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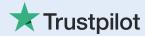
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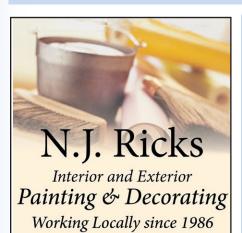
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A certain hope

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persist in prayer. (Romans 12.12)

Dear Friends

The verse above, from Paul's letter to the Romans in the Bible, was particularly highlighted by our Vicar Frances in light of the situation with her health. I am sure many of you will already be aware that at the end of



February Frances underwent an operation to remove a brain tumour, and she now faces a course of radiotherapy and chemotherapy. There is a long road ahead, to travel with hope, patience, and persistence.

In difficult circumstances, often our immediate reaction is not to 'rejoice'. Yet, the Christian hope allows rejoicing even in the bleakest times. This hope is not akin to 'wishful thinking', but is 'sure and certain', since Jesus himself has made it known to us. It is a hope which surpasses our earthly circumstances, and assures us that there is nothing which can ultimately separate us from God's love and care. Does that mean life for Christians will always be easy? No! We all experience the need for 'patience in suffering' and 'persistence in prayer' - yet, we hold onto hope.

Many of us will face very challenging situations during our lifetime; I am sure that there will be those within our community who face health challenges even now. In such times we can all be grateful to live with access to good medical care widely and freely available. We are fortunate, too, to live in a place where this Christian hope is also made widely and freely available; in churches (including our own) across the country, every Sunday and throughout the week.

At Easter we will remember and celebrate the root of this hope; that God himself demonstrates 'patience in suffering, and persistence in prayer', as Jesus faces death on the cross. The hope made known by Jesus shows us that suffering is not the end of the story, and rising to life again, Jesus shows

that restoration, fullness of life, and ultimate joy are available to all who will put their faith in God. That is our secure hope, and one in which we can truly rejoice, in every season and circumstance.



+Church News

Easter 2023: Surveying the Cross

As we celebrate Easter this year, it is worth recalling how previous generations have expressed their faith...

In England in the 1600s, singing in church was confined to simple melodies attached to the words of the psalms. Each line would be sung in turn by a precentor, and the congregation would follow. This was a slow, stilted and rather uninspiring process!

When Isaac Watts was 15 years old, he complained to his father that singing in church was nothing but tuneless dirges. Watt's father, a church deacon, challenged his son that if he could do better with the worship he could go ahead and try.

'The wondrous cross'

Watts rose to the task in a big way: during his lifetime he wrote over 600 hymns! And from that time, countless poets and composers have followed his example, and enhanced the way we worship God.

Many churches will sing one of Watts' hymns this Easter: 'When I survey the wondrous cross'.

It is written as though Watts is standing in front of the cross, gazing at the crucified Jesus, and taking stock of what this all means to him.

Incredibly, Watts describes the Roman device for capital punishment as a 'wondrous cross' and views this as an amazing scene of God's love. The cross was indeed a sight of horror, but it was also one of love where Jesus died for our sins. As Paul put it: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6.14)

Offering our soul, our life, our all

As Watts looks at his Saviour dying in agonising pain, he knows there is no place for self-esteem. Jesus sacrificed Himself for us, securing our salvation and it is only about Him we should boast.

Watts uses an imagery of the starkness of the crucifixion with 'sorrow' and 'love'. It was sorrow for our sin that took Jesus to the cross; it was not the nails that held Him there, but His love for us.

The final verse is about gratitude and commitment. What can we give to Jesus as a 'thank you'? How can we repay Him?

Even if we could give the whole world as a gift to Jesus it would be inadequate - a 'present far too small'. Our only proper gift can be to offer Him our own 'soul, our life, our all'. \not

Parish News & Notes



Palm Sunday is on 2 April this year, and will be busy as usual! For your diary:

10am All-age Service

Join the celebration as Jesus enters Jerusalem! All are welcome - this service is ideal for families (no Communion)

6.30pm Said Service of Holy Communion

This service will be led by our Area Dean, Revd Renos Pittarides

7 for 7.30pm APCM

Our Annual Meeting will once again be held in church, chaired by Revd Renos Pittarides

We are very grateful

that we are being supported by other local clergy whilst Frances is out of action.

One regular face that we will be seeing is Revd Elisabeth Burke from All Saints', Ockham, who will be taking most of our Wednesday services We will be giving a warm St Andrew's welcome to all the visiting clergy!



Celebrate Easter at St Andrew's!

Monday 3 - Thursday 6 April: Holy Week Reflections
Each evening from 7-7.30pm you are invited to join us
to reflect and pray

Friday 7 April: Good Friday Meditations

12noon-3pm Join us in church for reflections, readings, prayer and music, led by our Archdeacon, Ven Martin Breadmore.

You are welcome to come for all or part of the 3 hours

Sunday 9 April: Easter Day 'Jesus is risen!'

10am An Easter celebration for all the family, followed by **11am** a short service of Holy Communion

For more information on all our services, visit www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk

Church News

Church Services in April

Sat 1 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel

Sun 2 Palm Sunday Confidence on the Frontline: Building Confidence: through courage 10am St Andrew's at 10 (no Communion) 6.30pm Said Service of Holy Communion Mon 3 7pm 30-minute Reflections for Holy Week Tue 4 9am Pray Together, via zoom 7pm 30-minute Reflections for Holy Week Wed 5 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion) 7pm 30-minute Reflections for Holy Week Thu 6 Maundy Thursday 9am Pray Together, via zoom 7pm - 30-minute Reflections for Holy Week Fri 7 Good Friday 12-3pm Reflections at the cross: meditations, readings and music Sat 8 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel Sun 9 Easter Day

- Tue 11 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 12 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)

11am A short service of Holy Communion

- Thu 13 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 15 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 16 **The second Sunday of Easter**Resurrection Encounters: Mary Magdalene from grief to joy
 10am St Andrew's at 10

10am Easter Celebration for all ages, followed by

- Tue 18 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 19 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 20 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 22 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 23 **The third Sunday of Easter**Resurrection Encounters: the Disciples- from fear to peace
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 25 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 26 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 27 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 29 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 30 **The fourth Sunday of Easter**Resurrection Encounters: Thomas from doubt to faith
 10am St Andrew's at 10

You are very welcome to join us for our services and prayers, in person or online:

- 10am Sunday services in church are also live streamed, via the church website
- Saturday Prayers take place weekly in church
- Pray Together sessions during the week are on zoom, via the church website

Knowing me, knowing you...

April 2023

We asked some of the St Andrew's family to tell us about themselves - and whether is there anything that other people are unlikely to know...



t is quite natural that we know our fellow members of St Andrew's to varying degrees – so we thought it would be fun to ask some of the church family whether they could think of something about themselves that others are unlikely to know... in only 50 words!

Raymond Coe: I've slept in a hammock in the Amazon jungle. Over six weeks, investigating the prospects for an engineering project, we'd depart for the jungle each week in a canoe laden with our gear, food and live chickens, and stay the week in the jungle, usually sleeping in hammocks.

Rowena Osman-Robertson: I've shaken hands with King Charles. He was on a visit to Botswana when he was Prince of Wales, and I was part of a gymnastics display at my school; I was aged about 13. Afterwards, he shook hands with me and we had a little chat about the training!

Brian Cox: I actually was a cox – the one who steers the boat in rowing regattas. I initially did it because of my name, but for 15 years I competed in major rowing events, including Henley Royal Regatta. It was the only sport I could find that involved sitting down and shouting at people.

Nicky Orlebar: People say I look a bit Scandinavian - which I am! My grandmother Johanna Skarp was born in Sweden but came to Britain in 1903. I vividly remember her at her Sussex home – she had gas-lit lights that had to be raised and lowered by pulleys in order to light them.

Patrick Davies: I am related to (William) Trevelyan Richards, Coxswain of the Penlee lifeboat *Solomon Browne*, lost on 19 December 1981 going to the aid of the *Union Star*. The attempted rescue was described by the accompanying rescue helicopter pilot as "the greatest act of courage I have ever seen."

Jo Eccleshall: I've shaken hands with Nelson Mandela. He was receiving to an honorary degree in Oxford, and we saw him at a distance in the huge crowds. A friendly policeman told me where he would be emerging - when he did so, he spoke to the small gathering there, and shook hands with me!

Other people will no doubt have their own stories - why not ask them?!!

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Building Your Church: a step at a time!

Exciting progress continues on the much-needed building works at St Andrew's, as **Ron Stewart** reports...

e are delighted to confirm that our Planning Application in respect of the major refurbishment of the ancillary buildings at the church were duly lodged with Elmbridge planners at the end of January. These documents are open to the public for inspection and can

be viewed under ref 2023/0365.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the present redesign, which many called in to see in the vestibule of the church, and we pray that these plans will have a positive journey through the planning process so work can be started later in the year.



There is still around £100k of funding to raise to meet our appeal target and we are very appreciative of all donations to make these facilities a reality and welcoming space at the centre of our village.

Ron Stewart

From the Registers



Funerals

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of: 23 February Joan Elizabeth Boardman (died 4 January 2023, aged 92) Ronald "Bob" Boardman (died 19 January 2023, aged 92)

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Partnership progress in Pakistan

This month, Revd Jolyon Trickey brings us news of our links with Sialkot Diocese and the Open Theological Seminary (OTS) in Pakistan...

t Andrew's has been at the forefront of a Guildford Diocesan Companion link with Sialkot Diocese, officially launched, online, in July 2021. In November 2022, Guildford Diocese was delighted to receive our first official visit from Right Revd Alwin Samuel, Bishop of Sialkot, and General Secretary Shahzad Kurrham.

At short notice, we were unable to host them here at

St Andrew's, but they were able to visit both St Andrew's, Cobham and St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon as we look to develop the Companion Link with Leatherhead Deanery.

As part of this visit, Bishop Alwin also engaged with Muslim and other faith groups in Woking, enjoyed a restaurant meal with Bishop Andrew and his Senior Team, spoke at the Cathedral, met Church House staff and briefly attended an England football match. You may recall that Sialkot is where most of the world's official footballs are made!



His visit ended at a Clergy Study Day, and meeting a group of clergy and lay leaders to reflect about the future of the Companion Link.

For Bishop Alwin, regular prayer and personal encouragement, in a very challenging context, are the greatest gifts we can offer. Future plans focus around mutual visits, learning and encouragement in mission.

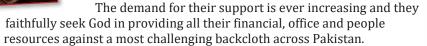
Enjoying the links

We are equally delighted to announce that our other partners in Pakistan, Revd Dr Qaiser Julius and his wife Rahila, will be visiting St Andrew's in

early summer. We have made the first grant from our new Travel

Fund to enable this visit.

We continue to maintain our close relationship with them; our linked Life Group are particularly inspired by Rahila's charity work, HELP the Helpless (see left), which seeks to support women by teaching them sewing skills at dedicated centres and offering adult literacy classes.



OTS continues to faithfully build discipleship in the Sialkot area using its many courses and group-based model for theological education. Particularly encouraging is a youth programme in one of Sialkot's schools.

As an example of his wider work, Qaiser was very instrumental in initiating and then leading the very first Pakistan Theological Education Expo in December 2022 in Lahore, which sought to bring theological education providers across the country onto one platform to collaborate with each other. There were some 50 booths at the Expo, distributed among 25 different Bible colleges and seminaries, along with 12 publishing and media houses.

The venture turned out to be a 'symbol of love, hope and unity', and was declared a huge success by attendees. The exhibition closed with a candle lighting ceremony which sought to bring a 'Ray of Hope' to a currently challenging scenario in the churches across Pakistan (where there has been some unfortunate internal strife in recent weeks).

Helping families in need

Last year saw the horrors of some of the worst flooding seen in the country, with 33 million people in need of immediate lifesaving support. OTS consequently put their faith into action, launching a campaign to provide relief to some 1,000 families. By the year end, they had helped over 700 families with food to last them for a month.

Qaiser and Rahila remain most grateful to St Andrew's for this mission link and we all look forward to meeting with them in Oxshott very soon.





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April 2023 Church News

What is a deanery?

The Church of England, like any long-standing enterprise, has its own terminology. So what is 'a deanery'?...

xshott as a church parish is part of Leatherhead Deanery, which is simply a group of 12 adjacent parishes (see panel). This grouping is headed by an 'area dean', usually one of the senior vicars or rectors in the deanery. Our area dean is Revd Renos Pittarides, Rector of St Martin's, East Horsley.

Area deans used to be called, rather charmingly, rural deans; the first known was Robert de Eclesfield, appointed in 1148... In fact, some still are rural deans – presumably because their area has remained 'rural' in nature. Only in 2000 were bishops able to rename them as area dean if they so wished.

The area dean helps the Bishop of Guildford (who has 159 parishes) in the care of the whole deanery, and provides a locally-based, supportive and collaborative

leadership to the parishes; this often involves parishes assisting each other where the need arises. The area dean also co-chairs the Deanery Synod, where representatives of the parishes meet, in what is effectively the local tier of Church of England governance, which culminates in the General Synod for the worldwide Anglican Communion.

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A flowering of activity

OFAS had a successful AGM, and looks forward to their new year, as Jackie Topp reports...

he February meeting of the Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society was the 66th annual general meeting. The meeting was preceded by a finger-buffet lunch provided by the committee. It was a delicious spread of both sweet and savoury treats.

The club has approximately 30 members, which in this present climate is good. It's always a challenge, as everyone is aware how much prices have risen in recent months. Flowers, demonstrators' costs and even fuel charges have all increased and have to be passed onto clubs. So it is always delightful to see so many members attend our meetings. We have a full programme planned for the coming year, which starts this month (April). So please look out for us in the back pages of this magazine.

It was also the time for presentation of our cups. The Betty Barber Cup, for most points in Open Class, was awarded to Sylvia Thornton, and the

Trinder Cup for most points overall was also awarded to Sylvia Thornton. The Shirley King Cup for second most points was jointly awarded to Maddy Todd and Anita Lee: Anita now goes up to Senior Advanced.

The Chairman, Jackie Topp, has decided not to remain on the committee. She has served on the committee for 12 years. 10 of which were in the role of Chairman. It was great fun, but the time had come to pass the baton onto someone new.

She was very kindly thanked by Angela Horne, and presented with a voucher on behalf of all the members. A very kind gesture.

Jackie Topp



The OFAS Committee

(our Secretary, Anita Lee, was unavailable)

Left to right, seated: acting Chair Liz Owler, President Patricia Simmonds and Honorary Auditor Tony Simmonds Standing: Treasurer Andy Owler, Maddy Todd, retiring Chairman Jackie Topp and Sylvia Thornton

Sylvia did the flower arrangements seen in the background, which were later raffled to the members.

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A wealth of talent

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society members are having success across many different ventures, reports **Miranda Fuller**...



One of Jevsie's

Mini Meadows

pring-like weather may not have been in any great hurry to arrive, but OACS's members have continued their varied and colourful activities.

Jeysie Leanne, one of our newer members, has been stitching some very cute mini felt creatures for a fresh

project in 2023, as pictured here. She is adding new ones in the run up to Easter and calling this collection *Mini Meadows*.

Meadows.

Jeysie's mother, Jule Mallett, on her Sewing for Meditation workshop at the

Ochre Print Studio in Guildford, has been enjoying a process which allows one to indulge in the tactile nature of hand stitch without the pressure of an end goal. The pieces created can take as little as thirty minutes each, to make and provide the perfect use for odd scraps of material.

Members Sue Smith and Wendy Hale have both had artwork accepted for the appART Easter art exhibition and sculpture trail at Prior's Field, Godalming, from 1-15 April. Also, Sue's charming watercolour, shown here (left),

won the Pullinger Prize recently at an

exhibition held at Denbies Winery.

Meanwhile, our 2023

programme of demonstrations
continues, with several more events
to look forward to. Our first
demonstration of the year, *A Still Life in Acrylic*, by Hildegarde Reid, on 14
February, was well received. A selfprofessed colourist and quite
unashamedly 'wild', Hildegarde
produced another lovely, vibrant
still life for us, pictured here (right).

Iohn Donne's

Summerhouse.

by Sue Smith



Hildegarde Reid and her Still Life in Acryllic

After the Easter break, we welcome back popular artist Marie Antoniou, on 9 May, to demonstrate *Wildlife in Acrylics* and the following week, on

(continued overleaf)

Friday 19 May, we are pleased to announce a special day's workshop, by artist Brendan Smith, whose autumn one we sadly had to postpone. We look forward very much to Brendan's demonstration of a coastal scene in acrylics. The workshop will take place at the Village Centre, from 10am -4pm and Sue Smith is taking bookings on sue.smith191@btinternet.com. We hope some readers may join us for what looks a very good day.

Our Spring exhibition this year, a little later, will be 3-4 June and our final demonstration before the summer will be *A Landscape in Line and* Wash, by well-liked artist Anthony Nield.

OACS meetings take place on the second Tuesdays of the month at Oxshott Village Centre, from 7.30-9.30, and non-members are always welcome as guests, regardless of expertise or experience, for a £5 fee.

Miranda Fuller



xshott Net Zero* is here to encourage people to reduce their carbon footprint; to celebrate what is already taking place in the village; to provide information and create a network between individuals and groups to help with this process.

The climate crisis can feel daunting, but hopefully with a sense of shared effort we can spur each other on.

Our launch event is the Oxshott Net Zero Village Day on 22 April, from 11am to 5pm in the Village Centre. We are running a children's competition

to design our logo and the prize will be awarded on the day. We will have speakers on themes such as green investments and greening your home; lots of stalls including Surrey Wildlife Trust and sustainable gardening; experts to talk to including a compost clinic and electric cars.

Bring along your bike for an MOT in the car-park, seeds to swap at the gardening stall and your empty toiletries bottles to fill up at the refill stall.

We hope to see you on 22 April, but in the meantime, please do follow us on Facebook to get full details of the Village Day and future events. Use the OR code above to link directly.

Diana Thornton



Village News April 2023

Ukrainians in Surrey: continued support

Homes for Ukrainians; Surrey County Council asks: could you help?

It's been nearly a year since Ukrainian families first sought refuge across Europe. The 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme was set up so families in the UK could host Ukrainians fleeing the conflict in their country. And whilst the scheme was only expected to be in place for six months, as we know that was not to be the case.

Surrey has opened its doors to Ukrainian families, with over 3,000 people arriving having fled the war, the second highest number out of 152 council areas in England.

Despite this response from the people of Surrey, UK host families are still needed who can help provide SURREY matters

a home for Ukrainian refugees. Host families are able to claim 'thank-you' payments for hosting Ukrainian families, now up to £600 per month, which can help with increased cost of living expenses.

Surrey communities have been fantastic in rallying together to make our Ukrainian guests welcome and have enabled them to integrate into life



in the UK, with language courses, help with finding employment, and general assistance with navigating everyday life in the UK.

There is a big support network already established in Surrey that

enables these families to gain their independence whilst in the UK.

And whilst it may seem a huge sacrifice to welcome guests into one's home and indeed family, Surrey residents have been telling of the enormous positive impact that our Ukrainian friends have had on their lives in the short time they have been with us.

Find out more

For more information, see the Surrey County Council website pages, at www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/housing/support-for-ukrainian-nationals

April 2023 Village News

A true life tale

The ladies of Oxshott Village WI had a most enjoyable meeting in February. **Liz McGibbon** was there...

t our February meeting, one of our members, Ann Harper, gave an insight into her very interesting life, and what a life it was.

Ann ran away and joined a skating group at the age of twelve and was subsequently brought home by her father and sent to the Civil Service College where she completed her education. She was employed in various departments including the Foreign Office but upon marriage had to leave the Foreign Office. At that time married women were not allowed to work for the Civil Service – changed days!

Ann then trained for the Institute of Hospital Administrators and after various postings finally ended up at Middlesex Hospital, where she progressed to General Manager of West Park Hospital and all psychiatric and geriatric hospitals in Mid Surrey.

After retirement, she enjoyed many exciting holidays including the Silk Route and Russia and became a member of Friends of Covent Garden, which introduced her to meeting various members of the ballet and operatic world - Margot Fonteyn, Rudolph Nureyev, Margot Fonteyn and Placido Domingo, to name but a few.

During this time, she was President of Surrey Archers and represented England on two occasions and enjoyed hobbies of embroidery and antiques.

Ann displayed lots of items gathered during her life and some examples of her embroidery, which were greatly admired by all the members. It was in all a very enjoyable and interesting talk.

A Craft Day was recently organised by Surrey Federation and three members attended, tackling new crafts and the chance to meet other WI members from across Surrey.

Our other groups within our WI continue to be enjoyed and well supported. Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings which are held in the small hall of Oxshott Village Centre at 8pm on the third Tuesday of the month.





Embroidery by Ann Harper

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What's On in Oxshott

April

- 4 10am Ladies Friendship Group: Social Meeting -Coffee and biscuits and chat, in the Small Hall. Oxshott Village Centre
- Sun 9 10am **St Andrew's Church**: St Andrew's at 10: Easter Celebration for all ages, at St Andrew's Church
- Wed 12 2.15pm The Arts Society, Claremont & Oxshott: Music Recital, followed at 2.30pm: Field of the Cloth of Gold, with Jo Mabbutt, at Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke D'Abernon
- Wed 19 7.30pm Cercle Français d'Esher: Eugène Boudin, Peintre de la Côte *Normande – Sa Vie et son Oeuvre,* with Christine Nivet, at West End Village Hall, West End Lane, Esher
- Tue 18 2pm Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society: Fabulous flowers, demonstration by Lucinda Knapman, at Oxshott Village Centre 8pm Oxshott Village Women's Institute: Members Meeting, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Sat 22 11am-5pm **Oxshott Net Zero:** Village Day launch event at Oxshott Village Centre (see page 22)

If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at magazine@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

Looking back...

Did you know that...

- 100 years ago, on 15 April 1923, insulin became generally available for the treatment of diabetes.
- 75 years ago, on 30 April 1948, the Land Rover was officially launched at the Amsterdam Motor Show.
- 30 years ago, on 29 April 1993, Queen Elizabeth II announced that Buckingham Palace would open to the public for the first time, to raise funds to repair fire damage at Windsor Castle.
- Also 30 years ago, on 30 April 1993, the creators of the World Wide Web announced that it could be used for free by anyone. That decision has shaped the modern world as we know it.



A Wren masterpiece – but not St Paul's!

For this month's Arts Society visit, Nicky Orlebar tells of somewhere in the City - small, but beautifully formed...

visit by an Arts Society group to the City of London began outside a rather unassuming building. Squeezed into an improbably small

space, the Church of St Stephen Walbrook was however designed by none other than Sir Christopher Wren (1632-1723). He lived nearby at No. 15 Walbrook, beside a stream running south into the Thames and later channelled underground.

Access to the west door of St Stephen's was up a flight of steps. On entering the church, we stopped in our tracks – spellbound at the stunning cream interior



The stunning interior

before us. Built between 1672-9, eight tall arches rest on Corinthian columns which in turn support the colossal and impressive coffered dome covering the entire floor. A central lantern completes the height of the light-filled baroque interior.

It is a truly mathematical masterpiece. The sparkling golden chandeliers just add to the beauty of the pale interior. Only the dark wood of the organ, wall panelling and pulpit offer a contrast.

With arched windows of clear glass, this gem of a building replaced a medieval church destroyed by the 1666 Great Fire. Architects surmise that St Stephen's dome may have been a prototype for St Paul's Cathedral on which Wren was also working.

Today the church seating is arranged 'in the round' for about 200 people, with a Henry Moore rough stone altar in the centre. In 1953 the then Rector of St Stephen's, the Revd Chad Varah, founded the Samaritans a countrywide charity that still offers a telephone helpline to those in need.

Not only does 2023 make St Stephen's 350 years old, it is exactly 300 years since Wren died and 70 years since the Samaritans was founded.

Quite a year in which to visit this most splendid of churches when next in the City - Walbrook is between the Mansion House and Monument.

Nickv Orlebar

Reveille

A poem for springtime...

Spring is almost here again And memories thick and fast Come crowding to my senses To allay the wintery blast

I see the brave new snowdrop Peep while all the rest's asleep Sound 'Reveille' for the others Though their slumber's very deep

The next to break the ground,
Blaze forth in gold and purple shade,
Comes crocus to bring colour to
Some lucky hill or glade

Then daffodil and birdsong And the sod is verdant green, The exultant hymn of Springtime's Sung by every living thing

Ignatius Ahearn

Sudoku

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Last month's solution

Answers next month

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Think about it...

What does a dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.

Spotted...



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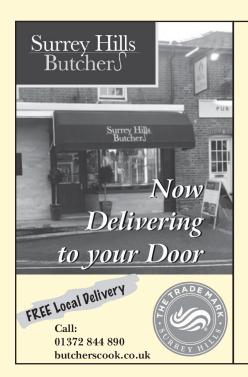
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Who's Who at St Andrew's



ABC: Adults, Babies and young Children - group for babies, young children, and their parents or carers. Contact: Patrick & Belinda Davies (abc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Building Your Church project: Chair: Ron Stewart (byc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Children and Young People: Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time. Special services are also held monthly for children and families, see St Andrew's @4 (below). For weekday events, see ABC (above). 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: Jill Perrett (077688 52805), Rebecca Mayhew (07818 426482)

Coffee Comfort: meets every 4th Thursday of the month, 10.15-11.45am in the church vestibule. Contact: Jenny Mathieson (01372 842760)

Deanery Synod: Representatives: Rebecca Mayhew and Jill Perrett

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

Lay Assistants: Barbara Begley, Peter Burt, Marianne Francis, Anita Harper, Phillip Herbert, Rebecca Mayhew, Jill Mengham, Helen Shand and 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)

Music: Director of Music: Valerie Beynon (01932 863296). Organist: Nicky Orlebar.

Parish Funding: Parish Funding Administrator: Marjorie Cox (07730 560752)

Parochial Church Council: PCC Secretary: Steph Rustom. PCC Members: Ruth Burns, Revd Patrick Davies (Curate), Ros Ebbutt-Hadman, Patrick Fleming, Carl Jackson (Treasurer), Anna Jarrett, Charlene Lamb, Rebecca Mayhew (Deanery Synod), Jill Perrett (Deanery Synod), Steph Rustom, Norman Steven, Revd Frances Trickey (Vicar), Revd Jolyon Trickey (Associate Minister) and Adele Wright

Pastoral Assistants: Barbara Begley, Peter Burt, Marianne Francis, Anita Harper, Gavin Harper, Rebecca Mayhew, Helen Shand, Jackie Stewart, Ron Stewart and Trish Torr. For contact, please call the Church Office (01372 842071)

St Andrew's @4: A monthly afternoon service in church, for everyone and especially those with primary-school aged and younger children. Contact: Revd Patrick Davies (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

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

Treasurer: Carl Jackson (01372 843990)

Website Editor: web@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

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Contact information for local services - please advise any changes

Community and Local Services



Oxshott Medical Practice: Holtwood Road, Oxshott KT22 0QJ

Telephone: 01372 844000 - Monday to Friday, 8am to 6.30pm

Website: www.oxshottmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Doctors:

Dr Mark Jenkins MB BS DRCOG DFFP MRCGP (available Monday-Wednesday, Friday)

Dr Richard Draper MB ChB MSc DA DRCOG DCH FRCGP (available Thursday, Friday)

Dr Alice Palfreman MBChB (Hons) MRCGP (available Monday-Wednesday)

Dr Laura Peeke MBBS BSc MRCP DRCOG MRCGP PGcert (available Monday, Tuesday)

Dr Hannah Coleman MBBS MRCGP DRCOG (available Wednesday, Thursday)

Dr Esmat Abbas MBBS BSc MRCGP DRCOG DFSRH (available Thursday, Friday)

Nurse: Rosemary Tyler (available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Surgery hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 6.30pm

Pre-bookable early morning and late-night appointments also available

Outside surgery hours:

- in non-Emergency cases: telephone 111
- in an Emergency, such as chest pain or shortness of breath (or any other emergency), telephone 999

Central Surrey Voluntary Action: No.1, The Quintet, Charities House, Churchfield Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 2TZ - incorporating Elmbridge Volunteer Centre, and an Esher venue (01372 463587 or visit www.centralsurreyvoluntaryaction.co.uk)

Centre for Sight: Vision correction, laser eye surgery, lens implants and cataract surgery, at 48 High Street, Oxshott. Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm (0800 011 2882)

Cobham Area Foodbank: Serves Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon, the Horsleys and Effingham (01932 450282 or manager@cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk)

Councillors – Elmbridge Borough Council

Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Ward:

Andrew Burley (07503 830954 or aburley@elmbridge.gov.uk),

David Lewis (07771 505567 or djlewis43@btinternet.com),

Alan Parker (07917 521069 or alanparker.oxshott@gmail.com)

Councillors – Surrey County Council

Cobham Division:

(includes Cobham, Downside, part of Stoke D'Abernon and Oxshott, west of the railway line)
David Lewis (01932 590338 or 07771 505567 or david.lewis1@surreycc.gov.uk)

Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott Division:

(includes Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott, east of the railway line)

Mark Sugden (01372 463085 or 07548 244422 or mark.sugden@surreycc.gov.uk)

Counsellor: Fay Preston MBACP BACP-registered counsellor (01372 450742 or 07855 098995 or visit www.counselling-directory.org.uk/counsellors/fay-preston)

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Services (continued)

Contact information for local services



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Dentist: Dr Brian Cullen BDS (Shef), Oxshott Dental Practice, Winkfield, Steels Lane, Oxshott. Mon-Thur 8am-5pm; Fri 8am-4.30pm (01372 843552 or info@oxshottdental.com or visit www.oxshottdental.com)

Esher and District Citizens Advice Bureau: Harry Fletcher House, Civic Centre Complex, High Street, Esher (No service currently in person; by phone 01372 464770 Mon-Tue, Thur-Fri 10.30am-3.30pm; Wed 1pm-3.30pm, or via www.eshercab.org.uk)

FEDORA - the Voice for Oxshott CIC: Chair: Anthony Wolfe (chairman@fedora.org.uk)
Friends of Oxshott Heath: Contact: Jan Fuller (janmfuller@yahoo.co.uk), Elizabeth
Chovil (e.chovil@ntlworld.com)

Health Visitor and Cobham Health Centre: (01932 867231)

Hospital Accident and Emergency Department (A&E): Epsom General Hospital, Dorking Road, Epsom KT18 7EG

Meals on Wheels: Contact: The Community Support Services Team at Elmbridge Council (01372 474552 or commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk)

Osteopath: Anja Davidson MOst, Wellmead Osteopathy, Steels Lane (01372 897497 or info@wellmeadosteopathy.co.uk)

Oxshott Care: Local voluntary Help Scheme (07950 478329). Phone attendance Mon-Fri 9am-12 noon, answer machine at other times

Oxshott Village Centre: Bookings Secretary: Alexandra Horne (01372 841892 or ovcbookings@aol.com or visit www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk)

Physiotherapist: Leigh R. Hopper MCSP SRP, Oxshott Physiotherapy Practice, Sunridge, Fairoak Lane, Oxshott (01372 844449 or oxshottphysio@btopenworld.com)

Police: Cobham, Stoke D'Abernon & Oxshott: Police Sergeant Rob Thomas & Police
Officer Andy Lawrence. Elmbridge Borough Commander: Inspector Bert Dean
Police Station: Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey
KT10 9SD (elmbridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

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Patient Participation Group (PPG): Patients, carers and GP practice staff who meet to discuss local practice issues. Contact: Oxshott Medical Practice (01372 844000)

Royal Kent School, Oakshade Road, Oxshott, Surrey KT22 0LE (01372 842495) Church of England Primary School, ages 4 to 11. For details of admissions, please contact the School Office. Headteacher: Katie Hancock Governors: David Young (Chair), Katie Hancock (Headteacher), Sue Bailey, Joe Blaney, Revd Patrick Davies, Louise Emmett, Stuart Heeks, Helen Howell, Laurie-Ann Lamb, Tonia Lovell, Revd Frances Trickey, Ria Woodhouse

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Girlguiding Oxshott: Meetings: Rainbows (girls aged 5-7: Tuesdays 4.15-5.30pm), Brownies (7-10: Tuesdays 5.45-7.15pm), Guides (10-14: Tuesdays 7.30-9pm), Rangers (14-18: Wednesdays 7.30-9pm). Contact: 1stoxshottbrownies@gmail.com

Ladies Friendship Group: Meets 1st Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)

Le Cercle Français d'Esher: Evening talks in French on 3rd Wednesday of each month from October to June in West End Village Hall. Contact: Brigitte Tiller (01372 842095 or brigitte@ptiller.com)

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: This friendly group of artists and craftsmen meet for a demonstration at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of most months. Guests are welcome. Full details on our website (www.oxshottartandcrafts.org)

Oxshott Badminton Club: If you play badminton why not join us on Tuesday evenings (September to May). Contact: Geoff Moyle (01372 843844 or geoffdot@ntlworld.com) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or ashokdivya@aol.com)

Oxshott Bridge Club: Duplicate bridge on Wednesday evenings at Oxshott Village Centre. Enquiries to Secretary: Janet Kefford (01932 863541)

Oxshott Choral Society: Meets Wednesday evenings in Stoke D'Abernon Church Hall. Contact: Sue Rees (01372 842300) www.oxshottchoral.org.uk

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)

Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society: Meets 3rd Tuesday in month at Oxshott Village Centre (except August). Secretary: Anita Lee (07979 804668 or leea8971@gmail.com)

Oxshott Village Sports Club: Bowls, Bridge, Cricket, Cycling, Football, Netball, Padel, Pétanque, Squash, Stoolball, Tennis. All enquiries to the OVSC office: Fiona Stephen or Sarah Murphy (01372 843652 or office@oxshottsports.com)

Political Parties: Cobham, Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives: Chair: Cathy Davies (01372 842085 or cdavies_waldegrave@yahoo.co.uk)

Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party: Secretary: Dan Parks (07860 677898 or codslabourbranch@gmail.com)

The Arts Society Claremont and Oxshott: Meets 2nd Wednesday in month (except July & August) in the Yehudi Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon. Coach visits also organised. Contact: Anne Wallis (anne@wallis.eu.com)

The Oxshott Club: Centre of village social life; Oakshade Road. Lounge bar, snooker, pool, quiz nights; music and entertainment evenings and BBQs held regularly. BT Sports channel. Open every evening; Saturday & Sunday from midday. See us on Facebook or contact Club Secretary or Stewardess (01372 842232)

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