



# WINKFIELD PARISH NEWS

**March 2021**

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## From Revd Patrick: A LENTEN ADDRESS

### **Lent – A Time for Spiritual Spring Cleaning**

**Who has a stronger conflict than he who strives to overcome himself? – Thomas à Kempis**

Dear Friends,

Lent is a special time for self-examination. A Time for Spiritual Spring Cleaning with the help of God. We give up some special necessities and joys and take up activities that will open more time in God's presence. It is in the quietness of prayer and meditation that we hear the still voice of God.

He shows us the clutter in our lives that He wants to help us get rid of. Clutter like toxins may come in unawares. So, Lent can also become a process of detox(ification). We may be sullied by bad habits, dirtied by unwholesome thoughts and attitudes, or even disfigured by serious sin.

Scripture uses words like trespass, transgression, iniquity, and sin. Self-deception comes easy. We bare our hearts before God and plead for cleansing and detoxification, unpleasant though it be. We sing and pray with the prophets; Purify my heart Let me be as gold and precious silver Let me be as gold, pure gold, Lord. Amen

### **The Passion – the story**

Some years ago, a celebrity singer wrote that “she had attended a performance of Bach’s ‘Matthew Passion’, and, although she *wasn't religious* she had found it very moving”. (Our italics).

Is it not astonishing that anybody would deem it necessary to be religious to find moving the story of a good man killed by being nailed to a cross, and left to die, after a mockery of a trial, and condemnation to a cruel death, by an uncaring colonial power in response to a baying mob? If that story does not move a human being, what will?

Bach was a product of the German reformation, which was the result of a reaction against the formalising of the Catholic Church of the time into rituals that in themselves were supposed to be a sufficient ‘sacrifice to

God. These rituals, and indeed the whole set of biblical literature of the Catholic religion of the time, were set in the Latin language, which was regarded as the *Lingua Franca* – the common language that people of all kinds understood. That is, all the people who were educated enough, in the right countries, to have been taught Latin from boyhood.

The greatest achievement, perhaps, of the Reformation was the translation of the Bible into the vernacular – the language of the people, whether they were English, French or German, or Italian – or from one of many other countries. Of course, it took many years to cover most of the globe with vernacular languages. The Wikipedia entry for ‘List of Bible translations by language’ contains this information:

‘According to Wycliffe Bible Translators,, 1551 languages had access to at least a book of the Bible. The full Bible is published in 704 languages. There are currently thought to be about 2,584 languages that have active Bible translation projects.’

As a result, ordinary people as well as the well-educated have the opportunity to hear or read the shocking story of the death of Jesus, and to be sufficiently inspired by his wisdom and humanity to recognise that this was God, made man, that was cruelly put to death, but that Jesus, as God made man, transcended death in triumph – the Easter story!

The ‘Matthew Passion’ augments this with music of its own directly-speaking religious passion, full of inner emotion.

The Vulgate, the Catholic bible, is still in use, and we recognise it in the Latin names of psalms, for example ‘jubilate deo’ for Psalm 100. The New Testament came into existence in ‘Common’ Greek, a simplified form of ancient Greek spoken by many ordinary people around the East Mediterranean (some perhaps in translation from Aramaic). Greek is often thought of as the tongue of the earliest first-rate literature (e.g. Homer’s *Iliad* and *Odyssey*), and its expressiveness in New Testament Greek outshines the compactness of the Vulgate translation. The Vulgate was translated from the Greek, by Erasmus, and was published as a complete work in 1515.

Editors

# Notices

## 2021 Lent Challenge: Walk to the Cross in Jerusalem



Do you need something different to do this Lent? Would you be up for a challenge that will help improve your fitness and raise valuable funds for our parish churches? Something that you can do even if we are still in lockdown? (With apology and respect to Captain Sir Tom Moore and All Saints' Weston & St. Mark's Shavington.)



**'Walk to the Cross'** is a virtual walking challenge from our parish to Jerusalem, a distance of 2913 miles. To take part in the challenge, you will need to walk as many miles as you can for each of the six weeks of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> February) and ending on Maundy Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> April). Ask people to sign up to sponsor you for every mile you walk towards Jerusalem. You will need to calculate your total weekly mileage, starting on Ash Wednesday, and then send it to Lesley Philpot. You will need to let her know your total weekly mileage on the evening of each of the following Thursdays:

**25<sup>th</sup> February 4<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1  
8<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

She will keep a running total of how many miles we have collectively walked and there will be a weekly update about how far along the route to Jerusalem we have reached.

To take part in this Lent challenge, you will be invited either to make a donation or ask for sponsorship from friends, and family (forms available on request) and walk. All money raised will go to church funds. For more information or to sign up to the virtual walking challenge, please contact Lesley Philpot 01344 427561. It's never too late to start. You will also find other Lent challenges elsewhere.

Revd. Patrick Mukholi (*I am walking, sponsor me*).

### **Easter Memorial Lilies**

Every 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 purchase one or more Easter Lilies please contact [lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com) or 01344 427561.

The cost of each lily is £3.00.

### **Safeguarding**

Please visit the Safe Spaces link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-and-statements/safe-spaces->

as a new addition to the Safeguarding page. For anyone feeling vulnerable, it serves to provide a place to reach-out-to. For some, it may feel like the only safe point-of-contact during these times of isolation.

Camille Jeffs, Parish Safeguarding Officer

[safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk)

### **About this issue**

For the time being, we will be continuing to produce the Winkfield Parish News in this form: 20 pages of material, including service times and other comments and material directly related to the Parish, combined with news, articles with charitable or church connections, as well as puzzles when we have time. As planning is still a short-term issue in Lockdown, we will publish monthly before the start of the

month, with a limited number of printed copies, available in church or by arrangement with Lesley Philpot.

**Please help to keep our churches going!**

Please make a serious plan to support Revd Mukholi in the Lenten Walk to the Cross in Jerusalem, either by walking for sponsorship by friends, or by generous sponsorship.

Our own (the Editors’) contribution, as oldies, is by sponsorship, leaving younger folk to take the main burden of walking.

Apart from fun projects like this, the best way to help our church is to set up a regular donation – with a monthly standing order to the PCC. (On the Parish website and select “Church fees and finances “ from the left hand menu. The web address is

[:https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/welcome.htm](https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/welcome.htm)

Towards the bottom of the page that you reach, you will find links for standing order forms, either to St Peters or to St Mary’s with St Martins.

You can easily set up a standing order yourself: here are the details:

Account name	Cranbourne Parochial Fund	PCC of Winkfield
Sort Code	20-02-53	30-91-11
Account No	80295108	00227186

PCC Bank details can also be found on the standing order forms.

The church can obtain 25% Gift-Aid rebate from your gifts, if you are a UK taxpayer, and pay enough tax to cover the rebate. The Standing Order forms also provide Gift Aid forms – if you are eligible, please fill in a form and send it in to the Church Office. This is optional and can be revoked at any time, but using it makes the parish money go further!

Your gifts to the parish will be applied to any costs that our parish may incur, particularly the Parish Share, which pays for our priest and also pays for support from and for the Deanery and Diocese. You may wish to support a particular cause, and this is a useful option. Doing so will not upset general Parish fund-raising – rather, it will help with the Parish’s obligation to support that purpose.

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

The Friends of St Mary's Winkfield are focused on the need to preserve the fabric and contents of St Mary's Church, and to keep it viable as an active community asset. The maintenance of St Mary's is the responsibility of the PCC, and so the Friends represent an additional fund-raising arm, which gains strength by being able to focus on the merits of a beautiful 600-year-old building. The Friends enhance PCC fund-raising, and have indeed enhanced St Mary's facilities (for example to restore the fine 170-year-old organ). Their 'objects' do not provide for direct support of the Parish Share, but, rather, take some of the load off the PCC for the expensive maintenance of St Mary's church.

You can join the Friends as a member, for a modest subscription, and take an active part in Friends events on behalf of St Mary. Details of how to join can be found on the Friends' website [www.fosmw.com](http://www.fosmw.com) by pressing the 'Become a Friend' button near the top of any of the FOSMW webpages.

Friends of St Mary's Winkfield also contribute to the PCC funding by standing orders – it isn't a question of one or the other!

Your help and enthusiasm to keep our churches going is much appreciated. And we would encourage you to consider making a bequest to the Parish in your Will, particularly if you have loved ones or ancestors in the graveyards of our churches.

## *Around the Parish*

### **Report from the bell ringers!**

Like everyone else the bell ringers have very little to talk about at the moment!! (*This surprises us – are they ever short of a word? Eds.*)

We continue with our zoom meetings each week which are lovely for catch up and planning for a time when we are allowed out again.

We are also able to ring or chime our tower bells twice a week on Wednesday and then Sunday before the service – sadly only in a family unit or bubble but definitely better than nothing. Non-ringing family members seem to be enjoying the opportunity to chime as well!

The ringing world is becoming quite imaginative, and produced a webinar about 'striking' for tower bells that really good – and I am joining a “virtual ringing’ session for hand bells at the weekend – I cannot imagine how it is going to work but I am looking forward to it.

The hand bell ringers were permitted just one short practice as a preparation for the 5th Sunday service. We chose: 'Il est né, le divin Enfant' which is a French carol and really beautiful, we thoroughly enjoyed ringing it. If you would like to listen to it on YouTube then I recommend the version sung by Annie Lennox – fabulous!

The bell ringers are trying to find a way of producing a quiz that would be interesting in these challenging times – a work in progress at the moment: watch this space!!

Hopefully we will all be vaccinated soon and can start to meet properly again.

Take care and keep well,

Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

### **St Mary's Choir**

St Mary's choir has continued to sing at the communion and morning prayer services. Unfortunately, two of our visiting singers have had to withdraw for the short term, but hope to be back with us very soon.

George Nicholls has recently returned to play for several of our services and on two occasions we have had a mini organ recital during the Morning Prayer services. Jonathan Holl delighted us all with a performance of 'Nun komm der heiden heiland' followed by Bach's 'Wie schon leuchtet der morgenstern'. Two memorable occasions.

### **St Mary's Women's Guild**

As predicted in the last Magazine the Guild was not able to meet for the February meeting. Unfortunately, the next meeting should take place before the next 'easing of restrictions' date, so that too may be cancelled. We are very fortunate that two members of the 9:30 congregation have agreed to become Flower Arrangers, and two Guild members will join the team after Easter.



## Friends of St Mary's Winkfield

The report for an improved sound system was approved by the PCC and the order placed. All information has been passed to the Diocesan Advisory Council. We hope their agreement follows quickly. The next project is the improved electrical system and fundraising will begin very soon.

## Family Matins, Family Praise and Crafty Church

All three services are well supported. Crafty Church has been a great success and the activity in the pew is very popular.

Our young guitar player performed at the Family Praise service when the theme was the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

The children told the story of the Good Samaritan at Family Matins in February. One of the children also played the piano during two of the hymn slots, children read the bible extracts and the organist played the final hymn.

A Guild member provided boxes of smarties for the children who were to return the boxes, when all smarties were eaten, filled with 20p pieces.

The amount taken so far is £195.70.



*Kevin took himself off to his study to pray for peace*

## Stroke Prevention Day campaign

You will remember Peter von Bergen's article in the February Parish Mag about the Easthampstead Rotary's StrokePrevention Day article in the February 2021 Parish Mag ('Pickle raises Stroke awareness in Rotary Challenge'). Peter writes:

*'To-date, we have 210 miles Cycled, Rowed and Walked; and generous supporters have donated £675 to StrokePrevention and Support, when our NHS is under huge pressure, and people under stress are not having their Blood Pressure monitored.'*

# Services within the Parish

As service plans may be affected by government policy, please check on the Parish Website to be certain that the service will take place.

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

9:15am	Morning Prayer (CW)	Zoom - St Martin's & St Peter's style
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## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

11am to 12:30pm	Zoom Lent Morning Prayer & Bible Discussion	Zoom – St Peter's style
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## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

8:15pm	Night Prayer (CW)	Zoom
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## The Third Sunday in Lent – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

10am	Family Communion (BCP)	In Church St Mary's
11am	Zoom – All Together (CW)	Zoom - St Martin's & St Peter's style

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

9:15am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Zoom – St Mary's style
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## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

11am to 12:30pm	Lent Morning Prayer & Bible Discussion	In Church - St Mary's style and on Zoom
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## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

8:15pm	Compline (BCP)	Zoom
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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday) – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

10am	St Mary's Patronal -(BCP) – United Service	In Church St Mary's and on Zoom
10am	Zoom – St Mary's Patronal - (BCP) – United Service	Zoom – St Mary's style

## **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

9:15am	Morning Prayer (CW)	Zoom – St Martin’s & St Peter’s style
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## **Wednesday -17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

11am to 12:30pm	Zoom Lent Morning Prayer & Bible Discussion	Zoom – St Martin’s style
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## **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

8:15pm	Night Prayer (CW)	Zoom
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## **The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

9:30am	Family Praise	In Church St Mary’s
11am	Holy Communion (BCP)	In Church St Mary’s
11am	Zoom Morning Prayer (CW)	Zoom – St Martin’s & St Peter’s style

## **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

9:15am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Zoom – St Martin’s & St Peter’s style
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## **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

11am to 12:30pm	Zoom Lent Morning Prayer & Bible Discussion	Zoom – St Peter’s style
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## **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

8:15pm	Night Prayer (CW)	Zoom
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## **HOLY WEEK**

## **Palm Sunday - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

9:30am	Crafty Church	In Church - St Mary’s
11am	Matins (BCP)	In Church - St Mary’s
11am	Zoom – Holy Communion (CW)	Zoom – St Martin’s style

## **Holy Monday - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

7:30pm	Zoom Compline	Zoom - St Martin’s style
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## **Holy Tuesday – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

7:30pm	Compline	In Church St Mary's style and on Zoom
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## **Holy Wednesday – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

11am to 12:30pm	Lent Morning Prayer & Bible Discussion	In Church - St Mary's style and on Zoom
7:30pm	Zoom Compline	Zoom - St Peter's style

## **Maundy Thursday – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

2:30pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	In Church St Mary's – Choral
7:30pm	Zoom Holy Communion (CW)	Zoom - St Martin's style

## **Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

10am	Zoom Stations of the Cross	Zoom - St Peter's style
2pm	An Hour at the Cross	In Church St Mary's

## **EASTER**

### **Easter Day – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

10am	Family Communion (BCP)	In Church St Mary's
11am	Zoom Family Communion (CW)	Zoom – St Martin's & St Peter's style

## *Thoughts of all sorts*

### **Group Knitting the Last Supper**

What about setting up a group interested in knitting in your parish to knit the scene of the Last Supper? People of all ages with an interest in knitting can come together once a week for chats and knits and then people can carry on with the project in their own time. This brings together people from different sections of the church and is a very tangible, playable visual for children of all ages.

You could ask for sponsorship from friends and family to knit each of the characters around the table at the last supper. Any funds will go to church funds. For further information, talk to the warden about this. Get the pattern here:

<https://revruth.wordpress.com/2010/02/28/knitted-lastsupper-pattern/>



## **JOIN THE CEEVEES!**

Like The Bee Gees but different!

Some of you may have read my Lowdown on Lockdown article a while ago, centred on Castle View Retirement Village, Windsor, to which I moved after 40 years elsewhere in Windsor.

Lots going on out and in lockdown if wished, mostly organised by residents – tastings (gin/cheese/wine); yoga, talks and events Zoomed, screened or live-streamed from local and national organisations; films; a quiz every few weeks (devised by me and another resident); Poetry & Prosecco; walks on the roof or at ground level. And more.

Our latest venture, set up voluntarily by our singing Marketing Manager, Ruth Wilson, is our very own singing group, launched just before Christmas 2020. Now on Zoom due to current restrictions.

And outsiders are very welcome to swell the ranks for A One-Off Lock-down Challenge Open to All Over-55's, as for Castle View, with or without musical knowledge and able to use Zoom. Ruth would love to have up to 100 people join in a version of 'God Only Knows.'

Have a look and listen to this: <https://you.tube/AloqGPL9eWg>. There's also a quirky BBC version:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2R3PxWX7hzMb8lNZs3Ngz5L/god-only-knows>

You can see us at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4V08nSVu6w> on Facebook and at [www.castleviewwindsor.co.uk](http://www.castleviewwindsor.co.uk) and we've had an airing on BBC Radio Berkshire and local press mentions. All in a few weeks.

Our sessions are currently at 1.30 p.m. on Mondays for circa 1¼ hours.

If interested, please contact Ruth direct at [atinfo@castleviewwindsor.co.uk](mailto:atinfo@castleviewwindsor.co.uk) or on 07974 420306. It's such a fun, get-you-out-of-lockdown-blues thing to do.

Patricia Powell

### **1<sup>st</sup> March: St David's Day, time for daffodils**

1<sup>st</sup> March is St David's Day, and it's time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' - but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David - or Dafydd - of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. Tradition has it that he was austere with himself, and generous with others - living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps?!) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved.

In art, St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi.

### **How to stop stress getting the better of you**

With the third lockdown, too many of us are facing a torrent of stress over job insecurity, home schooling, isolation, illness, or all of the above!

Stress makes us want to eat badly, exercise less and drink more. It also has a profound effect on our immune system.

While brief or 'acute' stress can spur us on to some specific achievement, the opposite is true of 'chronic' stress, which does only damage. It suppresses our immune system, making us more susceptible to bugs.

That is why a stressful event can leave you feeling run down, or trigger a bad cold, shingles, or asthma.

So how do we give our immune systems some help during this crisis?

Eat well. A balanced diet includes at least all six plant-based food groups: fruit, vegetables, wholegrains, legume, nuts and seeds. Exercise every day: regular moderate exercise helps your immune system.

Get enough sleep. It has been called “the foundation of the immune system.” Avoid caffeine in the afternoon and keep devices, laptops or screens away from you for an hour before bedtime. Instead, stretch and relax, and consider a hot shower or bath.

Finally, don't be mean to yourself. Practise some self-compassion. Give yourself some private time, forget perfectionism, and accept that 'sometimes half-good is good enough.' Be kind to yourself – because even that will help your immune system.

Parish Pump editorial

## **An Interesting Life – part 1: Beginnings**

Everybody's life has a book in it, narrating the familiar and the unusual, the sadnesses and the joys, the achievements and the failures, and the wealth of relationships in family and friends – past and present. That is my explanation, so 'here goes!

I was born in April 1937, my parents' second son, just over two weeks before the Coronation of King George VI, in 14a Westbourne Terrace, a few stones' throws from Brunel's Paddington station. This was then a terrace of small houses suitable for aspiring middle-class couples, such as my father Harry, a high-flying young economist and his beautiful 24-year-old Australian wife Margaret<sup>1</sup>.

As was common then with middle-class professionals, they had a cook and a nanny to look after the children. They were probably living a bit above their means then – my father, as a high-flyer, would have had to entertain well-placed people – something at which my mother Margaret excelled. However, my father was more geared to being a first-rate professional rather than making money, so there was seldom cash over.

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<sup>1</sup> Margaret and Harry Hodson's ashes are interred in St Mary's graveyard.

My father was born in 1906, the second child of four – two girls and two boys, alternating, all of whom were academic achievers, following in the line of their parents – the girls were Cambridge graduates, and the boys went to Oxford;

After Balliol College Oxford, Harry achieved the great academic achievement of being a Fellow of All Souls College, an ancient and select graduate college entered by a fiendishly daunting competitive entry exam. Many public figures of the time had proved their prowess by becoming a Fellow of All Souls; my father's being or having been a Fellow (a 'Quondam')<sup>2</sup> gave him connections that would strongly boost his distinguished professional career.

High intelligence ran in the family. My grandfather Tom Hodson (1871-1953) qualified in the difficult acceptance exams for the Indian Civil Service and later joined the Indian Army. He always took a keen and benign interest in the peoples that he worked with there, particularly as a magistrate, and helped conduct a comprehensive survey of the many ethnic groups of India, and of their languages.

He was sometimes unpopular with his fellow magistrates for spending time trying to understand the defendants' circumstances, leading to non-obvious outcomes that annoyed those who followed the conventional approach to petty crime: listen for five minutes and give a prison sentence. He was deeply concerned to understand the people.

He had an amazing language-learning facility – hundreds of dialects and languages were spoken in India – and this led to his taking a professional anthropological interest in the disparate ethnic peoples of India. He took a special interest in the aboriginal Naga Tribes of northern India (his book on them is still on the reading list). His growing academic interests remained active during his later career, and he eventually became the first Professor of Social Anthropology at Cambridge from 1932-37.

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<sup>2</sup> Fellows of All Souls were not allowed to remain as Fellows if they married, but becoming a 'Quondam' on marrying did not harm the important friendships already made with other Quondams.



Returning to England at the turn of the century, he married my grandmother Kathleen Manly, whose father Henry William Manly was a senior City of London actuary – still recognised for his work.

In the first World War, Tom served in the army as a fine military administrator, achieving the rank of Colonel; but after the war he joined the rank of the many professional people who were unemployed or under-employed. However, he maintained his involvement with the academic world, eventually leading to his Cambridge professorship.

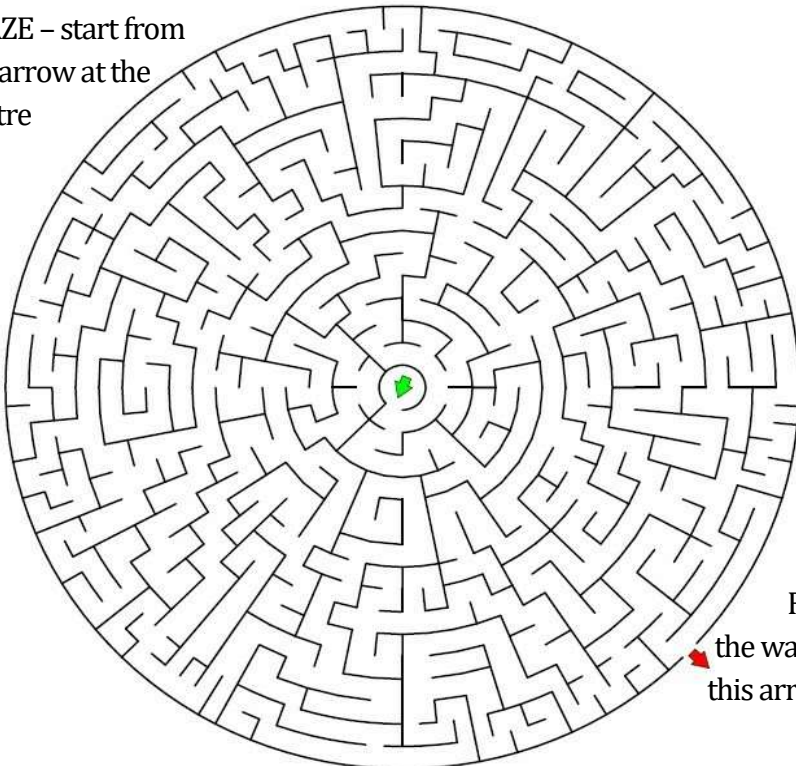
Money was always short in Tom Hodson household after the war. The Mercers of the City of London, of which he was a father-to-son member, helped the Hodsons to send Harry to Gresham School in Norfolk, where he was educated well enough to go on to Oxford and greater things.

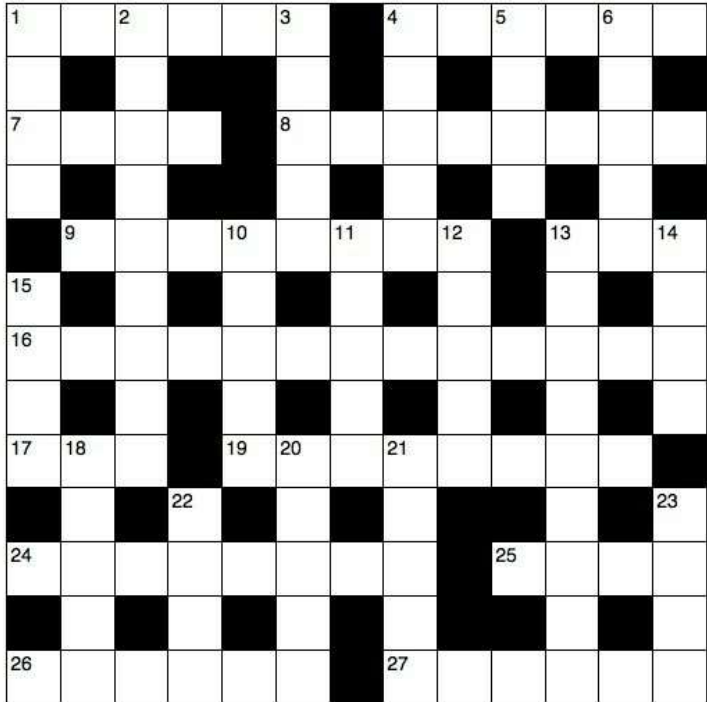
Anthony Hodson

[To be continued]

## Puzzles

MAZE – start from the arrow at the centre





## Crossword Clues and Answers

### Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)

- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)  
 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

**Down**

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)  
 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)  
 3 Gospel leaflet (5)  
 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)  
 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)  
 6 To put forth (5)  
 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)  
 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)  
 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)  
 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)  
 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)  
 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)  
 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)  
 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)  
 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)  
 22 Does (anag.) (4)  
 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

<b>Answers</b> <b>ACROSS:</b> 1, Planet 4, Rugged, 7, True, 8, Augustus, 9, Attitude, 13, Bed, 16, Participation, 17, War, 19, Hillside, 24, Balthead, 25, Bede, 26, Census, 27, Artisan. <b>DOWN:</b> 1, Path, 2, Adulterer, 3, Tract, 4, Rigid, 5, Gust, 6, Exude, 10, Irish, 11, Uriel, 12, Esau's, 13, Blindness, 14, Deny, 15, Spew, 18, Awake, 20, Ideas, 21, Lydia, 22, Odes, 23, Lean.
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# Children's Corner

## The Widow's little coins

