



St Mary's Memorial Millennium Window on north wall

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St Martin's Church ~1920

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A message from Huw

New Beginnings

A friend sent me a photo recently. It was of a baby on the phone, presumably speaking to another baby: "You'll never guess what happened! This freaky guy in a dress grabbed me and tried to drown me!! And nobody did anything to stop him!!!"

Perspective is everything, and I only just recognise a description of baptism in those words. Baptism is one of those things that I enjoy, and I haven't drowned a baby yet – in fact most of them seem to enjoy the whole experience. They are the star of the show and seem to relish being in the spotlight, especially the little girl who grabbed my glasses off my face which brought everything to a halt as I couldn't see what words came next. And for most of us, that would be our assumption about baptism; a happy family affair, with a baby at the centre, and lots of laughter and celebrations.

However it hasn't always been like that. In the early days of the church it would have been mainly adults who were baptised; it would have been joyful but solemn as persecution would often follow baptism. For roughly the first 300 years of its existence, Christianity was a minority religion; and identifying yourself with it could cost you friends, job or even your life. If the consequences were that steep why say it was joyful? Because baptism is the outward sign of God washing away our sins, forgiving us whatever we are most ashamed of, and giving us a fresh start. Here in the Benefice when parents want their children baptised we ask them to come to a preparation course. As part of this they are invited to come to the font, at the side of which we have placed some pieces of slate and bits of chalk. They can write any personal failing on the slate, dip it in the water – and the word has disappeared. God's forgiveness is as absolute as that, and that is something to rejoice in.

Baptism is something you can only do once, although there is no upper age limit to it. However, God's forgiveness is something I need over and over again, and is given freely every time I turn back to him. Our God is the God of the second chance – and the third and the fourth, as many as we need. This is the love that keeps me going, and makes it possible for me to stay a Christian. Baptism is the promise that God will give me a new beginning, whenever I need it. Like most of us I can't remember my own baptism, as I was only a few months old at the time it happened, but the truth it represented is the bedrock

of my spiritual life. When we make a mess of things it can be very hard to put them right, but God will give us a new start as often as we ask.

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

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

8 July Logan White

Jessica Lewin

22 July Iris Reeves

Funerals etc.

A funeral service for the late Mrs Susan Morris was held at St Mary's Church on Thursday 5 July 2018.

An interment of ashes for the late Mrs Daphne & Mr Arthur Parsons was held at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 10 July 2018.

An interment of ashes for the late Mr Graham Annett was held at St Mary's Church on Friday 20th July 2018.

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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:

- ❖ Monday at St Peter's
- ❖ Tuesday at St Martin's

- ❖ Wednesday at St Mary'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 October Parish Mag is Friday **28 September**. The deadline for articles etc. is **10 September**.

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).

This is the **50th edition** for editors Anthony and Margaret-Anne Hodson - who warmly thank both regular and occasional contributors for their loyal support!

Visit the Parish Mag online: www.fosmw.com/parishmag

This webpage gives quick access to much of parish activity, by giving convenient access to present and past Parish, the Parish Who's Who and other material. If you have a local public event coming up, we may be able to post flyers for it – please be in touch with the editors at aeh@xdotd.com

Events, Notices and Dates for your Diaries

Ranelagh School Applications for September 2019 (The Benefice of Winkfield and Cranbourne)

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

1. Wednesday 26 September 2018
2. Wednesday 3 October 2018
3. Saturday 6 October 2018
4. Wednesday 10 October 2018

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

Chavey Down Women's Institute

Our monthly meeting this month is on Monday 17 September in St Martin's church hall at 7:45pm. Our speaker will be Emily talking on the history of Cliveden.

We now have the speakers give their talk first so that visitors do not necessarily have to sit through the business part of the meeting, although they are very welcome to do so

New members and visitors are always most welcome, so do come along and join us, where a warm welcome awaits you.

Janey Bethune-Williams 883854

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.

- 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 their children taking part please contact Lesley Philpot – lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com or 01344 427561

Music and Merriment concert

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.

Junior Concert Choir – a lot of fun!

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.



THE WINKFIELD & NORTH ASCOT GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

- We can help with transport to **hospital**, **surgery**, **dentist**, **chiroprapist**
- for just a small fee per mile towards costs.

Please give 2 days notice

Co-ordinators: Brenda 882975
Joyce 890244 Please ring Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm
Pat 886144

New drivers always needed!!

HELP IS AT HAND

Good Neighbours – taking people to appointments

For 25 years, Winkfield and North Ascot Good Neighbours have provided a vital community service taking our elderly, vulnerable and frail neighbours to essential appointments.

This has made a huge difference to many people who would otherwise have had to travel alone, take expensive taxi journeys or use public transport.

Our drivers are volunteers and claim their mileage at the agreed HMRC rate of 45p per mile door-to-door.

The reward is far more than monetary: it is the feeling of doing something worthwhile by providing a reliable and friendly means of transport to people who really need it.

We are always looking for people to join us as drivers. If you have some spare time, are patient, caring and in good health, you could volunteer and make a big difference to local people.

Interested? Please contact Lynne Wilkes on 01344-884947 or email to lynnebobbyen@btinternet.com

Bracknell Forest Heritage Open Days and Events

Thursday 6th September 2018

11:00 – 16:00 St Michael and Mary Magdalene Church, Easthampstead
RG12 7ER Tours, Displays, Leaflets Refreshments available

14:30 – 15:30 South Hill Park - Tour of Grounds RG12 7PA Refreshments
available between tours

16:00 – 17:00 South Hill Park -Tour of Mansion

For both tours meet at the Mansion Entrance

Friday 7th September 2018

10:30 - 11:30 Lily Hill Park – a guided walk around this exotic historic park -
Meet top car park off Lily Hill Road RG12 2RX

11:00 - 16:00 St Michael and St Mary Magdalene
Church Easthampstead - See Thursday 6th

Saturday 8th September 2018

09:30 – 15:00 Holy Trinity Church, The Ring, Bracknell, RG12 1HD Tours
Leaflets



Outside the Red Lion

10:00 – 16:00 Pop-Up Museum: History of Bracknell with maps, pictures and
artifacts- Brook House, next to The Bull, 54 High Street, Bracknell RG12
1LL *

10:00 - 16:00 St Michael and St Mary Magdalene Church, Easthampstead -
See Thursday 7th

10:00 – 16:00 All Saints Church, Binfield
RG42 5NS Refreshments available

10:00 – 16:00 St Mary's Church, Church Road, Winkfield, SL4 4SG After
Tours around the church, trips up the Tower. Refreshments available.

10:00 – 17:00 St Michael and All Angels Church, Lower Church Road,
Sandhurst GU47 8HN

15:00 Tour of church 15:30 Tour of grounds - displays and activities for all – 100 years since World War 1 and women receiving the vote.

Sunday 9th September 2018

10:00 – 16:00 Pop-Up Museum: History of Bracknell with maps, pictures and artifacts- Brook House, next to The Bull, 54 High Street, Bracknell RG12 1LL *

11:00 - 16:00 St Michael and St Mary Magdalene Church Easthampstead - See Thursday 6th

12:00 – 17:00 St Michael and All Angels Church Sandhurst 15:00 Tour of church 15:30 Tour of grounds See Saturday 8th

18:00 St Michael and St Mary Magdalene Church Easthampstead RG12 7ER Choral Evensong Refreshments available after the service

Thursday 13th September 2018

15:00 Ascot Priory, Priory Road, Ascot SL5 8RT Talk and Tour: 15:00 lasting about an hour

Saturday 15th September 2018

09:30 – 15:00 Holy Trinity Church, The Ring, Bracknell, RG12 1HD Tours Leaflets

10:00 Guided historical walks around Bracknell Town Centre with stories of people, buildings and events from the town's past. Booking required. Please see The Bracknell Forest Society website <http://thebracknellforestsociety.org.uk/>

10:00 – 16:00 St Mary's Church, Church Road, Winkfield, SL4 4SG Tours of the church

Sunday 16th September 2018

10:00 Guided historical walks around Bracknell Town Centre with stories of people, buildings and events from the town's past. Booking required. Please see The Bracknell Forest Society website <http://thebracknellforestsociety.org.uk/>

12:00 – 17:00 St Michael and All Angels Church Sandhurst 12:30 Tour of church 13:00 Tour of grounds See Saturday 8th

*Events organised by The Bracknell Forest Society

This is the 24th Year of Heritage Open Days Events

For full details of these and other FREE events, visit: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

£200 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2018

The Friends of St Mary's Winkfield will award a prize of £200 for the best photograph of the church (£100 for second best, £50 for third and £25 for fourth) submitted in accordance with the rules set out below.

FREE ENTRY

Rules:

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.

One entry per person is allowed and the image must be recent and original.

Entries must portray St Mary's church or any part of it including the churchyard.

Friends of St Mary's Winkfield ("FoSMW") will have the right to use (with suitable credit) any prize-winning image on its website or on Christmas or post cards.

Printed (paper) entries must be submitted to the representative of FoSMW at Saint Mary's Church on Sunday 16 or 23 September 2018.

Digital entries (or enquiries) may be made by emailing info@fosmw.com. The competition will close at noon on 23 September 2018.

It is important that the photographer's name, address and email are written clearly on the back of the picture (or clearly linked to any digital photograph). Unidentified photographs will not be eligible.

Any matter concerning the competition will be decided by the panel appointed by FoSMW. Please be aware that only minor use of Photoshop will be accepted. The panel's decisions will be final.

Prize winners will be notified early in October 2018. Winning entries will be exhibited in the church or on the FoSMW website during October.

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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

St Mary's, Winkfield – September services

Date	Day	Time	Service
2	14th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		12:45pm	Holy Baptisms
9	15th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10am	Family Matins
16	16th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
23	17th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:30am	Messy Church
		11am	Morning Prayer
30	18th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Morning Prayer

St Martin's, Chavey Down – September services

Date	Day	Time	Service
2	14th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Altogether
9	15th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion
16	16th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer
23	17th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion
30	18th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer

St Peter's, Cranbourne – September services

Date	Day	Time	Service
2	14th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	SPATS - Altogether
9	15th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion

Date	Day	Time	Service
16	16th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer
23	17th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion
30	18th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11am	Morning Prayer

Flowers & Cleaning Rotas

St Mary's – September 2018

Dates	Flowers
7 and 14 September	Doreen Potter and Arabella Cameron
21 and 28 September	Jane Hodgson and Anna Clayton

St Martin's – September 2018

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
9 Sept	Mrs Atkinson	Mrs Dickinson
16 Sept	Mrs Atkins	Mrs Dickinson
23 Sept	TBA/TBA	Mrs Luff
30 Sept	Mrs Zerilli / Mrs Randall	Mrs Luff

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 September 2018

Special events

Day	Sept	Event	Time/place
Sat	1	Baptism Preparation	9am at St Mary's Church
Mon	3	Email bookings open for Ranelagh Verification Surgeries (p3)	
Tue	4	WC&CD Standing Committee Meeting	8pm at the Vicarage
Thu	6	Heritage Open Days and Events – see page 5	
Fri	7	Heritage Open Days and Events – see page 5	

Day	Sept	Event	Time/place
Sat	8	Heritage Open Days and Events – see page 5	
		Ride and Stride – see page 17	
		Windsor Great Park cross country ride – see page 18	
Sun	9	Windsor Great Park cross country ride – see page 18	
		Bell Sunday	
		Heritage Open Days and Events – see page 7	
Mon	10	Deadline for material for October Parish Magazine	
Thu	13	Heritage Open Days and Events – see page 7	
Sat	15	Heritage Open Days and Events – see page 7	
Sun	16	Submission day – Friends £200 photographic competition – see page 14.	
		Heritage Open Days and Events – see page 7	
Mon	17	Chavey Down Women’s Institute meeting	7:45pm, St Martin’s church hall. See page 3.
Tue	18	WC&CD PCC Meeting	7:45pm at St Peter’s Church
Sat	22	Wedding service – Cripps & Warner	2:30pm at St Mary’s Church
Wed	26	Ranelagh School Verification Surgery – By appointment only (by email to Church Office – no telephone appointments). 10am to 12noon. See page 3 for further information	
Wed	26	Submission day – Friends £200 photographic competition – see page 14.	
Fri	28	Collation date for October Parish Magazine	

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

Day	Event
Mondays not including Bank Holidays (cont)	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
	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.

Day	Event
Wednesdays (cont)	Pilates classes at Carnation Hall: Contact Rebecca on 0774 860 3145, email: pilatesascot@btinternet.com or visit www.pilatesascot.co.uk .
	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 and visitors £2.50. Details on www.ascothorticulturalsociety.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
	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

Friends of St Mary's Winkfield (FOSMW)

The Pipe Sponsorship Appeal for the Organ Renovation fund sold sponsorship for the last pipe in July 2018. So that Appeal is successfully finished. It set out to raise £7,503 in pipe sponsorship, but in the event it raised a magnificent £8,478 over the 16 months that the appeal ran.

This was made possible by the generosity of well over 60 donors, mostly but not all parishioners, who will be commemorated in a Roll of Honour in due course.

The main funding for the renovation was the sum of more than £32,000 donated over the last 7 years into the PCC account. In addition, the Mercers Company of the City of London gave a very generous grant of £10,000. So, with the pipe sponsorship, we raised more than £50,000.

Tarquin Wiggins, the organ builders, began the organ restoration on Monday 23 July and the work will take 3 months. It is planned that the organ will be available for Remembrance Sunday on November 11.

As the work progresses regular updates will be available and published on the website (FOSMW) and the notice board.

Take a photograph of St Mary's Church and enter the Photographic Competition

- ❖ £200 for the best photograph,
- ❖ £100 for the second best
- ❖ £50 for the third best
- ❖ and £25 for the fourth best.

Entries should be submitted on Sunday 16 or Sunday 23 September 2018. All details are available on page 8.

The Music and Merriment concert will take place on Saturday 1 December. The programme is already taking shape. Tickets will be available online.

The FOSMW committee will meet early September to discuss the next major project which is the Electrical rewiring of St Mary's church.

Thank you to those who have recently joined FOSMW. If you haven't yet joined then please consider doing so. Application forms are available in the Church and online – see www.fosmw.com

Lesley Philpot, Chairman

Bell Ringers Report August 2018

Although July is a little early to plan for Christmas that is exactly what I did when I attended the 'Tinsel and Turkey' rally at Sanderstead – it was one of the hottest days of the year (at the time) and we were in a hall ringing Christmas pieces on hand bells. Having said that it was a thoroughly enjoyable day with mince pies and Christmas cake, and we rang some lovely pieces – some of which we will be playing during the festive season.

July was one of our 5th Sunday services, and we enjoyed ringing a beautiful piece called "Silent Worship" from the opera "Ptolemy" by Handel.

The hand bells ringers paid the annual visit to our friends and fellow ringers in Winnersh, where we enjoyed an evening of shared ringing, delicious home-made cake (thanks to Debby) and strawberries.

We have welcomed two visiting bands to the tower – one group came in a coach! It was a pleasure to show the non-ringers around our lovely church whilst the ringers were busy in the tower (wishing that I knew about the history!!)

As the bells in our tower are relatively hard to ring, and the 5 can be awkward, we arranged for an inspection of the frame and bells by Whites of Appleton who are experts in the field: we are awaiting a detailed report but Tony, Trevor and Philip did some remedial work based on the verbal report.

Remember it is Bell Sunday on 9 September, so you can come and have a look around as well as ding a "dong" on the bells.

We have some exciting things planned with the hand bells that everyone who brings along some gloves can join in – even the youngest children will be able to manage – so do come along!

Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

St Mary's Choirs - Adult and Junior

The adult choir members were privileged to take part in the Holy Communion service in July dedicated to the memory of Timothy Rhys Morgan, Director of Music, Ludgrove School and former Head of Academic Music, Lambrook School. The Introit, Antiphon, psalm and Communion service were all sung in plainsong. John Kimbell, one of our 'extra singers', prepared the service and brought several members of his own choir to sing with us. A truly uplifting and memorable service.

There has been no choir during August mainly because the organ restoration has begun.

Junior Choir rehearsals start again on Thursday 6 September at 6:45pm and the adult choristers will continue to rehearse at 10:20am before the 11am services on Sundays.

If anyone would like to join either choir please do contact me.

Lesley Philpot Lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com 01344 427561

St Mary's Women's Guild – July and August meetings

At the July meeting members expressed their appreciation of Daisy McMahon's very generous offer to donate the sponsorship money she raised during the Windsor Triathlon to St Mary's Church. To compete and do so well on such a hot day was just tremendous. The net takings should be about £1,300.

The date for the visit to Oxford Cathedral was confirmed as Tuesday 23 October leaving St Mary's church at 1pm. The visit will include a tour of the Cathedral, a visit to the library, afternoon tea and finish with Evensong.

The speaker for the July meeting was Mrs Patricia Powell who talked about her tailor-made trip to Patagonia. Patricia had wanted to visit this region since studying a travel classic at school aged 11 and her interest in all things Welsh. Argentinian Patagonia has a sizeable Welsh element resulting from 1860s immigration. Patricia gave a fascinating account of her visit and had many pictures and maps to illustrate the talk.

Margaret-Anne Hodson was welcomed to the August meeting.

Arrangements were discussed for the Family FunDay on 29 August.

The Rev. Huw Mordecai presented to the meeting the Burse, Veil and Stole purchased in honour of our two Vice-Presidents and founder members Jane Cullen and Ann Whittington. A framed photograph of Huw with the vestments will be given to both Jane and Ann.

Barry Bovingdon was the August speaker and described his first job after leaving college. This was caring for, with one other gardener, a rather splendid garden attached to a house, with Royal connections, near Virginia Water. The garden had a magnificent collection of shrubs and flowers, many that were new to Barry. He explained that it was a wonderful experience and he learnt so much in the five years he worked in the garden. At the end of his talk Barry agreed to take questions – and then a most interesting 'Gardeners Question Time' took place. It was an excellent afternoon.

The Rev. Huw Mordecai closed the meeting.
Lesley Philpot President

Thoughts of all sorts

Nursing homes

One does hear such gross reports on nursing homes.

Having had the great misfortune of being struck down in March with a serious and rare condition to my legs, requiring hospital treatment, nursing at St David's, Ascot Priory, and now daily dressings at St David's, I would like to place on record my admiration and appreciation at the wonderful care and treatment I am receiving at St David's.

There is a lovely happy and homely atmosphere at St David's – it is truly home from home. The patients' care is paramount, the nurses so patient and smiley as soon as one goes through the door love and kindness are in full evidence.

Thank you nursing staff and everyone for taking such great care of me!

Mr and Mrs Tanner have created a wonderful nursing home – bless you and thank you all.

Ruth Timbrell

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Children's Corner

The Tale of the TWO BUILDERS



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES

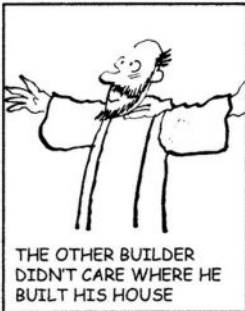


THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

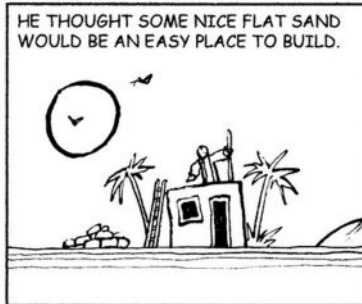
AT LONG, LONG LAST HE FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.



SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.



THE OTHER BUILDER DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE BUILT HIS HOUSE



HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.



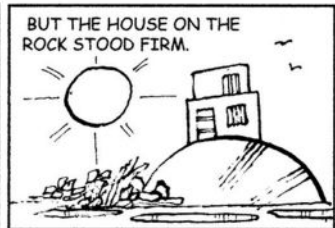
BUT ONE DAY THE STORM CAME...



...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND THE RAIN FELL....



...AND THE HOUSE ON THE SAND COLLAPSED!



BUT THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK STOOD FIRM.

JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION.

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