



WINKFIELD PARISH NEWS

August 2021

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Winkfield Parish News – August 2021

A message from the Interim Minister

Dear Friends,

We stand at the brink of a crucial decision concerning our Parish. We have been asked to come up with a Parish Financial Sustainability Plan that looks into how this parish can sustain its mission and ministry. Difficult questions are being asked and we must seek the answers. What is the church for?

What is a minister for? What is the role of each and every congregant? What is it that makes people leave to go elsewhere and makes no new ones come to us? Why would the young shun our churches to go to neighbouring Parishes? Will our church still be here in another ten or twenty years? If not, what do we do differently to change that? Madness has sometimes been defined as doing the same thing, the same way and expecting different outcomes.

“Church” is the Greek term *‘ekklesia’* used in the New Testament to identify the *community of believers* in Jesus Christ, literally ‘assembly’, ‘congregation’, or ‘meeting’. There is of course the universal (catholic) expression of Church, as well as the locally one.

The BCP, a pillar of the Anglican faith, teaches that: “The Church is the *community of the New Covenant*”, described in scripture as the *‘Body of Jesus Christ’* and of which all *baptized* persons are members. It is called the *People of God*, the *New Israel*, a *holy nation*, a *royal priesthood*, and the *pillar and ground of truth*”; I use quotes here from the catechism of the Episcopalians,¹ who form part of the Anglican Communion.

The Episcopalian catechism goes further: “The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love, ... through the ministry of all its members”. Buildings are important in serving the people, but, like Solomon’s magnificent Temple of old, they are not the focus. It is the people that are the focus.

¹ See <https://bcponline.org/Misc/catechism.html>, published by the US Episcopalian church.

The Gospel does not call us to do things simply in the way that we are comfortable with and like, but it challenges us to repent and seek God's way. Everything we do, we do for the love of God and His Mission, and 'love of neighbour' in all their fickleness. Anything that gets in the way of this mission of love, should be put aside.

No one is less important than us simply because of their circumstances. God's mission calls us to welcome everyone to His Son Jesus Christ. God is not an austere dictator who must be feared and obeyed lest we are bundled into the eternal flames; He is our Father seeking relationship through the sacrifice of His Son. He invites us to reciprocate as responsible vessels of His love and Mission. We love because He first loved us.

It is my prayer that everyone ponders these questions and finds a way to contribute to the life and energy of our Parish. Please do not go elsewhere simply because things are not yet as they should be. It is not coincident that you live in this Parish. It is, I believe, a God-incident. You are here for a divine purpose. Take the invitation. Let us build the Kingdom here and now. Stay and contribute towards building the Kingdom here. That will ultimately be much more satisfying.

Your brother and servant,

The Revd Patrick Mukholi

Notices

From the Parish Registers – May and June 2021

Weddings & blessings

29 May Matthew Green & Emily Graham in St Peter's church
12 June Tobias Drake & Emily Lewis in St Mary's church
17 June Aaron Kingsbury & Charlotte Greenaway in St Peter's church

Baptisms

There were no Baptisms during May and June 2021.

Funerals etc.

A service at the graveside for the interment of ashes for the late Mr & Mrs Ron & Doreen Potter took place at St Mary's church on Thursday 6th May 2021.

A service at the graveside for the interment of ashes for the late Mr Raymond Grace took place at St Mary's church on Wednesday 12 May 2021.

A service at the graveside for the interment of ashes for the late Mrs Mary Haines took place at St Mary's church on Thursday 13 May 2021.

A funeral service followed by a burial for the late Mr Peter Green took place at St Peter's church on Wednesday 26 May 2021.

A service at the graveside for the interment of ashes for the late Mrs Dorothy Hawkes took place at St Peter's church on Friday 28 May 2021.

Ranelagh School Application Surgeries FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 INTAKE

Four Ranelagh School Verification Surgeries for September 2022 intake are to be held at the Church Office, by appointment only, from 10am to 12noon on the following dates:

1. Wednesday 29 September 2021, 10am – 12noon
2. Wednesday 6 October 2021, 10am – 12noon
3. Saturday 9 October 2021, 10am – 12noon
4. Wednesday 13 October 2021, 10am – 12noon

Please email the Church Office, from Monday 6th September 2021.

NB. telephone and early email requests received before this date 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)

Vacancy as Clerk to The Trustees of the Winkfield Parochial Charity

A vacancy is arising for a clerk to the Trustees of the Winkfield Parochial Charity.

Our Charity owns 11 properties in Winkfield next the St Mary's church including 8 Almshouses, a school hall and 2 cottages.

The role of clerk includes liaising with our residents and tenants to ensure any property related issues are rectified quickly and ensure our regular maintenance contracts are carried out effectively. The clerk will report to the Trustees and take minutes of our meetings which occur

3 to 4 times a year. In addition, the clerk is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the charity which are audited by a local accountant, and jointly making payments on the charity's behalf with a Trustee.

The role is flexible, mainly working from home, but will require visits to the charity's premises. It is rewarding in that it enables the individual to help out a local charity, in addition to the solving of property-related issues. A modest monthly payment is available to the individual.

For more details, please contact Richard Wyatt on 07522 306988 or email winkfieldparochialcharities@outlook.com

Safeguarding

The Parish safeguarding page is:

<https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/safeguarding.htm>

You can find Church of England information at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/>

and at the top of the page there is a heading [SAFEGUARDING] that, when you hover over it, brings a drop-down menu identifying links to a variety of topics. In addition, the Safe Spaces page:

<https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

is a new resource in addition to the Church of England 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

Local events

Bracknell Together Walk - Sunday 8 August

The Bracknell Together Walk is a charity event organised by the Rotary Club of East Hampshire (who we have often supported in this magazine), and represents a great community event, along with the opportunity for fund-raising for our church, directly or via the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield. See the flyer on www.fosmw.com/parishmag/

Join in this exciting event with Jill Glennerster – also read about it in her bell ringers’ article on

page 11. So, there’s a challenge for you!

If you wish to donate to the Friends of St Mary’s Winkfield, the Friends are already registered with www.justgiving.com. – see also the Walk’s advice for sponsors <https://bracknelltogetherwalk.org/get-sponsored/>

Splendid September Fayre

Do attend this fun occasion on 4 September, at Carnation Hall This is a direct fund-raising event for the maintenance of St Mary’s church, please come and bring your friends for a great day out! See flyer opposite.

2021 Arts Week – Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield

2021 Arts Week is scheduled to occur in the Autumn Half Term from Sunday 24th – 31st October 2021 in venues across the three parishes of Binfield Warfield and Winkfield

After cancelling our Arts Week in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic we are very pleased to confirm that this year’s 2021 Arts Week is scheduled to occur in the Autumn Half Term from Sunday 24th – 31st October 2021 in venues across the three parishes of Binfield Warfield and Winkfield

The programme –will feature over 40 free access events for children and families including many workshops (for children or adults), art and musical performances. Full details will be published on the Arts-Week website www.arts-week.org in August 2021

The week includes the 3-day free Arts Exhibition held at Brownlow Hall 29/30/31 October 2021. See www.arts-week.org/exhibition for full details.

Jonathan Greenyer, Arts Week Events Organiser

The Binfield Warfield Winkfield Arts Week

01344 882 702 or 07768 513 436; email events@arts-week.org

A fun walk of 3 or 5 miles in and around the beautiful grounds
of South Hill Park and Swinley Forest

A family event suitable for all ages & abilities (with wheelchair friendly paths)

Save time on the day, **register NOW online** at
www.bracknelltogetherwalk.org

For Just **£5 per adult or £20 for a team of 5 or more adults.**

Entry is **FREE for all accompanied children under 14**

The Friends of St Mary's Winkfield
Registered Charity: 1162342
present

Splendid September Fayre

Saturday 4 September 12noon-4pm
Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road
Winkfield Row, RG42 7PA

Lots to do

Football and Basketball Fun
Balloon Modelling
Crafty Church activities

Lots to see

New & Pre-Loved Stall
Book and other stalls

Lots to eat

Ploughmans
Barbecue

Children's Flower Arranging Competition
Children's Painting Exhibition
Bell Plates Workshop
Tombola

Information 01344 427561 or email info@fosmw.com

Proceeds to St Mary's church

Windsor Great Park Cross Country Ride

For the equestrians among us, the Windsor Great Park Cross Country Ride is a unique experience, that was established many years ago by Peter Vaughan, who was a luminary of our church for many years.



WINDSOR
GREAT PARK





Organised by the
Lions Club of Windsor

WINDSOR GREAT PARK CROSS COUNTRY RIDE

A unique opportunity to ride
in the beautiful surroundings of
THE WINDSOR GREAT PARK
by kind permission of the Crown Estate Commissioners

**Saturday 11th and
Sunday 12th September 2021**

Every penny raised and donated supports
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other worthwhile causes

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email horse@windsorlions.co.uk or call 0845 833 2832



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Charity No: 283758

Music and Merriment Christmas concert

Looking ahead, we already planning for the wonderful traditional Music and Merriment concert that will take place on 4 December 2021.

This popular way to start the Christmas season will have its usual packed programme, including the junior choir, singers, readers, instrumentalists, giving an evening of entertainment more, that will please everybody.

Music & Merriment Junior Concert Choir

In September, we will start to look out for keen children to form the Junior Choir, in general from Years 3 to 7 – and we hope that some of those who sang with us in 2019 or earlier will rejoin to form the core.

No prior experience of singing as a choir is needed at all – the children will be taken through what is needed of them. They and their parents will be astonished at the quality of performance that they will achieve.

The children will find that performing in front of a supportive audience is a very confidence-building experience!

Services in the Parish

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

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH – SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	All Together Service
8	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer (CW)
15	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer (CW)

Date	Day	Time	Service
22	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion (CW)
29	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer (CW)

ST MARY'S CHURCH – SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	10am	Family Communion (BCP)
8	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	10am	Family Matins
15	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
22	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	8am	No 8am service in church today
		9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
29	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)

ST PETER'S CHURCH – SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8am	No 8am service in church today
		11am	All Together Service
8	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
15	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	11am	Morning Prayer (CW)
22	No 11am service in church today. However, all are welcome to join the 9:30am Holy Communion (CW) service at St Martin's instead.		
29	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Morning Prayer (CW)

ZOOM – SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST 2021

Zoom Meeting: use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84791712258?pwd=bU03YTluM3hrU2t2V2swTGRFN3Qxdz09>

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Zoom All Age Together
8	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Zoom – Holy Communion (CW)
15	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	11am	Zoom - Morning Prayer (CW)
22	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	11am	No 11am Zoom service today
29	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Zoom – Morning Prayer (CW)

Around the Parish

St Peter's Patronal Service

Patronal What?

What a great Patronal service we had at St Peters on 27th of June 2021! The great and meticulous preparation by the St Peters team yielded such a beautiful occasion, and the whole Parish was represented. As we take tentative steps out of lockdown, we had in church a total of 36 people young and old.

The choir sung so beautifully helping us to gaze with the angels and archangels at the majesty, praise, and worship of our God.. What a wonderful thing to see our enormously talented musicians work together!

But why do we choose to celebrate a 'bungling Apostle'?

Patrick retold the life story of Peter, a sometimes-bungling former fisherman, called by Jesus to follow Him, so that Jesus could transform him into someone confident and inspirational enough to call others to the love of God. Even though Peter was not the 'finished article', God used him to lead his fellow disciples in preaching the Good News across the First Century World.

In our patronal service, service, we remembered Stuart Ager's long service – over 32 years – as Licenced Lay Minister, and we celebrated it with thunderous clapping. Stuart received a card from the parish together with a Red Rose called *Hope & Glory* for his expanding garden.

Patrick Mukholi

The full article can temporarily be found on www.fosmw.com .

Report from the bell ringers – July 2021

It is so exciting to be planning events again!

Although still limited to 45 minutes and to just six ringers, we are able to practice properly again. Depending on the government guidelines we may soon be able to accommodate more than 6 ringers in the tower, and welcome visitors again.

The hand bells continue to practice for upcoming events in church – there are so many exciting projects on the horizon.

Again, depending on government guidelines, we may be able to start ringing from our tables rather than the stands – this allows us to choose different music, as we would ring a larger range of bells.

Our next performance in church is on August 29th – when we have a fun piece for you – we are practicing hard!

On Sunday August 8th. I intend to complete the Bracknell Together Walk at South Hill Park. It is a charity event organised by the Rotary Club (also see event details on page 5– all money raised by me (and the grandchildren!) is in aid of the Friends of St Mary's.

To do this, I have set up a 'Just Giving' page – just type in my name and you will see the details if you would like to sponsor us.

I am hoping that other members of the congregation will join us - there is a 3 or a 5 mile option, so not too arduous. All the details are on the 'Bracknell Together Walk' website – it would be great if we could have a large group from church!

New this year is the Christmas Tree Festival – very exciting! You will be able to book a space in church to place a decorated tree (be as imaginative as you wish) - we are working with Oaktree Nursery to

have potted trees available, so that you can enjoy your tree at home after the event. More details to follow!

Take care and keep well,
Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

St Mary's Choir

St Mary's Choir

As the congregations are still not allowed to sing, the choir chooses not to perform all verses of the hymns selected. The anthem is sung before the congregants take communion, so that there is no singing while the congregants are in the Chancel.

Many thanks to all choir members who take part in our services. We that restrictions on congregational singing will be lifted soon.

St Mary's Women's Guild

Unfortunately, we were not able to meet at the home of one of our members in June, as Covid restrictions were still in place, so our meeting took place in the church as usual. Members had brought many items for the tombola stall for the September Fayre, and two bags of gifts for the Lucky Dip, very kindly donated by a member of the Hand Bells group, were also brought to the meeting. All are stored in the upper Vestry.

The flyers for both the September Fayre and Flower Arranging Demonstration are on the FOSMW website and Facebook; Jill Glennerster and Lesley Philpot are to visit Oak Tree Garden Centre regarding the Christmas Tree Festival.

It was agreed that at our August meeting "Tea could again be served!!"

The Friends of St Mary's Winkfield (FOSMW)

Flyers for both the September Fayre and Flower Arranging Demonstration are now on the FOSMW website. Tickets for both these events will be available to purchase online.

FOSMW has agreed to sponsor a Christmas Tree for the Christmas Tree Festival. We welcomed another family to the Friends Association this month.

The next meeting of FOSMW (tbc) will now take place in August.

Family Matins, Family Praise and Crafty Church

These three services continue to flourish. 17 children took part in the Family Matins service this month, and told the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. The children also provided the music: two pianists, one violinist and two Bell Plate Ringers with other members of their family.

Family Praise always has children reading the chosen Bible passages, and Crafty Church always provides a new and interesting activity. Crafty Church has taken two tables at the September Fayre and one of the activities will be 'Christmas Decorations' for the Christmas Tree Festival in December.

Thoughts of all sorts

God and Gödel

When I was an undergraduate, I was introduced to Kurt Gödel's famous 'incompleteness' theorem. This proves formally that there exist propositions in mathematics that are true but *cannot be proved*.

Recently I encountered a Youtube online lecture, entitled 'Math Has a Fatal Flaw', which explained Gödel's proof well, with really beautiful supporting graphics.

As a possibly unprovable proposition, it mentioned the famous hypothesis - that there are an infinite number of twin-primes - prime numbers that are separated by 2. As examples of twin primes, we have 3 and 5, 11 and 13 and 101 and 103 - and possibly endless others!

Nobody knows whether there are or are not an infinite number of twin-primes. This proposition *may* be an example of one that is true but unprovable - only God knows the answer - God is truth as well as love!

In practical terms, Gödel implies we do not have to have proof of everything that we take to be true, for life's purposes. Does God exist? We cannot prove it by philosophical argument, but that does not make the proposition untrue; indeed, the unprovability can even be taken as a convincing indication that God does indeed exist.

If we believe that something existed before the Big Bang, that's God. If we believe that something existed before mathematical proof and is the keeper of Truth, that's God, too. And God remains so after Gödel's proof.

We human beings live by experience and insight. We are entitled to use empirical evidence, coupled with logical understanding, to show that, for practical life purposes, the God that we believe in is God of Truth and Love. We can not only be sure that Jesus existed; we are also entitled to use empirical evidence, coupled with logical understanding, to show that Jesus is the Son of God, sent down for our redemption.

Anthony Hodson

Prayer for the new day

Dear Father,

In this strangest of summers, with its traffic-light travel restrictions and on-going concerns about Covid 19, help us to remember that You never change. Your light is constant. Your love continues. Your presence is assured, whether we stay at home, or travel within the UK, or further afield. There are no restrictions on Your Holy Spirit.

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of each new day, wherever we may be. Thank You that by Your grace, we share all our days with You, secure in all circumstances, when we put our trust in Your precious son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

Daphne Kitching

An Interesting Life – part 6: Arriving in India

Nearly a year after the War started, in August 1940 my mother, with brother Nicholas and myself, left for Sydney, Australia, to stay with her mother and aunt, 'Mudder' and Auntis, in their comfortable house near the shore of Sydney Harbour, within sight of the famous bridge. We lived there until May 1941, when we left for India to rejoin my father Harry in India, just after he arrived to take up his new post as Reforms Commissioner for the Viceroy, who was then Lord Linlithgow.

At age 3-going-on-4, I have very few memories of Australia at that time. I do remember being scared on a drive to Melbourne, when my mother pointed out Flying Foxes - very large fruit-bats - hanging upside down from the telegraph wires strung from poles beside the road. Foxes, I knew, were large fierce creatures, and the flying variety was clearly very dangerous to small boys.



Our journey to India was by Empire Flying Boat. In the days before few countries had hard runways, these amazing aeroplanes formed the primary basis of long-distance air travel, needing only a

relatively calm stretch of water on which to take off and land (on their bellies). Our seats were on the lower of two decks, and landing was a visceral experience, as, on touchdown, the sea splashed up, completely obliterating the view through the windows. A small open passenger boat was used to ferry travellers to and from the aircraft; we had to step from it onto a small platform that was lowered down beside the plane's door; all this was a great excitement for two small boys aged 4 and 7.

The flight to Calcutta (Kolkata) took six days, stopping off overnight at five cities on the way, including Singapore. Circling around Singapore Island gave me an amazing cinematic memory of the land and the surrounding water sloping upwards at an angle that was completely strange for a small boy, who was aware that bodies of water were not only flat but horizontal, and quite unlike what I saw then. Perhaps that was an early stimulus to a love of science, and physics in particular?

We were met by my father in Calcutta, which was an immediate introduction to the chaos of life in India. As we were being taken to the railway station for our journey to New Delhi, I remember a noisy crossroads in the city, full of people, animals and rickshaws - and a new hazard appeared: an ox-cart crossing the crossroads at speed, its driver urging on the draft oxen with his whip.

The summer had begun by then, and the Viceroy and his entourage had left for Simla (now Shimla), the Summer Capital of India, high in the foothills of the Himalaya mountains that include Mount Everest. So it was in Shimla that we spent the early part of our 18 month stay in India.

There was no official house available for my father and his family, so we lived in a bungalow that was an extension of the celebrated Wildflower

Hall Hotel in Shimla; this little house was notable for having a large tree that grew up through its porch. The general shortage of housing at the time meant that new accommodation was created by a number of large multi-room tents that were erected on the hotel lawn; they were winter-proofed (Shimla could be very cold) by a fireplace above which was a tall brick chimney that poked up through the top of the tent.

Many of these were occupied by senior army officers in the Indian Army and the British armed services, some with their families. Later on, in December 1941, Japan entered the war, with expansionist intentions in South East Asia, including Burma and even India – so further forces were involved.

I remember once being allowed to climb inside a tank. It was a little disappointingly small, even by my standards as a small boy.

Our bungalow was roomy enough to allow for my parents to entertain colleagues and friends. Noting their sons' observation of guests, and our interest in their smoking habits, they invited the two of us to try cigarettes for a morning, in the hope that we would satisfy our curiosity and move on. So we did that, and it worked. Neither my brother Nick nor I smoked for the rest of our lives, barring an experiment or two, although in later life, Nick did enjoy a very occasional cigar. I never did, myself – I never even tried it at any time.



Anthony aged 5

Wildflower Hall still exists with a new building: the building of our time there was burnt down following an electrical fire in 1993.

Meanwhile, my father was carrying out his duties in a job that was beset by politics – politics among the British staff in India, politics within the Indian leaders and politicians, huge difficulties in even beginning to satisfy the desires of all parties in the quest to find a solution to India as a dominion or as a single independent country; and there was a gulf between the Viceroy and his staff (which included my father) and the politicians in London, who had their own complex wartime problems

and who generally had no feel for, or experience in, the complexities of the Indian subcontinent. His memoirs document all this at length.

At the end of the summer, the Viceroy and his staff moved back to New Delhi, and we moved with him. I do remember our house there, and particularly our wonderful compact wind-up acoustic gramophone (not an electric cable in sight). We fed it with shellac 78rpm records such as 'Tea for two', 'London Pride' by Noel Coward, and (incongruously) Bach's Sonata number 3 in E for Violin and piano (well, harpsichord).

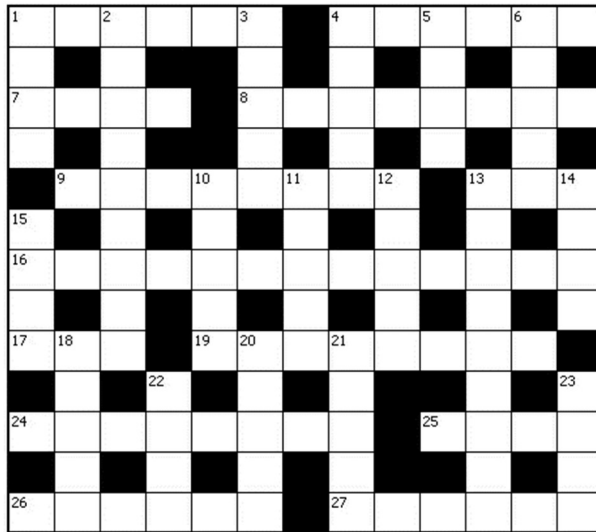
This record player lasted for years, until LPs and tapes replaced 78rpm.

The next monthly episode will be 'Living in India'

Anthony Hodson

Full story so far: see www.fosmw.com/parishmag/an-interesting-life.pdf

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Of Moses (6)
- 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting' (Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8)

- 13 South London Mission (1,1,1)
- 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away — , because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
- 19 Airs used (anag.) (8)
- 24 'The Lord is my — , I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

Down

- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- 5 Assistant (4)
- 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- 10 Credo (anag.) (5)
- 11 Beaten with a rod (5)
- 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status (Job 32:6) (5)
- 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 15 Employs (4)
- 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
- 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
- 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)

Answers

ACROSS: 1 Mosaic; 4 Scales; 7 Cana; 8 Claudius; 9 Sadducee; 13 SLM; 16 Self-confident; 17 Sad; 19 Radluses; 24 Shepherd; 25 Bind; 26 Astern; 27 Arthur

DOWN: 1 Mock; 2 Sandalled; 3 CICCU; 4 Share; 5 Aide; 6 Equal; 10 Décor; 11 Caned; 12 Elinu; 13 Sherebiah; 14 Moth; 15 Uses; 18 Ashes; 20 ASEAN; 21 India; 22 Apse; 23 Eder

Children's Corner

The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

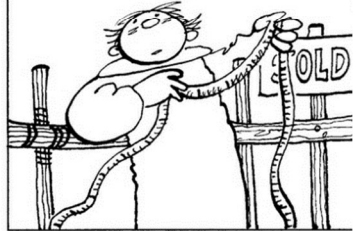


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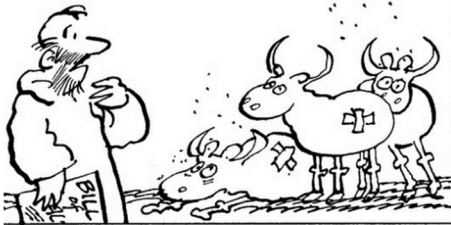


BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



YES - I CAN COME TO YOUR PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.