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Winkfield Parish News — September 2021 A message from the Interim Minister Full Steam Ahead!

Dear friends in Christ,

In my last message last month, I alluded to then impeding decision about how this parish moves forward. It is with great pleasure that I report to you that Berkshire area Pastoral Committee accepted our proposals in our Parish Financial Sustainability Plan. This means that I may continue as Interim Minister after my assigned 18 months comes to an end in December 2021 for another three years. I am profoundly grateful to the Lord our God in Christ Jesus for this privilege and opportunity to bring to bear the gifts of the Holy Spirit for personal and parish transformation (Romans 12:1-2).

However, as we all know, such privileges come with rights and responsibilities. No one person can accomplish what God lays before us for our own spiritual growth and thus in outreach, "To work together to share God's Love within the community around us." You recognise that as our parish mission Statement. The goal after the next three years is to be in a position where we can call for permanent positions of Ministry in terms of having a Vicar/Rector leading ministry team of other ministers and curates. We want to have an increased focus on the real work of mission and discipleship, the mission of the Parish, and not just on day-to-day financial survival.

Our Forward Movement needs to pick up on the value of naming and practicing those disciplines that help us to "grow into the full stature of Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). This comes when we take intentional steps to be involved in disciplines of personal and corporate prayer, bible study, fellowship, and testimony. Yes, these do stretch us beyond our comfort zones.

You do know from the Olympics, that athletes in their training are stretched beyond what is comfortable to achieve their aspiration of competing in the games with a chance to win a medal. They wake up early, sometimes sleep late and miss out on going out and meeting with friends. It is all worth it when they make the final and win a medal. Even

if you hate the coach's methods, you go along with him, and see where we shall be in a year or two's time.

We have begun to ask the hard questions. How shall we focus more on discipleship and less on maintenance? Are we effective disciples and disciple makers? Are our services effective in discipleship? Do we need to let some services to go no matter how fond we are of them? In what ways do we discourage people from joining us? How shall we change this? Let me know your answers to these questions.

Patrick Mukholi Interim Minister, August. 2021

In memoriam

We are sad to report that Joy Randall died recently after a short illness. It was always a pleasure to have chat with Joy after Sunday Service. She was a very generous supporter of St Mary's church, and was a member of the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield since the beginning of 2017.

Notices

From the Parish Registers – July 2021

Weddings & blessings

No weddings in July.

Baptisms

No Baptisms in July.

Funerals etc.

A service at the graveside for the interment of ashes for the late Mrs Marjorie Thomas took place at St Peter's church on Thursday, 8th July 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 as it enables the individual to help out a local charity, our residents, in addition to the solving of property related issues. A 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/

The Safe Spaces page is:

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

Local events

Splendid September Fayre - 4 September 2021

At last, after a wait for two years!

Do take part in this 2020 fun occasion on 4 September, at Carnation Hall. There are many activities for all to enjoy – a fuller listing is in the flyer on the next page.

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!

With these children's activities, we would like to know if you're coming:

- Flower Arranging Competition
- Painting or Drawing Exhibition
- Bell Plates Workshop

If possible, please email info@fosmw,com to give your name and the activities that you want. OK to register on the day, but good to know.

2021 Arts Week - Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield

2021 Arts Week is scheduled for the Autumn Half Term from Sunday $24^{\rm th}$ – $31^{\rm st}$ October 2021 in venues across the three parishes of Binfield Warfield and Winkfield. The events in Winkfield take place at St Peters church and are given below.

The programme has over 40 free access events for children and families, including many workshops (for children or adults), art and musical performances. Visit www.arts-week.org. 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.

J Greenyer, 01344 882 702/07768 513 436; events@arts-week.org

Arts Week events at St Peter's church 24-31 Oct 2021

Event	Day	Time	Audience
Westminster Chamber Orchestra, showcasing award winning young musicians	Sunday 24th	17.30- 19.15	Family

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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

Lots to eat

New & Pre-Loved Stall
Book and other stalls

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

Arts Week events at St Peter's church continued

Event	Day	Time	Audience
Gabriel Chanan's illustrated and entertaining talk/discussion on Renaissance Art	Monday 25th	19.00- 20.30	Adult/Teen
Pipe Organ Workshop for children, discover the inside workings and tune making of the organ installed at St Peter's Church with Philip Wharton	Tuesday 26th	15.00- 16.30	7+
Recorder Workshop with Andrea Stephens & Alan Hamilton of The Galliard Band	Wednesday 27th	14.00- 16.00	Adult/Teen
The Galliard Band, a lively and entertaining concert, showcasing musicians from today's Recorder Workshop	Wednesday 27th	19.00- 20.30	Family
Recital by Maria Kesselmann, a local and internationally famous soprano	Friday 29th	19.00- 20.30	Family
Ukulele & Song Workshop with Mother of Order	Saturday 30th	15.00- 16.30	Adult/Teen
Folk Concert by Mother of Order, showcasing ukulele players from this afternoon's workshop	Saturday 30th	19.00- 20.30	Family
Eton College Students - The Incognitos a Capella, organ recital and chamber music	Sunday 31st	17.30- 19.00	Family





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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.

Music and Merriment Christmas concert

Plans are taking shape for the popular Music and Merriment Christmas concert that will take place on 4 December in Sta Mary's, our beautiful parish church.

As we mentioned in the August parish mag, in September we will be looking 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 and 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, while the children will find that performing in front of a supportive audience is a very confidence-building experience!

We have happy memories of excited children and proud parents, and we look forward to putting on a great concert in December, after a delay of two years.



This photo, reprinted from the February 2020 edition of this magazine, was taken at the 2019 Music and Merriment concert. We would like to see as many as possible of these children again!! They did a great job at the Music and Merriment Concert of 2019.

Services in the Parish — September 2021

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

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH - SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
5	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: CLIMATE SUNDAY	9:30am	All Together Service
12	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer (CW)
19	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion (CW)
26	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion (CW)

ST MARY'S CHURCH - SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
5	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: CLIMATE SUNDAY	10am	Family Communion (BCP)
12	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am	Family Matins – Bell Sunday
19	The Sixteenth	9:30am	Family Praise
	Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
26	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:30am	Crafty Church
		11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)

ST PETER'S CHURCH - SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
5	The Fourteenth	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Sunday after Trinity – CLIMATE SUNDAY	11am	All Together Service

12	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
19	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Morning Prayer (CW)
26	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion (CW)

ZOOM - SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2021

Zoom Meeting:

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Date	Day	Time	Service
5	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: CLIMATE SUNDAY	11am	Zoom All Age Together
12	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Zoom – Holy Communion (CW)
19	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Zoom - Morning Prayer (CW)
26	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	11am	Zoom – Holy Communion (CW)

Around the Parish

Report from the bell ringers - August 2021

Finally, we are back to ringing all six tower bells for Sunday services – we hope the congregation enjoy hearing the bells again as much as we enjoy ringing them!

And we are back to regular Monday practice sessions which we have all been looking forward to for so long.

Sadly, at the moment we are not able to offer any teaching to new members, but we hope to do so soon – please speak to Tony if you would like to give it a go and join us.

Do put 12 September in your diaries – it is BELL SUNDAY when the ringers take over the service (to a degree!!) and you will learn a little of

what we do and even have a go. This year the tower <u>will</u> be open for people to have a look at the bells, although we may have to take you up the tower in 'batches' to save overcrowding.

The hand bells will be playing a lovely piece of music and there will be an opportunity to have a go at something simple – please bring some gloves to wear so that our beautiful bells are protected.

Our next performance in church will be on 29 August when we have a fun, summery piece to play.

Last Sunday, 8 August, we completed the Bracknell Together Walk at South Hill Park. It was a charity event organised by the Rotary Club – all money raised by me (and Harriet, Brooke and Thalia!) is in aid of the Friends of St Mary's to support the running of our lovely church.

It poured with rain throughout, but we still enjoyed ourselves in a soggy way! [You have our full admiration - and appreciation - for making the best of it – thank you! Eds]

Our thanks to all who have so generously supported us – there is still time to give to this if you would like to – there is a link to 'Just Giving' on the Friends of St Mary's page (thank you for sorting that Anthony) where you can donate.

Remember we have booked St Martin's hall on Saturday 13 November 2021 for our very popular quiz night. Do make a note in your diaries.

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! Meanwhile speak to Lesley or Jill to book a space – this could be as a group or individually.

[And we really look forward to the Bellringers great contribution to the **Music and Merriment Concert** at 7:30pm on Saturday 4 December. Eds] Take care and keep well,

Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

St Mary's Choir

The choir rehearses before the services on first, third and fourth Sundays in the month. The tuneful Stopford Communion setting is sung for Family Communion services and the Merbecke setting at the Holy Communion services. Morning Prayer in July became Bach Sunday (JS Bach).

The sermon told the story of Bach's life and the choir performed O Lord of All Creation from the Christmas Oratorio and 'The duteous day now closeth each flower and tree reposeth'. Jonathan Holl played a movement from Johann Christian Bach's (the English Bach) second sonata, written originally for the harpsichord, and he ended the performance with one of Johann Sebastian Bach's Passiontide choral preludes, 'O mensch bewein' dein' Sunde gross' ('O man thy grievous sin bemoan'). All performed beautifully. The final voluntary at the end of the service was a wonderful performance of Bach's 'Prelude in G'.

St Mary's Women's Guild

We welcomed a new member to the Guild at the August meeting. Unfortunately, there were not too many of us to greet her' as many were on holiday or unfortunately not well.

One member called in with more gifts for the tombola at the Splendid September Fayre, but was leaving for her holiday almost immediately, and another member arrived with many gifts wrapped for the Lucky Dip. Arrangements for the Splendid September Fayre on 4 September were discussed. Members were also brought up to date with early arrangements for the Christmas Tree Festival. The September meeting will take place at the home of Carole Luck.

The Friends of St Mary's Winkfield (FOSMW)

Logging on the FOSMW website www.fosmw.com is an excellent way of keeping abreast of all that goes on in our Parish. We are very grateful to Anthony who does an enormous amount of work to keep everything up to date.

We are advised that the Corona Page that was featured on the website, going right back to early March 2020, when the pandemic was beginning to strike, has done its bit. It was a daily 'blog', with news,

views and factual reports (as far as was possible). One kind supporter reported that she visited the page every day! The website stopped updating the page from 1 August, having clocked up a stunning wordcount of just over 80,000 words – the size of a book.

We hope that it has provided a useful balanced view on the progress of the pandemic and what to do about it (in contrast to the hyped-up headlines of journalists in the newspapers, who often presented anything but calm sense).

The corona page is still up and accessible on a link from each main page.

Please remember to come to the Splendid September Fayre on 4 Sept. The next meeting of FOSMW is Thursday 19 August.

Family Matins, Family Praise and Crafty Church

Crafty Church in July was based on the story of Jesus raising the Widow's son. At the activity section, the children were able to cut out and crayon all the characters in the story.

Family Matins in August was all about David and Goliath. The children read the story, the bible readings and prayers and two excellent pianists played the piano during the hymn slots. Family Praise was all about St Swithun, and once again the children read the Bible readings. We are lucky to have such a talented group of youngsters!

Open Garden Day at the home of Margaret Smith

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, we were invited to Margaret Smith's 'Open Garden Day'.

What a glorious sight! A most attractive decking area with a range of perennials from a large Acer to a range of smaller pots.

Leaving the decking area, one moved to the lower level with a lush green lawn surrounded by Lobelias, Fuchsia and many other colourful flowers. One must not forget the Corgettes and Runner Beans either. All so well cared for.

The house is surrounded by garden, and I understand most of the work is done by Margaret herself.

We were also offered light refreshments.

What a privilege to have been invited!

I understand the donations amounted to £550 for St Martin's church. Many, many thanks to everyone and especially to Margaret and I look forward to visiting again!!

Lesley Philpot 01344 427561

Thoughts of all sorts

An Interesting Life - part 7: Living in India

The previous episode told of the early days of living in India in the war years from May 1941 to October 1942. My father had been sent to India to help progress India's independence, with the post of Reforms Commissioner for the Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow.

The shape of our life in India was defined by the extraordinary job that my father held for 18 months in 1941-42. In 1935, the Government of India Act had given further self-governing to India in its Congress, and in wartime 1941, as well as implementing the act, further reforms towards independence were seen as vital to keep India 'onside' during the war.

My father, Harry Hodson, well known to Government circles and with past knowledge of India from Round Table work, was chosen as the new Reforms Commissioner to Lord Linlithgow, the Viceroy of India, following his predecessor's promotion. Linlithgow had been Viceroy since 1936, staying beyond the normal 4-year term because of the war. He was strong, competent, and experienced in Indian politics, and got on well with my father, bouncing ideas off him, and requesting proposals.

My father inherited a very competent and supportive office, all Indians, with VP Menon as his leading subordinate, and this was a huge asset for him. He and they worked well together, with great mutual respect.

To strengthen Harry's experience, Linlithgow sent him off to meet regional governors, including the rulers of the Princely States (semi-autonomous regions ruled by traditional local rulers, who, in general thrived under British rule). He also met and came to know well, the leading members of Congress, particularly Nehru, the Hindu leader, and Jinnah, head of the Muslim League. (Mahatma Gandhi was outside the scope of his job, but my father had met him previously).

India was a patchwork of regions, each its own mix of ethnic and religious populations, of which the strongest and most important were

the Hindus, the Muslims and the Sikhs, all of whom were powerful members of the Indian Congress. Under British rule, the tensions between these groups were just under control, but in an independent unified India these tensions would create almost insoluble difficulties: e.g. the Muslims would not tolerate Hindu dominance, and vice-versa. The establishment of Pakistan as a separate state was then Jinnah's dream, but carried with it huge dangers, as was proved in 1947.

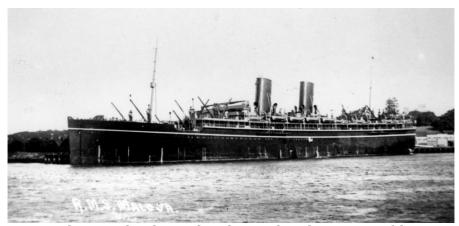
In December 1941, Japan entered the war, attacking the US fleet in Pearl Harbor, threatening SE Asia, including Burma and even India and Australia; in February 1942 Singapore and Malaysia were lost to the Japanese. The USA joined the war following Pearl Harbour, and as a powerful ally, wanted Great Britain to give independence to India.

The UK wartime government believed in 1942 that early independence, if achievable, was desirable, to help make best use of resources in S Asia. However, there was little experience of India, and little desire to consult the Viceroy. Churchill proposed a plan that was quickly dismissed as impractical. A better plan was created, and the 'Cripps Mission' was sent to India under Stafford Cripps, to work out a full plan, and, if possible, gain Congress agreement. Linlithgow had to accept the mission as a fait accompli, but worked hard with my father and others to adapt it to a viable independence solution that did not split India. In brief, Congress rejected it, and Independence was put on hold until after the war.

Senior congress leaders were found to have been involved in plans for subsequent anarchy and violence, so these leaders were interned for the remainder of the war. This caused protests and rioting, and my father narrowly missed being caught up and killed in one incident when he was attacked on his bicycle.

My father (and mother) felt now that he would be more useful at home. Linlithgow accepted his resignation, and VP Menon took over his post.

We sailed from Bombay (Mumbai) in RMS Maloja (see picture opposite) in October 1942, zigzagging for six weeks in convoy up the Atlantic Ocean, and were lucky to escape German submarines. The mud-flats of Liverpool when we finally arrived one cold December morning are still in my memory.



As young boys, my brother Nick and I were largely unaware of the globally significant happenings in India with which my father was involved.

Our second period in Shimla, when I was five, has many memories. We had a small house that had been built into a recess in the hillside; it had a tin roof, and the local monkeys would jump on it, with a huge clatter that I didn't regard as frightening. It was the intense thunderstorms that I found most scary, and I acquired a fear of lightning that deep down I still have. (When we returned to London, I do not remember the still-frequent German air-raids as being so frightening.)

When we went any distance in Shimla, we went by taxi. This was an ancient car with its horn-push at the centre of the steering-wheel. The push-button was long-broken, revealing the metal contacts that had to be pushed together to make the horn sound (which was frequently). I was impressed by the mini-lightnings of the sparks that flew when contact was made.

Nick and I used to attend the local school in Shimla. Our Indian bearer led us there daily on our ponies Marley and Rosie, but I can remember nothing about the school itself.

I think that we must have been rather lonely children. I can only remember ever meeting one other child, Serena G., then aged 2 or 3, who was staying overnight with her mother in our little house. No doubt as part of our parent's plan for our early sex education, all three of us

shared the bath-tub that evening, causing some debate between Nick and myself.

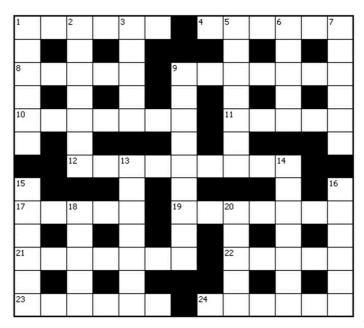
Gender was something that I was aware of aged 5 – but not particularly curious about. I remember noticing one day that women had boobs (not having thought about the significance before).

Going back to England was the end of a colourful and different way of life that left its unique mark.

The next monthly episode will be 'Wartime London' Anthony Hodson

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

Crossword Puzzle



Clues Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)

- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the ... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Clues Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- $14\,\mbox{What}$ Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

1 Adrian; 2 crystal; 3 siege; 5 lay bare; 6 nylon; 7 saying; 9 Lappidoth; 13 funeral; 14 spit out; 15 ashore; 16 Thomas; 18 teeth; 20 aisle

DOWN S⁴ depths

1 access; 4 blinds; 8 rhyme; 9 loyalty; 10 Antwerp; 11 Aenon; 12 loftiness; 17 Satan; 19 Obadiah; 21 on earth; 22 storm; 23 exhale;

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Children's Corner





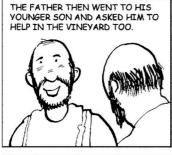








.'NO I WON'TI' SAID THE OLDER SON...





'OF COURSE I WILL' SAID THE YOUNGER SON. BUT HE PROMPTLY FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT....

