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Church News

The Monthly Letter

Life in a broken world

Dear Friends,

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10.10)

The beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, coincided with St Andrew's opening our doors to become a hub for donations for the many Ukrainian people displaced by the Russian invasion.

As we received the outpouring of love held in bags and boxes, we watched and prayed as the conflict developed.

The contrast brought to mind the words of Jesus in John 10.10 - a reminder that in this broken world, where death and destruction are all too apparent, there is a true hope of abundant life offered by Jesus.

As Lent nears its end, the church is traditionally stripped of its colour, and lights are extinguished as we prepare to remember Jesus' death; Good Friday is a day of colourless darkness. And then we wait...until, as the sun rises on Easter Sunday, Christians around the world celebrate the astonishing triumph of life.

Jesus' resurrection gives Christians a sure hope that brokenness, death and destruction will be overcome by God, and shows us that, however unlikely it seems, healing, restoration and peace really are possible. There is no darkness or death so dark or deep it can resist the light of Jesus' life.

In this broken world, we can find glimpses of life all around us - as spring flowers emerge, or as young Ukrainians offer a captured Russian soldier a cup of tea and a chance to video-call his mum. These little pictures of life point us to the ultimate triumph of life, perfectly seen in Jesus. For now we glimpse only in part, what one day we can know in all fullness.

My prayer is that this Easter we might hold on to the hope which is offered in these glimpses - and seen most fully in Jesus. And if this offer of finding abundant life in and through Jesus just seems too unbelievable to be true, I'd be really happy to have a coffee and chat.

Patricia

Curate



Serving others

We have all been exposed to horrific images that have taken our breath away, visuals of war and sadness that have left us shocked. As **Charlene Lamb** reports, over a few days in early March visuals of a different kind inspired hope and a belief in the kindness of humanity, and that there is always something we can do to make a difference...



Whilst the war rages on in the Ukraine and we watch on hopelessly, many collection points have popped up around the country in support of those in need in Ukraine, as they desperately flee to the West, many with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

St Andrew's was no exception, ready to help serve our communities and international brothers and sisters. So, when we were contacted by local resident Joanna, who was supporting a collection effort organized by Prosperity



Hayley, a local resident, delivering her donation



Overwhelming: Frances and Patrick watch in amazement as the never-ending arrivals of donations start streaming in...

Restaurant, a Ukrainian eatery in Twickenham, we were ready to step up to the plate and quickly became a collection point for the local Oxshott community.

Appeal and response...

Our Vicar Frances Trickey extended an appeal, by email and otherwise, for donations for displaced Ukrainian families. The response was overwhelming and simply astounding. Within three days from 1-3 March, the foyer and hall were filled with nappies, toiletries, first aid supplies,

hairbrushes, torches, batteries, and children's goods, with an overflow on the doorstep of the church!

Collections from all over were received; including from Parkside School, St Mary's Stoke D'Abernon, Holy Trinity Church Claygate, our



The church foyer and hall were filled with donations within three days!



The production line in full swing, with volunteers from all over our community stepping in to help.



Deborah and Teresa formed part of the production line in the hall!

generous wider local community and the St Andrew's congregation.

Two days of sorting followed, seeing local volunteers from the church and wider community arriving to help pack the donations into transportable boxes. A very special thanks to Steve from Farrer & Fenwick Removals in Fetcham, who immediately donated more boxes than we could count! The church was transformed into a mini production plant, with

Frances and Jolyon Trickey acting as commanders-in-chief, ensuring a smooth process eclipsed the somewhat organized chaos as volunteers skuttled around getting goods sorted, packed, taped and ... next box please!

Finally, our newly made Ukrainian Christian friends Sergei, Micha and Slavik arrived Saturday afternoon in an empty Luton van and together with



Nappies, nappies, and more nappies neatly bundled and secured ready for the 1,800-mile journey.



Boxes neatly stacked and ready to be transported to Ukraine.



Jolyon, Calvin, Ron, Micha, Sergei and Slavik packed the van up to full capacity!

Jolyon, Ron and Calvin, the boxes were all loaded into the vehicle. After Jolyon prayed over them, they finally pulled off, heading for a warehouse in London for further distribution into 20-tonne lorries and the long haul

across Europe. At time of going to press, two lorries had arrived in Western Ukraine, with more arriving daily.



A 20-tonne lorry arrives in the Ukraine and is unpacked.

Generosity and kindness

In closing, Patrick Davies, our curate, who managed the process commented: "As a church, our hearts are broken by the awful happenings in the Ukraine and we wanted to provide whatever help we could, practically and in prayer, so we opened our doors for collections. We also wanted to offer a quiet space to come and pray.

"We extend a hearty and sincere thanks to everyone that so generously provided help in various ways; we are humbled by the generosity and kindness of our local and wider communities. You guys rock!"

Charlene Lamb

After our initial response, with goods already in Ukraine, you can still help. You can send money via the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal – their website is: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal

Church Services in April

- Tue 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 2 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 3 The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Lent 2022: Facing Change (Isaiah 43.16-21)
 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion
 Tue 5 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 6 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 7 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 9 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 10 Palm Sunday
Jesus our Redeemer: Jesus is the King! (Luke 19.28-40)
 10am Palm Sunday Oxshott Praise style service for all ages in church, followed by communion
 Mon 11 7pm 30-minute Reflections for Holy Week
 Tue 12 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 7pm 30-minute Reflections for Holy Week
 Wed 13 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 7pm 30-minute Reflections for Holy Week
Thu 14 Maundy Thursday
 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 7pm 30-minute Reflections for Holy Week, including agape
Fri 15 Good Friday
Jesus our Redeemer: Jesus chose the cross
 10am Easter Explored for all the family
 12-3pm An hour at the cross: meditations, readings and music
 Sat 16 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 17 Easter Day
Jesus our Redeemer: Jesus has risen! (Acts 10.34-43)
 10am Easter Celebration for all ages
 Tue 19 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 20 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 21 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 23 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 24 The second Sunday of Easter
Jesus our Redeemer: Jesus is the Messiah (Acts 5.27-32)
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Mon 25 Mark the Evangelist
 Tue 26 George, Martyr, Patron of England
 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 27 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 28 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 30 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom



- Our 10am Sunday services are also live streamed, via the church website
- Pray Together and Saturday Prayers are on zoom, also via the church website

Parish News & Notes

Bake For ABC

We love to offer homemade baked goods to the adults who come along to ABC on a Monday morning. If you love to bake and would like to bless ABC with something delicious (enough for 20-25 people), please email abc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk and let us know the preferred date you'd like to contribute from the following: 25 April, 2/9/16/23 May. Many thanks, *Belinda*



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We were treated to an

inspirational and informative sermon on 13 March, when Revd Su McLellan from Embrace the Middle East, one of our Mission Partners, visited us.



Su is Senior Church Engagement Manager at Embrace and Curate at Coventry Cathedral. You can (re)hear her sermon online via the website.

And read more about Embrace, and its work in Jericho, on page 14.



Looking forward to Easter

After two years of Covid restrictions, we are increasingly able to meet together as a church community.

And this year we will have a full range of gatherings and services throughout Holy Week and Easter – see opposite.

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The Easter story...



Colin Bailey 1935-2022

Colin Haselden Bailey was well known here in Oxshott and at St Andrew's, having lived with his wife Maureen in Silverdale Avenue for many years, and having served at St Andrew's in various capacities, including as churchwarden from 1993-97.

Colin was the youngest of three boys; he grew up in Leamington Spa, went to school in Warwick, and studied Geography at St Peter's College, Oxford. His varied career was mainly at Esso, working in Haverfordwest, London and New York. After early retirement, he spent several happy years as a careers advisor for UCL and the College of Law.

They moved to Midhurst in Sussex several years ago, where they again took full part in the local community. As their daughter Catherine recalled in her tribute to him, Colin embraced the arts, music and reading and was a keen watcher of sport. He had read most of the books in the Midhurst library, and always had several new books on order so he didn't run out.

Colin died on 19 January, and the funeral was held at Midhurst Parish Church on 4 February, preceded by a burial at Carron Lane Cemetery, adjacent to Midhurst Common. At the funeral service, Catherine also observed that "One of the most common phrases that has been used about my Dad is that he was a real gentleman. I looked up what it actually means and found a few definitions: A man who is polite and well educated; who has excellent manners and always behaves well; who is respectful, caring and considerate. These are all qualities we love about him."

The Vicar, Revd Dave Willis, also referred to Colin's family, career and hobbies, and added "...but throughout all of this, like a chord that links everything together, was Colin's church life, his ministry as a Reader, and his faith in God – who really was his portion, and in whom he could place his trust.

"And we, who were blessed to receive Colin's ministry, received the fruits of his study, his thorough sermon preparation, his faithfulness, hope, and wisdom."



The drama of Palm Sunday

It must have been a dramatic sight on Palm Sunday when Jesus approached Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. What do we know?

The Bible tells us that 'A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"' (Matthew 21.8, 9)



But not everyone welcomed Jesus; in the very next verse we read, 'the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"' (10) And by the end of the week, the crowds were demanding Jesus' crucifixion. (Matthew 27.22)

Why did they turn against Jesus so quickly? Perhaps they were disappointed because He refused to fulfil their expectations in establishing a new political kingdom. Instead, He came to change our hearts and save us from our sins by His death and resurrection. As He said during that week, 'My kingdom is not of this world.' (John 18.36) This deeply disappointed those who hoped that He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers.

Where would we have been on that first Palm Sunday? Among those who welcomed Him or among the sceptical crowds? It's easy to judge those who condemned Jesus, but would we have acted differently? We too can be disappointed when Jesus fails to meet our hopes and expectations of Him?

The message of Easter is that God still loves and accepts us, and because of Jesus we can be forgiven. He came for one simple reason: 'For Christ also suffered once for sins...to bring you to God.' (1 Peter 3.18)

May we welcome Jesus afresh into our lives this Eastertime!

From the Registers



Funerals

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Funerals at St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon:

16 February Oisín Diarmuid Reid (died 19 January 2022, aged 16)

The funeral service was conducted by Revd Frances Trickey; not recorded in our Registers, but included here as a resident of Oxshott

4 March Leonard John Avery (died 22 January 2022, aged 87)

Not recorded in our Registers, but included here as a long-standing past member of the church family

Have you ever been to Jericho?

You will have heard of the battle of Jericho. But the modern Jericho, five minutes down the road from the ancient site, is a Palestinian city in the West Bank, with its own hardships. As **Karen Henshall** explains, our Mission Partner 'Embrace Jericho' is very active there...

Jericho lies in the eastern part of the West Bank; it is 250 metres below sea level, the lowest city on earth. Many historical sites are in the area, including Zacchaeus' tree (see Luke 19.1–10!), and the oldest staircase in the world.

The local people face economic hardships, having no airport, no port and being under Israeli control, so development is limited. However the area is the grain basket for the West Bank, other areas being desert.

In January, as part of our support for Embrace the Middle East, there was a zoom meeting between Don and Jo Eccleshall's Life Group, members of the Mission Partnering Committee and Elias Najjar from Embrace Jericho. Elias (*right*) lives in Bethlehem with his wife, son and daughters.

The PBS work in Jericho – Embrace Jericho

Only 300 Christians live in Jericho, linked to two main churches: Catholic and Greek Orthodox. The Palestinian Bible Society (PBS) has developed good relationships, especially with the Catholic church, which is the most active.

The work is focussed on women, youth and children over 15 years. This includes striving to build their personalities, abilities and talents, all done with a strong Christian ethic. At first people were suspicious, but now they know and trust the team, which is led by Elias and two women who lead youth, children & women's activities.

The Leadership Academy is Elias' main focus and essentially he works alone.



Three hundred people participate in the training from different areas in the West Bank. Some are university students, and others are employees in local organizations, and some are leaders from the local communities.

Elias says, "We aim to bring hope to them, allowing them to express themselves. When we ask what they want, we discover that most have never held a musical instrument, so we plan to take them to Bethlehem to a Musical Training Centre. They also expressed interest in travelling outside Jericho or riding horses. They want a sports club for females – doing Zumba and fitness classes!" They try to do initiatives that will help the women to reach their goals and dreams.

The Children and Youth programme includes educational entertainment games, discussion topics, workshops, ethics, self-discipline, learning about their self, talents, skills and hobbies, educational lectures and summer camps - raising self-esteem, the ability to develop a sense of self-worth, a belief in one's ability, to manage their time and use it for their good.

All this gives them an opportunity to pay attention to their self-discipline and the importance and influence of this to their life holistically.

Achievements in 2021

Last year St Andrew's supported Embrace the Middle East, the umbrella organization, to the tune of £2,500, and the local initiative Embrace Jericho worked on a number of activities:

- various programs with different groups (children, youth, women, leaders) in the exceptional circumstances of the Covid pandemic;
- cooperation with the local community through the Leadership Academy and communicating with leaders, youth and institutions in a new way;
- acceptance, enthusiasm and commitment from these groups who are able to make a positive change and impact society in a great way;
- encouraging local institutions and some schools in Jericho to continue and move forward with programmes for children and youth, as they start to believe in the capabilities of the new generation, and train youth leaders to serve the local community.

We were delighted to meet online with Elias, to learn of the challenges and progress for Embrace Jericho, and express our prayerful and financial support.

The Palestinian Bible Society (PBS), a partner of Embrace the Middle East, works to make the Word of God available to people living in the Holy Land, and runs a number of programmes, including the centre for children and mothers in Jericho, which provides a safe space to learn valuable life skills and have fun.



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Village News

OVSC: buzzing with activities!

Looking for something to do with the children this Easter holidays? OVSC will be running both Tennis Camps and Cricket Camps at the club...

One option for children is cricket – Oxshott Village Sports Club (OVSC) have Cricket Camps taking place on Monday 4 April to Thursday 7 April and Monday 11 April to Thursday 14 April. There are groups from age 5+ with both hard ball and soft ball courses. Please contact the office for more information.



And Tennis Camps are running throughout the Easter holidays from Monday 4 April to Friday 22 April; more information can be found at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/JamesStarrCoaching/Coaching/Camps>

And for the adults we have *Give Bowls a Go* sessions on 11, 18 and 26 April from 4-7pm. All equipment will be provided – just turn up in flat shoes or trainers and have a go - see the full details on page 25!

And in May the Oxshott Bowls Club is launching its 2022 Summer League. Get a team of three or four players together from your place of work or a group of friends, to have fun and compete with other new bowlers. It is £5 per session to include a drink and food and will take place every Wednesday during May from 6-7.30pm. If you are interested just register your team by emailing oxshottbowls@gmail.com

March has been a busy month so far, with tennis racket demonstration days, padel elite coaching from the Padel School, Petanque England tournament and a squash exhibition charity match in support of the *Garden Route Children's Trust*.

The club has also seen successes on the Junior Tennis Programme with both our 9 & Under and 10 & Under tennis teams qualifying through the group and knock out stages to reach the finals of the LTA National League Junior Team Trophy. The finals will be played later in March so we hope to be able to bring you more good news next month! This follows on from the great success that the Oxshott Tennis Performance Programme has had, with nine of its junior Performance Players being selected for Surrey Tennis County Training.

If you would like any information about activities at the club or about becoming a member, do please contact Sarah or me in the office (office@oxshottsports.com).

Fiona Stephen

Dramatic ducks!

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society (OACS) had an unusual demonstration in unusual style at their March meeting, as **Miranda Fuller** recounts...

OACS were very pleased to have popular artist Marie Antoniou come on 8 March, and give us a demonstration of wildlife in acrylics. Marie's style is unlike almost any other we have watched, one that she describes, as she works, as impressionistic, at times a variation of pointillism.

Working on a stretched canvas, with a lilac wash and using large, flat brushes, Marie creates a foreground and background, by applying strong, multi-directional strokes, keeping them as neat as possible and avoiding any overworking, with its resulting 'muddiness'.

Her brush strokes are confident and simple, her palette bold and bright – the primary colours, plus purple, burnt sienna, cerulean blue and thalo green. For some time, we see no hint in her picture of the wildlife she has come to demonstrate for us, but presently, through dark mark-making with the same large, flat brush, we see general shapes appearing against the yellow background. Marie over-emphasises colours to enliven the picture and, by her further blocking in of the background and chiselling into the dark shapes, we begin to recognise the forms of ducks. Marie further brightens the background, continues sculpting from the negative areas, applies brighter colour where sunlight is hitting the shapes and, with the brush edge, applies brighter

colour where sunlight is hitting the shapes and, with the brush edge, applies additional strokes of colour to them, to lend them weight, and then outlines them with sharper colour.

Although Marie apologises for an 'unfinished painting', she has managed to present us with several ducks, each with its own character, and it has been a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Pictured here (*left*) is her vibrant painting, in its later stages.



The unusual style of Marie Antoniou... Stage 1



Also shown here (*right*), is a charming piece of embroidery by Charlotte Fletcher, one of our members whose work featured recently in the excellent *Connections* exhibition, at Riverhouse Barn in Walton-on-Thames.

On 12 April, we have Paul Simmons's demonstration, in oils, of Indian Himalayan villages and we then look forward especially to welcoming readers to our Spring Show on 21-22 May - our first in three years, due to Covid.

Further events can be found in future issues, but our full 2022 programme is available on our website, which includes a membership application. Our meetings, which are friendly and informal, take place at the Oxshott Village Centre. Non-members are always welcome as guests, for a £5 fee.

Miranda Fuller



OXSHOTTART & CRAFTS SOCIETY



What's On in Oxshott



April

- Tue 5 10am **Ladies Friendship Group:** Memorabilia Morning, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Tue 12 7.45pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society:** *Indian Himalayan Villages*, with Paul Simmons, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 13 2.30pm **The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott:** *Caithness Glass, Loch, Heather and Peat*, with Mark Hill, at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon
- Sun 17 10am **St Andrew's Church:** Easter Celebration for all ages, at St Andrew's Church, Oakshade Road
- Tue 19 8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute:** *The Eyes Have It*, with Bryony Allen, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 21 8pm **Cercle Français d'Esher:** *Madame Tussauds*, with Isabelle Schloesing, at West End Village Hall, West End Lane, Esher

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So, we have welcomed Signature into the parish! - see the advert opposite...

Elmbridge Local Plan...

FEDORA have highlighted to residents that Elmbridge Borough Council has released its keenly awaited draft Local Plan. This sets out Elmbridge's housing strategy for the next 15 years, including the number of new homes that it intends to provide.

FEDORA
The Voice for Oxshott

You can read a synopsis on the FEDORA website, which also has a link to the full content of the Plan.

The draft contains some good news for Oxshott residents, but also potentially provides a threat to the long-term protection of Green Belt.

www.fedora.org.uk

Colourful tales of quilts and harps

Oxshott Village WI are back in full operation, as **Liz McGibbon** reports...

The ladies of Oxshott Village WI were captivated at our meeting in February, when Gill Harris displayed a number of beautiful patchwork quilts which she had made over several years. There was cot size up to those that would fit a double bed, and all in beautiful colours and designs. She calls herself a 'fabriholic' as she can't resist eyeing up fabric, especially on men with lovely cotton shirts!

Gill's latest project is making quilts for residents of *Combat Stress*, which are much appreciated as they



One of Gill's beautiful handmade quilts

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can be taken home. All quilts are made of cotton so they can be laundered.

Bringing a harp to Oxshott

Members also attended an enjoyable afternoon tea and recital by Margaret Watson at the end of February. Margaret, a professional harpist and accredited lecturer, entertained the ladies with stories of her life and some beautiful music played on her harp. The event was organised by Surrey Federation, and we hope we may be able to hear her again here in Oxshott later in the year.

We continue to enjoy our monthly lunches, walks and craft group. The book club have just read *Because of You*, by Dawn French - a story about a stolen baby, which will be discussed at our next book club meeting - always an interesting meeting, as everyone has an opinion!

New members and visitors are always welcome, so mark your calendar - third Tuesday of the month in Oxshott Village Centre at 8pm - and please feel free to contact me if you are interested in coming along (lizmccgibbon@btinternet.com).

Liz McGibbon

Historical glories of Canterbury

Nicky Orlebar recalls an Arts Society visit to the cathedral city...

ASCO (The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott) found Canterbury in Kent to be a most attractive market town, full of alleyways, cobbled streets, historic buildings and dominated in size and influence by the imposing cathedral surrounded by its green lawn.

Canterbury was named after a Celtic tribe called the Cantiaci. Later, a Roman settlement named Cantiacorum grew up along Watling Street linking Dover with Canterbury, and on via London Bridge to Chester. The town's importance grew in 597AD when Pope Gregory sent a Benedictine missionary monk to England to Christianise the pagan Anglo-Saxons. His name was Augustine and on arriving in Canterbury (headquarters of the kings of Kent) he set about founding a monastery, and became England's first Archbishop.

Completely rebuilt by the Normans using Caen stone in 1070, the current nave is on the site of Augustine's church. Additions over the centuries have included towers, vaulting, rebuilding the Quire and Romanesque nave, constructing Christ Church gate as well as restoration following the Civil War.

Knowledgeable cathedral guides expanded on the late 12th century vaulting in Trinity Chapel. Here, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered on 29 December 1170 following an argument between Crown and Church

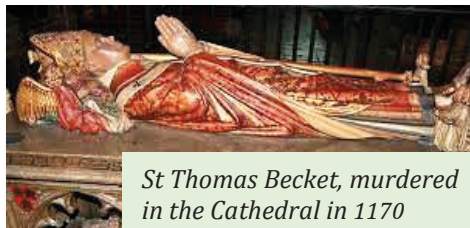
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(or King Henry II v Becket). Two years later, as Becket's martyrdom spread, he was canonised by the Pope.

Chaucer's Canterbury Tales tells us about the visiting pilgrims whose feet and knees have worn down the steps up to his shrine.

Brilliant windows

Moving around the nave and aisles, we came across brilliantly coloured stained glass (*see below*) while the intricate fan vaulted ceiling of the Crossing Tower soared above us.



St Thomas Becket, murdered in the Cathedral in 1170



Royal tombs include that of Edward, the Black Prince, shown in his armour, who died in 1376. Elizabethan and Jacobean monumental art commemorating the great and the good can be seen in all the aisles and chapels. We were also shown the 1625 memorial bust to English composer Orlando Gibbons. It was not difficult to understand why Canterbury Cathedral is a World Heritage site.

Before returning to our coach, the afternoon of 'free time' was enjoyed either boating on or walking by the River Stour, discovering the museum of local Roman finds, walking the city walls or returning to the Cathedral shop. Two members even found Fenwicks irresistible!

The present Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, is 105th in the line of succession from Augustine.

Nicky Orlebar



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On how maintaining the churchyard can lead to turf wars

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

Consider yourself fortunate that your churchyard consists of no more than a small, paved area, and that keeping it tidy requires ten minutes of picking up discarded takeaway boxes on Sunday morning. Our four acres of grass and randomly placed gravestones absorbs a large portion of the time and energy of half the parish.

By getting different people to adopt sections of the churchyard, the hope was that an element of competition would be introduced; Major Rutherford would never let Admiral Crompton's section look tidier than his and the local farmers would want to show the amateurs that they knew far more about land maintenance.

Sadly, human nature has got in the way – as it invariably does. Miss Timmins has declared her section a nature reserve, so that the cuddly field mice and darling hedgehogs have somewhere to live in. This now means that crossing from her patch to the next feels like crossing from Kew Gardens to the Amazon Rainforest. Two feet high grass and a profusion of dandelions give way to manicured lawn with any weed daring to pop its head above the parapet being beheaded in seconds. Miss T is toying with erecting a fence round her plot, to keep her dear furry friends safe and Sir Horace is threatening to have it electrified, to make sure they do not defile his grass billiard table.

Mr Tremble, a retired health and safety officer, whose well-meaning advice on avoiding accidents is such a burden, is applying to have all the gravestones on his patch levelled, so that no one could be killed by having a fall on them. The fact that this has never happened in 600 years, seems an irrelevance to him.

A local farmer, who maintains the boundary walls, generously planted cherry trees all around the perimeter; not only for their looks in Spring, but so that the birds would have somewhere to roost. Sadly, Lady Lipton, while resting from maintaining her plot, tends to stupefy them when she smokes her briar pipe.

The only area which no one dares criticise surrounds the mausoleum of the Luscombes, maintained by the gardening staff of the present Lord. It contains such a collection of rogues and miscreants that parishioners fear their anger at being disturbed may even cross the divide of death.

I hesitate to admit it, but the thought of an area of concrete with a few pizza boxes scattered round does at times hold a certain attraction.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Sudoku

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Last month's solution

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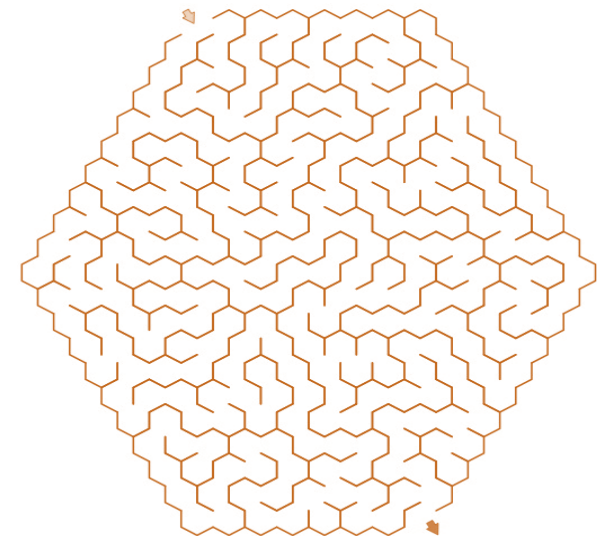
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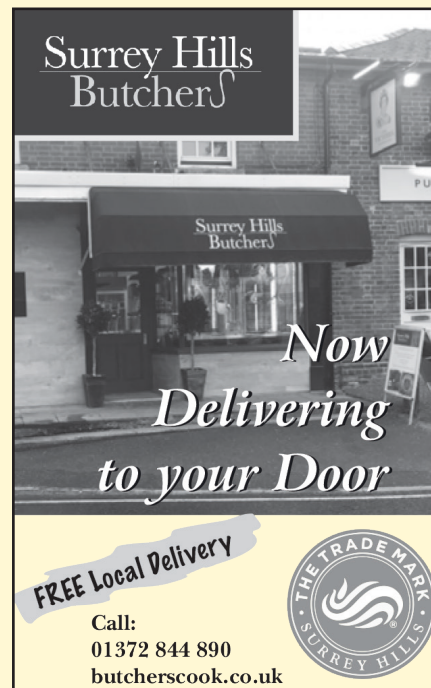
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Bible Reading Fellowship: Hon Sec: Claire King (01932 867522)

Build your Church Project: Contact: Ruth Burns (01372 844377)

Children and Young People:

StAks - 4-11 years old groups, meeting on Sundays 11am-12 noon in term time

OY! - Youth Club for local young people aged 10-14 (school years 6-9)

Contact: the Church Office (01372 842071)

Church Hall: For bookings contact the Church Office (01372 842071)

Church Office: Church Administrator: Claire Costard. Assistant: Rowena Osman-Robertson. Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Churches Together: Suzanna Knott (01932 866951)

Churchwardens: Richard Green (07770 644039), Jill Perrett (077688 52805); Assistant Churchwardens: John Henshall (01737 844756), Andy Hum (01372 844322)

Coffee Comfort: Contact: Jenny Mathieson (01372 842760)

Deanery Synod: Representatives: Rebecca Mayhew and Jill Perrett

Electoral Roll Officer: Emily Godfrey (electoral.roll@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Lay Assistants: Barbara Begley, Peter Burt, Marianne Francis, Anita Harper, Phillip Herbert, Claire King, Rebecca Mayhew, Jill Mengham, Helen Shand & Jackie Stewart

Life Groups: A number of Life Groups meet for study, fellowship and prayer on a regular basis throughout the parish. Co-ordinator: Patrick Fleming (life.groups@standrewsoxshott.org.uk or through the Church Office 01372 842071)

Lunch Club: meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, and generally appeals to people who are 60 plus. Leaders: Sheila and Phillip Herbert (01372 842301)

Mothers' Union: Branch Leader: Jane Endean (07762 212607 or mothers.union@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Music: Director of Music: Valerie Beynon (01932 863296). Organists: Carina Moffat, Nicky Orlebar. Worship Band: Andy Hum (01372 844322)

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Anna Jarrett (safeguarding@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

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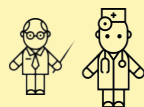
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- Ladies Friendship Group:** Meets 1st Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)
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- Oxshott Art & Crafts Society:** This friendly group of artists and craftsmen meet for a demonstration at 7.45pm on the second Tuesday of most months. Guests are welcome and members can exhibit in three annual exhibitions. All standards are welcome. Full details on our website (www.oxshottartandcrafts.org)
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- Oxshott, Esher and the Dittons NWR (National Women's Register):** meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings (some Tuesday afternoons during winter) in each other's homes. Contact: Cathy Davies (01372 842085)
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