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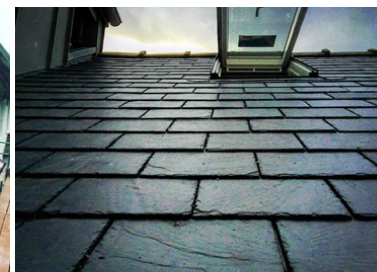
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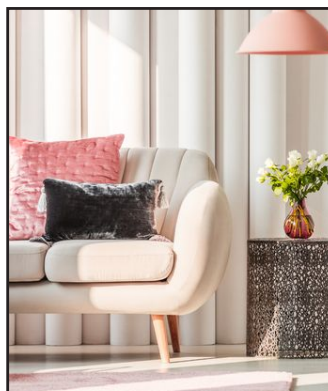
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**Shining a light...**

Dear Friends,

As November arrives and the clocks turn back, we notice how quickly Autumn turns to Winter. The colourful autumnal leaves so soon give way to the bare branches of winter. And we all notice the evenings drawing in earlier and earlier – by the end of November the sun will set just after 4pm! – and this month is usually when we see the first frosts: gardeners beware!



We mark Remembrance Sunday on the 9 November, when we will gather at church at 10am, and at 12noon at the War Memorial on the Heath, to honour those who gave their lives in service of our country. It's a poignant reminder that our freedom and peace came at great cost, and we must never take these gifts for granted. I recently discovered a book, given to the church in 1942, inscribed 'with grateful thanks to God for the safe return from Dunkirk' of the donor's two sons. It is especially important that we 'remember', since each year fewer and fewer of those who experienced the realities of last World War are still with us.

In these darker days, we are reminded that light shines brightest in the darkness. We have many opportunities to be 'lights' for one another – by a kind word, a helping hand, or simply by being present for those who may be struggling or feeling alone. The Bible encourages us to 'shine as lights in the world' – and reminds us that Jesus offers us each his true and perfect light, which no darkness can ever overcome.

As the weather turns colder, an invitation: The Café at St Andrew's (open: 11am – 12noon on Mondays, 8.30am – 12noon on Tuesdays and 8.30am – 2.30pm on Wednesdays) offers a warm welcome, hot drinks, cakes and a light lunch on a Wednesday – all for (suggested) donations- so, pop in! Whether you're a regular or haven't been inside a church in years, you are welcome!

This November, may we 'shine as lights' for one another, bringing love, joy and peace in our lives, to those around us, and in this world.

With every blessing,

Patrick
 Vicar

Church Services in November

- Sat 1 All Saints' Day
9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 2 **The Fourth Sunday Before Advent**
All Saints
10am St Andrew's at 10 All Age service
3.30pm Memorial Service – A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering
- Tue 4 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 5 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Sat 8 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 9 **The Third Sunday Before Advent**
Remembrance Sunday
10am St Andrew's at 10: Remembrance Service
12noon Service at the Oxshott Heath War Memorial
4pm St Andrew's @4
- Tue 11 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 12 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Sat 15 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 16 **The Second Sunday Before Advent**
Safeguarding Sunday
10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 18 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 19 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Sat 22 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 23 **The Sunday next before Advent**
Vision Sunday
10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 25 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 27 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Sat 29 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 30 **Advent Sunday**
St Andrew's Day
10am St Andrew's at 10
7pm St Andrew's at 7

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to join us for our
services and prayers.

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details of everything
we do at St Andrew's:

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'Ordinands'...?

What exactly is an ordinand? Our Vicar, **Revd Patrick Davies**, explains all...

Until I became one myself in 2017, it was a word I had never even heard – but, an 'Ordinand' is someone who is training with a view to being ordained as a deacon or priest in the church. This generally takes around three years, and involves academic study, varied contextual placements in different churches, and significant attention to personal and spiritual development.

Wonderfully, at St Andrew's we currently have two ordinands with us!

Steph Rustom (left) - Steph, who many of you will already know from The Café at St Andrew's, began her three years of training with the College of St Martha in Guildford in September.

Whilst she trains, she continues to serve in the many ways she is already doing so at St Andrew's – The Café, All Age Services, our Open the Book team, and many other things! As her training progresses over the coming years, she will widen her experience and be involved in new areas as well.

David Boothby (right) - David joins us on a placement from All Saints' Church in Ockham, which is his 'home church' where the majority of his training has already taken place.

David will be with us at St Andrew's here in Oxshott until around Easter 2026, and during his time here hopes to experience and soak up as much of what happens at St Andrew's as he can, as he develops and broadens his experience in a church and context a little different from Ockham, which though only a few miles away is distinctly different from Oxshott and St Andrew's in many ways.

It has already been wonderful to get to know David a little in the few weeks he has been here, and if you have not already met David with me at Lunch Club, Esher Manor, ABC, or in services, I do hope that you will have the opportunity to do so in the time he is with us.

Patrick Davies

At the first **All Day Breakfast for Breakfasts**, and while munching on bacon rolls and pastries, awareness was raised among those new to the work of the GRCT, and community was built among all our supporters. In all, about 35 people passed through on their way to and from other activities, which was exactly what I hoped would happen. At least £750 was raised towards e'Pap breakfasts. Thank you!

Ruth Burns



News & Notes

Soup Kitchen event: Church Hall, Friday 21 November, from 5pm
Inspired by the Finnies, and our Mission Partners lunch (see page 13), we are holding a community soup kitchen event on 21 November. Families can join us for a simple evening meal and a bit of traditional dancing (think of a *ceilidh* or a barn dance with a possible South African twist!). Everybody is welcome. If you would like to attend, please email mark.currie@standrewsoxshott.org.uk



We celebrated Harvest on Sunday 5 October!

We celebrated Harvest in good style, and collected for our Mission Partner, Cobham Area Foodbank... We are delighted to report that eight extra crates had to be brought in after the service collection, which means that a whopping 38 crates of food and toiletries were generously donated - thank you.

The pictures include Foodbank staff working out how to negotiate the South door access, which was the only way in and out at the time!



You may have noticed... that the work re-laying the terrace outside the main church entrance... is taking longer than expected. We now hope it will be finished by mid-November. Meanwhile access to the church, hall and vestibule will continue through the South door. Thank you for your patience!



Youth & Children's Minister

Good News!

We are seeking a visionary and creative person who will help us build our existing ministries with children and young people.

If you or someone you know might fit the bill, look at the job advert on our website, at www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/news/youth-and-childrens-minister/

November's Services

We usually follow a theme through our Sunday morning church services - but this November we have a month of 'one off's'!

On **2 November**, we celebrate a combined 'All Saints and All Souls' - with our 10am All Age service reminding us that as Christians we are a part of a big family of faith which stretches back through history.

9 November is Remembrance Sunday; we gather at 10am in church for the service that includes an Act of Remembrance, and at 12 noon at the War Memorial on the Heath for a special Act of Remembrance, joined by the Scout and Guide groups.

On **16 November** we will join with churches across the nation in marking 'Safeguarding Sunday' - an opportunity to focus on how we best look after one another in our churches and communities.

On **23 November** we will share more about what makes us 'us' at St Andrew's - our Vision and Values as a Church. Finally, on **30 November**, we celebrate our own named Saint, Jesus' first disciple, Andrew.



The appointment of Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury is clearly a significant and historic moment, as the first woman appointed to lead the Church of England, and to head the Anglican Communion.



Though there is a probably fictional account of a female Pope 'Joan' in the 850s, women have spent centuries in the background of church history. But several named women were leaders in the first churches 2,000 years ago: Phoebe was a deacon of the church in Cenchreae; Priscilla was a leader of a church and a teacher; and Junia was described as an apostle by St Paul. And we know of other women who also led house churches. So, Sarah's appointment is significant, but not unprecedented if we look back to the start of church history.

Sarah's leadership as Bishop of London since 2018, and her address given at Canterbury Cathedral as she was announced as Archbishop Designate, give us a helpful indication of the kind of leadership and direction with which she may take the Church of England when she becomes Archbishop on 28 January 2026.

Patrick Davies

From the Registers



Thanksgiving service

With family and friends, we gave thanks to God for the birth of:

28 September Oliver Albert Cusworth

Marriage

We offer our congratulations to:

20 September Catherine Ruth Banks and Thomas Ross Coton

Who was J. N. Todd?

Remembrance Sunday this year is on 9 November, and at the church service at St Andrew's we will as usual read out the names of those who died in the two World Wars. **Brian Cox** looks at just one of those names...

The moment in the Remembrance Sunday service when the names of those who died are read out is very moving. It must have been even more poignant in the years immediately after the two conflicts, because many members of the congregation would have known some of them personally.

The names of those with Oxshott connections are unfamiliar to us now, so I thought I would see what I could discover about just one of them, and picked a name at random to explore...

Listed on both the memorial in church and the War Memorial on the Heath is a "J.N. Todd".

This, I found, was Gunner John Napier Todd 2052774 of the Royal Artillery, who died on 8 August 1942, aged just 26. The connection with Oxshott is that at the start of the War his parents Hugh Armstrong Todd and Maud Beatrice Todd were living on Steels Lane, at Lavender Cottage – which is still there today.

The vast majority of servicemen who died in the War died overseas, but John Todd died in St Andrew's Hospital in Thorpe, near Norwich, probably as a result of a head injury. The records say he was in

J.N. Todd appears (right) on the memorial in St Andrew's Church



the 30 Searchlight Regiment, which explains why he was in the UK, his battery likely being one of those deployed in Spring 1942 to defend airfields in East Anglia.

Place of burial...

Because he died in the UK, he was buried near his home, in this case in Cobham Cemetery, off Tilt Road, possibly because there is no cemetery in Oxshott (St Andrew's has a very high water table).

The narrative at the foot of his tombstone (*right*) says 'He died for his King and Country'.

At the time of his death, his parents were aged 70 and 65, another aspect of the real-life impact of his passing.

Brian Cox



Our **Kneeler of the month** this month shows the Garden of Remembrance, established here at St Andrew's nearly 60 years ago.

The memorial depicted bears the dedication "In loving memory of Herbert Evans Vicar of Oxshott 1950-1966 and of his wife Muriel this Garden of Remembrance was set apart by the parishioners for the Burial of Ashes."

The kneeler itself was made by Gwen Bullen and, as was the custom, Gwen's initials and the year are shown on one side: GB.1999.

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He will be speaking about his military career, how he became a Christian and the difference that has made in his life.

Do come and join us for a sociable evening with a thought-provoking talk and a delicious curry! The cost is £15 a head. Numbers are limited, so register now by email at men@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

OTS Compassion Campaign 2025: an update

One of the goals of our mission partner in Pakistan, the Open Theological Seminary (OTS), is to demonstrate the love of Christ by extending help to underprivileged people in Pakistan through need-based support. We asked them for an update on their work...

Since 2020, with the rise of Covid-19, OTS started its Compassion Campaign with a slogan 'Putting our Theology into Practice'. In total we have helped more than 5,000 families starting from Covid-19 (2020), flood victims in Sindh (in 2021 & 2022) and the victims of Jaranwala incident, where 26 churches and 100 homes were burnt and destroyed (2023).

As the immediate crises subsided, our mission evolved beyond emergency relief. We are now addressing needs, assisting vulnerable families across Pakistan



Distribution of food packs in Sindh (left), and of shoes to orphans in Jaranwala (below)



with food and financial support tailored to their circumstances. Through sustained efforts, OTS remains committed to bringing hope, dignity, and lasting change to those in need.

During the current campaign, we have reached a total of 202 beneficiaries. Among them, 104 women (including widows, domestic workers, and brick kiln workers), 77 men (labourers, daily wage earners, and brick kiln workers) and 21 orphaned children. We focused on serving humanity through our contributions, supporting underprivileged individuals in various ways, and sharing the love of our Lord Christ without distinction of religion, caste, denomination, gender or class.

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Huge emphasis is placed on delivering creative opportunities; school trips, residential, immersive workshops & week-long subject focuses reinforce and extend teaching beyond the classroom. This academic year, we were thrilled to announce the provision of exciting new enrichment opportunities: LAMDA teaching, a dedicated Forest School practitioner & the chance to extend musical skills.

Our children will engage with LAMDA lessons during the school day; these can be transformative in helping shy children find their voice & express themselves freely. For our older children it will help develop clear articulation abilities & support them as they establish the foundations of public speaking.

Music education is a crucial part of the primary school curriculum, and learning an instrument allows our children to express themselves and grow in confidence.

As well as learning the piano, in partnership with Surrey Arts, our children can now learn the clarinet and partake in singing lessons.

Our very own Wonder Woodland (left) offers a sensational outdoor learning area that helps channel a lifelong appreciation for nature and its wildlife. To highlight this, we have introduced our own Forest School practitioner who will deliver activities & hands-on experiences to all year groups over the Autumn term. In a complex & digital world, we believe outdoor experiences lay the foundations for children to grow into

healthy, happy adults.

Our children have curious, creative minds eager to explore & understand. By adding these extra-curricular activities to the established academic agenda, we create rounded & capable young children whose foundations, combined with real-world experiences, support their transition to secondary school.

Vanessa Cooper



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November

- Tue 4 10am **Ladies' Friendship Group**: Coffee, chat and biscuits, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre - all welcome.
- Sun 9 10am **Remembrance Sunday Service**, at St Andrew's Church
12noon **Remembrance Service** at the War Memorial, Oxshott Heath
- Tue 11 9am-1pm **The Garden Route Children's Trust**: Coffee morning and Christmas sale, Oxshott Village Centre (*see page 12*)
7.30pm **Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society**: *Urban Landscape in Mixed Media*, with Christine Hopkins at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 12 2.15pm **The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott**: Music Recital, then *Resurgam – the Music of St Paul's Cathedral*, with Patrick Craig, at Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke d'Abernon
- Fri 14 7.30pm **St Andrew's Church**: *Men's Curry Night*, at Oxshott Village Sports Club (*see page 15*)
- Sat 15 10am-12.30pm **Oxshott Net Zero Repair Café**: at St Andrew's Church Hall
- Tue 18 8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute**: *Lighting the Pyre: Exploring Witch Trials*, with April Lewis, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 19 7.30pm **Cercle Français d'Esher**: *Escape to Normandy - one of France's most visited regions*, with Brigitte Whiteing, at West End Village Hall, Esher
- Sat 29 7.30pm **Leatherhead Choral Society**: Concert: Vivaldi and Hayden, at St Andrew's Church, Oxshott (*see page 21*)
- Mon 24 to Sun 30 **Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society**: Exhibition: *Art at Denbies 2025*, at The Gallery, Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking (*see page 26*)
- Fri 28 9am **Oxshott Net Zero**: Breakfast Talk: *Gardening for wildlife*, at Danes Hill School Library

If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at oxshottmagazine@yahoo.co.uk



Remembrance Sunday - 9 November

Round & About

Over 67 years ago, the **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society** (OFAS) was formed. That equates to over 1,000 demonstrators showing us how to arrange flowers to show off their beauty. Now, unfortunately, due to a diminishing number of members and increasing costs associated with the group, OFAS is now being forced to close its doors!

It has not only been a delight to see these displays, but also a wonderful experience to learn from these professionals. Our meetings have always been informative and the members have learnt how to simply take a bunch of flowers, a selection of foliage, put them into a suitable container and produce a display of which they are proud.

Many of these flower arrangement groups are now finding themselves in situations like us, but having learnt this skill, many members are moving sideways and joining other similar groups within our area to continue to perfect their own artistic love and skills.

If any of the readers need assistance in finding information about similar groups operating in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to give you information of other clubs in this area who are continuing the craftsmanship.

Anita Lee



Oxshott Net Zero

As part of the Plastic Free Oxshott project, we are joining forces with the regular Oxshott litter pickers to tackle the area from the train station, along the A244 and Warren Lane. Do come and join us to help clear this area, which is often blighted by litter from passing cars.

The litter-pick is taking place at **10am on Saturday 15 November**. We are meeting at the bus-stop closest to the train station from 9.45am.

There will be litter-grabbers and bags available but please bring gloves, wear sturdy footwear and a hi-vis or light-coloured jacket.

We will finish off at St Andrew's Church at the Repair Café to have a well-earned cup of coffee!



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Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. Some great tools to use are available, for example the carbon calculators provided by Climate Stewards at climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators, and Creation Care creationcare.org.uk offers a specific resource for households giving ideas and helping you track your progress. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering.



FEDORA AGM: what happened?

FEDORA held a well-attended and lively AGM on 6 October at the Royal Kent School, as **Ian Dilks**, a Director of FEDORA, now reports...

Formalities were kept to a minimum at this year's AGM, where we were joined by three of our local councillors, and the meeting focussed on just four topics: FEDORA's future, the High Street development, Green Belt developments and the Local Government Reorganisation.

FEDORA's future

Anthony Wolfe, the Chair, explained the ever-increasing demands on FEDORA and that without further volunteers to assist its position will become unsustainable. We also need to plan succession for the current team and the Chair noted he plans to stand down by the next AGM. The Chair also noted the importance of more people becoming paid up members as opposed to simply supporters, and that a campaign to increase membership was planned.

High Street development

The main item of the evening was a Q&A discussion session with Peter Brodnicki based primarily on questions submitted in advance by members, supplemented by a few questions from the floor.

Peter is an Oxshott resident of over ten years who is the investor behind the redevelopment of the High Street, working closely with James Davis. Peter explained that when he first moved to the village it was clear the High Street looked tired, a view shared by many he spoke to. He was introduced to James Davis who had a very exciting vision for the high street and had already done what he could by consulting villagers about bringing in Munch & Wiggles and the Deli. Peter was keen to support James deliver that vision and he spoke passionately about how much he believed in it. He explained the key elements including the need to attract and support local businesses; to provide smaller more affordable flats for local workers and promote sustainable development using modern materials. He noted that the planning authorities would have preferred more flats and fewer parking spaces but

he thought parking provision was important for not only the apartments but also to support the Vic with its plans to provide accommodation in the village.

It was agreed that communication about the commencement of the work could be improved, with ongoing

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updates on how work across the three phases was progressing. FEDORA agreed to work with Peter and James to see how this could be done using FEDORA's regular emails to supporters.

Peter spoke very pointedly about the need for residents to use the businesses in the High Street. They deserve support, and only by helping businesses thrive will we see the businesses we want. Peter and James would welcome views from residents who do use local businesses about what new retailers they would want to see.

Peter explained that whilst the development had to be financially viable, this has never been a profit-making project. James and he wanted help make Oxshott a village all residents could enjoy and be proud of, and it was his intention to leave his interest in the commercial units in trust for the village.

Green Belt developments

Ian Dilks outlined the context to development risk as a result of the lack of a Local Plan for Elmbridge and of changes in national policy that have reduced the ability of local authorities to oppose development. Government policy now proposes the redesignation of some green belt as grey belt that has more limited protection from development. Further detail will be in the Autumn FEDORA magazine.

He outlined FEDORA's policy on the response to development, details of which are on the FEDORA website, and what FEDORA is currently doing in relation to possible future and current development proposals.

He then outlined the status of The Paddocks application in Stoke D'Abernon, highlighting the concerns about the Blundel Lane railway bridge, and the new application at Clouds Hill Farm, to be renamed Clarence Park.

Check the details!

- Details of developments are available from a dedicated Green Belt section of the FEDORA website.
- Details of the action group are available at www.protectoxshott.com

FEDORA has retained expert advice to assess the impact on roads-related issues which will affect the whole village. In addition, it is supporting an action group of local residents, Residents Against Clouds Hill Farm Development.

Local Government Reorganisation and devolution

Surrey is in the vanguard of change designed to improve local government efficiency and improve local democracy. In addition, elections to new unitary authorities next May will be based on new ward boundaries which will split Oxshott in two.

The issues are complex and may seem arcane to most residents, but they will be important to residents' ability to shape the future of the village. Further details are in FEDORA's Autumn magazine.

Finally, do please visit FEDORA's website www.fedora.org.uk for further details of the AGM, the need for volunteers and how to become a FEDORA member.

Ian Dilks





Art at Denbies 2025

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It's all about colour!

The month of October proved a lively and colourful one for OCACS, as **Miranda Fuller** reports...

Not only have there been the beautiful colours of nature at this time, but, as forecast in the previous issue, we saw the exciting debut exhibition of The Colourists, at the Robert Phillips Gallery in the Riverhouse Barn, Walton on Thames.

We are a group of six artists, which also include three members of OCACS (Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society) – Bardia Dorudi, the creator of The Colourists, myself and Sarah Rawlins, who sadly could not be with us that evening.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Elmbridge, Councillor Steve Bax, to our inaugural event.

As readers who visited the exhibition will know, the exhibition proved a



Colourful Colourists with the Mayor, Steve Bax:
L-R Ashley Harford, Roz Berkeley-Hill, Farida Khan Evans, Bardia Dorudi and Miranda Fuller

very popular and, of course, colourful, event. The exhibition continued until 5 October and we are already planning the next one!

On 14 October, we welcomed back Kim Page, to demonstrate for us an abstract flower composition in acrylic and collage, which will be shown in the next issue. On 25 October, another popular artist, Vicky Oldfield, returned, to give us an all-day workshop of printmaking with collage, also to be shown next time.

Looking ahead...

Our final demonstration of the year, on 11 November, will be an *Urban Landscape in Mixed Media*, by Christine Hopkins. Details of demonstrations for the coming year will be given in next month's magazine.

The Denbies Exhibition (*see opposite*) is later this year - from Monday 24 to Sunday 30 November and our AGM and film show are on Tuesday 9 December.

See full details of our plans on our website: oxshottartandcrafts.org

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Travels with Nicky

Cathedral commentaries...

From Alfred the Great to a deep-sea diver, ASCO members (our local Arts Society) explored some of the stories in Winchester Cathedral, as revealed by **Nicky Orlebar...**

Arriving outside Winchester Cathedral, our Arts Society guide indicated the Anglo-Saxon Old Minster of AD 648, marked out in the grass near today's west door. Between AD 827-1066 Winchester was capital of England, during which time the Minster, later Cathedral, witnessed the crowning of Alfred the Great and burial of Canute.

The present Cathedral dating from 1093, was built using sand-coloured Isle of Wight Quarr Stone. With rounded Norman arches and glazed floor tiles, building work culminated in the spectacular 1340s Perpendicular Gothic style nave making it the longest medieval church in Britain. In 1554 Queen Mary Tudor married the future Philip II of Parliament's opposition to the unpopular marriage.

The huge west window was shattered in 1642 by Cromwell, but luckily the townspeople carefully gathered up the stained-glass fragments and restored the window as a colourful mosaic.

In 1910 when the Cathedral's stone floor became uneven and wall cracks appeared, experts attributed the cause to a high water table in the peat soil. To the rescue came William Walker, a deep-sea diver who for the next five years worked under the foundations installing bags of concrete. Walker's stupendous efforts are commemorated inside the nave by a bronze statue of him holding his diving helmet.

After lunch in the nearby Refectory, our city walk began outside Jane Austen's lodgings at No 8 College Street, where she died in 1817, aged just 41. Her epitaph in the Cathedral's north transept mentions her "endowments of the mind" – a qualification rarely attributed to women at the time. Walking passed the former Bishop's Palace and ruins of Wolvesey Palace, which date back from the 1100s, we strolled through gardens following the Roman city wall back to our coach. We had learnt and observed so much during our day in historic Winchester.

Nicky Orlebar



*Winchester – the longest
medieval church in Britain*

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Last month's solution

Answers
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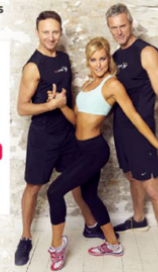
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Children and Young People: Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time.

See also **St Andrew's @4** (below). For weekday events, see **ABC** (above).

Contact: Revd Patrick Davies (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Church Hall: Contact: 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: Claire Costard (electoral.roll@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Lay Assistants: Barbara Begley, 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)

Mission Partners: Contact: Mark Currie (mission.partners@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

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: *Vacant* PCC Members: Jane Berridge, Ruth Burns, Harry Conlan, Mark Currie, Revd Patrick Davies (*Vicar*), Ros Ebbutt-Hadman (*Deanery Synod*), Jack Jeffery, Rebecca Mayhew, Kirsten Penner, Jill Perrett (*Deanery Synod*), Steph Rustom (*Deanery Synod*), Freda Stephenson and Adele Wright

Pastoral Assistants: Barbara Begley, Jane Berridge, Michael Flaxman, Marianne Francis, 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)

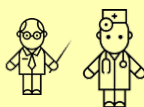
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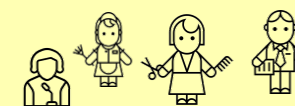
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- Ladies Friendship Group:** Meets 1st Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)
- Le Cercle Français d'Esher:** Evening talks in French, usually on 3rd Wednesday of each month, from October 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)
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- Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:** Meets 3rd Tuesday in month at Oxshott Village Centre (except July and August). Chair: Andy Owler (01372 844152 or andyowler@aol.com) Secretary: Anita Lee (07979 804668 or leea8971@gmail.com)
- Oxshott Net Zero:** Oxshott residents working to reduce our carbon emissions. Full details and contact via the website (www.oxshottnetzero.org.uk)
- 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: Katerina Lusk (07934 296302 or k.lusk2605@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,** Oakshade Road: Lounge bar, snooker, pool, quiz nights; music and entertainment evenings and BBQs held regularly. BT Sports. Open every evening, Saturday & Sunday from midday. Contact: Club Secretary or Stewardess (01372 842232)
- Women's Institute - Oxshott Village WI:** Meets 3rd Tuesday in month at 8pm, in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Maggie Day (01932 988501)



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