

St James' West End Magazine

April 2022



I hope she said 'Yes'

Find out inside

Linda writes

I'm always on the lookout for a bargain or something that can enhance life both at church and at home. So, when I received an email recently letting me know that the Church Army were launching Good News Confectionary, as a brand new way of sharing the Good New of Jesus through delicious, sugar-free sweets, I was all for it.



The bonus was that they were giving away 50 boxes to every UK church and all I had to do was to 'click here' to order them. Well my mouse was hovering over the button, when I noticed the flavours of the sweets. Water & Wine flavour - I can go with that I thought; Loaves & Fishes flavour - a bit unusual, but who knows and a clever link to the gospel story; and finally Lamb & Lion flavour... I hesitated. It was then I looked at the date of the email - 1st April 2022

I realised that this was a very clever April Fools' joke and I had almost been taken in by my desire to get something for free. That's the trouble isn't it that we so often want to get something that doesn't cost us anything. As we enter these last few days of Lent and our attention turns towards Holy Week and beyond, we can so easily be like one of the crowd that lined the streets of Jerusalem, cheering and waving a man who they thought would give them the freedom from Roman oppression, a man who did miraculous things... apparently for free!

Yet with his arrest and seeming powerlessness to overcome the authority of the leaders of the day, our enthusiasm, like that of the adulating crowd, can wane and drift away. Surely it would cost us too much to make ourselves stand out at a time like this?

Yet here was a man who knew what it would cost; there was no free bargaining chip or get out of jail free card for him. His would be the ultimate cost paid - with his life. How easy would it have been for his followers to say, 'well it was an interesting ride, but it's back to the fishing boats, the tax booth, being a zealot (though for whom it would be hard to imagine) for us all'.

The fact was that he was offering the greatest imaginable free gift to everyone; the hope of reconciliation and eternal life, and the opportunity to live life in all its true abundance. No catches, no small print, just sign up and try it for yourself - It's all free! I think I could have safely have clicked on that application!

Wishing you all a wonderful and blessed Easter this year.

God bless,

Linda



What's going on at St James Church?

Services and Diary Dates for April

Friday 1st 11am Lincoln Court Holy Communion

7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 2nd 10-4pm Lent Quiet Day

Sunday 3rd – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Sung Eucharist (Livestreamed) with children's groups

11am Church Alive All Age Communion

3pm Holy Baptisms

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Wednesday 6th 9.15am -10.30am Stay n Play (Church Hall)
10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 7th 9.45am Saint James School Easter Service
7.30pm- 8.45pm Lent Group in the church – Session 6

Friday 8th 10.30am -12pm Community Coffee Morning in Church Hall followed at
12 -1pm by Soup lunch (all welcome) in aid of Lent appeal

Sunday 10th – Palm Sunday

9.30am Sung Eucharist (Livestreamed) with procession and children's groups

11am Church Alive All Age Informal Service

5.30pm IGNITE Youth Group

Monday 11th 7pm Evening Service for Holy Week

Tuesday 12th 7pm Evening Service for Holy Week

Wednesday 13th 10.30am Said Eucharist
10.30am Sunnycroft Easter Communion
7pm Evening Service for Holy Week

Thursday 14th - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by Watch until 9pm

Friday 15th – Good Friday

10am Children's Easter Activity Morning

11am Churches Together Walk of Witness starting at St Brigid's Church

11.30am All Age Good Friday Service

2pm Good Friday Eucharist

Saturday 16th – Easter Eve

8pm Easter Vigil with Holy Baptisms and Confirmation

Sunday 17th – Easter Day

9.30am All Age Sung Celebration Eucharist (Livestreamed)

11am Church Alive All Age Celebration Service

Wednesday 20th 10.30am Sung Eucharist
12.30pm Funeral

Friday 22nd 1pm Wedding

Saturday 23rd 2pm HOPE 'Discovery Trail'

Sunday 24th – Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Sung Eucharist (Livestreamed) with children's groups

11am Church Alive All Age Informal Service

1.30pm Wedding

6.30pm Taizé

Wednesday 27th 9.15am-10.30am Stay n Play (Church Hall)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 28th 11am Prayer Time in the Lady Chapel

Weekly Events:

Open Church - The church is open to visit on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am to 3pm and on Wednesdays 11.30am to 3pm.

Morning Prayer is said in Church on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9am.

Choir Practice is in Church on Tuesdays 8pm-9pm.

Stay and Play – Wednesdays 9.15am-10.30am in term time in the church hall. For preschool toddlers and babies and their parents/carers. Cost £1.50 per session and includes an individual snack.

Monthly Events:

1st Saturday Children's Activity Morning - From 10am to 11.30am in church. A short interactive talk, crafts and refreshments for children of all ages. For more info and to book to attend please contact Jan j.barrett77@btinternet.com or 07519 759269.

2nd Friday Community Coffee Morning - 10.30am to 12 noon in the church hall. All welcome.

2nd Sunday Ignite Youth Group - 5.30pm – 7pm at the Church. For ages 11 to 15. If you would like to join, please contact Vicky at stjameswe.vicar@gmail.com.

Last Thursday of the month Prayer Time - Join for a time of prayer for the needs of the world, local community and individuals from 11am to 11.45am in the Lady Chapel in church.

Notices and News

Holy Week – we welcome the Rt Rev'd Geoff Annas to preach at our Holy Week Services this year.

Food Bank - donations for the Food Bank can be left in the basket at the back of church.

Tree Trail - Enjoy our April Tree trail in the church grounds.

Electoral Roll – if you would like to join our Electoral Roll (our membership list) for the church please fill out an electoral roll form from the back of church

Annual Meeting (APCM) – will be held on Sunday 8th May when we elect our church officers and reflect on the last year.

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Associate Priest: Rev'd Linda Galvin rev.lindagalvin@gmail.com or 07934 419302

Check out our website www.stjameswestend.org.uk for more information about church life. Enjoy our parish magazine – available on the home page of our website.

A note from the Church Wardens



We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the church cleaning on 19th March, and also to Debbie Beckett for making soup for everyone. It was really good to have a lot of people working together to make the church gleam!

Best wishes,

Diana



Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2nd June 2022

St James' Church have been invited to run a BBQ at the West End Parish Council celebrations. The event is for all the family and will commence at 6pm on Thursday 2nd June on Hatch Grange. Planning is in its early stages, but we are keen to take part in this great community event. Steve and Helen Wiseman are happy to coordinate this, but they will need volunteers to make this a success, if you are interested in finding out more, please let Helen or Steve know, thank you in advance.

Christmas (sorry to mention this so early in the year). In 2021 we had a number of knitted Nativity sets donated to St James, and were very pleased to be able to sell them to make much needed funds for the church. The set comprises 12 characters from Joseph to a very woolly sheep; Joseph's character being approx. 20cm high - the tallest in the set. So the word is going out to seek volunteer knitters, who can knit either one or more characters, or a full set of 12! The pattern suggests oddments of wool, and we can supply stuffing if needs be, along with stiff card tubes to help the characters stand up. If you would like some more information (without any obligation whatsoever) please contact Helen Wiseman.

Picture Reflections

The picture on the front cover this month was contributed by Debbie Becket. 'We spotted this delightful proposal whilst walking the causeway to St Michael's Mount in Cornwall. How romantic is that? A positive, happy thing amidst a troubled world... We saw the couple and he'd asked her Dad and arranged for a drone to record the moment too. He even went down on one knee - they're the 3rd and 4th from the left of the photo. My proposal certainly wasn't as elaborate, but with our 30th wedding anniversary coming up next month, I think we can safely say that it didn't matter!' - Debbie

Do you have a picture that you would like to be featured on the front of our magazine? Perhaps you have a prayers or reflections that you contribute to go with the picture. Send your pictures to Kate Badcock at stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com. It would be fabulous to see some of your pictures. (Please do not send pictures with people featuring in it unless we can confirm their express permission to use it)

Ordinary Lives by Brenda Holden

What is an ordinary life?

We are all extraordinary ...we are all wonderful beings created by God
to enjoy the life that has been gifted to us.

What is an ordinary life?

We arise every morning...we eat...we work...we love...we go to bed...
Where would we be without those who share our ordinary lives
those who make the ordinary, extraordinary?

What is an ordinary life?

Every day is special and we can enjoy unique experiences...
the delight of sunshine and breezes on our faces ...the smell of new mown grass...
the sound of children playing games....turning the pages of a well-loved book...
sharing creativity with our Creator...

What is an ordinary life?

We don't appreciate the ordinary until we are shaken by some experience
that shatters our lives and our world
leaving us to long for the ordinary once more.

Thank you God
for our ordinary lives!



Quiet Spaces

We are all facing the challenges of life at the moment...perhaps you long for some time away from stress and anxiety? Do you feel God calling you to spend some time with him in stillness in the company of a small group from our church community? Perhaps Quiet Spaces might be for you?

We meet about 3 times each school term and new members are always welcome. We have recently started a group that will be meeting in half terms and school holidays. Bookings are made when the days and times are circulated to members.

Each meeting we share prayer, a time of stillness and we discuss our reflections on the theme for the month which aims to bring God's presence into our everyday lives. If this is something you are feeling called to explore in more detail, please contact Brenda Holden on 02380 474826 or email bmholden84@gmail.com

Churches in the UK

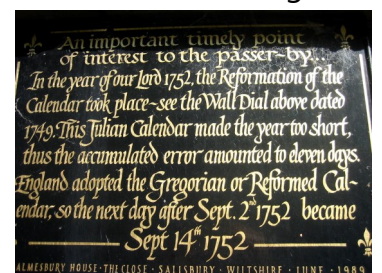
- There are 2,368 churches named after Saint Mary
- 1,467 All Saint Churches
- 1,327 churches dedicated to Saint Peter
- 818 churches dedicated to Saint Michael

But how many St James?

Thank You to Betty and David for these snippets!

Aprils Fools Day

It all began in 1752 when we changed over to the Gregorian calendar on 1st January. In the previous Julian calendar, the New Year was celebrated with a festival that began on 25th March and ended 1st April. This was much like Christmas with an exchange of gifts and indulgence, but with what was thought of a lack of Christian Spirit. When the calendars changed over the 1st April remained a 'joke' New Year that was marked by token gifts and a bit of revelry.





Churches Together in Hedge End, West End and Botley are connected together for the good of our community.
www.hewebchurches.co.uk

Welcome to Newcomers



Hello!

We hope you are enjoying living in a new community in this lovely part of Hampshire. If you are interested in coming to church you will find that the churches around here vary in size and style. We hope there is one to suit you and you will be very welcome at worship services or at the many other activities our churches offer.

You can just come along but you may like to browse through the various church websites to get a flavour of each one, or make a phone call and speak with someone for more details. We would love to hear from you and meet with you.

In case you are wondering about the logo for Churches Together, the logo portrays the Church as a ship afloat on the sea of the world with the mast in the form of a cross, itself the key symbol of the Christian faith. The symbol of a boat is common throughout the ecumenical movement, having been used by the World Council of Churches since 1948. Its origin is in the Gospel stories, where Jesus called the Galilean fishermen and later stilled the storm on the lake of Galilee.

Although refreshed in 2019, and earlier in 2014, this has been the logo of Churches Together in England since 1997. It was preceded by a similar boat and cross, within the pilgrim shell of St James of Compostela. The current logo retains the shell in stylised form, now often interpreted as rays flowing from the cross of Jesus, who draws all people to himself.

Can you volunteer a little of your time?

Volunteering is a great way to give something back to your community. Volunteering offers vital help to the community, but the benefits are even greater for you. The role can help you to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career. Your mental and physical health improves too – so why not?

SO18 Big Local is a lottery funded, resident-led group and we have a variety of roles that may suit you, including running craft sessions, litter picking, helping promote and look after our green spaces, community growing, or even getting involved at the community pantry. Perhaps you could come and join your friendly neighbours, and join our partnership committee, who meet monthly to decide what is needed in our community, and actually make things happen in your area. If you are interested in joining our committee or volunteering with us please contact us at info@so18biglocal.org.uk



April Tree Trail

Our tree trail for April will change after Easter Sunday to reflect the joy of the Risen Lord in the words of our beautiful Easter Hymns.

At the Welcome tree you will find the words of

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

And in the box you will find Easter egg shapes to decorate to remind us of the empty tomb and the joy of Easter Sunday.

Moving on to the Faith tree here you will find the wonderful words of

In Christ Alone.

In the box you will find butterfly shape to decorate and tie to the tree to represent transformation, change, hope and love.

The Thank you tree has the words from

Let All The World in Every Corner Sing.

In the box you will find resources to create an image of creation to add to the tree.

Next visit the Praise tree here you can read the words of

In the Garden

In the box you will find flowers to decorate and tie to the tree to remind us of the new life promised to us.

Finally at the Worry tree you will find the words of

Sing out an Easter Song.

In the box you will find ribbons to tie to the tree as you think about the joy that comes from knowing the risen Lord.

The Parish of St James, West End - The Revision of the Church Electoral Roll 2022

The revision of the Church Electoral Roll is taking place this April. This is the time when new members are officially entered on the Roll, and the names of those who have passed away or moved away or no longer wish to be on the Roll are removed.

Only persons on the Electoral Roll have the right to vote at the Annual Meeting, and, having been on the Roll for six months, can take up positions of responsibility within the Church.

If you are a regular attendee and wish to come onto the Roll, please take a green form from the table at the back of church, fill in your details and return the form to the Electoral Roll Officer (ERO)

Only new members need to fill in a form: if you filled in a form last year, in 2020 or 2019, you **DO NOT** need to do so now. Any queries, please ask the ERO for help.

Please also let the ERO know of any changes of address, telephone number or email address so that the roll can be brought up to date.

Margaret Baker - Electoral Roll Officer

Read Easy Southampton

Sue Overell writes: In the summer of 2020, during the first Covid-19 lock-down, Vicky sent out via her weekly email details of organisations looking for volunteers, and Dave, my husband (who retired at the end of 2019) volunteered for one of them. This was "Read Easy Southampton" and he has since taken on the position of Treasurer, IT Support and Data Protection Officer for this local branch of the national group. Below is a description of the group and their aims and achievements to date:



Ready Easy Southampton is a registered affiliate group of Read Easy UK, a national charity which provides free, confidential one-to-one reading coaching for adults from trained volunteers, through locally-run, affiliated volunteer groups. You may have seen on TV "Jay Blades: Learning to Read at 51" in which Read Easy UK helped Jay, the presenter of The Repair Shop, to develop his reading skills. (The programme first aired on BBC1 on 26th January and is available on iPlayer.)

Following the formation of Read Easy Southampton in June 2021 our team of 12 volunteers has worked very hard to secure the funds we need to allow us to purchase the training and reading materials our coaches need to start helping Southampton adults improve their reading skills.

We created links to local organisations who refer people needing help with literacy skills to us, and at the same time help publicise our work to local communities, allowing people to contact us directly. At the same time we recruited and trained coaches who have already started working with readers in various venues around Southampton using the manuals we have purchased.

Readers meet their coaches twice a week, for just half an hour at a time, at an approved venue. We believe it is important to make the experience flexible and fun for the reader, with no timescales or pressure attached. We have had a fantastic response from people who have volunteered to be coaches. We are actively recruiting more reading coaches to meet demand, particularly in the West End area. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to change the life of an adult who struggles to read we would love to hear from you.

Our fundraising to date has involved sponsoring one of our team for a 10k run, corporate and personal donations, grants from local trusts and a JustGiving page.

On 24th January this year the Read Easy Southampton team held their official launch ceremony at the Mayor's Parlour in Southampton Civic Centre, with the Mayor, Councillor Alex Houghton in attendance along with reading coaches and former students.

For more information on the local group visit: facebook.com/ReadEasySouthampton
To donate or to enquire about fundraising email: southamptonfundraiser@readeasy.org.uk
Those wishing to learn to read can get help by contacting:
southamptoncoordinator@readeasy.org.uk or by calling 07392 517334

For more information on coaching, please contact Naomi Clarke
Email: southamptonrecruiter2@readeasy.org.uk
Tel: 07714 444244



The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

I usually avoid reading novels written by celebrities, but this book was passed to me by a friend with a recommendation to read it. I am pleased that I did. I can strongly recommend it as a light and entertaining read for sitting in a chair in the spring sunshine or to take away on holiday for an uplifting read.

The idea of a murder being entertaining is perhaps rather weird, but the style of writing carries you along.

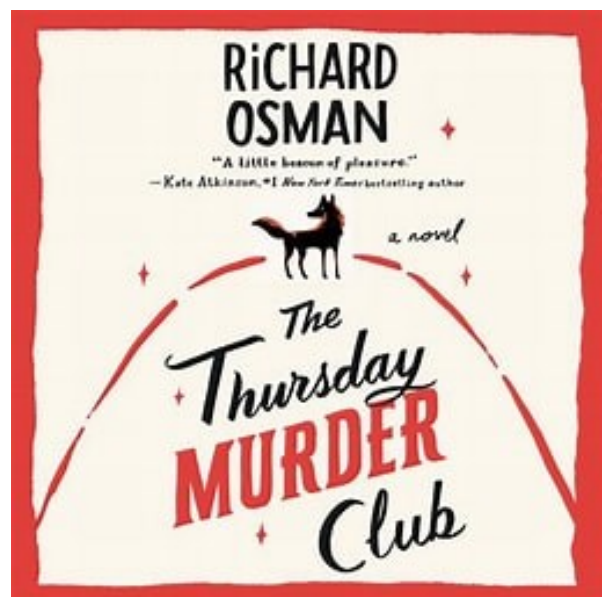
The opportunity to hear about the exploits of Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron who are all pushing 80 gives all of us hope that old age can hold new experiences for all of us! Life in their retirement village was definitely not a 'winding down' for them.

It was described as being warm, wise and witty warning never to underestimate the elderly by Val McDermid and I would agree wholeheartedly.

In the tradition of so many dramas on the television todaythe end makes us want to acquire and turn the pages of the continuation of the story of the group of friends in 'The Man Who Died Twice'.

Has anyone read that yet? It is on my 'to do' list!

Brenda Holden



Thankyou to Brenda who submitted our 'Book Club' review this month. Please send in your reviews to stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com, it is always lovely to share the likes, dislikes and recommendations of books, fiction or non-fiction.

**AN INVITATION
to St James'
Community Coffee Morning**
we look forward to welcoming you



**New for 2022
an invitation to a
Community Café**

Where? St James' Church Hall

Who For? Anyone who wishes to pop in. No need to book just come along on your own or with others

When? The 'second' Friday of each month anytime between 10:30am - 12 noon

Come and take the opportunity for a cup of coffee or tea, plus biscuits or cake and friendly chat in these early months of the year as we await brighter days and signs of spring.

As warmer mornings arrive and the weather allows there will be the option of resting awhile at tables and chairs outside in the beautiful churchyard when the trees will be in blossom

Covid prevention measures regarding ventilation etc. will be in place as per recommendations

The next date will be on April 8th

For further information: email stjameswe.vicar@gmail.com or stjameswe.pastoral@gmail.com

Offering Spiritual Care in Later Life

Carol Kidd is Anna Chaplain for Harefield & West End

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Carol offers a listening ear to, and shares time with, older persons especially the isolated and the lonely, and if needed their families and carers in order to also support them by signposting to other help that may be available.

Initial contact can be made by phone or email and this can be followed by further phone contact or if preferred may include a home visit in your own home, in a Care Home or arrangement can be made to meet at St James' Church.

Anna Chaplains are trained in offering spiritual support to older people by the Anna Chaplaincy team at BRF - a UK - registered Christian charity.

Carol works as our Anna Chaplain in a voluntary capacity and has experience of working in the NHS, in pastoral care and in church ministry as one of St James' Licensed Lay Ministers.

Harefield & West End Anna Chaplaincy is affiliated to Anna Chaplaincy for Older People and is part of the Bible Reading Fellowship [BRF] a Registered Charity [233280]

For further information: <https://annachaplaincy.org.uk>



Harefield and West End

“In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it...”

The words in the title come from the song *Easter Parade*, from Irving Berlin's 1948 film of the same name, and its fame has rather made Easter bonnets sound as if they're an American invention. And, of course, the Americans have embraced the whole idea of bigger, better, more creative, ever more flamboyant... etc. when it comes to wearing hats on Easter Sunday, and for the parades organised across the country to show off the Easter bonnets.

But the 'Easter bonnet' tradition goes back to a time far earlier than 1948, and to even earlier than the 19th century when those Easter parades began springing up across the US.

A makeover for 'Sunday best'

As befitting anything with 'Easter' in the title, the origins of the Easter bonnet relate to churchgoing.

Easter is seen as a time of renewal, and from early days, people began to look to wearing new, clean clothes as a mark of respect to reflect this. In 300AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine instructed his court to wear their best, new clothing for Easter Sunday, and in the Middle Ages, Christians increasingly took up the practice to symbolise the resurrection of Jesus.

With the chaste period and fasting of Lent over, people down the centuries have been keen to indulge in a little luxury at Easter. A makeover for their 'Sunday best' could often be as anxiously looked forward to as a return to eating the richer foods denied throughout the previous 40 days.

The diarist Samuel Pepys recorded on Easter Day, 30 March 1662: "Having my old black suit new furbished, I was pretty neat in clothes to-day, and my boy, his old suit new trimmed, very handsome."

Superstition even grew as to it being unlucky to **not** wear a new outfit. The following warning appeared in the late 17th century, in the almanac series *Poor Robin*:

*At Easter let your clothes be new
Or else be sure you will it rue.*

No lady would be seen without a hat

So now we come to the 'bonnet' part.

For women, it was virtually unthinkable to venture outside the home without a head covering of some sort until pretty much mid-20th century. The hat was an essential element of a woman's ensemble, and often the focal point of an outfit.

Hats were also one of the easiest items of clothing for remodelling, refashioning or revamping.



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In spring, with flowers coming into bloom, and an abundance of hedgerow foliage to collect, the addition also of a new ribbon or two, perhaps the careful placing of a snip of lace - an existing hat could be transformed.

So, income and social standing didn't matter. Anyone could turn out in a 'new' hat on Easter Sunday, and tradition grew for these bonnets to be adorned with the symbols of spring.

The reason why they're referred to as 'bonnets' rather than hats goes back to the Americans again, and the annual parades.

These are not full-blown organised affairs with floats and pageants, but just ordinary people taking to the streets to process in their Easter Sunday outfits - and which is how the parades originated, back in the latter part of the 19th century. Traditionally, at the end of a Sunday service, American churchgoers - like many in countries across the world - would take a leisurely, sociable stroll home. And of course, for the stroll home on Easter Sunday, the ladies would be sporting their smart, new Easter hats. The parades really began to attract notice in the 1870s, and at that time ladies' hats were called bonnets.

Timeout wrote of New York's forthcoming 2019 parade: "The annual Easter Parade and Bonnet Festival will be shutting down eight blocks of Fifth Avenue in Midtown—from 49th Street up to 57th Street—for hours of leisurely strolling while wearing a hat. That's right, this "parade" is literally just a crowd of people walking."

These 'people walking' were estimated to number over a million in New York's 1947 Fifth Avenue Easter Parade.

Children's Easter bonnets

Few primary schools today do not have an Easter 'bonnet' or 'hat' parade. If you're a mum or grandma - or dad or grandpa - and have been asked to help, but are short of ideas, this website is a great source for inspiration - <https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/5-easy-last-minute-easter-bonnets/>.

"Oh, I could write a sonnet about your
Easter bonnet" (*Easter Parade*)

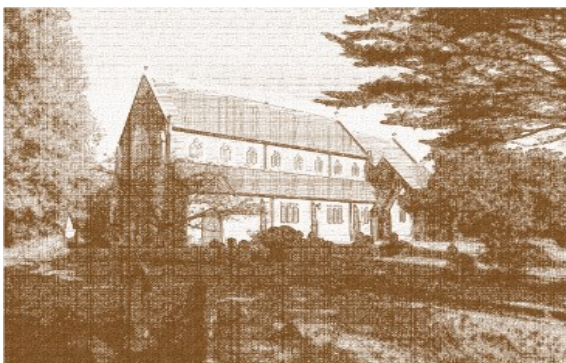
Although not able, to write this fable,
As in Irving's song, a sonnet,
The years unfold, the story's told,
The tale of the Easter bonnet.

Caroline Wigley

*Image: Copyright - Caroline Wigley
Model - denies all knowledge ... (but says please note
dinosaur promenading among the ivy)*

Saint James School will be making Easter Bonnets
this year and some will be on show outside of the
Parish Centre over the Easter Holidays -
Watch out for a ray of sunshine on our streets!





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 (1897) – Having recently attended the latest meeting of the Parish Council it was interesting to note the report on work done in the previous year: It referred to 'the prolonged negotiations of the Council on the subject of the Chickenhall Footpath, a matter which it is hoped has now been satisfactorily arranged, to repairs on the Barnes Land Footpath, postal facilities, the roads, the lighting of the Village, telegraphic communication, hydrants, the freeing of the Itchen Bridges, and other matters relating to the welfare and convenience of the Parish.'

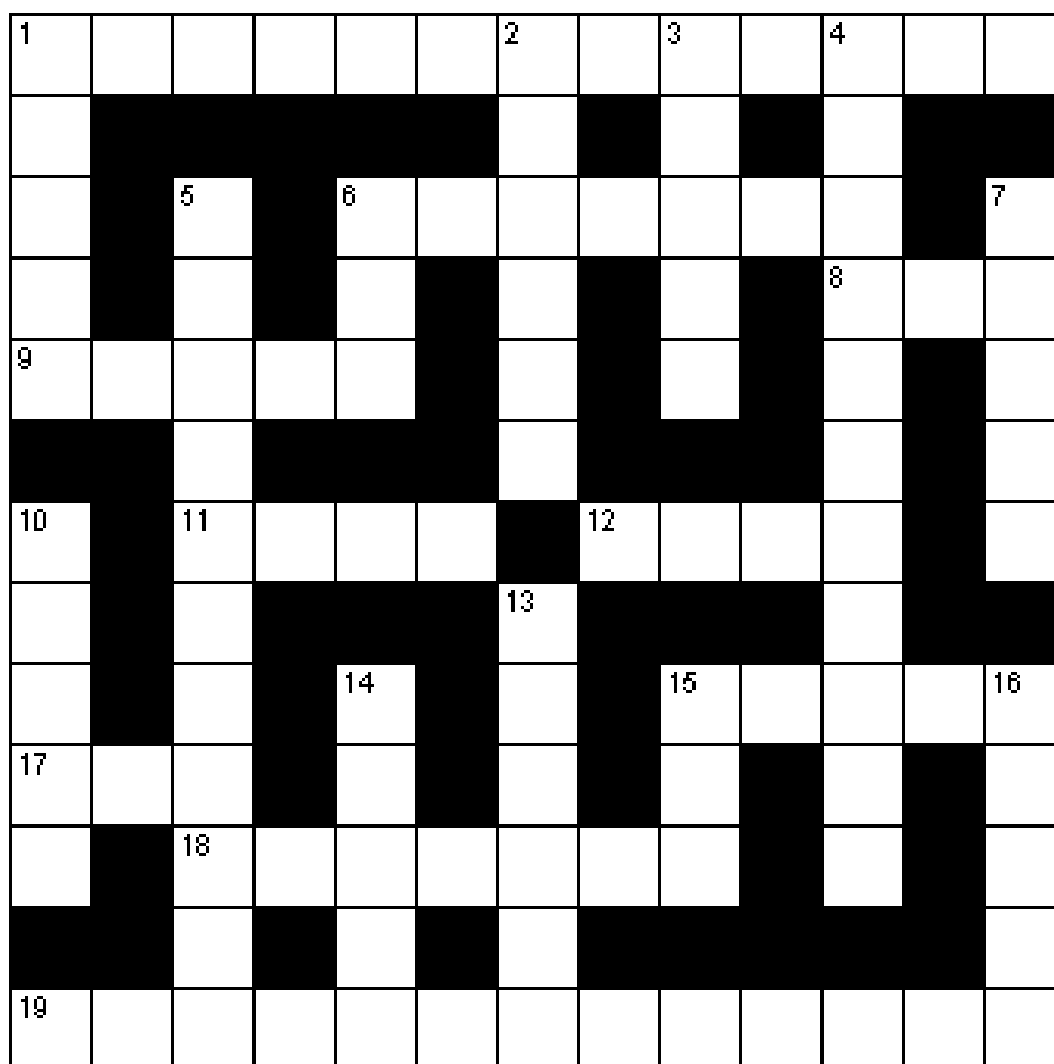
100 years ago (1922) – Reverend Roland Dawson had something to say on the matter of separation, 'Now as regards my position about married couples not being separated, I am still of the same opinion, that it is not the duty of man to separate husband and wife; I go on principles and defend them, and I stand upon that ground and that alone. I believe if a referendum were taken of men and women on this subject that there would be an overwhelming majority on my side of the question. From all that has been said to me recently, I have not found one person yet who agrees with the other view.' Not a debate on separation and divorce but the fact that husbands and wives were separated when they had to be admitted to the Workhouse. He goes on to say, 'I cannot admit the principle that because a man and his wife through misfortune are compelled to go to the Workhouse, that they should forfeit their *Liberty* and be subject to such severe discipline.'

75 years ago (1947) – The Reverend Ivor Machin published 'some comments on the Church by an intelligent Service man of 30'. They included, 'People who attend religious services are either the emotionally immature 'teenagers' or the formal and conventional 'over forties'. The young man and woman of 30 dislikes strict formalism and is repelled by emotionalism. Advice to the parson - give guidance to the people in finding the parts of the service; explain the meaning of particular psalms and lessons, and say why they have been chosen for that day; be unafraid of making mistakes; preach conversational sermons; have a hymn in the middle of the address; advertise the services more; be more of a leader; get people to join in the prayers aloud'. Like Reverend Machin said, at least something to think about!

50 years ago (1972) – The Shell Club was celebrating being three months old and 'now has a membership of almost fifty youngsters mainly between the ages of eleven and fifteen.' It's clientele was 'fairly representative of the parish - children of church homes, scouts, guides, choristers, Sunday schools, more of Harefield school and their friends.' They were building up resources, and making plans for the future, but with 'much of the effort falling on the shoulders of five or six people of whom half are still at school' more help was needed.... Which reminds me, Ignite could do with a few more adult helpers as well to add to our all female cast.

10 years ago (2012) - The Spring Fair was upon us and calls were already going out for the Christmas Tree Festival, particularly knitter to make squares for a knitted 'community tree'. In amongst it all was a Skittles Evening organised by HOPE. Playing skittles is always great fun and brings out the competitiveness in many of us. Maybe we could persuade the HOPE committee to look at something similar in the future. What do people think?

Crossword for April 2022



Across

1. She is Fox in the 2008 movie, *Wanted* (8,5)
6. First name of actress playing Sugar Kane in the 1959 movie, *Some Like It Hot* (7)
8. Doris ____ is Jan Morrow in the 1959 movie, *Pillow Talk* (3)
9. Alan Ladd starred in this 1953 movie (5)
11. ____ Bean is Ian Howe in the 2004 movie, *National Treasure* (4)
12. ____ Hayworth is Ann Shankland in the 1958 movie, *Separate Tables* (4)
15. Name of the motel featured in the 1960 movie, *Psycho* (5)
17. ____ River, starring John Wayne as Thomas Dunson (3)
18. Rat Pack member, Peter ____ (7)
19. John Connor in the 2009 movie, *Terminator Salvation* (9,4)

Down

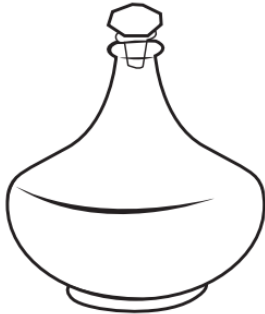
1. ____ Muirhead was Mary Kane in the 1941 classic, *Citizen Kane* (5)
2. First name of the motel owner in 15 Across (6)
3. ____ Roberts is Tess Ocean in the 2004 movie, *Ocean's Twelve* (5)
4. Pauline in the 2005 movie, *The Dukes of Hazzard* (5,6)
5. Longfellow Deeds in the 2002 movie, *Mr. Deeds* (4,7)
6. ____ West starred in the 1933 movie, *I'm No Angel* (3)
7. Liv ____ is Maya in the 2004 movie, *Jersey Girl* (5)
10. Halle ____ is Rowena Price in the 2007 movie, *Perfect Stranger* (5)
13. ____ Goldberg is Jodi in the 2009 movie, *Stream* (6)
14. Jerry ____ is George Fawkes in the 1995 movie, *Funny Bones* (5)
15. ____ Abbott and Lou Costello (3)
16. Alan Ladd starred in the title role of this 1953 western (5)

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John 12.1-8

During a meal when Jesus' friend Mary poured expensive perfume over his feet to wash them, Judas is angry at the waste of money. But Jesus defends Mary, saying she has done a wonderful thing.



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Fill in the blanks to help you think about what you are thankful for today.

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because _____.

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because they _____.



Draw the other people in this story sitting around the table. Show how they are feeling. Surprised? Angry? Amazed?



Write your name down the left-hand side of the space below and make each letter of your name the first letter of different things that you are thankful for.

My name

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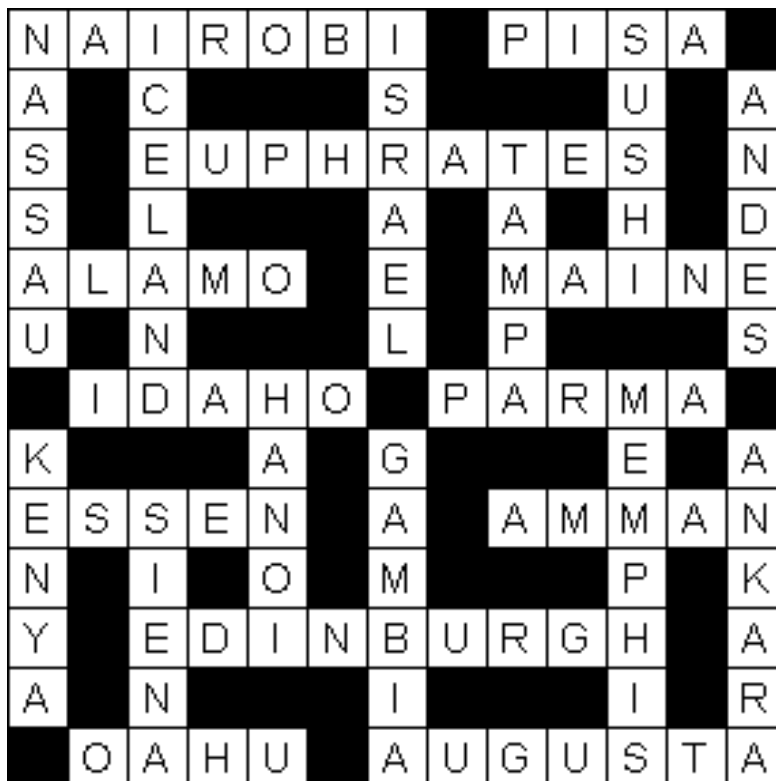
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Solution for March Crossword



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15th April 9.30 to 11.30

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