

# Winkfield, Cranbourne and Chavey Down Parish Magazine



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What's so special about Jesus?

*the Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle considers the things that Jesus said.*

The gospels record that people were astounded by many of the things that Jesus said. Even His enemies, intent on trapping Him, admitted: "No one ever spoke the way this man does." (John 7:46) Furthermore, "the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law." (Matthew 7:28-9)

For in Jesus, we find something without precedent in the span of human literature. While urging humility on others and while giving the impression of the ultimately humble person, Jesus' teaching and claims are basically egocentric and completely focussed on Himself. In ordinary life, that would get a person labelled as crazy or as a megalomaniac!

Just think of the few astounding claims Jesus made about Himself. "I am the Resurrection and the Life." (Jn 11:25) "I am the Bread of Life." (Jn 6:35) "I am the Light of the World." (Jn 8:12) "I am the Good Shepherd." (Jn 10:7,9) "...whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." (Jn 11:26) And – most staggering of all - "anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father." (Jn 14:9)

CS Lewis comments on the inescapableness of Jesus' uniqueness: "There is no half-way house, and there is no parallel in other religions."

That Jesus cannot be ranked among a pantheon of religious leaders or prophets becomes further obvious when one reflects further on His claim of being at both the beginning and at the end of Creation and of History. He said: "I am the First and the Last" (Rev 1:17), as well as: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Mt 28:18).

Clearly the disciples accepted this, as John begins his gospel with these words: "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus) and the Word was with God and the Word was God... Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made... The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.... and in Him all things hold together." (Col 1:16,17)

When we look at what Jesus goes on to say about the end of history, we are even more startled, as when He said of any person who follows Him: "I will raise him up at the last day." (Jn 6:40) This was the local carpenter,

remember! And when we note that throughout the Bible final judgement is a function reserved to God alone, it is astounding to register that Jesus says of Himself: “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son authority to judge because He is the Son of Man.” (Jn 5:26—27)

Yes, between Creation and the end of History stands Jesus. That also means, of course, and we note it with comfort, because everything in between is His also.

## *From the Parish Registers for December 2023*

### **Baptisms**

Loyal Bradbury-Smith was baptised on Sunday 3rd December 2023

### **Confirmations**

Katie Hicks was confirmed at Reading Minster on Sunday 10 December 2023

Jay Phillips was confirmed at Reading Minster on Sunday 10th December 2023

No Weddings, blessings or funerals have been reported.

## *Notices*

### **Church Office**

Office hours are Monday-Friday 9:30am – 12noon. The Church Office is open for visitors on Tuesdays & Fridays. Contact info: Church Office: c/o St Martin's Church, Church Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RR Phone: 01344 882933 or email [admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk](mailto:admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk)

Website: <https://winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk>

If you are arranging an event, please contact Stephanie in the Church Office at the email address above, so that it can be noted in the Church diary and recorded on the website.

Don't forget to use our fundraising links:

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### **Parish Magazine**

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## **Safeguarding in the Parish**

The Parish safeguarding details are at:

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

Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life. Please be alert to the fact that Safeguarding concerns arise in many different guises. So, we should always have faith to question, especially when something does not feel right.

Should you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Camille Jeffs, via the Church Office on: 01344 882933, or email [safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk) (please begin message with 'SAFEGUARDING').

**Foundation Governor Vacancy - Cheapside CofE Primary School**  
Cheapside CofE Primary School is seeking an enthusiastic member of the parish to join the school governing body. Strong knowledge/background of finance is required. Preferably not a parent or guardian of a current pupil.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in the local community.

For further details please get in touch with the clerk of governors at:

[l.leitch@cheapsideschool.org.uk](mailto:l.leitch@cheapsideschool.org.uk) or call the school office on 01344 621 112



*Becoming a school governor is a remarkable experience, and gives huge insight into the wide range of aspects involved in delivering education to our children. It also brings great satisfaction in seeing the success of governing body decisions – and their impact on a body of children that you will come to know well. Schools will normally provide a good briefing about what being a governor entails.*

*Becoming a governor is also a real commitment, with tangible shared responsibilities. There will be easy decisions to make – and, very likely, some very difficult ones. All this calls for ability to understand complex issues, including financial ones, and understanding also of the local and national framework within which decisions are made in our schools. But it's worth the effort!*

*In this case, the Cheapside CofE Primary School has advised that: "We have not had any response from our link church and would really appreciate support in filling this important role".*

*Eds*

### **Ascot Horticultural Society**

We resume our monthly meetings on 13 March in King Edwards Hall, King Edwards Road, North Ascot commencing at 7.45pm.

The speaker will be Richard Marks, and the subject will be the history of Sutton Seeds, who were based in Reading for many years.

For more information contact Wendy Sivyer, 07999 513 263.

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

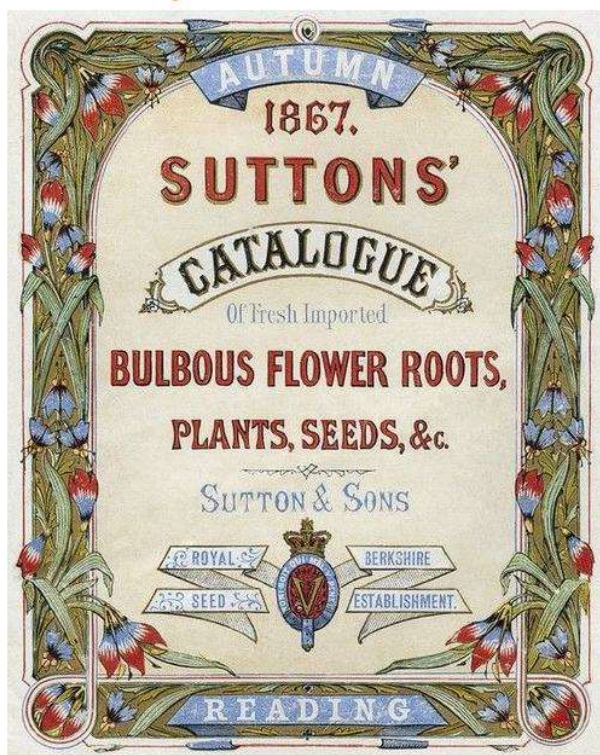
2024 began with a service of Family Communion on 7 January and members of the choir with extra singers sang at the service. The introit which began the service was 'On to Bethlehem Town' and the communion hymn performed was 'From the eastern mountains'. Henry Smith returned from holiday and accompanied the choir and ended the service with an excellent performance of The White Rock by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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

The Guild does not meet in January but the February meeting will take place at the home of one of our members. Joan Doughty's daughter has contacted us and advised that we may visit Joan again. She is a little better. Audrey de Verinne has moved to a care home in Dorchester: members of the Guild hope to visit her early this year.

# *Ascot Horticultural Society*

## **History of Sutton Seeds**



**A talk by**  
**Richard Marks**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**King Edward's Hall, Ascot, SL5 8PD**

**Doors Open at 7:30pm for 7:45pm**  
**ENTRANCE Members £1 Visitors £3**  
**Including refreshments**

**Facebook - [facebook.com/groups/276880418187911](https://facebook.com/groups/276880418187911)**

## **Family Matins, Family Praise and Crafty Church**

These three services all began again in January. At Family Matins the children told the story of the Wise men's journey to Bethlehem. Family Praise was about the baptism of Christ, and Crafty Church had the children preparing candles for Candlemas.

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

An order has now been placed with a contractor to carry out the renovation of St Mary's electrical systems. Plans will be formulated shortly.

## **Bell Ringers January 2024**

### **Parish Mag Report Parish January 2024**

Another busy time for the bell ringers!!

We enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner at The White Hart - a delicious meal followed by our usual sing-a-long!! Thanks to Sue Woods for organising and designing the prettiest menu cards!

At Savill Gardens we enjoyed ringing Christmas Carols to the shoppers, with many folk stopping to listen and have a chat.

It was a joy to be included in the Nine Lessons and Carols service - one of my favourite services. We rang 'Christmas Bells' and 'Carol of the Bells', which is always popular.

After enjoying the Carols and Candlelight service, attended by more people than ever, we took our music stands and bells over the road to The White Hart to ring Christmas Carols. At the start we were short of a ringer so recruited help from the audience - we are grateful to Millie, Joe and Phil for their assistance. They were great sports and played astonishingly well for their first attempt at hand bell ringing!

As always, we are grateful to Phil and Jean for sponsoring us and providing a very welcome glass of mulled wine!

For New Years Eve we started our celebration at Chez Bish for delicious nibbles and drinks and parlour games before going to the tower to ring the bells. Before midnight we rang the bells half muffled to signify the death of 2023, then the muffles were removed to ring in the start of 2024 - Rhonda had the honour (!!!) of tolling the 12 dongs at midnight and did a great job. Not as easy as it sounds!

Then we had a quick drink of bubbly before giving all our visitors a chance to "have a go", a little more ringing and then home to bed.

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**St Mary's Church  
Bellringers**

# **QUIZ**

**In aid of  
St Mary's Church**

**7:00pm BROWNLOW HALL**

**Saturday 24 February 2024**

**£10 PER TICKET**  
**Max 6 Per Team**

**Including ploughmans supper (B.Y.O.B)**

**tickets available from 01344 886087 or any bellringer**

**RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN ON THE NIGHT**



# Services in the Parish – February 2024

NB. All content in these lists may be subject to change.

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

## Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Family Praise
		4pm	Family Craft Café
11	The Sunday next before Lent	9.30am	Family Praise
18	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Family Communion
25	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Family Communion
28	Wednesday	11am	Lauds Service of Reflection

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

## Book of Common Prayer Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	Sexagesima	10am	Family Communion
11	Quinquagesima	8am	Said Holy Communion
		10am	Family Matins
14	Ash Wednesday	11am	Said Holy Communion
18	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	9.30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion
21	Wednesday	11am	Lauds Service of Reflection
25	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	8am	Said Holy Communion
		9.30am	Crafty Church
		11am	Morning Prayer

## ST PETER'S CHURCH

## Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	11am	Candlemas Family Praise
11	The Sunday next before Lent	11am	Holy Communion
14	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Said Holy Communion
18	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	11am	Morning Prayer
25	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	11am	Holy Communion

Easter Sunday is on 31 March this year. In the online version of this magazine, details of Easter services in March are listed. These may be subject to change.

# **Candlemas Service**

**February 4th 2024**

**11am**

**St Peter's Church, Cranbourne**

Candlemas is a special service at St Peter's Church, celebrating the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

All the greenery decorations that were put up on Christmas Eve were taken down and the candles were blessed on Candlemas Day.

Come along to find out more, join in with the Candlelight Procession, the singing and music and start looking towards Spring and Easter.

[www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk](http://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk)

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As always, our tower bells are rung before all the services - if you would like to have go then do speak to Tony.

Our very popular quiz will be on February 24 this year (not the 17th as previously mentioned) at Brownlow Hall. Just £10 per head to include the quiz and a ploughman's supper – BYOB and glass!

Teams can be up to six people – if you cannot make up a whole team do not worry we will put people together on the evening if required.

Book with any of the bell ringers.

Take care and keep warm.

Jill Glennerster 07821131303

## Thoughts of all sorts

### Lenten Valentines

*Canon Paul Hardingham considers the subject of 'real love'.*

This month both Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall on the same day! The link between the two can be summed up in terms of the nature of real love! Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, focuses on learning to love God more, as we give Him space in our lives. This is what Jesus found when He was led into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. (Luke 4:1-13).

Jesus was tempted to turn stones into bread. Yet loving God and His word comes before satisfying physical desires.

Satan tempted Jesus to worship him. However, worshipping God is an expression of loving God and serving Him.

Finally, He was tempted to put God to the test, by jumping off the Temple. Real love for God does not put Him to the test, but wants to obey Him.

Lent also teaches us how to live out the love of God in practical ways, as we follow Jesus in the way of the Cross. We see this clearly demonstrated in the life and death of Saint Valentine.

Valentine was a Christian who demonstrated the importance of sharing God's love with others. We know little about him, except that he was a priest who lived in the 3rd Century AD and that he was martyred on 14th February. Emperor Claudius felt that soldiers in the Roman Army were distracted from their duty by their wives, and so had attempted to outlaw

marriage. It is believed that Valentine married couples in secret, which is why today we celebrate our love for one another on his day.

In trying to understand the meaning of her revelations from God, Julian of Norwich found:

*'What, do you wish to know your Lord's meaning in this thing? Know it well, love was His meaning.'*

### **Some more alternative definitions**

Pas de deux      Father of two

Carpe diem      Fish of the day

Highly-placed intelligence source      The brain of a very tall person

Humdrum      A drum that has forgotten the words

### **Odds and Ends**

What do an Indian bread salesman and rain have in common? Pitta patter.

Which size timber did Noah use for the ark? Two-by-two.

What sort of songs do lumberjacks sing? Logarithms.

A: My memory is not as good as it was. B: How do you know?

### **8th Feb – Kew and the wild boar**

St Kew has nothing to do with gardens or the 'Q' of James Bond fame.

This Kew was a girl who lived in Cornwall in the 5th century, and who should be the patron saint of girls with difficult older brothers.

Kew's older brother was a hermit who felt his younger sister was not worthy to even visit his cell. But big brothers often underestimate their younger sisters, and he was no exception. One day Big Brother saw a wild boar charge out of the woods towards his sister. Kew spoke to it kindly in tones of such purity and sweetness that it immediately slowed down to a peaceful walk.

Big Brother was so shaken by this that he repented of his superior attitude. When he then bothered to spend time talking with young Kew, Big Brother discovered her nature to be of "rare virtue and holiness".

Other people thought so too, and after her death they decided Kew had been a saint, and so should have the parish church named after her.

Perhaps the moral of all this is that if you want to win over a difficult older brother, you should first practice on wild boars?

## Ukraine - Two Years Later

*The Ven John Barton looks back on two years of the Russian-Ukrainian war.*

Although Russian troops were massing near the borders of Ukraine in February 2022, we naively believed their denial that an attack was imminent.

Since then, an all-out war has resulted in tens of thousands of civilian deaths, and hundreds of thousands of military casualties. A quarter of the Ukrainian population has been displaced. Eight million are now refugees, spread across Europe.

Few of us realised that a war between the two countries really started in 2014, when pro-Russian regions of Ukraine rebelled, and Crimea was annexed.

Hostilities between the two countries had begun even earlier. Ukraine had joined the Soviet Union in 1922 and ten years later lost more than a million of its population in the 'Holodomor' famine, now widely regarded as genocide inflicted by Joseph Stalin, the Soviet leader.

Relationships between the two countries have always been turbulent, and Russia's possessive attitude towards its neighbour is deeply resented.

Ukrainian refugees in the UK are mainly women and children, for their men are needed for war service. So, they have organised themselves into self-help groups, painstakingly learning to read and write in English, as well as working full or part-time and keeping up their morale by organising groups for young and old. Choirs have sprung up, often assisted by British musicians. One member wrote movingly of how singing helped her cope with the mental trauma of her homeland fighting for survival.

Ukrainians are unceasingly grateful for our hospitality, but they fear our compassion may wear thin, as our attention has been diverted by news of the barbarity between Israelis and Palestinians. That conflict also has a long history of smouldering hatred on both sides. Wars rarely solve disputes. When wearied people recognise their futility, settlements may be negotiated. Forgiveness takes longer.

## On why rural church-goers like to freeze in church

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness provides tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

The Rectory

St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

Winter certainly exposes the difference between those of you who live in cities and us rural folk. While you bask in your centrally heated flat, and complain about the half an inch of slush outside, we country folk wear overcoats in our houses, open all doors and windows to let the heat in and battle through snow drifts, measured in feet, to get the morning paper.



Colonel Wainwright has acquired a new toy: a snow blower, of sufficient power that I believe it could clear the Antarctic. He kindly volunteered to clear the paths around the church. Working outwards from the church door, the path to the church soon became snow-free. Unfortunately, he only realised when his job was complete that the blown snow then formed a ten-foot drift under the lych gate.

Miss Margison, ever helpful in the worst sense of the word, decided to unfreeze the pipes in the church hall. A blow torch was not the ideal solution, although the resulting burst did make some rather attractive ice sculptures round the kitchen equipment. The village badminton team that uses the hall has now temporarily changed sport to ice hockey.



Inevitably, congregations have soared. There is nothing like adversity for making people want to prove they have the moral fibre to overcome it. Much satisfaction seems to be obtained on discovering who has not dared venture

"Next Sunday I think I'll do a new take on the Parable of the Virgins and the Oil."

out, which is taken as judgement on their strength of character. The Prentices upstaged most people by arriving on a sleigh. Mr Prentice was warmly wrapped in a travelling rug, while his wife pulled it. As they both explained, they couldn't possibly let the pony work in such conditions.

What I momentarily thought was applause during my sermon was merely people keeping their hands warm and the hymns were drowned out by the stamping of feet. Our organist complained that the cold made his fingers so numb that he couldn't play properly – although I didn't notice that things were much different from normal.

No, my dear nephew, a few flakes of wet snow may close your car park for health and safety reasons, but we shall continue to triumph heroically over adversity. We return home after Mattins, knowing we have proved our Christian commitment in being utterly uncomfortable.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

### Episode 36 of 'An Interesting Life' – Five sisters

*Continuing Anthony Hodson's serial memoirs.*

My last year at Oxford University was satisfying, in that my social life was full, and (as noted in that last episode) I had proposed to Margaret-Anne and she had accepted me. Life was busy, because I had to do a lot of work to try to achieve a good degree, and even more important, I had to get a good job that gave me the prospect of married life, 'in an adequate life-style' in due course - which meant, at the time, sometime in 1961 if I was lucky. Jobhunting and my first job is for the next episode.

Of course, my proposal to Margaret-Anne was just the first step - it was necessary in those days to get the permission of the potential Bride's father, Gerald Incledon. By this time, I had met the family on several occasions, and my practical skills had been helpful.

Gerald was the chairman of the family business, Incledon and Lamberts, manufacturers and sellers of pipes and fittings. Metal was giving way to plastic, which was then becoming the norm for cold-water plumbing and many forms of industrial pipework. The company was also a 'mini-conglomerate'. It included Ansell Jones in Walsall, who made heavy-duty pulleys for industrial and nautical purposes, and other medium-sized but low-technology products such as anchors. This was a traditional firm, successful in its way, but subsequently rendered unviable (like many other traditional Midland metal-working companies) by Mrs Thatcher's high



interest-rate approach to conquering dangerously high inflation. There was also H Incledon and Co, Builder's Merchants, and, most importantly, a thriving business in South Africa and Rhodesia (as it was then), supplying pipes, fittings, valves and other engineering products to the then booming sugar industry and also to copper mining.

Gerald was a man of considerable charm, a natural and inspirational leader, entrepreneurial and with sound business instincts. He was, as a result, a very successful businessman. The Incledon business (although West Midlands in origin) was a listed public company based in London for its head office, and it had a big plastics manufacturing plant in West Drayton, near Heathrow Airport. Going into plastics was a major entrepreneurial step taken by Gerald, and was very successful.



Gerald's father Herbert was one of three brothers based in the Birmingham area, descended from West Country squires, and solidly middle-class. Herbert married Alice Shore, an accomplished organist already at the age of 18. She was part of a big middle class extended family that included musicians, port-wine growers, and the redoubtable Florence Nightingale. Alice was pregnant with Gerald when tragedy struck: Herbert died of sepsis following appendicitis (there were no antibiotics then) leaving Alice as a single mother. Herbert's brothers were supportive and paid for Gerald's education, and in due course he joined the family firm.

When he had sufficient business experience, he was sent to South Africa to close the family business's branches there because they were failing. He found that opportunities were bountiful, and that the business in South Africa was only failing because of corrupt staff. So he fired the dishonest employees, completely turned the business round, and it became the most profitable part of the family firm.

He eventually became Chairman of the family company when his uncles retired in the late '30s.

When war came in 1939, as head of a family business involved in the war effort, Gerald (then aged 34) was exempted from military service, but (like my own father who was just one year younger) he served as an air-raid warden and home guard in London, where he was then based, helping victims of bombing. As a young man, he had had an unsuccessful marriage, with no offspring. He later felt rejected by the Church because of its rejection of him as a divorced man, but he was an intelligent good and kind person, of traditional values. University had never been an option for him.

In 1940, aged 35, he met the beautiful and lively 20-year-old Hazel Beresford, descendant of the widespread Beresford family, with many ennoblements (her grandfather was the 6th Baron Decies, an Irish peer branch of the family). She was also a descendant of James I through the Coventry family. The colourful family background held heroes and rogues, and their being upper-class was by no means securely associated with wealth. After a 6-week courtship (the same date-span as for Margaret and Harry Hodson's) they were married. Hazel's marriage to Gerald was thought of as 'marrying into trade' - frowned upon by the upper-classes - but was accepted by Hazel's Beresford grandmother (her closest older relation, who had raised her through her teenage years) because of Gerald's considerable charm.

Margaret-Anne was born in February 1941, and was followed at about 2-year intervals by Heather, then Susan, and then Amanda. After a gap, Moya was born in 1956. After the war, they bought (for £5000) a big house with a field and a large garden, 'Highlands' in the businessman's commuter village of Woldingham, on the North Downs of Surrey. There they became part of a strong and distinguished community of successful people, and had dogs, cats and horses - the last being Hazel's lifelong passion. There were also mutual friends, as it turned out, with my own parents. Education for the girls was in local independent schools, culminating in a secretarial course, and also, for Margaret Anne, followed by a very valuable diploma in 'Domestic Science' in Cuckfield Park. In those days, it was uncommon for girls to go to university - ambitions remained as a good marriage, and (while working on that) having the skills necessary for a good PA.

With five daughters to cope with, I think that Gerald was pleased when I appeared, with a strong interest in his oldest daughter. He and I were able to have male conversations at length, and I (having had no sisters) grew more accustomed to the foibles of girls, starting at 2 years old, going

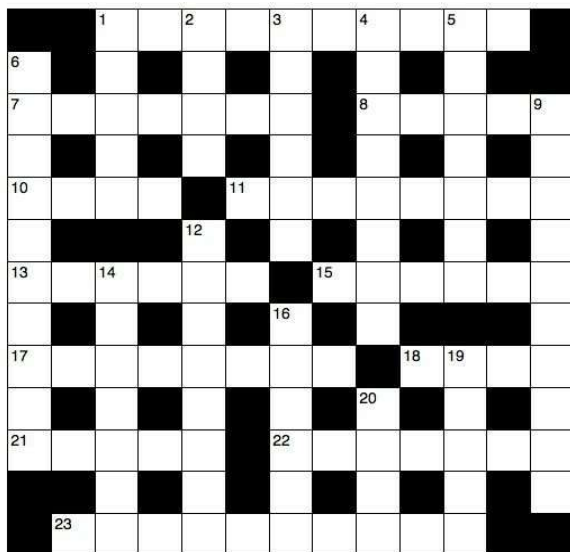
through complex adolescence, to young womanhood. Hazel was endlessly kind and supportive. She was a great delegator and I fell in with the tasks set for me by both Hazel and Gerald, which often required carpentry and other practical skills that I did possess. Hazel liked to delegate tasks indirectly: "Would Anthony like to see if he can get the hoover to work?", or "Can Anthony help you (Margaret-Anne) catch Heather's donkey?".

In short, I was accepted as a potential son-in-law, a little unexpected because of my strong educational background; my more liberal political views were accepted with grace. I was even permitted to take Margaret-Anne to the great Balliol 'Commem Ball' (a big dance in the Oxford college, traditionally followed by after-midnight punting on the river Cherwell), while being entrusted with preserving her virginity.

Gerald's marriage to Hazel was life-long and happy; at that time, he would have been regarded as wealthy (the Mercedes car was replaced by a Rolls Royce not long after I appeared), but wealthiness was, unfortunately, not to last to the end of his life.

*All episodes are in: <https://fosmw.com/parishmag/an-interesting-life.pdf>*

## Puzzles



### ACROSS

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)

- 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
- 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
- 15 Breakwater (6)
- 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18 More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)
- 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
- 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
- 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

### Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
- 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)
- 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
- 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
- 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
- 6 God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
- 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
- 12 'The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my — ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
- 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

**ACROSS:** 1, Prosperity, 7, Raisins, 8, Admit, 10, View, 11, Confetti, 13, Distil, 15, Groyne, 17, Navigate, 18, Whit, 21, Enoch, 22, Trodden, 23, Prophets.  
**DOWN:** 1, Pride, 2, Ovid, 3, Pastor, 4, Reaffirm, 5, Timothy, 6, Providence, 9, Tridentine, 12, Kingship, 14, Saviour, 16, Statue, 19, Hades, 20, Rome.

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# Children's Corner

## The gardener and the Vine

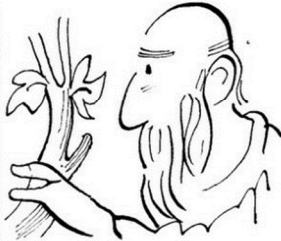


JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL  
ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS  
TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH  
BRANCH CAREFULLY...

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING  
GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE  
FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD  
FRUIT...

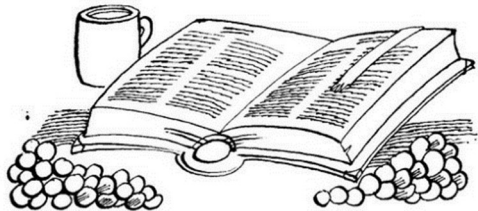


...OR NO FRUIT AT  
ALL...



...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD  
CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN  
THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE  
THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE  
VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.



YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S  
GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.

# Appendix 1 Easter services in the parish

March

3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	9:30am	Family Praise	St Martin's
		10am	Family Communion	St Mary's
		11am	Family Praise	St Peter's
		4pm	Family Craft Café	St Martin's
6	Wednesday	11am	Lauds, Service of Reflection	St Peter's
10	Mothering Sunday	8am	Said Holy Communion	St Mary's
		9:30am	Celebrating Mothers & Women in our Lives	St Martin's
		10am	Mothering Sunday Service	St Mary's
		11am	Mothering Sunday Service <i>with Holy Communion</i>	St Peter's
13	Wednesday	11am	Lauds, Service of Reflection	St Martin's
17	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	9:30am	Family Praise	St Mary's
		9:30am	Family Praise	St Martin's
		11am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
		11am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's
24	Palm Sunday	8am	Said Holy Communion	St Mary's
		9:30am	Family Communion	St Martin's
		9:30am	Family Praise	St Mary's
		11am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
		11am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
25	Holy Monday	7:30pm	Compline	St Martin's
26	Holy Tuesday	7:30pm	Compline	St Mary's
27	Holy Wednesday	7:30pm	Compline	St Peter's

28	Maundy Thursday	2:30pm	Said Holy Communion & Coffee <i>served by Patrick</i>	St Mary's
		7:30pm	Said Holy Communion & Foot washing / Servanthood	St Martin's
29	Good Friday	10am	Stations of the Cross	St Peter's
		2pm	Meditation at the Cross	St Mary's
		4pm	Eastingle	St Martin's
31	Easter Sunday	9:30am	Holy Communion & Breakfast	St Martin's
		10am	Family Communion	St Mary's
		11am	Easter Morning Communion	St Peter's