

St James' West End Magazine November 2020



Remembrance Day
Sunday 8th November

Vicky writes...



I love the colours of autumn. The trees outside my study window are gradually shedding their beautiful orange and yellow leaves. The changing seasons are a reminder that life is continually changing. This year of course we have experienced much more change than we could ever have expected and often very abruptly. We've had to let go of planning ahead and to take each day at a time. It's a very unsettling way to live, not knowing with any confidence what the future holds, but we trust that however unpredictable life is at the moment, God's love and care for us is unchanging and constant.

But whatever we are experiencing in our own lives the patterns of nature and the seasons continues and in November the church enters what's known as 'kingdom season', the final season of the church year. We look beyond the concerns of time and space to the unseen world and remember we are not alone in our faith but part of a great kingdom of disciples that includes not only those throughout the world but those in heaven too. "One family, we dwell in him, one Church, above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death" *Charles Wesley*. I pondered this over the latter weeks of lockdown when I was the only person permitted into the church. I never felt I worshipped there alone. As I prayed the daily offices I was 'surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12:1) praying alongside me.

The season begins with All Saints Day when we celebrate and remember God's people down the ages who have inspired and encouraged others in their faith and we remember that St Paul tells us we are all saints. Saints are people who have been 'touched by God, and have responded by living lives that in some measure give God glory' writes the spiritual writer Ann Lewin.

At All Souls we remember our loved ones who have died. It's often a time of mixed emotions; our sadness and pain at their loss, but alongside that our Christian hope that they have moved on to a new stage of existence, beyond our comprehension, and now rest more intimately in God's presence.

On Remembrance Sunday we remember those who have died in war, giving their lives to build a better world and we re-commit to working for peace and justice in the world. God's kingdom, not a geographical place, but wherever hearts and minds are turned to God, is characterised by peace, justice, compassion, mercy, forgiveness and love among other things as we see in Scripture.

And the season ends with the feast of Christ the King. We remember that Christ rules over this kingdom, a king born in a stable, who walked the way of the cross, whose kingly power is compassion, sacrificial love, vulnerability and service.

'Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see the splendour of God in human form, sharing out joys, sufferings and frailty. In your resurrection and ascension we see your majesty completed and are silenced in wonder. May we find in your service true freedom and in your will our hopes fulfilled; for you are one God with the Father and the Spirit, and live and reign in eternal glory. Amen.' *Ian Black*

Love and Prayers,
Vicky

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

People in this community will be remembering those who have died or been wounded in war and praying for peace. You're invited to join us by saying a prayer on this special Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated differently this year. We won't be able to gather together in an outdoor act of Remembrance as in previous years. There will be a Service at St James' at 10:55am (*by invitation only*). This local Act of Remembrance will be live-streamed from St James' Church and you are warmly invited to watch and observe the silence at home. The live stream will be available on our church website www.stjameswestend.org.uk or our Facebook page. This is in conjunction with West End Parish Council and also available on their website. At the War Memorial, the two minute silence will commence at 11am followed by the laying of the community wreath. *This event is also strictly by invitation only.* The community is making a joint effort to cover the hedges either side of the War Memorial with as many knitted poppies as possible; if you would like to make and donate a poppy, please see last month's magazine for instructions.

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those people who have been injured or who have died in active service.

As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life,
peace and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

Services at St James' for November 2020

Weekly from the beginning of November:

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am in Church
Fridays at 9am on Zoom (see our Facebook page for invite details)
Open Church: Saturdays 10am-12 noon.

All services are in church (or the church grounds) unless otherwise stated.

LS – Live streamed

AR – audio recorded

Sunday 1st November – All Saints

9:30am Parish Eucharist (with choir) *LS*

11:00am Church Alive on zoom

6:30pm All Souls Evensong (with choir) *AR*

Wednesday 4th November

10:00am Parish Communion (with choir)

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

8:30am Parish Eucharist (with choir) -PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME - *LS*

10:55am Remembrance Service (with choir) – congregation invitation only *LS*
(NO Church Alive service)

6:30pm Service for Peace

Wednesday 11th November

10:00am Parish Eucharist (with choir)

Sunday 15th November – 2nd before Advent

9:30am Parish Eucharist (with choir) *LS*

11:00am Forest Church

6:30pm Evensong (with choir) *AR* or *LS*

Wednesday 18th November

10:00am Parish Communion (with choir)

*Thursday 19th November 2:00pm – 2:45pm Songs of Praise with Myles and a small group of singers.
An opening prayer, request your favourite hymn to listen to, some music and readings*

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King

9:30am Parish Eucharist (with choir) *LS*

11:00am Church Alive (churchyard/church)

6:30pm Taizé service *AR* (to be confirmed)

Wednesday 25th November

10am Parish Communion (with choir)

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday

9:30am Parish Eucharist (with choir) *LS*

11:00am Church Alive on zoom

6:30pm Advent Carol Service (with choir)

130 Years at St James'

On Sunday, 25th October, we welcomed Bp Debbie, Bishop of Southampton, to share with us in celebrating the 130th Anniversary of this current church building. She reminded us in her sermon about the important part St James' Church has made to so many over the years, and the importance of carrying on making a difference, for Jesus' sake, both within this place and by taking out and sharing His message with others.

As well as preaching at the Eucharist, Bp Debbie led us in a 'virtual' sharing of the Peace and provided the sending out and Final Blessing. The congregation in church were joined by others via Live-Stream and the service video on our Facebook page has had over 150 'views'.

Bp Debbie was also pleased to stay for Church Alive. After a short start outside, heavy rain meant we thanked God for having the 130 year old building to retreat to! We continued our informal worship and heard Bp Debbie speak before some brave souls donned coats, and with umbrellas raised, enjoyed an outdoor activity before returning for Holy Communion.

It was truly a joy to celebrate the occasion with Bp Debbie and with all who worshipped in person, or at a distance through social media; not forgetting to thank those who were unable to join in our services yet who encircled St James' Church 130th Anniversary in prayer.



A huge thank you to all who made the celebration possible within the current safety restrictions, to those who enhanced our worship through music and floral arrangements and to those who contributed towards the cream and savoury teas and all who made a monetary donation for the work of our church.

Cream Tea Bag Dedication Celebration

One grateful partaker of the Cream Tea Bags, Fred Harder, posted this picture on Facebook. We hope you enjoyed it Fred, and thank you all for helping contribute to the £300 that was raised in total for church funds.



Bishop Debbie's sermon is available via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/j4adjMHafdw>

A video of the Eucharist Service is available: <https://youtu.be/7LsUE-db848>

All Age, Youth & Children's Work

As well as organising the traditional church Sunday services – and Wednesday morning Eucharist – we have also been busy welcoming back the younger members of our congregation, as well as saying hello to some new faces.



Worship and Storytelling for babies, toddlers and young children

In August when the sun was shining we reconnected with some of our youngest members and explored the theme of 'Let Your Kingdom Come' with our new group "Diddy Disciples". It was really lovely to worship with those who would have been missing Mustard Seeds and Pathfinders and these sessions have continued, rain or shine, into the changeable days of autumn and will now regularly take place on the *1st & 4th Sunday* at 9.45am



Forest Church

We held our first ever Forest church on 9th August. Forest Church is a fresh expression of church drawing on much older traditions when sacred places and practices were outside – but it also draws on contemporary research that highlights the benefits of spending time with nature outdoors. In October, as the leaves began to fall in the churchyard, we thanked our God of the universe for the beauty of creation. We held a leaf hunt in the churchyard, pinned prayer leaves on our memory line, and put our hands to the holy ground to feel the presence of the Lord. Forest Church will continue on the *3rd Sunday* of the month in November and then in the New Year

Church Alive

We also ventured outside for our first outdoor Church Alive on Sunday morning 23rd August, and although the weather was changeable, to say the least, nothing could dampen the spirits of those who came to hear about Peter, the rock on which Jesus was to build his church. Our first Church Alive Outdoor Communion service was held on Sunday 6th September. The pattern of services for Church Alive moving forward will be at 11am:

1st Sunday Outdoor/Indoor Communion Service*

2nd & 5th Sunday Zoom Service

4th Sunday Outdoor/Indoor Service*

**weather dependent*



Youth Service and Ignite Youth Group

Our Youth Group, Ignite, has not yet been able to meet but see next page for details of our next planned events and a report on our first Youth Service

Youth Service

Our first Youth service was held on the 11th October. Holly tells us what it was all about!



Hi, I am Holly. I went to the older children's service in the St James church grounds. It was a pleasant day warm but also a bit cold. There was a lot of us, and Reverend Linda and Jan had organised it. It was fun and we all had a bag with things in. In the bag was post it notes, pen, plant pots, a reading and song lyrics. Someone read the bible reading then we talked about our journey and where we could go through our life. Then with the plant pots, post it notes and pen we wrote words that described who we were in school, with friends and at home. Then we had to try and balance them on our heads! Some people did it and some people didn't (I was one of those people who didn't). Reverend Linda also put on a song with pictures and we had lyrics to listen to. This taught me and maybe other people about Jesus' journey through life and how he died on the cross to save us all. Also, how Jesus is our saviour and that we shouldn't be mean to each other. We got to keep our bags if we wanted to.

Our next two Youth Services are on **Sunday 22nd November** and **Sunday 13th December** both at 9.45am meeting in the churchyard. All are welcome to join us - why not bring along a friend?

Ignite Youth Group see poster for details of next event and put **Tuesday 15th December** @6.30pm in your diaries for our Christmas Treasure Hunt.

IGNITE Winter Games

When : Saturday 21st November, 2.30—4pm

Where: St James Church

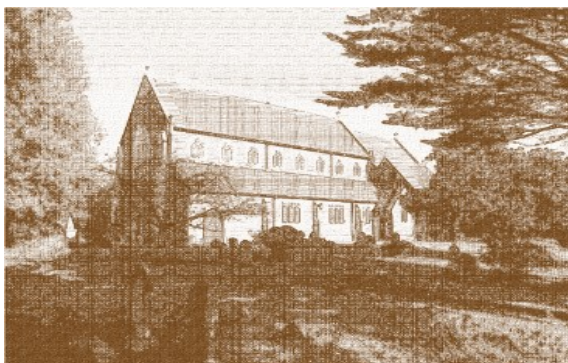
(We will be outside so please wrap up warm)



Whilst we are not yet able to go back to meeting normally we hope to run a few one-off events for our Youth Group in the coming months.

Due to ongoing restrictions we are only able to offer limited places. Ignite Youth Group is open to those in Year 6 upwards.

Please have your parent or guardian email cathylaird22@googlemail.com to book your place



Life At St James

Recalling events and activities over the years since 1890, this gives us a fascinating glimpse into what was happening at St James' church set in the context of the world around it. Maybe this will stir some memories of your own. Please do share them at stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com

125 years ago (1895) – I've come to understand that Revd Charles Patey, the vicar of St James between 1888 and 1905, was a man of few words where information about what was happening at the church is concerned. However, he was obviously a keen cricketer and half of the magazine this month was taken up with a report on the successful season that West End Cricket club had just had and listing in tabular form the batting and bowling averages – very impressive!

100 years ago (1920) – The vicar, Rowland Dawson, was dismayed that 'our Guardians would not back the Salford Guardians proposition that, no Shell-Shock Sailor or Soldier who lost his reason by the War should be lodged in a Public Asylum or Poor Law Institution. Our Guardians pleaded the question of economy and here I think they were wrong'. He went on to say that the soldier or sailor 'must have every care, every consideration and every comfort for what he did and for what he has suffered' and he hoped that the Guardians would rescind their resolution. 'Lest we forget! Lest we forget!' Thank goodness we understand more about mental health nowadays.

75 years ago (1945) – The fame of the new Family Evensong service recently introduced was spreading world-wide. It 'has been mentioned in Shanghai and the 'Daily Mirror' photo has been reprinted in the 'Canadian Churchman' '.

50 years ago (1970) – The vicar, Howard Green, was looking for men for the choir. Not as singers especially but to look after the 30 odd choir boys that were on the books and who, having practiced like angels were then let loose at their club in the Church Hall. Supervision on one occasion was in 'the sole charge of a willing young girl of 20'. All went well, but the vicar hoped that there would be some adult male volunteers stepping forward for 'this major youth activity'

10 years ago (2010) – A large double page advert was in the centre of the magazine for the Christmas Tree Festival. There was to be music provided by The Gregg School, St Winifred's School and Wildern Community Choir with Noizey Voices, as well as 'beautifully decorated trees and seasonal refreshments'. This year our Alternative Christmas Tree Festival will look a little different and be mainly outdoors – but it will still be a lovely community occasion. (see next page for details)

Please do continue to visit our Facebook page and website to see what is happening at St James' as we are still very much creating and looking at ways to engage with everyone:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjameschurchwestend/>
<http://www.stjameswestend.org.uk/>

We are still accepting copy for future magazines, so do pass on any articles or stories of what is happening, good news stories and special memories, to our email address:

stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com

An alternative Christmas Tree Festival

As you can probably imagine the current regulations surrounding Covid have put paid to any hope of holding a Christmas Tree Festival in the fashion of what had become, since 2006, a two-yearly tradition at St James'.

However, we will be having a Christmas Story type of outdoor celebration, with decorated trees (some of those already in the churchyard will be used) as well as a few traditional Christmas fir trees. This will take place from around 12th December until after Christmas Day. We're going to have outdoor battery lights for the trees and the church will be floodlit as usual, the aim being to tell the Christmas Story using story boards and make the churchyard a place to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the festive season as well as we can, given the circumstances.

We are now looking for people to help decorate a tree (or bush/shrub) and to make or supply decorations. Obviously as this is an outdoor display any decorations need to be fairly weather-proof - but we are sure that the talented folk of St James' and the local parish will have lots of ideas we haven't even thought of - to brighten up the December days leading up to Christmas.

Please do get in touch if you are interested in taking part in any way at all, and we look forward to hearing from you soon,

Helen Wiseman, Sue Overell, Lyn Spratt and the Festival Team
Email: ctf.stjameswe@gmail.com

Continuing Generosity

Are you able to make a financial donation to support our work at St James?

Like all churches our finances have been badly hit with public worship suspended for over three months. We have not received any income from the collection plate or from the hire of the church or hall while still needing to pay the costs of maintaining our buildings and our contribution to the diocese towards the cost of clergy throughout the diocese. We are still faced with a deficit of some £1,900 a month.

We know this is a difficult time financially for many people but if you can, please make a donation or join our regular giving scheme. All donations, large or small, make a difference and will be greatly appreciated.

You can make an on-line donation through our 'Give A Little' page here:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a2ed136d-57c7-49b8-9203-d25428539dc8>. This can also be accessed through our church website or Facebook Page donate buttons.

Or you can contact our treasurer David Forster stjamespcctreasurer@gmail.com to make a donation or to join our Parish Giving scheme which enables you to make a regular donation through direct debit. If you are a taxpayer please consider adding Gift Aid to any donation.

We are hugely grateful to all our givers for your generosity and especially to our regular givers for your continued support.





Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas.

As well as the practical preparations needed, I encourage you to make time to prepare your hearts and minds to welcome the Christ child again.

'Journeying through Advent' is a small pamphlet that provides a short daily reading and reflection for each day of

Advent and a weekly set of questions to ponder on your own or to discuss with others. Why not connect with a couple of friends each week to discuss the questions together during the Advent season? The pamphlet is £2.87 but we get a church discount and will be placing an order.

Please let Rev'd Linda know if you would like to order a copy by Monday 16th November at rev.lindagalvin@gmail.com There is more information about the pamphlet here <https://www.eden.co.uk/journeying-through-advent-with-new-daylight/>.

Vicky

From the Registers The Parish of St James' West End

Weddings in October 2020

2nd - Ryan Coombes & Louisa Diment-Davies

*God is love, and those who live in love,
live in God and God lives in them.*

1 John 4:16

SO18 BIG LOCAL is a resident-led project which was awarded £1m from the Big Lottery Fund to make a lasting positive difference. It covers parts of Harefield, Midanbury and Townhill Park. They have a great website and lots of ideas and projects.



You can sign up to receive their monthly newsletter direct by email via their website which can be found at <https://so18biglocal.org.uk/> and there is also a Facebook page to follow at

Looking to the heavens

When I was invited to put my name forward to stand as a Churchwarden at St James' in 1997, I asked the advice of several people that had filled this role in other churches as to what it would entail and whether they felt that I had the right attributes for the position. Nothing in their responses prepared Debbie and myself for the main way that it would affect our lives, namely that in future our love of exploring religious buildings would now be enhanced with the phrase: 'I wonder how they change those lights', 'I wonder if that is a bespoke lantern (our holiday of 2014, when we were looking to replace the west door lantern) and more recently 'I wonder why they chose to use that sort of roof'. A year ago, in those heady days when one was able to travel freely, Debbie arranged a highlight (for me) of our Spanish holiday, a rooftop tour of Seville Cathedral. It was arranged out of the heat of the day. Unfortunately, southern Spain was experiencing a heatwave and so even in the late evening, it was above 30 C. Still, we gamely assembled in the shadow of La Giralda, the bell tower which was built as the minaret for the Great Mosque of Seville in 1198, for what turned out to be a fascinating and energetic evening.



Seville Cathedral is the largest cathedral by area in the world. For fellow pedants reading this, it is not the largest church in the world, but other bigger ones (notably St Peter's, Rome) are not the seat of a Bishop. The main reason that the size was possible is due to the climate. English and most North European Gothic cathedrals are built with a width equivalent to the tallest trees available. i.e. Winchester and Salisbury are governed by the height of a fully grown oak tree which can support a heavy roof. Above these strong beams is a steep roof, which is designed like this to prevent the accumulation of heavy snow.

Snow is almost unheard of in Andalusia, except on the mountains, and it doesn't stay long in Seville before melting. Thus, the roofs can be almost flat and the supporting beams do not have to be strong enough to bear extra weight.

Another factor in the size was the accumulated knowledge of the builders. Apparently, the citizens of Seville were in no great rush to build their cathedral as they had converted a huge mosque for their purpose. Thus, when they felt that it was time to demonstrate their wealth, many of the European cathedrals had been long finished and so there were many very experienced stone masons available.

In Seville, unusually, they decided to not only build on the site of the mosque, but to dismantle it as they went along. The Cathedral was started from the west end (the majority of cathedrals start with the Lady Chapel, so that worship can take place on site asap, and then work their way west). This meant that they were able to use the existing building for worship. Then, when there was enough of the new building to use, they knocked the mosque down, continuing to the fantastic east end.

This picture shows the roof of one of the wide transepts. This was built first and then was used as the building platform for the next stage. The restored winch was for lifting stones and other materials from ground level, whilst the white lines were the templates for building the wooden framework for the arches (similar to the drawing floor in a boatbuilding office).



We're looking forward to recommencing our adventures and education again when possible. I can recommend the roof tours of our local Cathedrals.

Noel Becket

St James Annual Meetings

Our annual meetings were very different this year (as most things have been).

Postponed from the original date of 26th April, when we had planned to hold the APCM after Church Alive (with a Bake'n'Brew to persuade attendees to eat cake and donate in aid of the Children's Society) the meeting was eventually held via Zoom on Sunday 25th October at 2:30pm. A couple of people were seen with a cup of tea, but no cake was observed! Perhaps they were saving their Dedication celebration scone cream teas for later (see page 5).



Twenty seven people attended both meetings and Revd Vicky opened proceedings with a prayer. The Annual Meetings are split into two – the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and then the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners basically approves the minutes from the last year and elects the Churchwardens for the following year. Vicky thanked our Churchwardens, Scott Langridge and Jan Barrett, who have been doing such an amazing job this year (as they also did pre-Covid but even more so in the last eight months). They were both standing again and as there were no other nominees they were automatically re-elected. They will "attend" (also via Zoom) the Archdeacon's Visitation during November, to re-invest them for the coming year.

The APCM followed. With minutes from last year approved, the figure on the Electoral Roll was confirmed as 133 with 33 living out of parish. The external examiners were re-appointed and David Forster gave an overview of the accounts for the year 2019 – he highlighted the deficit that would have been far greater had we not received a generous legacy gift. The Annual Report (published to all the church family but available on request*) was approved and Vicky proceeded to thank everyone who has contributed to Church life over 2019, both during the Interregnum and in the time following her arrival at St James', in particular the Ministry Team led by Revd Linda Galvin.

The revision of the Church Representation Rules (CRR) this year had removed the requirement for Sidespersons and Pastoral team to be voted in at the APCM so we continued immediately with the election of PCC members:

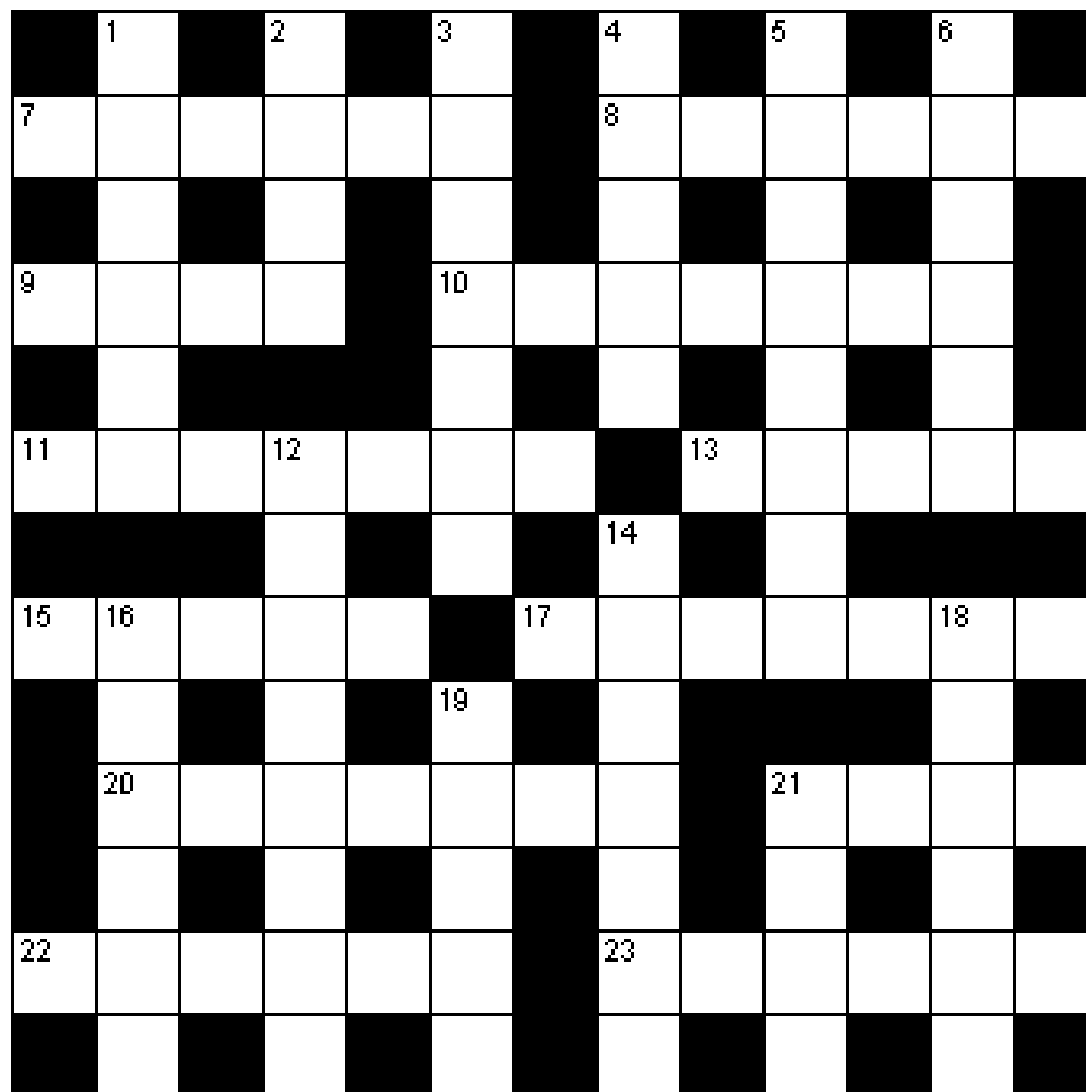
Newly elected this year are Rachel Owton and Bethea Alexander, with David Forster joining the PCC having retired from the Deanery Synod after many years. Andrew Brooks and Kate Badcock had completed three years and were re-elected for a further three. Thanks were given to retiring members Donna Matteucci, Mike O'Brien and June Butler for their time spent on the PCC.

CRR changes also required the re-election of Deanery Synod representatives this year and on an ongoing three yearly basis. Standing again this year, Carol Kidd and Geoff Holden, and we were also pleased to welcome Diana Barnes as a new member.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded after half an hour (a record!) with the notification of the date of the next PCC meeting on 24th November. Vicky thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting with the Grace.

*Copies of PCC minutes and the Annual Report are available on request from the PCC secretary sue@overells.co.uk

Crossword for November 2020



Across

- 7. World's largest desert (6)
- 8. Belgian port (6)
- 9. Europe's highest active volcano (4)
- 10. Caribbean island (7)
- 11. Quito is the capital (7)
- 13. African mountain range (5)
- 15. Capital of Egypt (5)
- 17. Famous Italian opera house (2,5)
- 20. Spanish city at the foot of the Sierra Nevada (7)
- 21. Russian city (4)
- 22. Capital of the Philippines (6)
- 23. South American river (6)

Down

- 1. Sea to the east of Sweden (6)
- 2. Indonesian island (4)
- 3. Capital of Thailand (7)
- 4. These Asian countries are North and South (5)
- 5. 23 Across empties into this ocean (8)
- 6. Capital of Turkey (6)
- 12. Sea to the east of Italy (8)
- 14. Island group east of Florida (7)
- 16. Sea between Greece and Turkey (6)
- 18. Capital of Portugal (6)
- 19. Asian country (5)
- 21. Muscat is the capital (4)

Kingdom Kids



1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

When sad things happen, Jesus gives us hope.



Can you make at least eight different words from this word wheel? Each word can only use a letter once and must always use the central letter. We've given one word to start you off!



near



Add a sad mouth and some eyes to this face. Now turn it upside down – what happens?



Can you put all the letters together to make a nine-letter word? (clue: it's what we do to make each other feel better).



Can you match each word with the one that means the opposite? Draw a line between each pair

grief

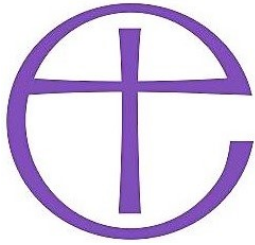
sadness

death

joy

life

hope



Church of England Telephone Line

If you know of someone who doesn't have access to online services the Church of England have launched a free national telephone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full services. It is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers and reflections. Please do let anyone know who might find this helpful.

WEST END CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

This group has a Facebook page called "West End Coronavirus Support Group" and residents can also contact Julie Haylett, the organiser, on 028 8047 0610.

They have also collected shopping and other essentials thanks to the volunteers in the group who are offering their time to help other in need within their community.

The team are also working with local fish and chip shops in West End on a Wednesday and have been delivering meals to those who are currently stuck inside.

Are you living with domestic abuse?

Feeling fearful, scared, hurt, trapped?

Do you know anyone living with domestic abuse?

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It is NEVER acceptable, is always wrong.

It is NEVER the victims fault

Affecting persons of any ethnicity, gender or gender identity, sexuality or social status.

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- Signpost to a range of services & focus on safety planning & reducing risk
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Solution for October Crossword



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And finally... Never say “never again”

A message from the outgoing (temporary) editor

Little did I know when I handed over the (temporary) editorship of the church magazine at the end of 2013 to Caroline and subsequently to Donna - and then into the very capable hands of Kate our parish administrator - that I would be editing it again in 2020. “Unforeseen circumstances” certainly seems to have summed up this year so far for all of us. I have again been following in the footsteps of my late Grandfather, Arthur Calton, who was editor of St James’ magazine for many years. He used to put the magazine together, in the very room in which I



am now sitting, using a manual typewriter and a very interesting cut and stick method involving lots of scraps of paper and copious quantities of glue and Tippex (and no doubt also some BluTack – I’m sure he had shares in the stuff!) Grandad used to bring all the church ledgers home to produce the monthly “From the Registers” page (no such thing as GDPR in those days). Then he would produce the printed article using a Risograph machine which used to take pride of place in the hallway downstairs – Heaven knows what my long-suffering grandmother, Mary, must have thought, but she kept her patience with him.



Fortunately these days life is a lot easier, with computers, scanners, clip art and desktop publishing, not to mention having articles put together for you and emailed over by their authors. I’m pretty sure Granddad would have been very impressed and keen to use the technology for himself.

The first recorded copy of a church magazine for St James was in 1884, handwritten in the beautiful cursive script of the Vicar at the time. Through the years the magazine has recorded events in the parish, attendances at services, finances, baptisms and burials and we are very fortunate to have digitised copies from 1884 right

up until 1960. Paper copies from 1960 onwards also exist and are waiting for some willing volunteer to scan them. (These are the source of the regular “Life at St James” feature.)

The current pandemic has changed the way we do many things at St James’ and the magazine is no exception. At a recent PCC meeting it was decided that we would continue to produce an online copy of the magazine, available via our website to anyone who wishes to read it, and also to produce a paper copy on a subscription basis at £5.00 per year.

Sue Overell

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