

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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*"The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution. When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically."* – **Kurek Ashley**

# Note from your Ed



In September we were experiencing a late heatwave. Although I really enjoy hot weather, it is concerning that the temperatures throughout the world are reaching record levels. According to ONS, in the UK June was the hottest June since records began in 1884 and 6 July 2023 was the warmest day ever recorded for our whole world, with an average temperature of 17.08 degrees Celsius! Only 64% of people are worried enough to make some changes to their lifestyle to tackle climate change. God gave us a wonderful world to live in, he also gives us the means to help keep it.

Here in the parish we are doing our best to Reuse, Repair and Recycle, but some of these come at a cost as you will read later on in the mag. As part of fundraising Max and I try to do a quiz at least once a year. More recently we have been doing this online as it allows teams from different parts of the country to join in, but has the time come to return to the church hall or should we continue online? We are planning a quiz one Saturday evening in January. In order to gauge the support please email the office by the end of October if you would be likely enter a team online/only at St B/ or either, so that we can advertise in the December magazine.

Whilst researching for our Messy Church session on the Lord's Prayer I found many interesting versions (including the one I used – the Lord's Prayer in Socks!) Our church mouse kindly found out more. The rest of the mag is full of interesting information – I hope you agree!

*Sue x*

We are always grateful to our volunteers and there is no question that many hands make light work. If you are able to do anything anywhere within our church community however small, please write into the office and I (Sue, with my work hat on) will direct your offer to the right people.

## Crawley Community Awards 2023

A ceremony took place at the Hawth on 27 June to celebrate the work of volunteers in the community. Our congratulations go to:

**Jenny Dobson** Jennifer began helping to run the Pound Hill and Worth Parent and Toddler Group thirty years ago when her son was a toddler. For the past twenty years Jennifer has run the group herself. She is enthusiastic about providing opportunities for pre-school children to develop both socially and emotionally as well as developing their language and communication. It is impossible to know how many families have benefitted from the group over the 30 years Jenny has been involved but the group now has adults who bring their children along to the group which they attended themselves as children. "Jenny has a heart to serve her local community and knows the immense value that this group has for both the children and adults".

**Diana Hodson & Lesley Margison** accepted an Award on behalf of The Crawley Community Shop on Worth Road serves as a community hub and value for money shop for Crawley residents. The fifty volunteers work to provide a service to the community sorting, pricing and selling donated goods. All proceeds from the sales are donated to the eleven charities which provide the volunteers. The League of Friends of Crawley Hospitals, Crawley Museum, Phoenix Choir, Openfields, Crawley United Reformed Church, Crawley Girl Guides, Cruse, Samaritans, Circles Network, CCA, and Carers Support West Sussex. The volunteers generate much needed income to their chosen charities. It is lovely for them to know that they are appreciated by the people of Crawley.

*"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."* — **Audrey Hepburn**

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart."* — **Elizabeth Andrew**

# Prose from the Padre

Over the Summer I had the absolute pleasure to attend the Army Cadet Force Annual Camp. Here I am with 'Camo' on as I visited the cadets out on their overnight Field Training Exercise.

My main role is to be there for the cadets' welfare and for the adults, although every morning at 06.45hrs I would lead Holy Communion, and during the evening we would have 'Chocolate and Chat' where the young people can relax and talk if they want to after an action-packed day.

Cadets must be up and on parade for inspection, then they have drills before breakfast which is at 7:00. As well as fieldcraft, weapon handling and fitness, they have opportunities to do adventurous training such as the climbing wall, mountain biking, paddle boarding, paintball and high ropes. I did try paddle boarding, but I couldn't get to stand up, maybe next year?!

This year as my colleague couldn't be there, I was the only Padre; I felt a bit lost at first. However, I was encouraged by the adult volunteers and many of the young cadets coming to Holy Communion. I gave out 43 'Tactical Bibles' which are the New Testament and Psalms. In each one I wrote a little message similar to the prayer of blessing I say at our Holy Communion.

It is quite amazing to be with young people who are so open and interested in God and Spirituality. They were also very polite and good-natured. At our Holy Communion (which I had to do in about ten minutes) we would have a reading and then I would in a minute or so link it to the Cadet Values. The Cadet values are Courage, Discipline, Respect for others, Integrity, Loyalty and Selfless commitment. I loved talking to the young people about the fact that Jesus and the Golden Rule totally linked into their values.

Work with young people in the Parish is very high on the agenda, with Toddlers and 'the Hangout' youth group starting in the first week of September. We decided to accommodate the older 'graduates' so they have a safe space to gather and catch up with one another, at St Barnabas'. A follow up to the Alpha Course is being discussed and a brand-new group of Young Communicants want to start. We are continuing to grow our Messy Church congregation and nurture our Sunday Schoolers. Children and young people who are valued and loved will grow in confidence. They are our future and an investment that we cannot underestimate, in the Army Cadet Force, the Church and our world.

Peace be with you,

*Rev'd Sarah*

This is a picture of our lovely Pilates teacher Aleisha!  
About forty of us went to Ockenden Manor on the 8th July for afternoon tea to celebrate 'Truly Pilates' being ten years old. Aleisha has lots of classes held at St Barnabas.

It was a lovely occasion with new friends and Aleisha's family. We pray for Aleisha to go from strength to strength!



*Rev'd Sarah*



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# PARISH ROUNDUP



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## June to September 2023

Hello everyone, how was your summer? Mine was, dare I say it, too hot! Still, I am not complaining too much because now that autumn is here and the nights are getting darker it is good that we are continuing to have warm sunny days in between the cloudy duller ones. That said, our Mothers' Union Branch has some sunny warm times planned for the rest of the year, so watch out for our notices!

In June our speaker from the RNLI was very informative about their work, both in London along the Thames and around the coast. We watched a film about their work which showed the base for training in Poole. We had asked our members to make a donation to the RNLI as we could not do so from the Mothers' Union; we raised £62, well done everyone, thank you.

Our plans for July were somewhat thwarted by the weather. I know I said it had been a hot summer, but we obviously forgot to order that to continue on the day of our Summer Afternoon Tea! We had the foresight to have a Plan B, should the weather let us down, phew! The planned Afternoon Tea in Mary's garden ended up taking place in the Café at St Barnabas'.

It had rained for several days prior and although the sun shone a little on the day it was not enough to dry the grass. However, our move to the Café proved very successful; tables were set and decorated, then individual bakery prepared boxes of Afternoon Tea 'Goodies', each wrapped in a variety of coloured ribbons, were placed and the room looked very colourful. The food was excellent, too. Our thanks to Mary for ordering and collecting the boxes from Tilgate Bakery. We also had a raffle that afternoon raising over £80 for the Mothers' Union 'Summer of Hope Appeal'. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported us. We were having such a wonderful afternoon we forgot to take any photographs, perhaps we will remember next year 🍷.

August is the month when we remember the Founder of our organisation, Mary Sumner, and this year we celebrated this on 10 August during the weekly Eucharist service at St Nicholas'. Fr Michael received our Banner from Viv, which was on display beside the pulpit until the end of the service. Our congregation included many of the usual Thursday congregation plus 10 of our members. We sang "Brother, sister, let me serve you" as the banner was processed down the aisle and "Longing for light we wait in darkness" as it was returned at the end.



Fr Michael's homily was a lovely tribute to both Mary Sumner and the Mothers' Union, encouraging us all as we continue to move forward with our work, not only here in our Parish, but worldwide.

Sadly, our summer was also tinged with sadness as Jacky and I attended a Service of Thanksgiving in Horsham, in June, for Margaret Hearnden, past Secretary of Crawley District MU, who also held many other positions within Mothers' Union. Then in June, Simon, Jacky and I went to Ashurst Wood for another Thanksgiving Service this time for our friend and Member, Rachel Hutchinson who died in June.

May they both "rest in peace and rise in glory" Amen.

If you would like to join us in October, we have our Branch 'Birthday Songs of Praise' followed by tea and cake. 🍰 Keep an eye on the pew sheet for details, everyone is welcome.

*Joan Tick and the Branch Committee.*





# St Nicholas' Circle

The Circle has had a bit of a sporadic year so far. However, we all enjoyed the music and readings for Spring in early June, followed at the end of the month by a great selection of cheeses with a glass or two of wine followed by strawberries and cream – definitely a menu to be repeated. At the end of July Revd Greta gave an entertaining talk on her travels in America (see below). Time is a wonderful thing when you have it, but though you can spend it, unfortunately it cannot be bought or earned or given and Sue & Max ran out of it in September. Our next interesting evening will be 8 Nov when Revd Gordon will give an illustrated talk on Heroes of Polar Exploration, known and unknown!! Everyone is welcome.

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## A Far Cry from Teenage Kicks

A wonderful evening for all was presented by Revd Greta as she reminisced on her motorcycle touring adventure along America's Route 66. Though travelling only half the course due to time constraints, a unique blend of observations, anecdotes and trivia was delivered as Greta introduced a feeling of what it's like to 'Gear Up' for a motorcyclist. Many in the audience were amazed at the weight of the necessary clothing, with 'Kevlar' armour stitched into heavy scuff resistant materials. With the likelihood of scorching temperatures, the only air-conditioning being the breeze generated while rumbling along on a thumping Harley Davidson, it was evident other bike wear was needed. Long sleeves were essential to prevent sunburn, a (breathable) mesh jacket with armoured elbows was sought, and to help with overheating in a crash helmet, a cooling neck wrap and cold hair rinses at every stop were employed.



The full length of the original Route 66, Chicago Illinois to California, stretched for 2,448 miles, covering eight states, and was first established in 1926 utilising several existing state and federal roads. Businesses sprang up along its course as travellers headed away from Oklahoma and Texas to seek fame and fortune, fleeing drought and poverty during the depression. Two notable travellers were the author John Steinbeck "The Grapes of Wrath" – 1939 and songwriter Bobby Troup, who composed the now famous song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" recorded by Nat King Cole – 1946. Greta pointed out there are many songs that reference landmarks along the route, and conversely landmarks that have evolved due to the odd reference, such as 'The Corner' of Winslow Arizona; "Take it Easy", The Eagles 1972.



Though the original Route 66 was decommissioned in 1985 following the implementation of an Interstate Highway, many sections of it are still driveable today using dedicated tours such as the one Greta and her friend undertook. Being a pillion rider meant Greta had the opportunity to observe the beauty, diversity, and vastness of the surrounding land. Some outstanding photos and video footage teased a glimpse at what awaits the intrepid explorer, from the many souvenir/tee shirt shops to North America's history evidenced in the architecture, National Parks and museums depicting the Wild West and indigenous tribes.

Colin Upchurch



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Retiring Collection  
 Refreshments

# St Barnabas' Churchwarden Update

It has been a busy summer at St Barnabas', following the refurbishment of the Café and the addition of level access, the bench which had been removed during the building works has been restored and re-positioned alongside the pathway to the Café. Thank you to Bob M for all his hard work. It is wonderful to see the bench being used.

Over the summer, we had two Baptisms at St Barnabas', Hinata and Amelia, both fabulous occasions. It was great to welcome them both into the Church family.



The next phase of the work to provide level access to all of our buildings has started. This will lower the floor in the

Narthex to provide level access from the Church into the Hall. The doorway into the Hall will also be widened to enable wheelchair access. So far, the old floor has been excavated with the removal of over 13 tonnes of concrete and hardcore; the picture below is just one of three "mountains" removed! As I write this the damp proof membrane has been laid and the new concrete floor slab is about to be poured.



We continue to raise funds for the final phase, which is to provide level outside access to the Café, Church and Hall, as well as providing a new brick and glass entrance to the Church.



Several new grant applications have recently been made to help fill the funding gap – thanks to Revd Sarah and Phyl for their hard work preparing the applications. In early September, we were awarded a grant of £15,000 from the Congregational & General Charitable Trust.

In September, it was fantastic to be part of the celebration of David and Mary Fry's Diamond Wedding Anniversary. During the service on Sunday 17 September, David and Mary renewed their wedding vows.



In July, we started a monthly ecumenical Sunday evening service of Prayer and Praise, led by John Palmer (see below). The first two services have been fantastic with a growing group of people – why not come along!

The Café at St Barnabas' continues to be well used by many groups meeting during the week and remains popular on Wednesday and Saturday for coffee and cake. More volunteers are always needed as are cakes – please let us know if you can help.

The Saturday Markets continue and are, as always, popular raising much needed funds for the St Barnabas' project to provide level access throughout the church – thanks to Phyl for organising these events, the helpers and, of course, our customers!

*David Anderson*



## Prayer and Praise Sunday evenings at St Barnabas'

A new venture for the Parish from this autumn onwards is an informal 6:30 pm Sunday evening service held from time to time at St Barnabas'. The service is called "Prayer and Praise" with the emphasis on contemporary worship songs interspersed with prayer and Scripture readings in an informal style. During the service music and song creates a peaceful worshipful atmosphere with plenty of time for everyone to prayerfully reflect on their lives, the theme of the day and to Glorify God together.



Music is provided by the Ecumenical Worship Group which consists of voluntary singers and musicians drawn from churches all over Crawley. There are very few Sunday evening services currently available in the area so it is the ideal destination for people from whatever tradition for whom attendance at church on Sunday mornings or weekday daytimes is not convenient but who still want to offer up Prayer and give Praise.

Christians of any denomination who would like to join in with the music group by singing or playing an instrument will receive a warm welcome - please email John Palmer on [music.stb@worthparish.org](mailto:music.stb@worthparish.org) for more information.

*John Palmer*

## Welcome to our Parish

Hello everyone.

I have been asked to write a piece by way of introduction but many of you will already know my husband and me as we have been attending St Barnabas' Church since we moved here from Kent, eleven months ago.

Last year, after much deliberation, we decided to move to Crawley to be with our family. We sold our house in Kent and found a house in Maidenbower. However, before we could move, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to undergo surgery. Once I had undergone surgery and started to recover, our move went ahead.

We made our way to St Barnabas' on the first Sunday after our arrival in Maidenbower and we were met with such kindness there. When I explained that I wouldn't be able to get involved in the wider church activities for a while because I would have to undergo a course of chemotherapy and then radiotherapy, the immediate response was to ask me if I would like to go on the prayer list. This was an offer that I gladly accepted. The ongoing prayer support has helped to sustain us through some very dark days of my treatment and Mike and I have been very grateful for that. We have felt very much part of the Parish family.

I am an ordained minister and recently I was pleased to be granted Permission To Officiate in this Diocese. It was a great joy to be able to preach at St Barnabas' recently. Whether the congregation felt the same sense of joy being on the receiving end of my sermon is another thing!

Mike and I would like to thank everyone for making us so welcome and supporting us in prayer. It has meant so much to us both.

May God Bless you all.

*Penny*

*Reverend Canon Penny Foreman.*

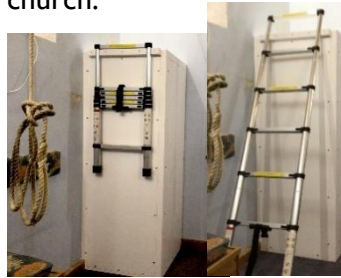


# St Nicholas' Churchwarden's Update

Our last magazine was published in June, a lovely month weatherwise but more especially a month of mixed events, some good and some not. As your Deputy Churchwarden I have assumed the position of interim Churchwarden since Rose wrote to the Archdeacon and the Standing Committee in June, relinquishing her Churchwarden role after Alastair became suddenly and seriously ill. They remain in St George's Hospital, Tooting. I have been in regular contact with them and know how grateful they have been for all the prayers, love and support which have reached them during this horrible and difficult time.

At this same time Fr Michael received the very sad news that his mother, Elisabeth, had died peacefully at home in New Zealand. Many of us remember her fondly from her visit to England a few years ago.

Whilst these things impact immeasurably upon us, life goes on and it very much did for our blessed and ancient church.



You may remember in our April edition we reported that 'Warmth had returned to Worth' with the installation of our new boiler and radiators. However, the new flue projected from our underground vault beneath the vestry, right through the vestry floor and first floor choir room, on through the ringing chamber and out through the roof. The vestry wardrobes had to be partially demolished to accommodate the new flue, and access to

the church bells needed to be updated to include a new ladder and safety rails. This bespoke work also began in early June and was completed within a week or two.

Once this work had been carried out it was decided to replace the vestry carpet with a new laminated wooden floor. It's fair to say that these 'little extras' have turned out to be really challenging but necessary and very worthwhile.



As reported in our last magazine, crowd funding by the Worth Way Runners for our Community Defibrillators was successful. The first unit has now been installed outside the Utility Block at the Rectory. Jordan, the



company owner of Greenwire Electrical (he advertises in our Magazine) donated his time and expertise to install the apparatus. Thanks, Jordan, this is very much appreciated.

the Parish hosted members of the DEW memorable Singing and Ringing display at St Nicholas'. Our bellringers rang and a selected few from the festival entertained us with their music. We in turn entertained them with food and wine thanks to your generous donations. The Festival Director, Valerijus Vilcinskas took some 150 musicians to the Hawth for the festival on the following Sunday. Seven countries were represented: Lithuania, El Salvador, Bolivia, Kurdistan, Morocco, Scotland and England. It was reported that this annual festival was, once again, a great success.

Development work and planning still goes on at St Nicholas', for our access path, sound system and new lighting, but I feel all of that is for another issue.

Finally, a big thank you to our churchyard team for your continued amazing work and, of course, to all our volunteers in whatever is your chosen capacity. You make a difference...a big difference. Thank you.

Colin Smith Deputy Churchwarden (Interim Churchwarden).

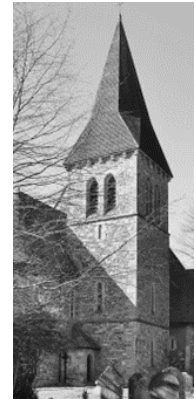


Newly commissioned Chalice Assistants, Mervyn Wakelin, Luke Milburn, Sebastian Pelissier, Lesley Turpies and Richard Turpies, received their certificates during the Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas' on Sunday 24 September. Pictured with Fr Michael, Revd Greta and Joan Tick, who prepared them.



# From the Bell Tower

For anyone reading this who doesn't know me, my name is Carolyn Sandwell and I come from a family of bellringers. My earliest visit to the bell tower was when I was 3 weeks old, nearly 57 years ago!! I slept through it all at Southminster, Essex! I first held a rope when I was 9 years old. I had a few years off when my son was little, but learning to ring is like riding a bicycle – when you have the skill it remains with you!



On Saturday 19 August I took part in a training course held at Billingshurst run by the Association of Ringing Teachers for new Bellringing instructors. This module was the first in a series supporting bellringing teachers with the aim of bringing some consistency into teaching the skills needed and providing structured learning to enable new ringers to become competent. This month we focussed on teaching brand new ringers how to handle a bell. The course also provides a network platform with other teachers across the county and beyond. This session was a full day with 12 attendees from across Sussex; it consisted of theory and practical sessions using each other as pupils and teachers! The next steps for me are to complete an online test (I have since passed this) then use the practical skills learnt supported by my mentor, which will be followed by an assessment of my skills by the Sussex Assessor.

I am now looking for a pupil to teach how to handle a bell and progress to the next level of being able to practise weekly with the rest of the band and from there to ringing on Sunday mornings. We start with 1-2-1 lessons to learn how to handle a bell; this is best done in shorter, more frequent sessions (perhaps an hour three times a week?). Then, depending on how quickly you pick up the principles, you progress to attending practices on a Thursday evening with the rest of the band of ringers. If you are interested in joining Worth Church Bellringers, please contact me and we can arrange for you to come along on a Thursday evening to see how it works.

Carolyn Sandwell - [carolynsandwell21@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsandwell21@gmail.com)

## KNIT AND NATTER

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# Life Events – Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals



4 June	Beau Bailey Bowden
4 June	Jack Charles Fagence
11 June	Lorna Deborah Jones
2 July	Millie Catherine Poole
9 July	Myla Rae Branch
9 July	Jonny Edward Lutman Olivia Victoria Lutman
22 July	Maria Hinata Bethany Beauteemps
23 July	Noah Aaron Champion
30 July	Luna Valentina Betty Cullen
9 Aug	Theodore Joshua Youngman
13 Aug	Wilfred Matthew Pullin
13 Aug	Amelia Victoria Humphries
20 Aug	William Aubrey Bartlett Isabella Evelyn Bartlett
27 Aug	Elise Shuri Wigham
3 Sept	Selena Rose Izzard
10 Sept	Isla-Mai Briony Violet Coles
17 Sept	Felix Joe Andrew Dennis Campey



3 Jun	Jacob Lawrenson & Wendy Lepper
23 Jun	Jamie Burnett & Emily Robertson
29 July	Jon Brent & Evelyn Ramirez Ore
26 Aug	Adam Qusted & Kimberley Buschhaus
26 Aug	Phillip Kingsbury & Kelly Myers
2 Sept	Phil McLachlan & Tanya Newland
8 Sept	Nathan Joshua & Fiona Armstrong
29 Sept	Joseph Beauchamp & Hannah Copus

Members of the St Nicholas' congregation, Malcolm and Marina Kersey (née Pukhova) had their marriage blessed in church on Sunday 24 September. Here, Fr Michael ties them together with cloth of gold.



Sadly it is the church's job to say goodbye when our life's work is done and so we remember very fondly three of our parishioners who have risen in glory this summer Jim Jeffrey, Jim Bull and Stuart Sharpe.



# The Worth Festival Choir is back after a long break.

John  
Allum



The journey to the concert arguably started back in 1703, when a young violin teacher by the name of Antonio Vivaldi was hired by the Ospedale della Pietà in Venice, an orphanage that sort of turned into an elite music school.

About 1715 (the exact date isn't known) Vivaldi composed a piece of music for his employer, which, unusually for the time, was a setting of sacred music that included a whole bunch of solos for women's voices.

Actually, he kind of stole much of the music from Ruggieri, a slightly older composer working in Verona. So the fact that we're performing it at St Nicholas' - the Patron Saint of Thieves - is very appropriate.

Obviously, by the date the piece was written, our Church was already over 700 years old, and had itself had a musical tradition for over 200 years.

The Festival Choir had fallen by the wayside when Covid hit, and then my predecessor left to go back to University.

I initially offered to "help by playing the organ for three months", but later decided to apply for the job. During the various interview rounds, it became clear that Fr Michael, Rose, Colin and Ann were all very keen that we should re-form and aim for a concert "in the autumn" which turned into "before the university terms start and I lose several choir members."

So, we picked a date, and I chose the Vivaldi Gloria; because I love it - it is that simple!

The word was put out, and in mid-June, for just an hour a week, rehearsals started. Clearly the word got around, as some old friends started reappearing on Sunday afternoons, together with a group of "new to singing with us" faces.

A few months ago, we persuaded young organist Thomas Watkin to accompany an Evensong at St Nicholas'. While Michael and I had tried to land him as "Organ Scholar" on a regular basis, he got a better offer from the Junior Royal Academy of

Music, in parallel with his A-levels at Brighton College. Fortunately, we were able to find a date that worked for him to come and play.

I invited people who were interested in singing solos to let me know in the first couple of weeks of rehearsal, so have a strong line-up of singers:

- Peter Harrison has been our lead tenor at St. Nicholas' for the last year since I moved to the organ console. He has sung solos with Quinquagesima at Truro Cathedral (as a tenor) and Southwell Minster (as a treble), and with the Choral Scholars at Lancing College, and is singing *Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris*.
- Adela Hawley has sung alto at St Nicholas' for the last year, along with her daughter. The *Laudamus Te*. Duet with Mel (see below) is her first major "on her own" sing at St Nicholas.
- Mel Edwards has sung with the St Nicholas choir for well over a decade and is a familiar soloist not only at our services, but also at our weddings and funerals
- Ann Phillipson sang with the Church choir for many years, before moving to St Barnabas' as organist. She has also sung for several years with the Brighton Festival Chorus. Ann is singing the *Domine Deus, Agnus Dei*.
- Angharad Watkin (née Gruffydd Jones) won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, and has since appeared on both BBC television and Radio 3, and appears on various CD recordings with ASV and Arte Nova. She is singing the *Domine Deus, Rex Coelestis*.

I'm incredibly grateful to all those who have helped turning the idea "let's re-form the Festival Choir" into a big concert and want to thank all those who helped - not just singing, but everything from moving the piano and laying out chairs every Sunday, to buying, baking and serving for the choir tea-break on the day!

Mark Harrison, Director of Music



# Love Your Neighbour

Vision Day 12 September 2023

Elim Church, Crawley



Love You Neighbour Crawley (LYNC) continues to work tirelessly to support local people in need and to share God's love through practical support, signposting and prayer. On Tuesday 12 September, they held their latest Vision Day to share, celebrate and give thanks for all the work they have done. The morning began in worship, with the key scripture encouraging us to "Keep on". *"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* *Philippians 3:14*

A key focus, as LYNC continues with its mission, is to bring more people to know God. With this in mind, the central team aim to signpost all service users to their local church in the LYNC network. When they do this, they will update the churches to let them know who has been directed to them. We are strongly encouraged to build on these links, contact those referred to us, perhaps by visiting with a cake, and sharing what is available in our parish. We are also asked to keep the central team informed of all that we are doing as a church. Fortunately, Sarah and Ann take a very proactive role in this area, making sure that the central team are fully aware of all the opportunities held within our parish.

LYNC continues to have a wide outreach program through its partner organisations and its volunteer workforce. They continue to support Refugee Football sessions, with 50 locally-housed refugees regularly attending. They offer a listening service at the Hub, which - as an example - had 102 volunteering hours just in May. The Hub works closely alongside the Easter Team, with service users largely being unaware of the independence of these two organisations. LYNC also supports the Bridge café, which gives a safe and welcoming space for those on probation to access their probation officers and wider services. The work of this team has enabled four service users into employment through a direct connection to Iceland – life changing work. These are just some highlights of the work that continues in Crawley. LYNC always welcome more volunteers and invites anyone who feels they may be able to contribute in any way to contact them.

Looking forwards, LYNC has several big projects ahead. Building on their success last year, they will be running their highly effective "Love Christmas" campaign. They will be looking for volunteers to aid with this campaign, as well as financial donations which once again will be match funded; more information in due course.

In the next year, LYNC plans to launch a "Street Angels" programme where trained pastoral volunteers will be supporting night-time Crawley. We had an engaging introduction to the programme from the leader of Street Angels in Scarborough. They shared the work they do to support the community through the late hours on Saturday nights. As a result they have reduced the number of police and ambulance call outs, as well as reducing wider disruption and vandalism. The team work to support the whole community, in a myriad of ways, from ensuring vulnerable people get safely home, to de-escalating potentially challenging situations and offering direct support to those in need. There will be an advanced training programme for the team involved in this work in Crawley. The benefits in Scarborough have been seen not only by those who are out late at night. We pray for those who aim to bring forward this mission in Crawley.

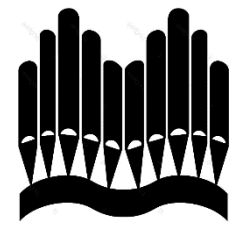
Finally, LYNC shared the challenges faced locally around homelessness, particularly within the refugee community. Once granted permission to stay, many refugees lose access to their temporary housing. We were asked to pray and reflect on this issue.

The LYNC are an inspiring team and the Vision Day is always a real privilege to attend. It is a joy to hear all the work happening locally and the successes as a result of this mission. Should you wish to know more, you can access their website: <https://www.churchcrawley.com/757/LYN>, telephone: [01293 522692](tel:01293522692) (select option 2), or you can visit the Hub in Crawley Town Centre (ask Ann, Janet, Sarah or Rebecca for directions!)

Rebecca Turvill



# Organ Repairs



When you enter St Nicholas' by the main doors, you probably don't realise that you are passing under the largest circuit board most of us will ever have seen.

It's about 4 feet high, and 5 feet wide. It's hidden in the back of the organ console, and "couples" the keyboards and pedal board, and controls the stops. (If you want to know what all that means then let me know, and it could be the subject of a future article or talk.) You can only see it if I go through the slightly long-winded process of removing all the music, taking the top off the organ, and then unlocking the latches of the back panel from inside.

There are three key dates in the history of the organ at St Nicholas', but records are a little hazy. The first key date is 1903, when it was built. It was given to the Church in 1903 by Sir Weetman and Lady Pearson (later the first Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray) "to commemorate the coming of age of their eldest son" (Weetman Harold Miller Pearson, the 2nd Viscount Cowdray, and grandfather of the current Viscount.) Then "in 1963-64" when the blower was replaced and manual coupling was replaced by an electronic backboard. And finally, after the fire (so probably in 1988), repair of the damage it sustained. Since then, it's been tuned 2 or 3 times a year (during which it's possible to fix "minor rattles").

Unfortunately, there are a couple of very noticeable problems, and two hidden ones:

- The bottom C on the swell (the upper keyboard) doesn't work. It's not a manual one with the key itself, but something to do with the electronics behind. It feels like a diode has gone, but finding the right one on that circuit board that is 20 square feet is a specialist task. This has been the case for a long while.)
- The lowest G on the pedals sometimes sticks on. It was beginning to do that when I took over at the organ, but when Alex popped round over the summer for a practice, he mentioned that it's getting a lot worse.

The first hidden problem is only really visible if you could look inside the pipes. They are getting how you might imagine pipes get if they haven't been cleaned for 35 years.

The second problem is more subtle, in that the supports that hold the pipes in place are beginning to go, which means that the pipes are beginning to sag. Not hugely, but enough that we want to fix the supports and get the pipes properly supported before they sag too much.

On behalf of the PCC, I've spoken with the Diocesan Organ Advisor and there's good news and bad.

The good news is that this work won't, in his view, require a "full faculty." Even if we completely replace the 1960s electronics with a modern circuit board, his view is that that's a perfectly reasonable bit of maintenance that he'd be happy to sign off to the Archdeacon routes the review his way.

The bad news, however, is that the "finger-in-the-air" estimate is "a few tens of thousands". We don't need to do this "by Christmas", but "within the next few years." There is a plan, but the first step of the plan is to kick off a fund-raising campaign. I've been talking to Fr Michael and the Churchwardens about this for about 6 months, but we all agreed that we shouldn't start fundraising for this until the defibrillators at both St Nicholas' and St Barnabas' were fully funded. Given that the St Nicholas' one is operational and the St Barnabas' one is just waiting on a new electric circuit (and Greenwire electrical are sponsoring that) there is no reason for a major delay. So, I'm delighted that the PCC have agreed that the time has come to launch the appeal.

The Diocesan Organ Advisor was very complimentary about the way we've retained our choral tradition. While it might not be to the taste of every worshipper, there is a range of local churches with individual styles, and it seems important to keep at least one church in the Crawley area going with a very "High Anglican Choral" style of worship, ideally for another 1000 years.

So please talk to me, the Churchwardens or the Rector if you'd like to find out more, or make a donation.

*Mark Harrison*

Jerry & Dianne Taylor are kindly donating a special hamper to be raffled for this cause – keep an eye on the pewsheets out for more details at the beginning of November.

## The Lord's Prayer: the Prayer that Jesus taught us (Matthew 6.9–13 and Luke 11.1–4).

In the last Mag we considered the languages that Jesus probably knew and used. Here is the Lord's Prayer in these, and some other, languages. You may find them useful for prayer, for meditation or for group discussion.

### CofE: Contemporary

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours

now and forever. Amen.



### A Primary School's version

Our Father in heaven, you are awesome!  
Show us who you are and how you want us to be.  
Make earth more like heaven. Please give us what  
we need to keep going each day. Help us when  
we are wrong and clean us up on the inside. Help  
us to let other people off and move on. Keep us  
from bad stuff.

You're in charge! You're strong and powerful and  
always there. Forever! Amen.

### Matthew 6.9-13 God's Word Translation

Our Father in heaven, let your name be kept  
holy. Let your kingdom come. Let your will be  
done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Give us our daily bread today. Forgive us as we  
forgive others. Don't allow us to be tempted.  
Instead, rescue us from the evil one, Amen.

### Aramaic into Old English

Our Father-Mother Who art above and within:  
Hallowed be Thy Name in twofold Trinity.  
In Wisdom, Love and Equity Thy Kingdom come  
to all.

Thy will be done, As in Heaven so in Earth.

Give us day by day to partake of Thy holy Bread,  
and the fruit of the living Vine.

As Thou dost forgive us our trespasses, so may  
we forgive others who trespass against us.

Shew upon us Thy goodness, that to others we  
may shew the same. In the hour of temptation,  
deliver us from evil. Amun.

### CofE: Traditional

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on  
earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us  
from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### Matthew 6.9-13 The Message (MSG)

Our Father in heaven, Reveal who you are. Set  
the world right; Do what's best— as above, so  
below. Keep us alive with three square meals.  
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.  
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.  
You're in charge! You can do anything you want!  
You're ablaze in beauty!  
Yes. Yes. Yes.

### From the Big Bible Storybook

Praise you, God. You are very great in every way!  
Please give us the things we need to today. For  
You will give us what we need.  
We're sorry that we do wrong things and  
disobey. For You forgive us when we say we are  
truly sorry. God, help us in everything we do.  
Please help us to live for you all through each day.  
For You always listen when we talk – help us to  
listen when You Talk, Amen.

### Latin:

Pater Noster, qui es in caelis,  
Sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum  
tuum,  
Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra.  
Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie,  
Et dimitte nobis debita nostra,  
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.  
Et ne nos inducas in tentationem,  
Sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

## In the original Aramaic

Abwûn Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes,  
d'bwasmâja  
who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration.  
Nethkâdasch schmach  
May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest.  
Têtê malkuthach.  
Your Heavenly Domain approaches.  
Nehwê tzevânach aikâna d'bwasmâja af b'arha.  
Let Your will come true - in the universe (all that  
vibrates) just as on earth (that is material and dense).  
Hawvlân lachma d'sûnkanân jaomâna.  
Give us wisdom (understanding, assistance) for our  
daily need,  
Waschboklân chaubên wachtahên aikâna daf  
chnân schwoken l'chaijabên.  
detach the fetters of faults that bind us, (karma) like  
we let go the guilt of others.  
Wela tachlân l'nesjuna  
Let us not be lost in superficial things (materialism,  
common temptations),  
ela patzân min bischa.  
but let us be freed from that what keeps us off from  
our true purpose.  
Metol dilachie malkutha wahaila wateschbuchta  
l'ahlâm almîn.  
From You comes the all-working will, the lively  
strength to act, the song that beautifies all and renews  
itself from age to age.  
Amên.  
Sealed in trust, faith and truth. (I confirm with my  
entire being)

## In Greek:

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς·  
ἀγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου·  
ἔλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου·  
γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,  
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς·



## In 'Tyke' (South Yorkshire)

Ahr Fatter, 'oo art in 'Eaven,  
Let thy name bi shown respect,  
Let thy Kingdom come abaht –  
An' what tha wants doin', Lord, let it be done –  
'Ere on earth same as up yonder;  
Gi'e us each day summat to yet an' sup;  
An' let us off, Lord, if we've offended Thee bi doin'  
owt wrong – an' 'elp us nut to 'od grudges Agen  
other fowk if the've done owt to offend us. An' keep  
us aht o' t' road o' temptation, An' aht o' t' clutches  
of Owd Nick. Fer it's all thine is t' Kingdom, Lord, an'  
all t'Pahr an'all t'Gloory  
For ivver an' ivver....Aye! It is that!

## The Order of St Helena Daily Prayers

Our loving God in heaven, holy is your Name, may your  
reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time  
of trial and deliver us from evil. For you reign in the  
glory of the power that is love, now and forever. May it  
be so. Amen.

## Original Aramaic: Prayers of the Cosmos

O Birther! Father- Mother of the Cosmos  
Focus your light within us - make it useful.  
Create your reign of unity now  
Through our fiery hearts and willing hands  
Help us love beyond our ideals  
and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures.  
Animate the earth within us: we then  
feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all.  
Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our  
hearts' simple ties to each other.  
Don't let surface things delude us,  
But free us from what holds us back from our true  
purpose.  
Out of you, the astonishing fire,  
Returning light and sound to the cosmos.  
Amen.

## Nazarene transliteration

Avvon d-bish-maiya, nith-qaddash shim-mukh. Tih-  
teh mal-chootukh. Nih-weh çiw-yanukh:  
ei-chana d'bish-maiya: ap b'ar-ah.  
Haw lan lakh-ma d'soonqa-nan yoo-mana.  
O'shwooq lan kho-bein:  
ei-chana d'ap kh'nan shwiq-qan l'khaya-ween.  
Oo'la te-ellan l'niss-yoona:  
il-la paç-çan min beesha.  
Mid-til de-di-lukh hai mal-choota oo khai-la oo  
tush-bookh-ta l'alam al-mein. Aa-meen.

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills  
all realms of sound, light and vibration.  
May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest.  
Your Heavenly Domain approaches.  
Let Your will come true - in the universe just as on  
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purpose.  
From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength  
to act, the song that beautifies all and renews itself from  
age to age. Sealed in trust, faith and truth, I confirm with  
my entire being.

[Much, but not all, of this text comes from the Dioceses of  
Portsmouth and Winchester. Thanks to Revd  
Greta for the Order of Saint Helena, and to  
Arnold Kellett for the 'Tyke' version (Ee By  
Gum, Lord)]  
Church Mouse





# Why Don't We Meet?

There's an air of deep suspicion, or a glazing over of eyes, whenever Home Groups are mentioned (and I suspect written about) but we're simply carrying out an action inherited from the Early Church who met in each other's homes.

I think people are cautious of airing their ideas about faith aloud in case they're considered not well-informed or thought through. Well, we're all in the same boat which is precisely one of the reasons we meet - to try to tease out things, in confidence, that we misunderstand or simply puzzle about out in our faith.

For example, our group has recently been looking again at the Gospel of Mark and has it never struck you how out of character is Jesus's cursing of the fig-tree - when it had no fruits despite it not being the season for fruiting? Surely our Lord wasn't just having a hissy fit?

And, as for Jesus's second coming (last week's gem), we're ALL in the dark and uninformed, including Christ himself as he claimed not to know the day or hour.

So, what lies behind such extracts which we hear read out in the Gospel each week before having coffee and picking up our daily lives? It's good to meet with friends and try to explore the finer points of our faith and, let me emphasise, friends are there to help each other - the blind leading the blind if you will - and certainly not there to judge each other. Indeed, often someone else's reading of a particular passage or doctrine can throw light on things otherwise seen 'through a glass darkly'. In addition, we notice, again and again, that if you read a passage slowly and carefully how things leap out that you never noticed before, despite the familiarity of the passage.

A couple of my lightbulb moments have been: in Mark, the rich man, who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, "ran up to him and fell on his knees before him" before he asked the question. Running? Falling on his knees? Does that not throw a different complexion on him and his question? Whereas in the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke we read "But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came to *where the man was...*" Yes, he came to the place where the injured man was lying but also, perhaps, as he was physically, mentally and spiritually - a lesson maybe for us, when helping others, to meet them where *they are*, not where we are or where we *think* they are or should be.

In case you think this is all too earnest or holy, I assure you that there are plenty of laughs, and less than religious thoughts, to be shared as well as delightful diversions where we read other books which re-imagine familiar scripture and make us think twice. I've recommended before "Twenty Questions Jesus Asked" by John Pritchard, and taking a virtual tour of the Holy Land with insightful observations, entertaining incidents and interspersed homilies, alongside James Martin (a Jesuit priest not the TV cook!) Indeed, we sometimes resemble a Christian Book Club - though less worthy and holy than that sounds!

So why don't we meet?

If you're busy during the day or would like to meet in the comfort of your home, our group meets via Zoom fortnightly on a Tuesday night.

If you would prefer the daytime, or chatting over a cup of tea, Joan's group meets during the day roughly every fortnight on a mutually agreed date.

There are vacancies in both groups as some of our members have moved away or, sadly, died. You'd be very welcome at either group but, of course, you could start a group of your own with hand-picked friends, as the Pilgrim Course members so very nearly did (but for illness and life events intervening) after bonding during last year's Advent studies.

So, give it a try - you might be pleasantly surprised and get to know a group of church friends really well.

Linda Eells

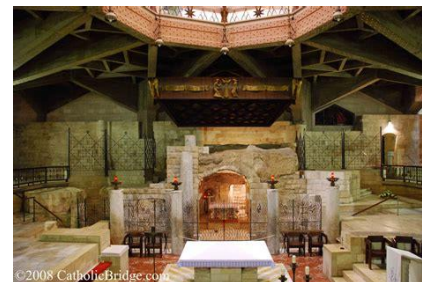
JESUS  
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In this  
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# Holy Houses

‘Holy Houses’ sounds like an exclamation by The Boy Wonder (Robin) or else Jennings’ friend Darbishire (‘Fossilised Fishhooks’). However, there are two substantial Holy Houses – or maybe three, or even four.

The least certain is the grotto beneath the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth (right) where it is believed Jesus was conceived and lived until His ministry began. Archaeology has confirmed the remains of a house of about the right period, but as the first Basilica was not built until about 400 AD there is clearly an element of tradition and legend. Was this the house where Jesus grew up?



One of the three Holy Houses of which we can be more certain is to be found in the grounds of Walsingham Abbey (left; the board marks the foundations). The inspiration occurred in a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Lady Richeldis in 1061, helpfully giving the relevant dimensions. This was a very popular destination for pilgrimage in the Middle Ages, more popular than Thomas à Becket’s shrine at Canterbury, but was destroyed with the Abbey Church at the Reformation.

The next Holy House is in Loretto, Italy. It has a curious history. According to tradition, after Jesus’s Ascension, the house was converted into a church where the Apostles placed an altar, at



which Saint Peter celebrated the first [Eucharist](#) after the [Resurrection](#). After the withdrawal of the Crusaders in 1291, to protect the church it was carried by angels to a site in Dalmatia (note: not excavated from beneath a Basilica). Three years later as pilgrims were subject to bandits, angels again transferred the Holy House to Ancona in Italy. Over the next three years there were three more moves to ensure security (I can hear weary angels say “Not again!”) until the Holy House ended up in Loretto, Italy and the *Santa Casa di Loretto* was finally housed in another Basilica. As the images (right) show, the Holy House is inside a crudely constructed space but enclosed in a magnificent marble screen designed by Bramante and sculpted, in part, by Sansovino.



The final Holy House will be familiar to many; constructed within the Shrine Church at Little Walsingham (left). When the Shrine was revived by Fr Hope Patten from 1921, and the Shrine Church created (1931-38) it contained a replica of the previous Holy House, above a holy well. Constructed of rough stone it is similar to the Loretto House but incorporates stones from noted pilgrimage sites. There are doorways to the South East and North East and window openings allow a view between the Altar (at the West) and the High Altar of the Shrine Church. The Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is

mounted above the Altar. The Holy House is filled with votive lamps and candles lit on pricket stands. A moving and holy place – a “place where prayer has been valid.”

*Church Mouse*

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“It’s not the size of the house. It’s how much love is inside”

*Martina McBride*

“Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is harmony in the house; when there is harmony in the house, there is order in the nation; when there is order in the nation there is peace in the world.” *A.P.J. Abdul Kalam*

# What's in a Name? - Nicknames

“A rose by any other name would smell as sweet” – I am sorry, Shakespeare, but I am afraid not so. “I confused things with their names; that is belief” (Sartre). Any A level Psychology student will tell you that if you colour raspberry jelly brown, it no longer tastes of raspberry, but gravy, whatever the name.

However, nicknames - a substitute for the proper name of a person - is commonly used to express affection, amusement, a character trait or defamation of character. It is distinct from a pseudonym, stage name or title, although the concepts can overlap.

Nicknames have been around, at least since Roman times (*Caligula* = Little Boots), and were widespread in Viking societies. The term has been in use in English since 1303.

These (generally) shortened names are formed in a variety of ways.

Firstly, there are modifications or abbreviations:

Contractions (Margaret → Greta; Jonathan → Jon); Use of initials; Dropping letters (Walter → Walt; Frances → Fanny); Phonetic spelling (Leonard → Len); Letter swapping, especially R for L or D (Henry → Harry → Hal; Mary → Molly or Polly; Sarah → Sadie; Robert → Rob, Bob or Nob; Richard → Rick or Dick; William → Will → Bill; Margaret → Peg or Meg).

Secondly, there are name portions:

Front of a name (Christopher/Christina → Chris; Edward → Ed; Joseph, Josephine or Joanna → Jo or Joe); End of a name (Andrew → Drew; Alexander → Xander; Elizabeth → Beth); Middle of the name (Elizabeth → Liz); Addition of diminutives (Robert → Robin; John → Jack; Nicolas → Colin; Charles → Charlie; James → Jimmy); Based on a person's last name (Bill Thompson → Tommo; Paul Gascoigne → Gazza); Combination of first two names (Mary Elizabeth → Maz or Miz); Doubling of the first part of the name (Nathan/Natasha → NatNat; James → JamJam).

There are also some specific nicknames for particular surnames which are still quite widely used:

(Clark → Nobby; Miller → Dusty; a Welshman → Taffy; an Irishman → Paddy or Mick; a Scotsman → Jock; White → Chalky; Warren → Bunny). A short person may be 'Lofty' and a bald man 'Curly'.

These lists are far from exhaustive! It is also the case that many babies are now named or baptised directly with what we might regard as a nickname.

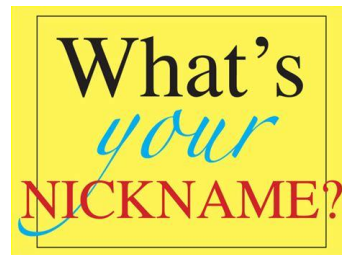
Sometimes we need personal knowledge to understand a nickname. I call my eldest son 'AB' which you might reasonably think is 'Adam Beaumont', but you need to know about Arthur Ransome's *Swallows and Amazons* book to understand its origin. I had a colleague whose husband was universally known as 'Toffer', which puzzled us. However, it transpired that as a young child he was unable to pronounce his name (Christopher) and 'Topher' or 'Toffer' stuck.

My sons, very unkindly, referred to a (bald) previous neighbour as 'Slaphead'. We did not approve.

Those of you old enough to have enjoyed, as a child, the *Jennings* book by Anthony Buckeridge may recall that he had a fellow student whose initials were G.O.D. This was transformed to DOG, and hence to Dogsboddy, so he was known as 'Bod'. Nicknames can be quite complicated!

If you have an unusual nickname, or had one as a child, and are willing to admit to it, perhaps you would like to write to the Magazine at the Parish Office. Be warned that we might publish it, with your permission.

Church Mouse





# Book Reviews

## Steeple Chasing: Around Britain by Church

Peter Ross 2023 Headline Publishing Group

If you have read Peter Ross's previous book, *A Tomb with a View*, you will see that he has a way with intriguing titles. It is essentially a celebration of 'church crawling' (a term invented by either John Betjeman or John Piper – no one is sure) and is comprised of a personal selection of about 70 cathedrals, churches, chapels and holy wells. Other activities such as bellringing, well dressing, bats and the Pearly Kings and Queens are also described.



As an inveterate church crawler of about 70 years there was little that was new to me, but I enjoyed being reminded of places that I had been. The range is surprisingly broad including, for example, St Peter's Seminary near Glasgow, built in the Brutalist style in 1966 but closed for lack of custom in 1980. Despite being listed Grade A (this is Scotland) it is now derelict and seriously 'at risk'. Attempts are in hand to rescue it.

What makes this book so charming is not only the buildings, which are well-described, but also that Ross places them sympathetically in their natural environment. He also shows great warmth for the people he meets: the elderly guide in Durham Cathedral who places a fresh bloom on the tomb of The Venerable Bede each day, the man who almost single-handedly rescued a derelict church from Satanists and restored it, discovering important medieval wall paintings along the way (Houghton on the Hill, Norfolk); the wax effigy of Sarah Hare (died 1744) in a cupboard at Stow Bardolph (Norfolk).

This is a delightful book and, with short sections, perfect for bedtime reading. It would make an excellent Christmas present!

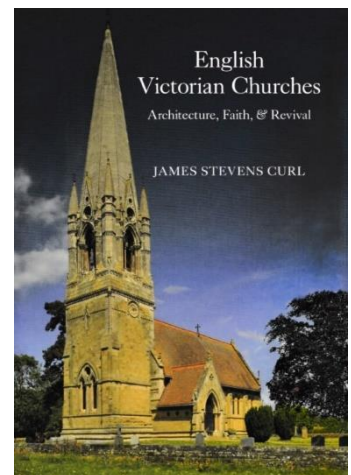
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## English Victorian Churches: Architecture, Faith & Revival

James Stevens Curl 2022 London: John Hudson Publishing.

I approached this book without great enthusiasm, expecting just another book on Victorian churches. There has recently been a number of similar books, and also major volumes on the most prominent Victorian church architects (Pugin, the Scotts, Bodley, Salvin, Pearson and others), but none match the scope and insights of this apparently modest book (about 200 pages).

I suppose that I should not have been surprised as Professor Curl is a leading architectural historian and writer (you might know his excellent *A Celebration of Death*). What he achieves in this book is not only a survey of all the major churches from the 'long' Victorian period (over 70 in London alone) but integrates it with an explanation of ecclesiological changes in this period (Evangelicalism, the Oxford Movement, Tractarianism, the Camden Society), the identity of sponsors, both funders and clergy, and the churchmanship of the architects and their networks. A prodigious scholarly feat!



This might sound like a dull book but if there is such a thing as a non-fiction 'page turner', this is it. It is eminently readable, with high quality colour illustrations (placed just where you need them) and perhaps the best glossary I have ever seen (but, then, Professor Curl is a joint editor of the *Oxford Dictionary of Architecture*).

If you only ever read one book on Victorian churches, or have a single volume on your shelves, it should be this one.

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# Victorian Images of St Nicholas'

Oliver Probyn has, very kindly, sent us some images of St Nicholas' from his family papers. He writes:

One of my great grandmothers was Araminta Louisa Hoare. Her father William Henry Hoare was ordained and lived in Oakfield House that I assume was near by. I think her parents, Araminta Anne (Née Hamilton) and W H Hoare are buried at St Nicholas' along with her youngest son Stephen Probyn. who died as teenager, I think. [These graves are inside the path, at the West end of the Nave, on the North side Ed]. My great grand parents lived for a time with her father after her mother died at Oakfield House.

A L Hoare did the sketch of the interior of the church in 1867.

The sketch of the outside has 'Mrs Davidson' pencilled in on the mount who I take to be the figure on the right [although more likely on the left]. We originally thought the date on a tomb stone in front of her was AD 1869 [although this is inconsistent with the on-going restoration in 1868-70. The date must be earlier in the 1860s, maybe 1860 or 1863?]

The postcard [view from the North] has no writing on or indication of a date [but pre 1868].

All three images are in an album of A L Hoare's with many sketches and copies of paintings; a few by her mother or herself. These are a few of any with dates on.

Does anyone have any information on who Mrs Davidson might be? Many drawings are by Jane or George Hodson, any record of them locally? And where was Oakfield House?







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## Pound Hill Toddlers



In June we celebrated Toddlers 40th birthday with cake and singing Happy Birthday!

“The Worth and Pound Hill Mother and Toddler Club” opened its doors for the first time in March 1983. It was started by the wives of the Rector of Worth and the Vicar of Pound Hill, - Crys Kefford, and Glynnis Tingay. Jenny started helping in 1992 then took over leading the group helped by many friends over the years. Neil retired 10 years ago and has made countless cups of tea and coffee in that time! Sarah has taken over running the Tuesday session over the past couple of years, assisted by Nicky and David, and there are other people behind the scenes who also help by setting up

and assisting when need be.

The group has changed over the years and is now known as Toddlers, with many more dads, grandparents and childminders attending, but the main aim of the group - to provide a safe space for children to play and adults to support each other - still continues. Here’s the next 40 years!! Additionally, Jenny was recognized for all her efforts over the years by the Crawley Community Awards at a presentation held at the Hawth on June 27<sup>th</sup>, congratulations Jenny, well deserved!



It meets every Tuesday (13:00 to 15:00) and Thursday (9:00 to 11:00) during termtime. Lots of fun had by all with activities to keep all the toddlers (and carers!) entertained. We have a break in the middle for refreshments followed by singing and more fun activities. The Tuesday session is quieter, but growing, and the Thursday session remains as popular as ever! Why not come along!

Further information can be obtained from the Parish Office.

*David Anderson*

## Sunday School

Sunday School, run by Nicky and helped by other members of the congregation, provides a fun learning environment to get to know Jesus. There are always activities linked to the readings of the day and it is fabulous to see and hear what the children have been doing – and to hear the prayer that they have written – when they come back into Church towards the end of the service. On the fourth Sunday they stay and take part in the service.



*Nicky Anderson*

## the hangout



The Hangout has resumed after the summer break. It is a group for school years 7 to 11, and meets every Friday in term time from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Through June and July we invited year 6 students to come along to get a taste of what is on offer at the Hangout; we were pleased to see a good number return as they moved into year 7 at their new schools. All are welcome, why not come along? Whilst having a strong core membership we’re always on the lookout for new members. If you would like more information please get in touch, email [youth@worthparish.org](mailto:youth@worthparish.org)

*David Anderson*



# Shadow's Blog

I hope you all had a fabulous summer, whether at home or on holiday. My humans took me away on holiday to Dorset. It was very exciting with lots of different things to explore. I will admit that I got rather excited at times, some might even say that on one occasion I became overexcited. Now unlike some of my humans, my holiday only lasted for three days before I was back in the car on my way home. I wonder if it had something to do with how excitable I can be? I hope it wasn't because some of my humans wanted to spend some time without me. However, I didn't let that detract from my memories of a lovely holiday. Now that all my humans are back in one place, I can focus on honing my skillset of artfully removing food from the kitchen worktop without anybody realising what I am doing until it is too late. To let you in on my secret it's all about getting the body posture right and being able to do a sideways swipe (I must admit that I am quite proficient at that now).



Must go.... one of my humans is heading for the kitchen so I need to get into position!

Shadow

## Hunt the Mag



**What** was Toffer's real name?

**Which** version of the Lord's Prayer do you like best?

**When** was the organ at St Nic's originally built?

**Where** in Britain might you find a Holy House?

**Who** is Carolyn Sandwell looking for?

**Why** has Revd Sarah got mud on her face?

**How** many tonnes of concrete & hardcore have been removed from St Barnabas'?

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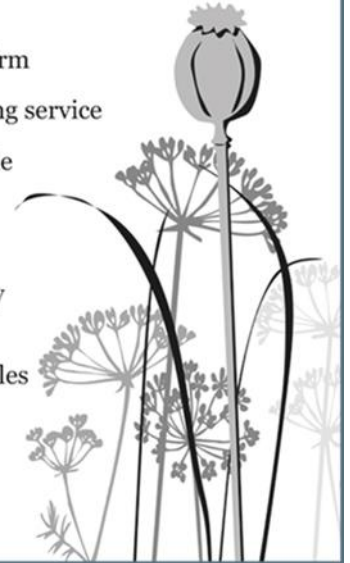


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**Messy Summer**  
**The Lord's Prayer, Jonah and the 10 Lepers**

I have to admit to having a few collywobblers a few hours before Messy Church. I don't know why, I have taught for 50 years, I have planned carefully and have wonderful helpers. Now as I look through these delightful photos of our wonderful families enjoying time creating memories together I remember hearing "Who says worry is unproductive? The things I worry about don't happen!" Perhaps I too need to learn to have more faith in He who provides for all our needs!

See you in October  
 Sue



# USEFUL NUMBERS

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Altar Servers (St Nicholas')	Jenny Dobson Colin Smith	
Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals	Parish Office	
Bellringers	Neil Dobson	
Bookings (Hall, Meeting Rooms, Café, Church)	Revd Sarah	
Buildings and Facilities	See Churchwardens	
Children's Society	Ann Lane	
Choirs (Worth Church and Festival)	Mark Harrison	
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Church Cleaning (St Nicholas')	Jill Freeborn	
Churchwardens (St Barnabas')	David Anderson	
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Co-ordinator (Parish)	Sue Perry	
Events	Jane Stanford	
Families, Youth and Children's Work	Caroline Formby (lay)	
Flower Arranging (St Barnabas')	Jane Stanford	
Flower Arranging (St Nicholas')	Noreen Oxlade	
Friends of St Nicholas'	Colin Smith	
Giving (Donations etc)	David Fry	
Julian Group (St Barnabas')	Don Hewerdine	
Julian Group (St Nicholas')	Linda Eells	
Knit and Natter	Val Rudd	
Magazine	Sue Perry	
Messy Church	Office	
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Offices at St Barnabas' (not manned)		
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The number 8 was standing on the bed. 'If I lie down,' it said, 'I may never get up!' *(think about it, Ed)*



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<b>When?</b>		<b>What?</b>	<b>Where?</b>
Sun 1 Oct	15:00	Pet Service	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sun 8 Oct	18:30	Prayer and Praise	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 11 Oct	12:30	Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Wed 11 Oct	14:30	Scrabble and Cake	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 14 Oct	10:00	Saturday Market	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 14 Oct	15:30	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 18 Oct	15:00	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 19 Oct	10:30	Confirmation with Bishop Will	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sun 22 Oct	16:00	Deanery Healing Service	<i>Christ the Lord, Broadfield</i>
Tues 24 Oct	19:00	Licensing of Revd Greta	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Wed 25 Oct	19:00	Parish Prayer Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 26 Oct	15:45	Mothers' Union Meeting	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 1 Nov	14:30	Scrabble and Cake	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 4 Nov	10:00	Saturday Market	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sun 5 Nov	16:00	Requiem Mass	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Wed 8 Nov	12:30	Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Wed 8 Nov	19:30 for 20:00	St Nicholas' Circle tbc	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sun 12 Nov	10:00 10.15	Remembrance Sunday	<i>St. Barnabas' St Nicholas'</i>
Sun 12 Nov	18:30	Prayer and Praise	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Mon 13 Nov	14:00	Julian Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 18 Nov	15:30	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 22 Nov	15:00	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Thur 23 Nov	15:45	Mothers' Union Meeting	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 29 Nov	14:30	Parish Prayer Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sun 3 Dec	16:00	Advent Candlelit Service	<i>St Nicholas'</i>

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