

Winkfield, Cranbourne and Chavey Down Parish Magazine



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Is Gen Z coming to church?

With acknowledgements to Parish Pump.

In this article, Dr Peter Brierley considers some recent statistics. His sources for the article include: The Quiet Revival (Bible Society); Church Times reports from March and April; Daily Telegraph “Features” supplement, 16th April; and Statistics for Mission 2023, Church of England.

Could it be true that a *Quiet Revival* (as the report is called) is taking place? Another reasonably large survey commissioned by the Bible Society’s research team suggests that it could be.

In March 2025, the Bible Society repeated a survey that they had carried out in 2018, asking 13,000 people if they went to church (it was 19,000 in the 2018 study).

Perhaps to their surprise, but, as suspected by others, and to the incredulity of still many others, they reported that attendance at church once a month in England and Wales had increased from 8% in 2018 to 12% in 2025, and the increase was mostly seen among those aged 18 to 34, defined generally as those born between 1997 and 2012; that is, those now aged 13 to 28 in 2025.

A more detailed breakdown showed that in every age-group, men are attending more than women, except for those aged 65 plus, where the percentages are equal. For men aged 18 to 24, this meant an increase from 4% in 2018 to 21% in 2024 and for women from 3% to 12%, respectively.

Whatever the reason, some Gen Z people are coming to church; the report’s findings agreed with other studies - that churchgoers are often happier than those not going to church.

As for denominations, the Roman Catholic growth has been substantial and widespread. The *Daily Telegraph* ‘Features’ supplement in April had the headline: ‘The extraordinary resurgence of Catholicism in Britain’, and explained, “Gen Z want to belong – modern life can be lonely They have digital friends but never

meet them. They are crying out for community.” The Catholics have 1.8 million people attending Mass on a Sunday.

From the parish registers for July 2025

Baptisms

Evie Turner was baptised at St Mary’s church on Sunday 6th July.

Teddy Vincent-Fernie was baptised at St Peter’s Church on Sunday 27th July.

Confirmations, Funerals etc., Weddings & Blessings

None have taken place.

Notices

Church Office

Office hours are Monday-Friday 9:30am-12noon. The Church Office is open to 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

Website: <https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk> Note. This link will not work without including the www part of the URL.

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:

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

Safeguarding in the Parish

The Parish safeguarding details are at:

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

Safeguarding is part of our core faith and is 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

at safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk (please begin the message with 'SAFEGUARDING'), or on 01344 882933.

RANELAGH SCHOOL APPLICATION SURGERIES FOR INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2026

by appointment only, **10am-12 noon** on;

Wednesday **24th September**

Wednesday **1st October**

Saturday **4th October**

Wednesday **8th October**



Please do not email before September 2nd
To book an appointment: lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com

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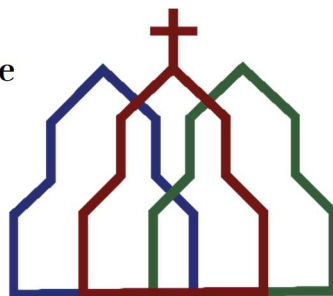
St Martin's Church Hall is available for Hire
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**The Parish of
Winkfield Cranbourne & Chavey Down**

Latest news on the Parish Magazine

The Winkfield, Cranbourne and Chavey Down Parish Magazine (a PCC-owned journal) will continue to be published monthly at least for the time being.

The magazine will retain its general format, but we may experiment with a new approach to the cover page. Service information will continue to be published in the centre pages (10 and 11 for a 20-page mag in its printable form). The Annex for additional information (including late contributions) will continue to be incorporated when appropriate and is 27 pages long in this edition. You can print all of it yourself in booklet form.

Parish mags online will be available primarily through the links on the fosmw.com website of the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield (the Friends sponsor mag production for free on their website).

www.fosmw.com OR www.fosmw.com/parishmag/

and also on the parish website:

www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

Recent editions on the parish website may not contain corrections posted after the first publication, but these should follow soon.

A small number of printed parish mags will be available through our churches. The number printed will depend on the demand. If you find that you cannot access a paper copy, as you expected, please contact Lesley Philpot and she will arrange for more copies to be available. Printing each (free) mag costs about £1.50 just now.

Advice on printing the mag from a pdf downloaded from a website can be found in the Annex (Web only) on page 21.

Local events and reports

St Mary's Communion Services

Canon Dagnell very kindly led the Holy Communion service in August. The Revd Alan Dibden was on holiday in August and the Revd Gareth Morley, the new Area Dean, led the Family Communion service and baptism following Communion.

St Mary's Choir

The choir items changed a little towards the end of July and beginning of August due to holidays! 'Lead me Lord', 'Jesus Lord we look to you' and 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God' were performed instead. The Junior choir was on holiday during August. William Bishop, Josh Tuffley and Alan Rapley have played for our services.

St Mary's Women's Guild

Rosa Taylor spoke to the Guild in August on the environment. She described this as an open talk and hoped everyone would participate.

John Kimbell and Lesley Philpot attended the St Mary's Winkfield School Leavers farewell service when the Bibles, generously funded by the Guild, were presented. It was a most enjoyable occasion. The

children leaving all sang a rousing 'goodbye and thank you' song. We hope to agree the dates to visit Audrey de Verinne and Joan Doughty soon.

Family Praise, Crafty Church and Family Matins plus Crafty Choral Matins.

There were two Family Praise services in August as there was no Crafty Church that month. The first Family Praise was the story of the Prodigal Son; the second one was Jesus healing a blind man. Family Matins was the Feeding of the Five Thousand. As usual the children read the bible passages and prayers, and their performance, complete with actions, of the Lord's Prayer, gets better and better! Family Matins in September will be Bell Sunday, and, for the first time, will be added to the HODS advertisement.

Friendly Faces

This group meets on the second Thursday of the month in the church office at 10am. The group endeavours to keep members aware of anyone in the Parish who might not be able to get to church regularly and needs help. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Lesley at lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com

St Mary's Bell Ringers August 2025

Despite it being August and the holiday season, the bell ringers have continued to ring!

I attended a 'Staycation Rally' in Sanderstead for folk in the region not on holiday, which was a great day out, with excellent ringing, great company and, of course, cake! I have new music from this event which you may well hear in the future.

We are practising hard for Sunday 31 August when we will be ringing a 'holiday' piece of music during the service which you will definitely recognise!

Bell Sunday this year is on September 14. As usual we will be ringing the hand-bells during the St Mary's service, and afterwards there will be an opportunity to have a go yourself, or go up to the bell tower for a dong, or a look at the bells, for those with a head for heights.

The tower ringers continue to ring for each service and to practice on Monday evening. We are concentrating on our striking technique

at the moment, as we are due to ring in the next round of the Lorna Newton striking competition soon – update after the event!

A couple of ladies from Popels Hall have come along to join us for hand-bells on a Wednesday evening, and we have enjoyed showing them how to ring our lovely bells. If anyone would like to try their hand at ringing, then now would be a good time, as we are doing a lot of teaching.

Although nothing to do with bells or ringing, the annual Warfield produce show was the usual success with home-grown veg and home-baked goodies for judging. There were sections for photography, handicrafts and children. A great community event that is well worth attending if you have never been.

It would be great if we could recruit a few more ringers - tower, hand or both.

Do get in touch and have a go. It is great exercise for both the mind and body!

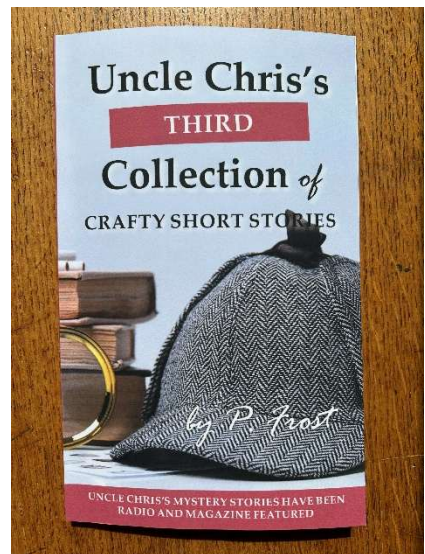
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Uncle Chris Stories

Between February and May 2025, we published in the Parish Mag Annex information about Peter Frost's 'Uncle Chris' short stories – mystery stories 'with a twist', written and published in order to support Ukrainian children.

Peter writes: "The great news is that now we have reached the £1000 target for World Visions aid for Ukraine children, I have raised the target to £5000. To help get there I have just launched the third book in the series, this very week.

The Uncle Chris stories have been featured on three radio stations recently, so the momentum is taking shape!!



Ascot Horticultural Society

Growing Dahlias the Withypitts Way



A talk by

Richard Ramsay

Wednesday 10th September 2025

**King Edward's Hall, King Edward's Road,
Ascot, SL5 8PD
(200m on right hand side)**

Doors Open at 7:45pm

ENTRANCE Members £1 Visitors £3
Including refreshments

**www.ascothorticulturalsociety.co.uk
facebook.com/groups/276880418187911**

This is the message that Peter sends:

“Thank you!! £1000 has been raised for Ukraine by buying “Uncle Chris’s” books one and two, ... and thanks to those who have sent me feedback. The Uncle Chris’s stories have been featured on three **radio** stations and also in **magazines** up and down the country. The big news is that the third book is now available from Amazon and Waterstones – with the aim to get to the new **£5000** target, so please encourage people to buy a book. Please also ‘share’ on social media, especially TikTok. Thanks to all!! Peter.”

A link to Amazon sales for these books is:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Uncle-Chriss-Collection-Crafty-Stories/dp/1835635059/> (Ed. Enjoyable holiday reading!)

Ascot Horticultural Society

The September talk will be on dahlias . The meeting is open to members and non-members. We will meet at 7.45 on 10 September in King Edward Hall, King Edwards Road, North Ascot. New members are always welcome. See our flyer opposite.

Information can be found on the website:

www.ascorthorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Wendy Sivyer, Show Secretary

5th Christmas Tree Festival

Set-up day is Friday 12 December, and the Festival opens on Saturday 13 December with stalls, refreshments and Junior choir. If you wish to sponsor a tree, please contact Lesley on lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com

Music and Merriment 2025

The Music and Merriment concert for 2025 will take place at 7:30pm on Saturday 6 December. It's a unique community concert, using the huge local talent that we have across the parish and in our area, and it will include all the kinds of numbers – instrumental including handbells, choral, readers and other entertainment – that we have had in past years. If you'd like to be reminded of what happened at the concert last year, you can find the concert handout at:

www.fosmw.com/concert/2024/concert-programme-handout.pdf
(continued below)

Services in the Parish – September 2025

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

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
7	12th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Morning Prayer <i>or</i> Family Praise
		4pm	Family Craft Café
14	13th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Praise <i>or</i> Morning Prayer
21	14th Sunday after Trinity	10am	Community Coffee Morning in the Church Hall
28	15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion Led by Revd Alan Dibden

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Book of Common Prayer Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
7	12th Sunday after Trinity	10am	Patronal Service and Family Communion
14	13th Sunday after Trinity	10am	Family Matins
21	14th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion
28	15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Crafty Church
		11am	Morning Prayer

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
7	12th Sunday after Trinity	<i>Please join us in St Mary's Church for the 10am Patronal Service</i>	
14	13th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Family Praise

Date	Day	Time	Service
21	14th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Morning Praise & Prayer
28	15th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion

Music and Merriment 2025 (continued)

We hope this year to have a performance by Sergey, an 11-year old mega-talented pianist.

We would like to have a really strong adult choir, and would like to hear from people who have sung standard anthems (e.g. from Carols for Choirs), and would like to be part of the adult choir for this special occasion. William Bishop will be the Choir Director, as last year. Tenors and altos are always especially welcome, but do please contact me at ah@x.dtd.co.uk if you would like to sing with us.

We will be recruiting for the Junior Choir when the autumn term starts.

Thoughts of all sorts

Dame Stephanie Shirley 1933-2025

We are sad to note the death on 9 August 2025 of Dame Steve (Stephanie) Shirley, who, as an entrepreneur and a philanthropist, was a truly remarkable exemplar of what women can achieve.

She was born in Dortmund, Germany in 1933, the younger of two daughters of a Jewish judge and a Christian mother. In 1939, she and her sister were brought to England with the Kindertransport program to escape Nazi persecution, and were placed with the Smiths, a loving childless couple in the W. Midlands. In a few weeks she had good-enough English to attend school when war began that autumn.

Excelling in mathematics, she took a degree at Sir John Cass College, London, and after that joined the Harrow branch of ICL (which much later became Fujitsu). There she found that the company was very much male-dominated; women were not listened to. It was difficult for them to make a successful career in computing, because good jobs, even technical ones, never went to women. She decided that she had to go out and start her own business. She set up a software company, the FI Group, employing women only (until that was made illegal by the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act), but success only came when she changed

her name in the business to Steve Shirley (she had married Derek Shirley, a physicist, in 1959). Business immediately took off - she was through the door of a potential customer before they realised her gender. There was a great deal of untapped though well-qualified female talent to choose from, and Steve's employees were able to work from home or with flexible hours.

Over 30 years, she built up Xansa, as her company was now called, and it became a FTSE 250 company in the technology grouping. She insisted that philanthropy should become systemic in Xansa: this was strongly driven by Stephanie's personal tragedy in having an autistic son, Giles. He was non-vocal and difficult, and needed constant attention from Steve and her husband. Eventually, the boy had to be institutionalised when he became unmanageable. This proved a poor outcome for him, so Steve started a small care home for autism sufferers.

After retiring from Xansa, Steve was invited to be on the board of a number of hi-tech companies. She supported the start-up of the Information Technologists, as a new City Livery Company, and also gave £10M to the Oxford Internet Institute. But in latter years, her main philanthropic interest was in autism, including founding autism-support charities. She founded Prior's Court School near Newbury in Berkshire to help broaden the life interests and opportunities of people suffering from autism. In 2012 she published her memoirs: 'Let It Go: The Entrepreneur Turned Ardent Philanthropist'.

Dame Steve Shirley is quoted as having said: "Having a large bank balance is all very nice, but, like the 16th-century philosopher Francis Bacon, I believe that 'money is like muck, not good except it be spread!'"

14 September – The Cross and the Holy Sepulchre

The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal symbol for Christianity. After the end of the Roman persecutions, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, was a Christian and, while overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335.

Here is a sermon preached on this feast by Bishop Michael Colclough (Chaplain of the Mercers Company), by permission;

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth will draw all people to myself.” (St John 12:32) - words from St John’s Gospel but I want to look at the way St Luke paints his picture of the crucifixion of Jesus. It is in his letter to the Colossians that St Paul describes St Luke as the ‘beloved physician’ and, yes, Luke was a doctor, a man deeply sensitive to suffering, and deeply committed to relieving suffering. It comes out in the way he paints his picture of the Gospel in words. St Luke’s Gospel is one long account of Jesus the Saviour: Jesus whose very presence brought healing from many kinds of diseases and forgiveness for many sins. The Jesus of St Luke’s Gospel is there for the poor, the outcast and the misunderstood.

So it is that, towards the end of this Gospel, Luke presents us with the Passion of Jesus as a power for healing. On Calvary we encounter the therapeutic Christ, the one who brings healing to a wounded universe. In Jesus, nailed to the cross, we see not only Emmanuel – ‘God with us’ – we see also the God who is for us. And, even more wonderfully, we see in the crucified Jesus, God who is not only for us who believe, not only for those who are indifferent, we see the God who is there even for those who persecute him. St Luke tells us:

“And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, they crucified Jesus there with criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing’.” (23:33-34)

“Father forgive them”. Words of forgiveness – words repeated by Jesus. The original Greek tells us that, “Jesus kept saying, ‘Father forgive them: they do not know what they are doing.’” Kept saying those words as the nails were driven into his hands and feet, into the wood of the cross.

In 1671 a 24-year-old woman entered a Convent of the Visitation in France. We are told that she was a good but rather humourless nun who was entrusted with responsible positions in her order. During her life in the convent Margaret Mary had four visions of Jesus: visions in which He talked to her of His divine love for all people. In one of the visions Jesus pointed to His heart and said, “Behold this heart which has loved folk so much, but which has been loved by them so very little.”

“Behold this heart which has loved folk so much”. On Calvary Jesus is the sign, the sacrament, the incarnation of God’s love, God’s

compassion, God's forgiveness for all people. It was as if the beating that left Jesus' body all tender revealed the tenderness of God's own heart for us. And we see, in that stretched out body on the cross, the way in which the very limbs of Jesus point to the four corners of the earth radiating the very nature of God, pointing that love to the four corners of the earth, reminding us of god's love, reminding us – in the words of the psalmist – “The Lord is compassion and love”.

St Luke is a clever writer, and he gives us a living example, a snapshot of this eternal, divine love for all people, in the encounter that Jesus has with the criminals crucified with him. Luke tells us: “One of the criminals who hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’”

Here is the culmination of St Luke's Gospel of healing and forgiveness. Here we truly see that loving heart of Jesus at work – and that criminal's last thoughts were for Jesus: “Jesus remember me”. This man knows the wrong he has done and that he is worth nothing more than a remembrance: but in return he hears the most wonderful, loving, words he could ever wish to hear: “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise”. That man was a total loss until he found Jesus, and Jesus found him on Calvary that Friday afternoon. And Luke, the beloved physician, shows us that Jesus is not simply yet another physician – no, Jesus is the Saviour of the world, Jesus is the one who reveals that God is extravagant in His tenderness, that God is lavish in His loving kindness, that God is irresponsibly forgiving, that God is unstinting in His heartfelt compassion and recklessly prodigal with the gifts of His grace.

How do you and I respond to a heart like that? Earlier in the Gospel St Luke gives us this tip:

“Be compassionate as your Father is Compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the

amount that you measure out is the amount you will be given back” (St Luke 6: 36-38).

That’s how the Jesus of Calvary calls us to live our lives. “See this heart that has loved folk so much but has been loved by them so little”.
Amen.

St Michael and All Angels Day (29th Sept).

Saint Michael, angel of the sea,
Lord of the horses he,
Saint Michael, of the angels king,
Of war, of shepherding;
On steed he flies across the skies;
The first-fruits of the harvest corn,
The first-fruits of the flock-lambs born,
Are his, he meets the soul forlorn.

The saints and angels watch o’erhead,
Their wings and prayers o’erspread:
The righteous ones in heaven wait,
St Peter at the gate;

In might arrayed they shield and aid;
Be with us e’er, archangel powers,
Be with us, angels, life’s long hours.

From an ancient Celtic Poem

Episode 55 – Spring Lanes House

Continuing Anthony Hodson’s serial memoirs

In 1975, as aspiring parents on one professional salary, independent education was a daunting proposition, particularly when Eton was the target institution for our son James, who was 12 in November that year, and due to start in 1976. Why Eton? I had been a scholarship boy in the ‘1950 election’ of King’s Scholars (KS), and the school had been a great success, despite a difficult start (see episode 16). When James was born, we did the ‘usual thing’ and ‘put him down’ for an Eton place (subject to passing to ‘Common Entrance’ exam), in the wishful expectation that, when the time came, we would be able to afford it.

Lucy was also placed in independent education, in the Marist Convent in Sunninghill, far less expensive than Eton, and then run by the nuns in the Convent (who were of varying capability as educationalists). This

school was good but with no great academic distinction, but Lucy was not academically inclined, and she stayed at the Marist until she was nearly 18, when her outstanding musical talent was shaping her life more and more strongly. She came away from the school with many lifelong friends, and in that respect in particular, the school justified itself in the long term.

James was also not academic, and a KS scholarship (difficult to win, even for academic boys) was out of the question. 'Bank of Mum and Dad' was never a possibility for the fees- my own parents were never well-off enough for that, and Gerald Incedon, with five daughters, saw, clearly that financially helping one daughter was 'the thin end of the wedge'. So we had to find a way on our own, and the only practical solution that presented itself to release fee-money was to move to another house (preferably a less expensive one) with a bigger mortgage.

One possibility was to change jobs and to go to a less expensive area; and this was a practical possibility if I took up the very kind offer of a job with Elliott Flight Automation, my employers until 1969. We took that possibility very seriously and started house-hunting in the Kent area to the south-east of Rochester. We looked at a thatched house with a roof full of bats, two cottages that could be converted to one with a paddock for Margaret-Anne's equestrian life and a big walnut tree (our offer turned down), a converted oast-house (a little expensive), and a more conventional house in Lenham, for which we made an offer that was accepted. Should we accept the challenge and move?

In practical terms, it would be a huge upheaval for both children, as well as for ourselves, and we also found that the Lenham house was not far from a new railway line that would have been noisy. So, with many regrets to Elliotts, after their kind offer, and apologies to the Lenham house sellers, we decided to stay where we were, with me continuing to work for Sperry. House hunting turned to finding a suitable house in the area, preferably near Bracknell. We were gazumped by sellers living near Hurst, and then found a house called Spring Lanes house in Holly Spring Lane, north east Bracknell, and it seemed perfect for us as a family. It was an old house, 300 years old in places, fortunately not 'listed' because it had been altered many times over the years.

Until 1959 the house and its garden (and tennis court) were essentially countryside, and horses grazed on the fields on the north side of Holly Spring Lane; the area from there up towards Winkfield was interim green belt until it was taken over for housing (15 years later).



The house had been completely renovated in 1959 after many new houses had been built on the grounds that had gone with the house. A key feature is the big kitchen area, formed from the original kitchen and the downstairs 'staff quarters' when people had 'staff'. The area had a beautiful Victorian cast-iron spiral staircase as a feature.

We fell in love with the house, which was available at a price compatible with our plans, and it gave us much of the funds needed for James' Eton education. My father at that time was involved in the inclusion of Abingdon School in the group of schools with a special interest to the Mercers Company (he had been Master Mercer in 1963/64), and suggested that we might consider James going to that school, instead, with significantly lower fees, and particularly because the then headmaster of the school, Eric Anderson, had a reputation as an outstanding educationalist.

In the event, James was awarded a conditional bursary by Eton (which reduced the Abingdon/Eton difference) and passed the Common Entrance successfully. He started at Eton in the Autumn of 1976 as an 'oppidan' (i.e. not a scholar), and had a successful Eton career, making many friends. By odd coincidence, Eric Anderson moved from Abingdon to become headmaster of Eton at the same time as James arrived for his first term.

Meanwhile, life continued as usual, with Anthony's post as Engineering Project Manager keeping him busy. Of particular significance was an innovative project for a Greek shipping company that wanted a system like email to communicate within its branches, and Sperry won the contract to supply a system (years before email as we now know it).

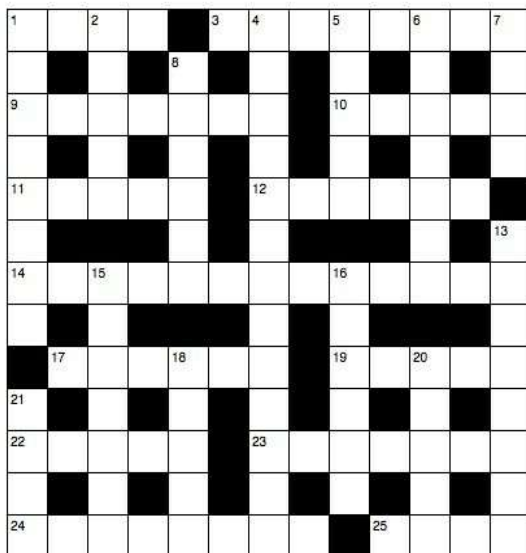
By today's standards, the technology available then seems impossibly primitive. There was no Internet, or anything like it. Computers on a chip were still in their infancy, and every two years, Intel, the leading maker of computer chips, was expected to be producing a new chip with several times the capability of its predecessor. It was only in 1971 that the 4004 chip was in production, smart enough to be used in a hand-held calculator, and working on 4-bit numbers (2 to the power of

4). The 8008 came in 1972, working on 8-bit numbers that were later (in the 1990s) defined as the meaning of the word byte. The 8080 followed.

Our system was based on the Intel 8086 chip, which was released in 1976. It was powerful enough to be the core of personal computers that worked primarily with 16-bit numbers. Our email system comprised a number of computers with electronic mail software communicating with each other over low-speed digital land-lines. Computers working together in this way were termed 'real-time' as they had to respond to new incoming signals and handle them correctly, while doing other activities. A special 'operating system' was needed, and this was adapted from software called RSX11M which was openly available to us from DEC (Digital Equipment Corporation). It was designed by a talented software expert (then in his mid-thirties) called David Cutler, who subsequently led the development of Microsoft's NT ('New Technology') operating systems (used in Windows 10 and Windows 11).

The Project Leader reporting to me for the project was Malcolm Baxter, and his leading expert was Ian Valentine, who subsequently became an international expert on electronic mail, and a colleague of mine over the next 30 years.

I was fascinated by the intricacy of RSX11, and decided, as well as my management job, to take part in the detailed software design. My return to being a 'techie' was key to what happened next.



All episodes at www.fosmw.com/parishmag/an-interesting-life.pdf

Crossword Clues /Answers

Across

1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)

3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)

9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)

10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)

11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)

12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)

14 'The God of Abraham, — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)

17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)

19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)

22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)

23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)

24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)

25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)

2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)

4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)

5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)

6 Of the Muslim faith (7)

7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)

8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)

13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)

15 CIA char (anag.) (7)

16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27-28) (6)

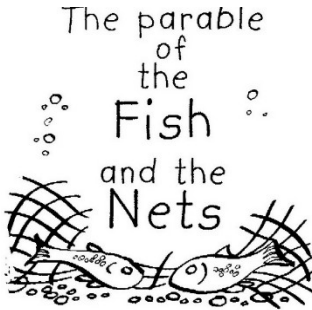
18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)

20 Episcopal headwear (5)

21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

ACROSS: 1, Also, 3, Offering, 9, The Magi, 10, Rules, 11, Soper, 12, Help me, 14, Isaac and Jacob, 17, Scorch, 19, In man, 22, Loads, 23, Inertia, 24, Vicinity, 25, Belt, DOWN: 1, Artistic, 2, Sleep, 4, Faith in Christ, 5, Enrol, 6, Islamic, 7, Gasp, 8, Fabric, 13, Abundant, 15, Archaic, 16, Jailor, 18, Resin, 20, Mitre, 21, Slav.

Children's Corner



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



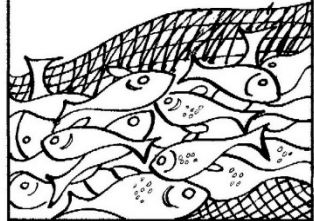
ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN WAS A BIT LIKE
CATCHING FISH!

WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING
THEY THROW THEIR NETS
INTO THE LAKE...

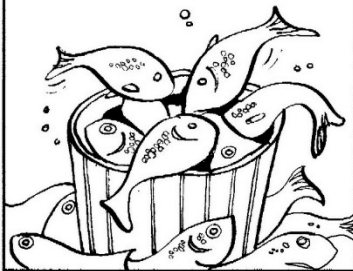


...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL,
THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE

ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH
HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.

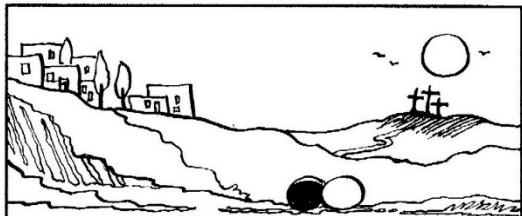


THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS



THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL
BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN
CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS
WITH OUR LIVES.



BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN
ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE

Annex

Printing your own parish mag

The pdf version of the mag on the web can be downloaded and printed at home if you have a suitable printer supporting automatic 2-sided printing. If you download the pdf and open it on your system browser using the Adobe app, you can select 'Print'. This gives a Booklet option (on a screen like the one below)

The screenshot shows the Adobe Acrobat print dialog box. At the top, the printer is set to 'EPSON ET-2850 Series'. Below this, the 'Copies' field is set to 1. The 'Pages to Print' section has three radio buttons: 'All' (selected), 'Current', and 'Pages'. The 'Pages' field is set to '1 - 26'. The 'Page Sizing & Handling' section has four buttons: 'Size', 'Poster', 'Multiple', and 'Booklet' (selected). The 'Booklet subset' is set to 'Both sides'. The 'Sheets from' field is set to 1, and the 'to' field is set to 7.

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This printed mag, on 20 pages, will omit the Annex, which amounts to extra material on page 21 and beyond. It is perfectly possible to print the whole mag in booklet form, Annex and all, although Service Information will no longer be on the middle pages.

Windsor Lions delighted with 'Local Heroes' campaign

The recent 'Local Heroes' campaign, devised by 11-year-old Aiva Purchase and brought to life by Windsor Lions club, has seen the fruits of its labours in the presentation of a number of cheques to the winners.

Aiva, whose dad Alaster is a member of the Lions, came up with the idea in her bedroom one Sunday morning and presented it, fully formed to her delighted father. The campaign created an online poll via Windsor Lions social media page and asked locals to nominate and vote for their favourite local group or organisation.

A small group from Windsor Lions recently made a 'safari' around the top three winners to present cheques. After the votes were counted, in first place were Eton Excelsior and Windsor Girls Rowing who won £1500. Their Junior Membership Secretary Catherine Chandler was delighted with the win and shared that their main aim is 'a push to get more girls into rowing'. Currently there are more than 50 in the junior squad, hopefully to be further increased by a successful first breakthrough year for Windsor Girls School Boat Club being represented at prestigious Henley Royal Regatta earlier this month. But this money will go towards the cost of an Octuple Sculling Boat and Blades, which will cost over £30,000 in total.

Next on the safari tour was the King George VI Centre who galvanised the second highest number of votes from their supporters and were awarded £1000 by Windsor Lions. Meeting at their clubhouse in Clarence Road, Windsor, Trustee and Volunteer Heather Boyle told the Lions that the Centre aims to provide a safe and friendly environment, where members are encouraged to maintain their independence and wellbeing through activities and social interaction.

Central to this activity is their Minibus which shows signs of ageing and lacks various essentials like a tail lift for less able members. The Lions' money will be put towards this project to buy a new one - a total of around £30,000. Heather reported on various other activities undertaken to raise funds: 'I've even undertaken a fire walk – over hot coals – all in the name of our minibus fund!'

The final port of call was Windsor and Eton Sea Cadets who were awarded £500 for their third place in the poll. Sub Lieutenant Commander Fay Williams told the group a little about the Sea Cadets 'We offer a range of different activities for 10- to 17-year-olds, from sailing, windsurfing and powerboating - to rock climbing, camping, and music - plus, so much more! The aim is to help young people grow into the person they want to be.' Their plans for the funds are putting it towards a laptop which will be used to provide the 50 plus cadets with on-line training.

Summarising the project, Past President Martin Tocher said 'This has been a great start for this innovative project – and very much

points the way forward. It's so good to hear about all the wonderful groups and their activities out there in our community that might not otherwise get the recognition they deserve. We certainly hope to grow it in the coming years '.

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Dog walkers warned of deadly risk

It has not been a good summer to let your dog go swimming.

The hot and dry weather this spring sparked a rise in toxic blue-green algal blooms which have affected lakes and rivers across the UK. Blue-green algal blooms are triggered when colonies of bacteria use warmth and sunlight to reproduce rapidly. The colourful scum they produce can make people very ill and can kill dogs.

The Dogs Trust says: "We're urging all dog owners to avoid letting their dogs swim in or drink from lakes or rivers that look green, scummy, have surface foam or have warning signs nearby. Blue-green algae is not always easy to spot, so if in doubt, don't let your dogs swim in or drink from the water."

Blue-green algal blooms often persist for several months and do not disperse until cold weather arrives. The blooms have been found from Norfolk and Essex to Birmingham and the Lake District.

Symptoms of blue-green algae poisoning in dogs can begin within minutes and include vomiting, diarrhoea, drooling, muscle tremors, seizures, breathing difficulties, and collapse.

“One day I’m going to raise money for my local church”



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Affected dogs should be taken to a vet immediately. The condition can be fatal as the toxins attack the liver and neurological system, and there is no antidote. Smaller dogs only need to consume a small quantity to be at high risk of death.

The pet charity Blue Cross warns: “Even small quantities of water or licking contaminated water off the coat can be dangerous.”

Ride and Stride for Churches 13 September 2025

There will be a wedding at St Mary’s church on the annual Ride and Stride day, so St Mary’s is not able to participate this year. But the event is a good occasion to visit other churches, local or not-so-local!

The Nicene Creed part 4: The Ascended and Returning Jesus

Editor: Our series on the Nicene Creed continues this month. Canon Paul Hardingham considers a bedrock of our Christian belief: that Jesus is the Son of God. This series will run until the end of the year.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

This month we are looking at what the Nicene Creed says about the present and future ministry of Jesus.

‘On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures: Jesus’ resurrection is central to the Christian Faith, for as Paul says, without it ‘our preaching is useless and so is your faith.’ (1 Cor 15.14). The Resurrection demonstrates the triumph of Jesus over sin and death, as well as recognising the breaking in of the new creation and Jesus as Lord over creation. The Creed affirms that it also fulfils the promises of Scripture, as Jesus explains on the Road to Emmaus: ‘And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.’ (Luke 24:27).

‘He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father: In the Creed, the Ascension is given equal weight to the Cross and Resurrection, as Jesus is restored to the place of honour

alongside His Father. With Christ seated on the throne, there is now *a man* on the throne who is also God the Son. In His absence on earth, Jesus sends His Spirit to live in believers, *'Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.'* (Acts 2:33). He remembers His people, *'because He always lives to intercede for them'* (Hebrews 7:25).

'He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end': Jesus will return in judgement as *'the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.'* (Acts 10:42). God will put all things right, punishing all evil and establishing His full reign over everything. In contrast to human judgment, which is always partial and subject to error, this final judgment will be utterly true and right, because God knows our hearts completely. How much does the idea of judgment help make sense of the fate of evil in the world?

2025 Binfield Warfield and Winkfield Arts Week

See also <https://arts-week.org/>

The 2025 Binfield Warfield and Winkfield Arts Week will take place during the Autumn half term. There will be many arts, crafts and music events for local residents of Binfield Warfield and Winkfield taking place in various venues across the area. There will also be a three day Community Arts and Craft Exhibition at Brownlow Hall, showcasing a large number of local creative artists (it was 51 artists in 2024)

Arts Week aims to encourage everyone to try or sample a new creative activity which could then lead to taking it up as an enjoyable and rewarding leisure activity or maybe they could become involved in organising these activities.

Arts Week is fully funded by the three Civil Parish Councils Binfield PC, Warfield PC and Winkfield PC. All children's events will be free to attend. Most adult events will also be free, but some workshops with expensive materials to take home have an advance charge of £10 for the materials (e.g. The Silver Craft Workshops).

The Community Art and Crafts Exhibition Friday takes place from 31st October to Sunday 2nd November 2025 11.00-4.00pm
Brownlow Memorial Hall Warfield RG42 6AB

There is a FREE to exhibit art and craft exhibition at Brownlow Hall, Newell Green Warfield RG42 6AB, for local artists of all skills, experience and styles. Artists can exhibit for free 5 pieces of display art, plus art-cards, print racks and table-top art. There is no commission taken on sales (except finance processing charges).

You will meet so many other local artists and creatives and will be able discuss your art, the world of art and see what a fantastic creative community exists in Bracknell area.

Enter now or any time in 2025, up to the week of the exhibition. You must be a local resident or in a local art/craft group to enter. You choose the art to display – we do not pre-screen art

To become involved in the 2025 Arts Week as a Supplier or a Community Volunteer please contact Jonathan Greenyer 07768 513436 or events@arts-week.org

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