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A big thank you

Dear Friends,

Laughter. Tears. Worship. Listening.
Communion. Crowds. Good food. Coffee. Hugs.
Memories.

Each of these was a feature of a wonderful time together, as church family and community members came together on Sunday 14 January, for a farewell service and lunch for myself and Jolyon before we move out of Oxshott to the West Country. At the heart of it was an acknowledgement and valuing of the life we have shared together since April 2017 when I was formally licensed as the Vicar of Oxshott. This, as I have written and said before elsewhere, has truly been the privilege of my life.

In an interview in the service, I mentioned how precious it has been to visit many of you in your homes at times of great joy as well as of great sadness. Thank you for allowing me to listen and (hopefully) to minister to you under God's guidance and direction.

I have also been really grateful for invitations to join in community activities - something I wish I had made more time for. The presence of children from local schools, representatives of local businesses and at least one Councillor (thank you, Mark) at the service reflected this. Personally, it was especially significant that members of the 1st Oxshott Scout troop attended, as it was with them that I led my last official engagement as Vicar back in February 2023.

Thank you

I want to thank every person for the part they played in providing all of us with this wonderful opportunity: Adele and the catering team, Patrick Davies, Val and all who enabled the service, the Churchwardens who oversaw all the logistics and everyone else involved whom I may not know of.

Thank you for all your prayers, good wishes and practical support through a very challenging year. Jolyon and I are more grateful than you can ever know to have lived here in Oxshott and for all the love and kindness you have shown us.

May God bless you in 2024 and until we meet again,

Frances

Revd Frances Trickey



We bid Frances and Jolyon farewell

On Sunday 14 January we bid farewell to our Vicar, Revd Frances Trickey, and her husband Revd Jolyon Trickey, at a church service with communion, followed by a lunch for the whole church family...

As most readers will be aware, our Vicar, Revd Frances Trickey retired through ill health at the end of December.

As Frances recalls in this month's Letter (page 5), 14 January saw a packed and emotional service in church. Frances presided at Communion, and her husband Jolyon preached the sermon.

The farewell service included an 'interview' of Frances and Jolyon by Patrick Fleming, in which they spoke frankly about Frances' diagnosis, their feelings about their time in Oxshott, and their plans for the future – which includes moving to the West Country, to be near other members of their family. Given the circumstances, Frances was amazing – composed and articulate, and always with a smile on her face.

After the service, a Farewell Lunch, with over 120 attending, was held in the church hall, overflowing into the vestibule.



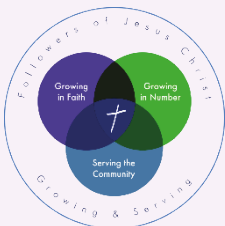
Frances before the start of the service

Looking back

Frances came to Oxshott as Vicar in 2017, and we were very pleased that Jolyon her husband joined us here as well. It was Frances' first role as a vicar, but Jolyon stood down as Rector of Nailsea, near Bristol, to make the move with her.

Frances had her Induction on 25 April 2017, and in short order, Jolyon was licensed as an Associate Minister, which meant that he was able to take part in services and other roles here at St Andrew's, whilst having other church-related work outside the parish.

The life of the church continued fully for nearly three years, seeking to live as 'Followers of Jesus Christ, growing in faith and number and serving the community.' And during this time also giving full weight to the ongoing building project.



But Frances' time here was punctuated by unforeseen and impactful events – the first of which was the pandemic...

Managing St Andrew's through Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic was monumentally disruptive for all of us. And Frances had the additional responsibility of steering the church here in Oxshott though the myriad changes and guidance being received.

Lockdown started in March 2020; we did celebrate Easter, although, as Frances suggested in her Easter message, perhaps this Easter was a much closer experience to how the first Easter would have been, when the disciples were afraid, confused, locked away for fear of 'the enemy'.

With the church building closed, all activities went online; the first service back in church was not until 9 August, and various elements of church life were gradually brought back into operation, often in a restricted way. We have Frances and the churchwardens to thank for steering us through this frustrating and stressful time.

The life of the church gradually returned, with continuing support for the parish and our Mission Partners, and a number of initiatives came to fruition, including support for individuals and for families on many fronts.

Then in February 2023 we heard that Frances had been taken seriously ill with a brain tumour. She underwent surgery followed by a period of recuperation, chemotherapy and radiotherapy. We tried to be as supportive as was needed, not least in our continuing and regular prayers for both Frances and Jolyon. After many months of sick leave, however, after discussions with the medics and the Diocese of Guildford, in November Frances announced her retirement through ill-health as the Vicar of St Andrew's, Oxshott, at the end of the year.

As Frances said in her announcement at the time, "It has been the privilege of my life to be the Vicar of this community and church. Thank you to all of you who have sent me good wishes throughout my treatment this year, for those who have prayed, the encouraging cards and for all the practical expressions of loving care.

"And a special thank you to my Church Family who have allowed me to lead them, despite my failings and inevitable mistakes, and for the love and joy we have shared as followers of Jesus Christ."

Looking ahead

Frances and Jolyon continued to live in the Vicarage into the New Year, but the firm plan is to move to the West Country. It goes without saying that they both go with our love, prayers and all good wishes for the future.



Covid: Difficult days...

Church Services in February

- Thu 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Fri 2 The Presentation of Christ in the temple (Candlemas)
 Sat 3 9am Saturday Prayers
 Sun 4 **The second Sunday before Lent**
P.R.A.Y.
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 6 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 7 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 8 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 10 9am Saturday Prayers
 Sun 11 **The Sunday next before Lent**
Prayer: for ourselves and others
 10am St Andrew's at 10
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 Tue 13 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 14 Ash Wednesday
 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion with Ashing)
 Thu 15 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 17 9am Saturday Prayers
 Sun 18 **The first Sunday of Lent**
Unanswered prayer
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 20 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 21 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 22 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 24 9am Saturday Prayers
 Sun 25 **The second Sunday of Lent**
Safeguarding Sunday
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 7pm St Andrew's at 7
 Tue 27 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 28 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 29 9am Pray Together, via zoom

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



Lunch Club success!

Just before Christmas, the Lunch Club had a festive meal together...

Thank you to all the children from Royal Kent School who came along and entertained everyone with their beautiful carol singing.
 A big thank you as well to Esher Manor Care Home, who donated the turkey...



Easter is early this year...

... and this month Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall on the same day...

The link between Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day can be summed up in terms of the nature of real love! Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, focuses on learning to love God more, as we give Him space in our lives. This is what Jesus found when He was led into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan (Luke 4.1-13). Real love for God does not put Him to the test, but wants to obey Him.

Lent also teaches us how to live out the love of God in practical ways, and see this clearly demonstrated in the life and death of Saint Valentine; he was a Christian who demonstrated the importance of sharing God's love with others. We know little about him, except that he was a priest who lived in the 3rd Century AD and that he was martyred on 14 February.

Emperor Claudius felt that soldiers in the Roman Army were distracted from their duty by their wives, and so had attempted to outlaw marriage.

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



A successful bridge afternoon was held in the Village Centre on Friday 20 November to raise money for The Build your Church fund. We were able to provide a spectacular tea with four types of sandwiches, scones and clotted cream and a stunning array of tea cakes, ranging from meringues, carrot cake, tea bread, fruit cake, chocolate cake and macaroons. It was commented that the tea was as good as one from the Ritz!

Church members were very successful in selling tickets for the bridge tables and we had 17 tables (68 people) from every local bridge club. We had a highly efficient team in the kitchen who laid out all the plates and charged around with a plentiful supply of tea.

Prizes were given for making the top slam and making the top score as well as a prize for making a trick with a two which moved around the hall attached to a helium balloon.

I have to thank the cooks, the table setter uppers, the donators of raffle prizes, the sellers of raffle tickets, the team of men who moved chairs and tables and the kitchen crew who gave up their time very cheerfully.

We raised an amazing £1,740 and the craft group were able to sell some of their wares to raise another £72.

Anne Newman



Our Christmas collections this year raised £1,440 – thank you!

Our Christmas collections this year went to charities at home and abroad: a total of £1,440 was split between B@titude in Leatherhead,

and orphans at the Ashish children's home in Nepal.

Thank you for making a difference!

What is a 'vacancy'?

St Andrew's is said to be 'in vacancy' as we go through the process of appointing a new Vicar.

So, who's in charge in the meantime?

Legally, during a vacancy, the area dean and churchwardens become 'sequestrators', i.e. the bishop's officers in the parish. Our area dean is Revd Renos Pittarides, but he is also the Rector of St Martin's Horsley, so in practice the churchwardens and others in the leadership team in the parish ensure that things continue as normal.

How long will the appointment process take?

The earliest date for making an appointment would be in May, but it often takes longer – and if notice has to be given to the appointee's existing position, three or so further months can easily elapse before our new Vicar arrives.

Why does it take so long?

There are two basic reasons; first, having a pause has traditionally been used to ensure that each parish and the diocese have time to assess what a parish now needs, and avoid a kneejerk reaction to 'solve' a vacancy. Remember also that a parish needs to be geared up to the process of choosing the new vicar. Second, and in larger part, it takes a long time because the 'due process' of the Church of England is set out by centuries of law and practice, in particular the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 – you did ask!

Vacancy Q&As

Your Magazine...

Welcome to the first Oxshott Magazine of 2024!

Like many people, we have made a New Year Resolution, which in our case is to make getting the Magazine easier for everyone...

At this time of year, we would normally be collecting subscriptions on the doorstep, but this is now seen as increasingly difficult and rather medieval! – mainly as cash payments are that much rarer. So we have decided to phase out collecting cash or cheques, and simply ask readers to make a donation online at the beginning of the year. For 2024, we continue to ask for just £7. (Postal subscriptions will still require a payment of £15.)

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Thank you; we hope this is helpful.

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, the traditional feast day before the start of Lent, is on 13 February this year.

Lent is traditionally a time of fasting, and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were 'shriven' (absolved from their sins). So Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast, and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.



Enjoy!

As we went to press, we were delighted to learn that Val Beynon, our Director of Music here at St Andrew's, has been appointed BEM (British Empire Medal) for services to the community!

BEMs are presented by the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey on behalf of the King, and we look forward to hearing about the day!

Congratulations to you, Val!



From the Registers



Funerals

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

16 November Patricia Beryl Pysden (died 21 October 2023, aged 93)

Just in time for Christmas!

Back in early December, St Andrew's appealed for funds to help The Gathering, our Mission Partner in South Africa, bring some cheer to the local community - as Paula Finnie now reports...

Thanks to very generous gifts, locally and internationally, The Gathering was so thrilled to be able to spread the Christmas joy over three weeks as we shared this special blessing with our soup kitchen regulars, and many visitors. At the beginning of December we were so blessed, as Paula just 'happened' to be at a local grocery store when they advertised their gammons at 3 for 2 for one day only!

Thanks to this amazing offer, we bought 24 gammons for the price of 16 and saved so much money - God is good! The split peas had also been bought on sale the month before and we had enjoyed shopping the bargains to be able to fill 140 goodie bags for our school age and pre-school children. To top it off, Delena, our Homework Club facilitator, baked 350 of the most beautiful heart shaped cookies, iced them with special messages and placed each one in a sealed bag, stuck with a Gathering sticker assuring the

recipient of the great love that God has for them!

No loadshedding!

We were truly blessed that each of the three soup kitchens happened on beautifully warm, though windy evenings, with no loadshedding affecting our cooking or serving - this is a miracle in itself!

For at least two hours before service the queue started to form as people hungrily and happily waited for their delicious Christmas soup, the smell of which wafted up and down the road! We were able to cook 200 litres on each occasion, meaning that everyone had more than enough to eat there and then, as well as to take away in pots with their cookie, goodie bag and bag of noodles. The joy of the Lord was really evident, and we were particularly thrilled to have enough helpers to be able to free one another up to circulate amongst our friends as they sat to eat, have a good chat, pray with some and generally share the love of God. We were also able to make some home visits to some of our

Photos: Joel Finnie

Paula Finnie
hard at work!

elderly and house-bound friends, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone!

This is what soup kitchen is all about for us! The children were especially blessed by their bags, which contained basic stationery items for school, as well as some toiletries and sweets. The younger children enjoyed receiving a colouring book and crayons with their soap and sweets!

More sharing...

Perhaps our greatest joy has been to see several of our soup kitchen regulars start to come and enjoy gathering with us on a Sunday in recent months. We particularly saw an influx of visitors on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, and we pray that these people will continue to come and hear about the good news of Jesus.

Explaining...

- **The Gathering**

A local mission church in Firgrove, Cape Province, South Africa, run by Dean and Paula Finnie, well known to us here at St Andrew's. We have supported them in various ways for over 15 years.

- **Loadshedding**

The practice of strategic blackouts in South Africa, where citizens are left without power between six to twelve hours a day, sometimes at little notice.

- **Christmas & Soup Kitchen Special appeal**

Our appeal at St Andrew's in early December raised the amazing sum of £3,016.25 towards this venture! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed.

The generosity of partners and friends also meant that we were able to bless our five HOPE Home Based Carers with a gift and a grocery voucher at Christmas, and were able to give grocery vouchers and a little second-hand clothing to ten specific families with whom we have been walking a road in 2023.

All glory to God for this!

Paula Finnie

Esher Manor: a busy lead-up to Christmas!

Residents and staff at our local residential care home had plenty going in December, as **Sophie Waite** reports...

On 6 December, residents and team members at Esher Manor Care Home participated in the Alzheimer's Society Elf Day, an annual event, to which the whole community looks forward. However, this year there was a twist: Sophie, Activities & Volunteer Co-ordinator, and the Activities team organised a whole community 'snowball' fight in the bistro/foyer of the community.

Residents came together to team up and throw snowballs at the 'cheeky elves' (team members) who were moving targets, darting between some familiar famous faces (in truth, cardboard cutouts).

Everyone had a wonderful time and really let their hair down - team



members and residents alike found the inner child, and reminisced about playing in the snow with their friends and families at Christmas time.

Sid the Donkey

Then on Wednesday 13 December, residents were visited by Sid the Donkey, from Danny's Donkeys!

Residents and team members were besotted by Sid, and were pleased to give a carrot or two (in fact... he ate



an entire box of carrots while he was here with us... after all, it was Christmas...).

Running with Santa

Finally, on Sunday 17 December, team members, Monika, Biljana, Jane, Jo and Sophie (and Rocky the dog), from Esher Manor took part in the Princess Alice Santa Fun Run.

The run took place at Sandown Park in support of the Princess Alice Hospice, and residents, family, friends and team members raised £584 for the event through their fundraising page.



Esher Manor supports the Princess Alice Hospice throughout the year with a variety of fundraising events; the Princess Alice do so much in supporting our residents and families that we like to help and fundraise where we can.

Sophie Waite

Did you know...

- That Esher Manor, despite its name, lies within the parish of Oxshott?
- That St Andrew's visits regularly to take Communion to residents?
- That the residents gather in front of the television in the lounge to watch the main Sunday services, which are live streamed?

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Joy to the World: a concert success!

In the approach to Christmas, Oxshott Choral Society held their concert this year in the chapel at St John's School, Leatherhead



The concert on 9 December had a varied programme put together by Val Beynon – including plenty of carols for the audience to join in with!

The main work was Bob Chilcott's *Gloria*, with powerful contributions from the choir, a brass quintet (the Academy Brass Ensemble), timpani and

the organ. There was also some lovely singing by our Soprano soloist, Jane Searle.

The charity for the evening was Momentum, a West Molesey-based children's charity that helps families of seriously ill children, by offering tailored care to every child referred to them.

We sold over 150 tickets, and raised £1,170 for Momentum, which was a brilliant result.

Mike Newman

A creative start to 2024

Oxshott Art & Crafts (OACS) have already kicked off 2024 in good form, as **Miranda Fuller** tells us...

OACS hope that 2024 has begun well for readers, as it has for us. For our first meeting of the New Year, on 9 January, we enjoyed presentations from two of our members – Avril O'Brien and Kleshna Handel.

Avril (*right*) had embroidered from childhood, but trained as a scientist and worked as a pharmacist, before deciding, as her four children left the nest, to become 'an enthusiastic amateur embroiderer'. She joined the Embroiderers' Guild and Woking Creative Stitchers (formerly the Woking Day Branch of the Guild), and attended courses at West Dean College in Sussex, Ochre Print Studio in Guildford and many others.

She showed us lovely examples of her work, featuring a huge range of stitches and dyeing methods, and spoke with warmth of her first visit to Australia, from which she drew great inspiration, studying the aboriginal artwork and learning the meanings of its many signs and symbols. Due to this, back in England she and a group of fellow embroiderers won the South East Region Embroiderers' Guild competition, with the beautifully crafted 'Aboriginal Cloak', pictured here.



From exotic beads to poppies

, an expert bead jeweller, began in theatre, aged 15, where she spent eight years, before moving into marketing and advertising, then forming a PR company, from which she retired, to study at Chelsea Art College and, like Avril, West Dean College. Working with exotic shells and beads, she got her work accepted for the prestigious London Fashion Week, took part in trade shows and created jewellery for Swarovski.

She designed a special poppy for the Royal British Legion, auctioned for £6,000, and designed further poppies for them for 6 more years; her limited-edition poppies were much sought after, worn by celebrities such as Katherine Jenkins and appearing each year on TV programmes like *X Factor*. The National Army Museum have curated all the poppies Kleshna designed. She invented, amongst other things, a 'bead board' for 'pearl knotting' and her jewellery hung in various stores. At one trade show, Kleshna formed a working partnership, leading to the winning of the

'Product of the Year' award, and for several years, appearances on three different TV channels, showing jewellery and demonstrating the making of it.

Accustomed to speaking for five hours at a time to TV viewers, Kleshna can now confidently 'speak for England' and has gathered thousands of followers.

We saw a range of her jewellery and examples of the hundreds and thousands of beads, stitches and techniques that go into the making of such exquisite things, some of which are pictured here.

OXSHOTTART & CRAFTSOCIETY



Coming up...

Our next demonstration, on 13 February, is *A Street Scene with Figures*, in oil, by Roger Dellar, followed by Sally Minn's demo, on 12 March, *A Portrait in Acrylic*. Our spring exhibition will take place 27-28 April.

As always, non-members, regardless of expertise or experience, are welcome to our meetings, for a fee of £5. These are friendly and informal and take place on the second Tuesday of the month at Oxshott Village Centre, from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

Miranda Fuller



Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society prize

At the OFAS workshop back in November, this arrangement (*right*) was judged to be the winner out of 14 attending members...

Well done, Thelma Davis!



Round & About

The train not arriving...

At least, not yet.

South Western Railway (SWR) won the South Western franchise in March 2017, with a commitment to introduce new carriages - and in June 2017 they awarded a contract to Bombardier for 90 trains, to be introduced from mid-2019 at a cost of £895 million.

The plan was for the new trains to replace all of SWR's suburban fleets, including those we use at Oxshott, with improvements over the existing suburban trains, such as wi-fi, USB charging points, air conditioning, bike spaces and accessible toilets.

Long delays

There were delays, however: in January 2022, SWR said it was still waiting for Alstom (which acquired Bombardier in 2021) to "supply a train that performs to specification". In July 2022, SWR acknowledged that "continuing problems ... have delayed the programme of train acceptance".

But what now? SWR has reached an agreement with the unions allowing for a 'soft launch' of the new fleet.

The first Arterio unit entered service on 9 January 2024 - just one new train will run each day between London and Windsor, for four days as part of a trial...

We hope it goes well.



The train awaited in Oxshott...

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Next Repair Café

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Diana Thornton



Christmas cheer with the WI

Our active WI sees in the New Year with a full programme ahead, reports **Liz McGibbon**...

The ladies of Oxshott Village WI ended the year with a delicious Christmas meal at the Star in Chessington and gathered again on the 3 January for lunch at the Barley Mow in West Horsley. However, we don't always spend our time eating, and now look forward to an interesting year of speakers organised by Glenys Layzell.

Following our Annual Meeting in November we now have a new committee headed by Helen Pattison as President and assisted by Arantza Eyres as Secretary, Angela Horne as Treasurer, and Jenny Beebe, Glenys Layzell, Marianne Burt and Maggie Day. With their assistance we organise our monthly meeting and other groups such as Craft, Art, Reading, Walking, Bridge and of course our monthly lunch!

The Oxshott Village WI meets on the third Tuesday of the month in Oxshott Village Centre. Visitors are always welcome. Further information from Liz McGibbon (01372 842740 or email lizmccgibbon@btinternet.com)

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Do join us!

Liz McGibbon

What's On in Oxshott

February

- Tue 6 10am **Ladies Friendship Group**: Coffee and Chat: visitors welcome, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Tue 13 7.30pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society**: *Street Scene with Figures, using Oils*, with Roger Dellar, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 14 2.15pm **The Arts Society, Claremont & Oxshott**: Music Recital – 2.30pm: *Peggy Guggenheim*, with Alexandra Epps, at the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon
- Tue 20 8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute**: *King Charles - Bombs and Barry*, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 21 12.30pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society**: Mini Lunch, followed at 2.15pm: AGM at Oxshott Village Centre
7.30pm **Cercle Français d'Esher**: *Annie Ernaux, voyage à travers cinq décennies de la société française*, with Maryse Wright, at West End Village Hall, West End, Esher (also on zoom)

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



Phyllis May Fisher 1921-2023

Phyllis died in September, and **Jenny Mathieson** now recalls a long-term resident of Oxshott, closely linked to Bevendean School...

Past pupils of Bevendean School have paid tribute to one of their teachers, known to them as Miss Counsell, who died last September aged 102.

She and Miss Norah Brighton, her friend and colleague, taught in the tradition of the 1960s, when strict discipline was key. This did not mean that these two excellent and inspiring teachers did not have a soft side, nor did they lack a sense of humour. They lived 'above the shop' at Bevendean and when they retired they moved to Ben High, an upstairs flat in Pond Piece, off Sheath Lane.

After Miss Brighton died, Miss Counsell was supported by their friend and neighbour, Tony Fisher, whom she married in August 2002. They had 22 happy years together before his death.

Phyllis Fisher stayed on in Ben High, and enjoyed visits from her neighbours and friends, particularly those of Gordon Bond and his family and Peter Wolfson, both of whom became her Executors. Gordon, in his tribute at her Thanksgiving Service on 10 November, told of how appreciative she had been of the friendship of his family. He said that tea at Ben High was always served using the best china. Phyllis was unfailingly interested in Gordon's children and how they were getting on in school. Peter, who lived in the flat below, did her shopping and helped with the garden, as well as looking after her finances.

Former pupil Claire King writes of her: "I remember Phyll as a teacher who clearly loved children and loved her job. She could be strict and brooked no nonsense, but she was also warm and appreciated children as people. She would share a joke and have a proper conversation, even with a 7-year-old!"

As the mother of a couple of Bevendean pupils, I also have fond memories of the two friends who gave so many Oxshott children such a solid foundation to their education and values.



Miss Counsell, as she then was, with her class in the 1970s. Perhaps you recognise someone?

Jenny Mathieson

'If you seek his monument, look around you'

This month, **Nicky Orlebar** recalls a thrilling Arts Society visit for a very special Sung Eucharist in the City of London...

An ASCO visit to St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London coincided with The Feast of Candlemas, otherwise known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, forty days after His birth.

In AD 604 a building was dedicated to Paul the Apostle. Following the 1666 Great Fire of London, the architect Sir Christopher Wren constructed the current cathedral in Portland stone being the fifth place of worship on the site.

After lunch in the Crypt Café, our guides lead us around the magnificent architecture. We stared up in awe at Thornhill's painted dome depicting the life of St Paul and admired the wooden Quire and organ case carved by Grinling Gibbons. Near the West Door was a floor plaque to the St Paul's Watch, recognising both men and women volunteers who were on guard against fire during WWII. Descending into the crypt, we found memorials to Wren, Nelson and Wellington.

Just before 5pm, ASCO members, together with a small congregation, gathered in the nave for Sung Eucharist.

With dusk descending outside, the interior lighting lit up the tall stone arches and made the Victorian mosaics sparkle (some designed by GF Watts from Compton, outside Guildford).

The ushers indicated a circle of chairs under the dome where we should sit. Then a candle handed to each of us was lit, as the Vicars Choral sang Palestrina's *Missa sine nomine*.

The atmosphere and acoustics made for a truly memorable experience. A plaque sums up Wren's efforts: 'Reader, if you seek his monument, look around you.' ASCO members did just that.

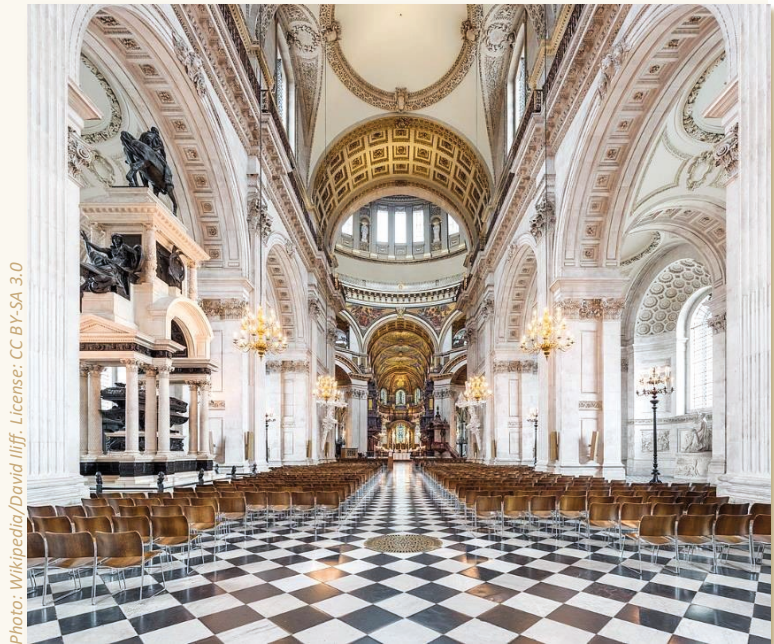


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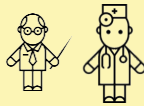
Who's Who at St Andrew's



- 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. Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Churches Together:** Suzanna Knott (01932 866951)
- Churchwardens:** Jill Perrett (07768 852805), Rebecca Mayhew (07818 426482)
- Coffee Comfort:** meets every 4th Thursday of the month, 10.15-11.45am in the church. Contact: Jenny Mathieson (07712 032008)
- Deanery Synod:** Representatives: Jill Perrett, Ros Ebbutt-Hadman and Steph Rustom
- Electoral Roll:** Electoral Roll Officer: Emily Godfrey (electoral.roll@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Lay Assistants:** Barbara Begley, Anita Harper, Phillip Herbert, Jenny Mathieson, Rebecca Mayhew, 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: Polly Zabari. PCC Members: Revd Patrick Davies (Associate Minister), Ros Ebbutt-Hadman (Deanery Synod), Patrick Fleming, Anna Jarrett, Charlene Lamb, Rebecca Mayhew, Kirsten Penner, Jill Perrett (Deanery Synod), Steph Rustom (Deanery Synod), Freda Stephenson, Norman Steven and Adele Wright
- Pastoral Assistants:** Barbara Begley, Michael Flaxman, Anita Harper, Rebecca Mayhew, Helen Shand, Jackie Stewart, Ron Stewart and Trish Torr. Contact: 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: contact via the Church Office, at safeguarding@standrewsoxshott.org.uk
- Treasurer:** Carl Jackson (01372 843990 or treasurer@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Website Editor:** Contact: web@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

Contact information for local services – *please advise any changes*

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

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Doctors:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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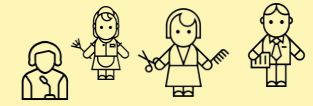
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Mark Sugden (01372 463085 or 07548 244422 or mark.sugden@surreycc.gov.uk)

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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FEDORA - the Voice for Oxshott CIC: Chair: Anthony Wolfe (chairman@fedora.org.uk) or visit www.fedora.org.uk

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 MSt, Wellmead Osteopathy, Steels Lane (01372 897497 or info@wellmeadosteopathy.co.uk)

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

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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)

Le Cercle Français d'Esher: Evening talks in French, usually on 3rd Wednesday of each month, from October to June at 7.30pm, in West End Village Hall and online. Contact: Brigitte Tiller (01372 842095 or brigitte@ptiller.com) www.cerclefrancais-esher.uk

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: Christopher Goodchild (07503 184876 or cobhamandoxshottconservatives@gmail.com)

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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