- 11 November Remembrance
- 9 December Nativity

There is usually a short rehearsal the Thursday before the service at 3:45pm in St Mary's church.

Anyone interested in taking part please contact Lesley Philpot – lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com or 01344 427561

Royal Ascot Cricket Club wants new players for 2018!

Royal Ascot Cricket Club is a family club playing matches at Locks Ride recreation ground Winkfield Row, with our main clubhouse and pitch inside Ascot Racecourse where all training takes place.

We **run 4 adult teams in the Thames Valley Cricket League, 1 Team in the Bracknell Midweek Cricket League**, with friendlies on Sundays. Senior outdoor nets are held from 6pm on Tuesday evenings until 8pm at the main Ascot ground.

We have an active colts section from under 7s to under 17s playing competitive matches locally with a number of boys and 1 girl representing the county. Coaching for all Colts is provided by outside coaches.

- **Under 7s,8s, and 9s** train on Mondays from 5:15pm to 6:30pm with
- **10s and 11s** training from 6:45 to 8pm.
- **Under 12s and 13s** train on Thursday evenings from 6:15pm to 7:45pm with **14s and 15s training** from 6:30pm to 8pm.
- **Girls' training takes** place on Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

For further details please visit our website www.royalascotcc.co.uk or contact our Club Chairman Mark Wiggett on 07717 718506 or Colts Chairman Nigel Brewster on 07786 545574

Joint 4th Team Captain Richard Wyatt on 07974 824583



Ranelagh School applications for Sept. 2019 intake

Four Ranelagh School Verification Surgeries for September 2019 intake from the Benefice of Winkfield and Cranbourne are to be held at the Church Office, by appointment only, from 10am to 12noon on the following dates:

1. Wednesday 26 September 2018, 10am – 12noon
2. Wednesday 3 October 2018, 10am – 12noon
3. Saturday 6 October 2018, 10am – 12noon
4. Wednesday 10 October 2018, 10am – 12noon

Please email the Church Office, from 3 September 2018 (telephone bookings will not be accepted) to book an appointment. If you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Church Office, email: admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk.

Music and Merriment concert and Junior Concert Choir

St Mary's popular fundraising Christmas concert will take place on Saturday 1 December 2018, bringing its exciting mix of musical talent, young and old, including our very own handbells, readings, audience carols, and, of course, mulled wine and mince pies! Put it down in your diaries NOW please!!

To celebrate young talent, this year we will again feature violinist Sarah, who (then aged 8) was given a standing ovation in 2017. We plan also for two fine young wind-players to perform for us, both called Abi, one an oboist and the other a saxophonist.

The concert is supported by a Junior Concert Choir formed of local children – your children!! No experience needed to join – only keenness to sing with a successful confidence-building team. The choir is open to children from Y4 to Y7+ – and Y3 is possible for musical children.; Y8s have taken part, too. An hour's training and rehearsal will take place at 6pm for the four Sunday evenings preceding the concert. Contact Anthony at aeh@xdotd.com.

St Mary's Organ – Pipe Sponsorship – BUY NOW!!

We are down to the last few pipes for sponsorship – if you haven't sponsored, this is your last opportunity to join the 62 generous people who have supported this exciting cause! Visit the Friends website www.fosmw.com and press the pipe sponsorship button.

Almshouse Vacancy

A ground floor flat managed by Winkfield Parochial Charities has become available.

Situated in a small community with seven other residents near St Mary's Church, we provide accommodation for single elderly women who are retired and have limited financial means. There is no warden, so residents must be capable of independent living.

The flat has a kitchen, living room, bedroom, and bathroom with a walk-in shower, will have been redecorated with modernised kitchen and ready for occupation very shortly. There are communal gardens.

If you would like more information, please call Richard Wyatt (Clerk to the Trustees) on 07522 306988 or email winkfieldparochialcharities@outlook.com

News from around the Parish

Bell Ringers June 2018

May saw two of us hand bell ringers in concert in Redhill with the South East Region Bell Orchestra, which was as successful as ever. Definitely worth getting to next year if you can – it will be on a Sunday so possibly easier to manage than on a busy Saturday.

We held our annual 'bells and curry' evening. People dropped off a curry contribution at our house to be kept warm, went off to the tower for a ring on the bells, then back to ours for a truly delicious meal before a go on the hand bells. It is always a good fun evening with wonderful food – you definitely could not eat out as well as that. Thanks to all involved for their contributions.

The Guildford Cathedral bell festival is to be on 23 June and well worth attending if you can – you will be treated to a lovely service in a beautiful cathedral accompanied by a vast amount of hand bells ranging from the tiny to those the size of buckets.

The tower had a maintenance inspection and we were proud to be awarded a gold certificate; the highest possible level. Ten years ago we were awarded silver status, so we were very pleased

Remember our next 5th Sunday is at the end of July – do come along and enjoy what is always a lovely service at St Mary's.

We really do need more ringers – please come along and give it a go. We promise it will be fun!!

To try the tower bells contact Tony.

To try the hand bells contact me.

Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

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Pine Ridge relies solely on **donations from the public**, whether it be through monthly direct debits from keen animal lovers, one-off donations from either a sponsored ride or sponsored marathon entered, or monies raised from the twice yearly fundraising events held at Pine Ridge – the **Open Day** and the **Fun Dog Show** and every penny raised at these events goes to the dogs so please come along and support this worthy cause.

Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary, Priory Road, Ascot SL5 8RJ
Open 7 days a week, 10-12.30 & 2-4.30

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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

St Mary's, Winkfield – July services

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	5 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		12:45pm	Holy Baptisms
8	6 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10am	Family Matins
15	7 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
22	8 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:30am	Messy Church
		11am	Morning Prayer
29	9 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Morning Prayer

St Mary's, Winkfield – August services

Date	Day	Time	Service
5	10 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		12:45pm	Holy Baptisms
12	11 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10am	Family Matins
19	12 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
26	13 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Morning Prayer

St Martin's, Chavey Down – July services

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	5 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Altogether
8	6 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion

15	7 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer
22	8 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion
29	9 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer

St Martin's, Chavey Down – August services

Date	Day	Time	Service
5	10 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Altogether
12	11 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion
19	12 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer
26	13 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion

St Peter's, Cranbourne – July services

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	5 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	SPATS - Altogether
8	6 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion
		12:45pm	Holy Baptism
		13:30pm	Holy Baptism
15	7 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer
22	8 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion
		12:45pm	Holy Baptism
29	9 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer

St Peter's, Cranbourne – August services

Date	Day	Time	Service
5	10 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	SPATS - Altogether
12	11 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion
19	12 th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer
26	13 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion
		11am	Morning Prayer

Flowers & Cleaning Rotas

St Mary's – July and August 2018

Dates	Flowers
6 and 13 July	Esther Bond and Doreen Potter
20 July	Arabella Cameron and Doreen Potter
27 July and 3 August	Jane Hodgson and Anna Clayton
10 and 17 August	Penny Cardwell and Doreen Potter
24 and 31 August	Esther Bond and Doreen Potter

St Martin's – July and August 2018

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
1 July	Mrs Dickinson	Mrs Dickinson
8 July	TBA/TBA	Mrs Crane
15 July	Mrs Zerilli / Mrs Randall	Mrs Crane
22 July	Mrs Zerilli / Mrs Randall	Mrs Luff
29 July	Mrs Timbrell/Mrs Phillips	Mrs Luff
5 August	Mrs Timbrell/Mrs Phillips	Mrs Jenkins
12 August	Mrs Bunker/Mrs Smith	Mrs Jenkins
19 August	Mrs Bunker/Mrs Smith	Mrs Paramor
26 August	Mrs Fanning/Mrs Logan	Mrs Paramor

St Martin's church still requires two more flower arrangers. Please help if you can. Training and assistance will be given if needed. Ruth Timbrell

What's on in July and August 2018

Special events

Day	July	Event
Mon	16	Chavey Down Women's Institute meeting with Mary Adler MBE talking on the People and wildlife of Brentmoor Heath, Surrey – see page 4
Sun	29	Bell ringers service 11am at St Mary's church

Day	Aug	Event
Sat	4	Ascot Horticultural Society – see page 4
		Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary Open Day – see page 4
Fri	10	Deadline for Sept parish mag articles
Mon	13	Draft Parish Mag publication
Sun	19	Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary Fun Dog Show – see page 4
Mon	20	Chavey Down Women’s Institute meeting with buffet supper
Fri	24	Collation day for September parish mag
Wed	29	Family Fun Day, Carnation Hall - see page 14 and www.fosmw.com

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

Regular events (see also www.fosmw.com/parishmag)

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.AscotFitness.co.uk for more info or contact Flo Young on 07711 077038 email Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk
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

Day	Event
Tuesdays continued	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 - carlister@btinternet.com
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: lizziewright25@hotmail.com
	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 www.pilatesascot.co.uk .
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 and visitors £2.50. Details on www.ascorthorticulturalsociety.org.uk 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: annecrewe83@gmail.com

Day	Event
Thursdays continued	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 www.AscotFitness.co.uk or contact Flo Young on 0771 1077038 or Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk
1st Sunday of the month	Exodus - Benefice Youth Group – Meeting on the first Sunday of the month (term time only) from 6-7pm. For all the young people of the Benefice, and their friends, in Years 6-9. A mixture of fun and Christian teaching. Please let Revd Huw Mordecai, know if you would like to come. Tel: 01344 893973. Email ID: beneficeminister@gmail.com From April-September: at St Peter's Church, Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne, SL4 2EG. From October - March at: Tanglewood, Birch Lane, Long Hill Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RF)

News from around the Parish (cont.)

Friends of St Mary's Winkfield

The organ builders are due to meet with the organ committee before the end of June. Once the restoration work has started regular updates will be available and will be published both in the magazine and on the notice board. Details of the special concert for the newly restored organ will be announced in due course.

The second Family FunDay will take place on 29 August at Carnation Hall from 12:30 pm. If you would like to host a stall please do get in touch. All proceeds go directly to St Mary's church. (Note. All donations made by the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield are for the benefit of St Mary's church, as the registration with the Charity Commission requires. The charity collects and applies funds for projects, as well as running fund-raising events like the FunDay.)

This is the last chance to sponsor Daisy McMahon who is taking part in the Windsor Triathlon on 30 June. See her JustGiving charity webpage via the parish-mag page www.fosmw.com/parishmag: all funds to St Mary's church.

Do take part in the Photographic Competition – there is a prize of £200 waiting to be won, and entry is free!

If you haven't yet joined Friends of St Mary's Winkfield, please do consider doing so. Application forms available in the Church and you can join online using the Friends' website www.fosmw.com

Winkfield Row MayDay Fair UPDATE

We had great pleasure in presenting Guide Dogs with a cheque for £2000, which was the proceeds from this year's Winkfield Row May Day Fair (MDF).

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Back from left to right: Lynn and Lynne Jenkins (MDF committee), Ron Field (Chair, East Berkshire Fundraising Group), Kate Field (Group Treasurer), Wendy French (MDF committee), Janey Bethune-Williams (MDF committee), Angela Michie (MDF committee), Derek Hickling & Helena Hickling (Guide Dog puppy walkers) with Remy and Grace.

St Mary's Choirs - Adult and Junior

The Junior Choir will perform at the Family Matins service in July and it rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:45pm

Members of the adult choir continue to rehearse on Sunday mornings before the 11am services.

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

There will be no choir (or rehearsals) during the month of August.

Lesley Philpot Chairman

St Mary's Women's Guild – Meeting 5 June

The meeting welcomed Oriol Lady Bowden.

Women's Guild Plant Sale

The recent Plant Sale was a great success raising over £1,000 for St Mary's Church (see also web report on www.fosmw.com – click its 'Stop press' button.). Doreen Potter was thanked for all her hard work in gathering so many plants and all members were thanked for providing such delicious cakes and biscuits for the refreshments and for tirelessly serving the visitors.

There were three stalls for the plants, a book stall, a garden accessories stall and a stall for the raffle. Margaret-Anne and Anthony Hodson were thanked for organising the sale of garden accessories, garden-related china and more; and Guild members took charge of all the other stalls. A wonderful result.

Mercers' Hall visit (see also page 17)

Margaret-Anne and Anthony Hodson arranged for members to visit Mercers Hall – the Hall of the Mercers Company – on 29 May. The Mercers Company are the leading Livery Company (Guild) of the City of London, and, although they have occupied the site for hundreds of years, the Hall built after the Great Fire of London was destroyed by a bomb in 1941. The present new Hall was rebuilt on same site, and was completed in 1958, with impressive rooms for meetings and banquets. Margaret-Anne and Jane Ruddell, the Archivist of the Mercers Company, provided a most interesting and informative commentary on all the beautiful rooms visited. It was a privilege to have been invited, and to have enjoyed the kindness and hospitality of Mercer staff.

Speaker at the meeting

The speaker for the June meeting was Judith Usher whose talk was about her time in Russia entitled 'Russia I escaped.....twice' – an illustrated talk on military life in communist Russia. It was fascinating and Judith once again ended her talk with a short quiz. Many thanks to Judith.

The speaker for the July meeting is Patricia Powell and for the August meeting is Barry Bovingdon.

Lesley Philpot President

Thoughts of all sorts

Christ has no body

An inspirational reminder that Jesus Christ calls on each of us to continue His work on Earth – there is no alternative!

Poem by Saint Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Born in Spain, Teresa entered a Carmelite convent when she was eighteen, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer who experienced divine visions. She founded a convent, and wrote the book 'The Way of Perfection' for her nuns. Other important books by her include her Autobiography and 'The Interior Castle'.

This well-known poem is included here with acknowledgement to the website www.journeywithjesus.net.

The Mercers and the Livery Companies of London

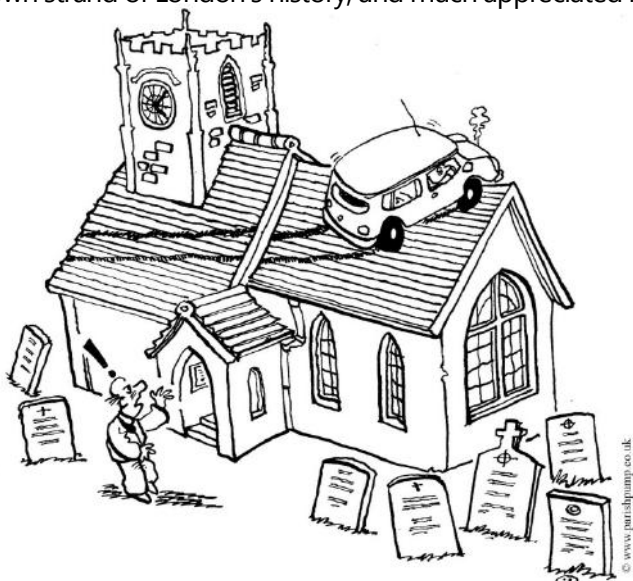
On Tuesday 29 May 2018, the Women's Guild made a happy visit to Mercers' Hall, the Hall (or residence) of the Mercers Company (known, formally, as the 'Worshipful Company of Mercers', to use the quaint but ancient term).

The Mercers by tradition are the No. 1 Livery Company in the City of London. Livery Companies (Guilds) are the descendants of the old trade Guilds, and many have names to fit, like the Fishmongers, Cooks and Carpenters. Most of these companies are ancient; many (including the Mercers) are more than 600 years old; but some are much more modern. The 'Information Technologists', for example, are 18 years old and No. 100 in the pecking order, and there are a total of 110 as of today; the latest, at 110, being the Guild of Art Scholars.

Some of the Livery Companies are still associated with their 'trade' – for example the Goldsmiths, the Vintners and all of the 'modern' Livery Companies. A common interest, though, for Livery Companies is to be 'fraternities' (often based on family membership, and including men and women) that are philanthropic, often in a way relating to the trade that provided their name. The companies are of varying wealth, and this defines to a degree the scope of their activity, but doing good works is a common interest. The Mercers Company is currently taking a lead in establishing a new shared cause to which all the Livery Companies can contribute in line with their resources. There are about 40,000 members of Livery Companies today, many of whom, young and old, are directly involved in their governance and good works, giving time, money or both. The Companies are working organisations, not dining-clubs, and, despite their antiquity, very much concerned with the issues of the 21st Century.

Another important aspect of the Livery Companies is their role in the governance of the City of London, particularly in the election of the Sheriffs and Lord Mayor of London. In modern times they have lost their role as an electorate for the main governing body for the City Corporation, the Court of Common Council: councillors are now elected by an electorate based on voting representation for City businesses of all kinds (not just the Livery Companies).

As Huw reported after the WG visit (p16): "the whole day was a fascinating look at a little known strand of London's history, and much appreciated by us all."



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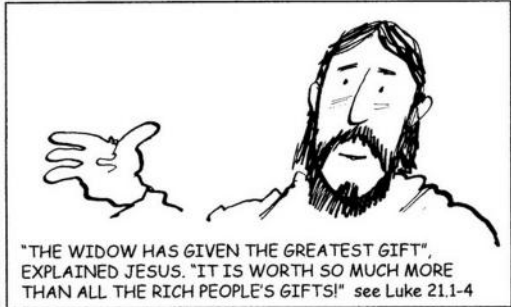
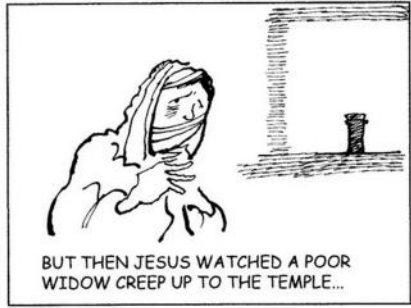
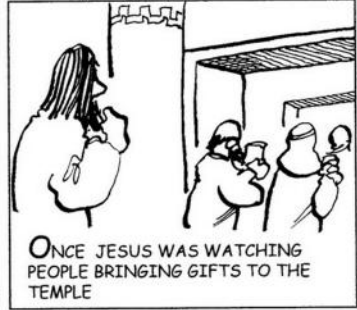
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