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FROM THE EDITOR...



As we journey into the second year of the pandemic, we can't help but wonder as to what the future holds. This time last year we thought it would be all over by the summer. Ha! *"The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry, and leave us nought but grief and pain for promised joy!"* as Robert Burns pointed out as far back as 1785. At least we now have the hope that the incredible work of our scientists with the vaccines will enable us to live through it, as it quite clearly isn't going to go away. Hopefully, this whole episode will convince us that we are not invincible and maybe, teach us to be kinder to one another. Hopefully; although, the world does seem to be teetering on the edge of global violence; just read the papers or watch the tv if you don't agree! Thomas Edison, American 1847-1931, inventor of the electric power generation, the phonograph, the electric light bulb, and the movie camera, said this: *"Non-violence leads to the highest ethics, which is the goal of all evolution. Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages"*.



But we still have to struggle with our own battles, and some of them, not violent in the slightest, but truly heroic, some of which put our own troubles in perspective. Respond to the church's invitation to **"Come and See"** to find out what difference a little faith in a power beyond yourself can make.

And what joy if you are a gardener, or even if you're not, that we have finally found someone to indulge our earthly green desires, in Michelle Batt who has responded to the call and begins a new era of gardening advice and tips elsewhere in this issue. Welcome to her - do let us know if you have any comments to make of your own gardening triumphs and disasters by writing to magazine@ssaparish.org.

"If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same... Yours is the Earth and everything in it...!" (from "If" by Rudyard Kipling). I have to admit that most of my gardening efforts fall into the disaster category, but *"we walk on with hope in our hearts"* (from *Carousel* by Rodgers & Hammerstein, for we know that we never walk alone. Keep well and keep safe, and now... keep gardening!")

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

WHO'S THE GOAT?



If you've not come across this phrase before, deciding who the GOAT is has become something of a national sporting pastime.

The Greatest Of All Time [GOAT] debate keeps social media stirring and phone ins fuming. Whether that's cricket's James Anderson; football's Messi or Ronaldo debate; or Tom Brady in the Superbowl – we like to pin the GOAT badge on someone.

It's not just in sport that greatness is idolised. The slogan, 'Make America Great Again', comes to mind, or Alexander and Alfred the Great who earned the epithet. Indeed who wouldn't want to be great. But behind the slogans and the acronyms, the question needs to be asked: What is it that really constitutes greatness?

Is it reaching the pinnacle of achievement?

Is it in being looked at and idolised by others?

Is it in breaking new ground, conquering new territory, or being the first?

I wonder who would you consider to be great?

Here's how Jesus defines greatness in Matthew's gospel:

"Jesus called the disciples together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (20:25-28)

Greatness is not to be found on the podium, in the palace or on the platform, Jesus states, but rather as a servant and even as a slave. This is just as challenging for us in the 21st Century as it was for his hearers in the 1st. But it strikes me that perhaps the pandemic has brought us a little closer to Jesus' message. Our eyes have been opened to celebrate the 'key worker', those behind the scenes who serve faithfully, usually for low wages, without ever really wanting the adulation. Are they the great ones? But there are further depths to plumb here:

Can we imagine celebrating the fact that we're friends with the hospital porter as though they were Sir Steve Redgrave?

Could we possibly give places of honour at our celebrations to the teaching assistant rather than the Lord Mayor?

Might we seek out and devour the stories of local servants rather than national celebrities?

Jesus, in exhorting his rag tag bag of followers (who would mostly become Saints by the way) to this servant hearted greatness, not just commands humility in service but offers us the example par excellence.

As March turns to April this year, we remember that Jesus gives his life for us. His life is the ransom payment for our shame, guilt, sin and fear. If we own up, and offer up all that mess, he give us the opportunity to receive his forgiveness, freedom, peace, and Easter hope no matter who we are, what we've done or whether anyone has noticed how great (or not) we are. This is the great Easter gift (more on that next month).

But in the run up to Easter, can I encourage you to consider becoming a servant of others. Could you be the GOAT in your family, network or workplace. Not looking for adulation or praise but using Jesus' example and taking up his gift, as we follow in his steps.

With love and peace,

SERVICES IN THE PARISH

MARCH

Tier 5 has meant more change for everyone. The Government has asked us to stay at home to save lives and protect the NHS. Under the current regulations public worship may continue. We did consider closing, as other churches have done. Rather, Stephen led a review of our COVID planning and with a renewed and strengthened message to follow the Hands, Face, Space guidance and make our own safety and the safety of others paramount in our choices, we will continue with a reduced pattern of public worship in our buildings and maintain our livestreaming of services for those at home. Safety, simplicity and spirituality are our guiding principles

Face coverings must be worn inside the Church building, no singing and no refreshments offered at the end of services as per the guidelines set out to us. We will also be adhering to strict social distancing rules. We thank you for your understanding.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FAMILY SERVICE – 9:15am Informal worship moves back to *Zoom* during this lockdown, particularly suitable for families.

TRADITIONAL SERVICES - Our aim is to alternate public worship each Sunday between St Michael's (10:45am) and All Souls (10:30am) until restrictions change.

- Sunday 7th March 10:45am at St Michael's – (Lent 3) The Cross, God's Way
- Sunday 14th March 10:30am at All Souls' – Mothering Sunday, Love above all
- Sunday 21st March 10:45am at St Michael's – (Lent 5) The Cross, God's Plan
- Sunday 28th March 10:30am at All Souls' – Palm Sunday, Jesus is heralded

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday 4th April 10am at St Michael's – EASTER DAY
- **LITTLE SEEKERS: EASTER** Our preschool online programme exploring the characteristics of God's family is back for Easter.



COME AND SEE – Join us on Tuesdays at 8pm and Thursdays at 10:30am. An invitation from our Bishops to local communities to take the first steps in exploring faith. So why not walk with us, as we walk with Jesus... and come and see. This can be found via our website or www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45am on *Zoom*.

- Nicola Shaw leads Sunday School activities, songs, and bible stories over *Zoom*. Contact nicola@allsoulsascot.org / admin@ssaparish.org for the meeting ID, password and downloadable activities.



COFFEE MORNINGS - Monday and Thursdays at 10:30am on *Zoom*. Contact Verity Spencer for more information via admin@ssaparish.org or verity.spencer@hotmail.com

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• 10:30am on Tuesdays – Meets on Zoom. Our popular, weekly preschool service with Nicola Shaw meets on Zoom. A great time to share God, faith and life with your little ones and other parents. Contact nicola@allsoulsascot.org for the meeting ID and password.



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28th January 2021	Colin Fake
2nd February 2021	Pamela Parkin
4th February 2021	Dorothy Maybury



PHILOSOPHY FOR A HAPPY LIFE

When you wake in the morning
To a bright sunny day,
Your spirits are uplifted
To help you on your way

When skies are grey or raining,
It's only for a while.
The sun is round the corner
To bring about a smile.

With nature all around us
We've much to bring us joy.
The birdsong and the flowers,
Our ears and eyes employ.

How lucky we are living
In times we can enjoy
The fruits of all God's labours,
Our senses to deploy.

A palette full of colour
We see on earth, sea, sky,
Myriad sounds we hear each day,
From low to very high.

So with our touch, taste, smell,
Emotions all unfurled
Our feelings are now complete,
What a wonderful world!

Aim to do the best we can
In study, work and play.
Positive thinking for us,
Help others on life's way.

Always must our motto be,
When all is said and done,
'OUR CUP'S HALF FULL', NOT EMPTY,
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OBITUARY HARRY NEWMAN



It is with great sadness that we mourn the death of Harry Newman of 90 Nell Gwynne Close, Sunninghill. For the last 20 years, Harry – often escorted by fellow veteran John Kettle – laid the wreath of the Royal British Legion at the culmination of the annual Remembrance Sunday service at St Michael and All Angels, Sunninghill.

Harry, a former pupil of Onslow and Hammersley School, grew up in Albany Road Old Windsor, with his brother George and sisters Mary and Jean. The family was split up during World War 2, with Mary doing aircraft work at White Waltham for the Air transport Auxiliary, and George serving in India and then in France. Harry joined the Army in 1942 aged 18, and 2 years later landed in Normandy as part of the Allied D-Day invasion. He was always very modest about the part he played during D-Day, claiming there was so much to do on 6 June 1944 that it never entered his head how much danger he was in. Despite what must have been a traumatic experience, Harry treasured a life-long love of France, further strengthened no doubt when he married his sweetheart Simmon at the Louvre in 1946. Sadly, she passed away in 1992.


Harry left the Army in 1946 and became a civilian engineer, but he frequently returned to France to celebrate key commemorations. One such was the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings, during which he was hosted for several days by a French family who lived near to the British landing beaches. He was also a staunch supporter of the Sunninghill Comrades Club, where he could be found most lunch-times enjoying a pint of the best. In 2018 he was honoured by the French Government for his part in D-Day by being appointed to the Légion d'Honneur.

He passed away in January at the ripe old age of 96 after a full and productive life. His dignity, integrity and ever-sunny personality will long be remembered.

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Who runs the census? The census in England and Wales is run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), which is the UK's largest independent producer of official statistics. The ONS and the statistics they generate are independent from government.

Will the government use the information I share to identify me? No. Only anonymous information is ever

published from the census. In fact, it's a crime to share personal census information and anything you tell them is protected.

Will my data be secure? Your data will be kept securely and never sold. Census records will be kept secure for 100 years and only then can they be viewed by future generations, for example, by those interested in family history.

How will the census make a difference to me? The census makes a difference to everyone. It's a once-in-a-decade chance to have your voice heard and help inform the future of your local area.

Help your community and be part of history - fill in your census form by March 21st! To find out more about the census visit <https://census.gov.uk>.

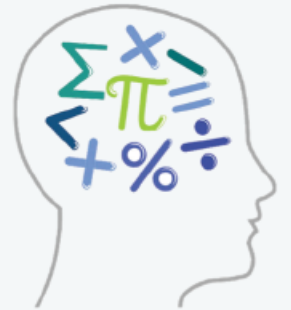
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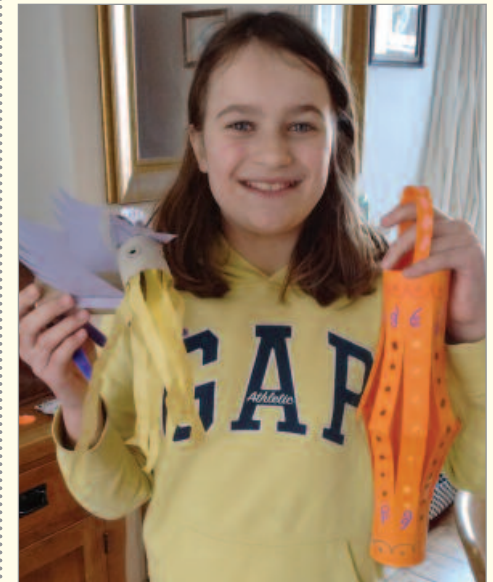
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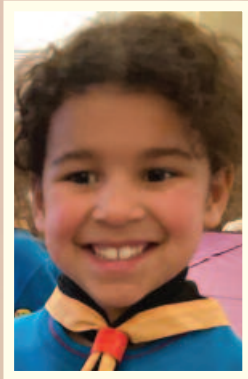
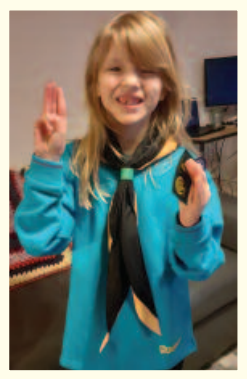


Sunninghill Brownies are meeting virtually through zoom this term and we are working on a badge to celebrate the Chinese New Year, called 'Chopsticks and Courage'. This is the year of the Ox, so we have had fun finding out what animal sign each brownie and members of their family were born under. We then drew a family crest incorporating all the animals. We also tried out some craft and have made Chinese dragons and Chinese lanterns. Last week we had a lot of laughter

trying to learn how to use chopsticks.
For half term we are taking part in a virtual Sleepover to celebrate Thinking Day (when we think about Guides and Brownies around the world) and we will visit Pax Lodge in London, Our Chalet in Switzerland, Our Cabana in Mexico, Sangam in India and Kusafiri in Africa. It sounds exhausting!

*Brown Owl Janet,
Sunninghill Brownies*





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1st South Ascot is still going strong through lockdown with the induction of 4 new Beavers to our group this Term who are already making a fantastic contribution. We are also really pleased to welcome Ceri Richardson as a new Leader to our Scouts section. Ceri has been helping us out for years so great to have her on board more formally.

All sections are obviously still having to run sessions online but we have managed to provide an array of activities for the children including an Online Experiment night with explosions and ice growing, a more sedate evening where the Beavers planted Bulbs and learned about gardening and then an amazing kickboxing session for both our Beavers and Cubs run by Blaze Martial Arts.

And finally a HUGE further thank you to Milan Fiala from Gigawatt for sorting out the electrics at the hut, Crocus for donating the plants, Calibra Tree Surgeons for donating the Hazel trees and Ascot Racecourse who very generously have done up our garden which is looking fantastic as per the picture - if only we could use it! Once we are able we will have a more formal opening to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make the hut the amazing and smart facility that it now is. No-one more deserving than our Group Scout Leader, Fiona Jones who has just been awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service to Scouting - Well done Fi from all of us and thank you for all that you do!!! (and Kevin J).

Roll on the Spring!

*James Brown
Beaver Leader*





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As we come to terms with a mixture of remote and in-school learning here at Cheapside School, we have great admiration for the way in which the children have adapted to and engaged with a different type of learning. For those who are working from home, this might range from finding a suitable place to complete their work in peace or working out just how to upload an Assignment onto Microsoft Teams! For those who are in school, it can be coming to terms with the fact that your best friend isn't in school or that the member of staff who you normally work with isn't in your class at the moment. Despite all the difficulties that are being thrown at them, the children and staff continue to rise to the challenge, and the teaching and learning, and subsequent work produced, is often creative, imaginative, detailed and considered. We cannot thank our families enough for the efforts they are putting into supporting their children at home.

On Wednesday 3rd February, we had a 'Screen-Free Wednesday' when we asked the children to close their laptops and turn off their tablets. The children were given a grid of tasks to choose from and complete and



completed things as diverse as baking cakes and bread, making things with Lego, building dens and building towers out of what they could find! We were delighted with the positive response we had to this initiative and hope to repeat it at some point next half-term.

One of our Year 6 pupils, Grace Hodgson, has written a poem which sums up how we are all trying to approach life during this difficult time:

THIS IS WHAT I AM GRATEFUL FOR

Knowing you have a whole new day,
to live and be happy in every way.
Things may not be great, but that's OK,
enjoy all the things anyway.
My family, friends,
can always mend
my broken heart if it's feeling down.
Being able to drink, to eat and more,
because not all people can, mainly the poor.
This is what I am grateful for.



*Clare Roberts,
Assistant Headteacher*



ST MICHAEL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

During the month of February we are focusing on children's mental health. Staff are busy organising various events for our children to enjoy and recognise their many talents.

On Friday the 5th of February, the children were invited to join in an activity with fun and family in mind, Dress to Express! As part of our focus, we invited our children to send pictures to school, showing how they have chosen to 'dress to express' themselves.

The plan is for the school to create a photo slide show, accompanied by the Bill Wither's classic 'Lovely Day' single, to celebrate our children's wealth of creativity.

Hopefully, the children will recall this uplifting and hopeful tune, as the opening music for many of our celebration assemblies in school.

We are currently running the Great St Michael's Bake Off: World Book Day' competition. This has been organised by our amazing Year 6 teacher, Miss Tracey. The challenge is to bake something on the

theme of BOOKS. This can be interpreted any way the children like - the more imaginative the better! Entries will be judged in the following categories:

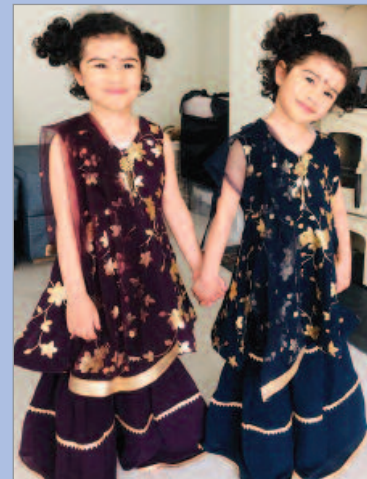
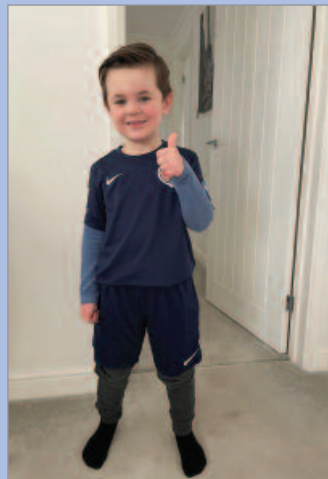
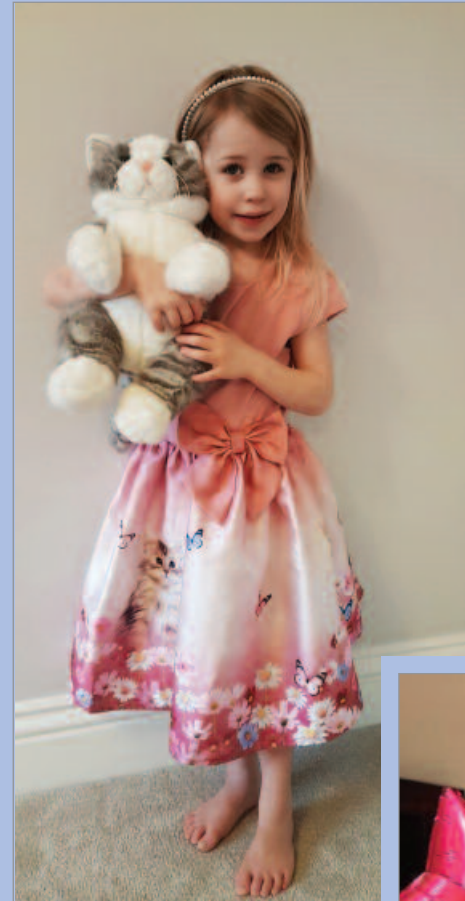
- Most innovative design
- The neatest
- The most impressive structure
- The most unique interpretation
- Looks the most delicious

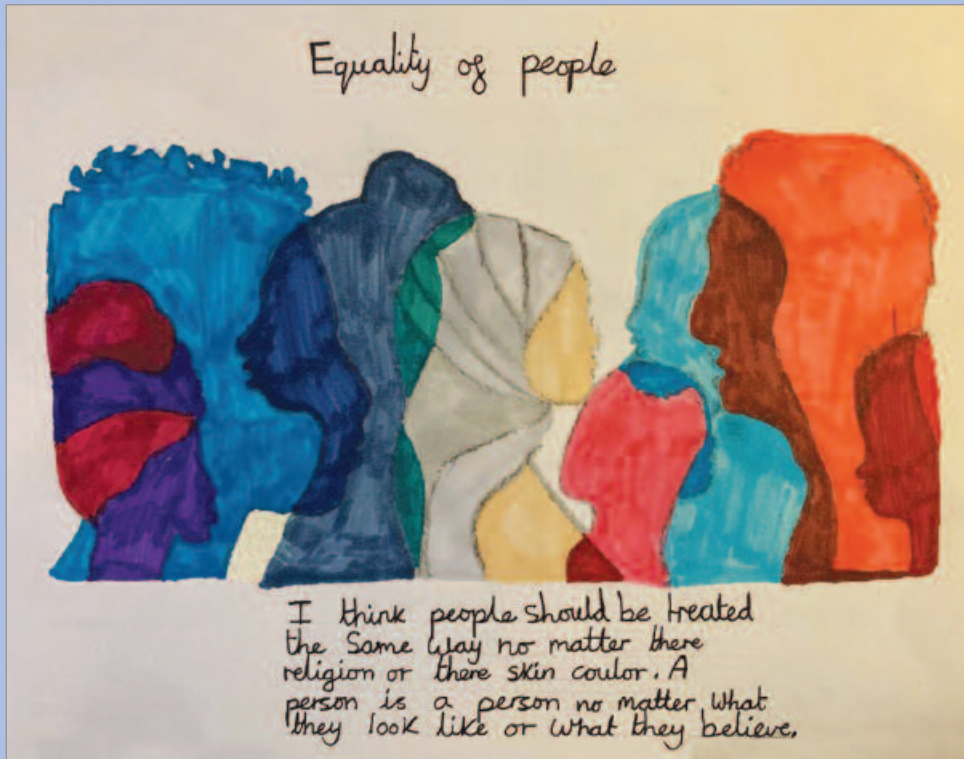
Winners will receive a book prize. The winners will be announced via video on Thursday 4th March.

We are looking forward to seeing all of your fantastic creations and sharing them on the school website!

We are hoping we can seize this opportunity to support children's mental health across the nation and lift all our spirits in the process.

Tina Wizard





SOUTH ASCOT VILLAGE SCHOOL LIFE IN LOCKDOWN

Life at South Ascot Village School within the latest National lockdown has presented itself with its new challenges! Once again, we miss being together in real terms, but hopefully our school's motto: *'Together We Have Strength'* has never been more poignant (albeit in virtual ways).

Teaching at SAVS has always been based on personal interaction and instinctive responses to our pupils. Our classrooms are normally full of collaborative communication and supported study. The demands of the curriculum being delivered remotely, has drawn on the creativity and determination of each of us; teachers, pupils and parents alike. The expertise of our teachers to deliver their craft, within this alien world has shone through at SAVS. The majority of our pupils are able to access the online provision each day, which also includes PE lessons delivered twice a week. Other pupils are provided with printed packs or attend school. Live, virtual, meet and greet registrations allow all pupils to see their



teachers daily. Small virtual learning and social group meetings, to promote learning and emotional well-being, have also now been included to our weekly provision. All of these actions are being put in place to, in some way, replicate what they are missing by being away from school.


Please enjoy some images provided by our home learners at South Ascot Village School.

Continue to take care and keep safe.

Kate Rimell, Headteacher



HISTORIC Sunninghill AND DISTRICT

 I THINK THAT WAS ZARADI'S BACK IN THE DAY, SELLING ALL THE MOST EXOTIC CIGGIES. THREE CASTLES, BALKAN SOBRANIE, PASSING CLOUD, ETC.


PETER FRANKLIN

CUTLER'S NEWSAGENT SOLD ME 20 ROTHMANS FOR MY MUM, AS LONG AS I HAD HER SIGNATURE ON A PIECE OF PAPER. I WAS 6! AM I RIGHT IN THINKING THAT'S ON THE HIGH ST, OPPOSITE THE EX-SERVICEMAN'S CLUB. THERE WAS A POLICE CALL BOX LIKE THE TARDIS... ?

RAY BRODRICK

IT'S AN ESTATE AGENTS NOW.

STUART IMRIE

 SAW THIS ON EBAY AND WONDERED IF ANYONE HAS ANY CONNECTION TO OLIVE JELLEY AND OF COURSE IF ANYBODY CAN THROW ANY LIGHT ON WHAT TYPE OF SCHOOL THIS WAS?

NEIL PARKER

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NEIL PARKER



RHONA GORDER




KEVIN PEDEN

 THE RED LION AND MR TONY CLAYTON, WINTER 1980/81

KEVIN PEDEN

THAT'S MY DAD, BLESS HIM!

NIGEL CLAYTON

 ANOTHER OF MR PITTS CREATIONS. MUST BE 1953/4, I'M THE COOK ON THE VERY LEFT (MARGARET ARMSTRONG). I THINK THE NEXT IS GILLIAN?, SUSAN LLOYD AND THEN ELSIE SMITH IS THE GOLDEN SYRUP ON THE RIGHT. ANY MORE NAMES TO JOG MY MEMORY?

MARGARET BURGESS

NEXT TO SHEILA FOLEY (THAT'S ME), IS JEAN LAURENCE AND BETTY COOPER.

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GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH SCAM AND NUISANCE PHONE CALLS

LET'S TALK
LONELINESS

One positive, but temporary, outcome of this pandemic had been a fall in the number of scam and nuisance calls. With the initial lockdown, the restrictions to halt the spread of the virus meant that call centres were suddenly closed. For many this would have been a period of relief, knowing that when the phone rang it would instead be a genuine caller, a family member or a friend. However the scammers are back with a vengeance.

As before they continue to predominately target people over the age of 70 and whilst they still cover some of the usual subjects – insurance, switching telephone providers and impersonation callers (NHS, BT, Banks, Amazon even the Police) – they have now found new opportunities to target people such as charging fees for non-existent Covid-19 testing and vaccinations.

For those people who receive regular, possibly daily, scam and nuisance calls, this can cause uncertainty and distress. If the calls have resulted in financial loss then this can cause a loss of confidence and anxiety and have a detrimental effect on their emotional and physical wellbeing.

Early in 2020 a call blocker programme funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport meant that RBWM Trading Standards Service were able to acquire and fit 25 trueCall units for local residents who had been the victim of a scam or were deemed to be vulnerable and at risk of being susceptible to one.

The units filter out the unwanted scam and nuisance calls and stop them from getting through altogether. The devices have different settings and can be set up to the highest level of security which is only to allow calls from a “trusted caller list” of friends, family members, doctors and any other known contacts.

The results have been very positive. On average, each of these units prevented 23 scam and nuisance calls every month (the general population is thought to receive an

average of 7 scam or nuisance calls per month). The residents have all enjoyed being back in control of their own phone, feeling safer and more relaxed knowing that when the phone rings it will be a call from a friend or person that they know.

They are highly recommended by our Service and the details can be found here: www.truecall.org.uk

It is also worth enquiring with your own landline provider (BT, Sky..) as they are likely to have a call protection service which can be put on the line, in some cases this is a free add-on.

As well as funding the call blocker programme, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is running a **Let's Talk Loneliness** campaign www.letstalkloneliness.co.uk which provides advice and support to encourage people to talk more openly about the impact of loneliness on people's lives, and encourage everyone to take simple actions to help them feel more connected. Loneliness is a prominent feature in scams, as criminals will often try to befriend their victims, especially if they're isolated.

People are being urged to keep in contact with family members regularly and inform them of the most prolific scams and the possible dangers to them. If you or someone you know has been a targeted by a scam you should report it to the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Also, forewarned is forearmed so take a few minutes to protect yourself and your friends and neighbours against scams by joining Friends Against Scams. The initiative provides free online training to empower people to take a stand against scams. www.friendsagaintscams.org.uk

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NEWS FROM THE BEAT



PC Michelle Race

REPORTED CRIME FIGURES OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS FOR ASCOT, SUNNINGHILL AND SUNNINGDALE:

VEHICLE CRIME

- 4 Thefts of motor vehicles in Ascot
- 1 Theft of a motor vehicle in Sunningdale

BURGLARY IN HOMES

- 3 in Ascot
- 1 in Sunninghill

SHED / OUTBUILDING BREAK-INS

- 1 in Ascot

No commercial burglaries were reported.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

We were made aware of an incident that occurred on 31st January 2021 at 3pm when a lady was walking her dog in Sunningdale. A male called over her dog, who was running in front of her. The male then took hold of the dog and started to check its teeth and general condition, and the owner believed that the male's intentions was to steal it. He is described as white, approx. 50 yrs. old with short brown / greying hair wearing a flat cap. He was of stocky build and was wearing a dark blue padded jacket with pads on the elbows. He had prominent, bad teeth.

There have also been several reports from other members of the public of a similar nature just outside Ascot so please can I ask that you are vigilant and report any incidents to us on the email above, or call 999 if a crime is in progress.

CRIME PREVENTION

As we are coming into Spring, may I remind all residents to please be aware of their home security to protect their property. Please remember to use bright lighting and other security devices to protect your home, especially with regard to garages and outbuildings containing bikes and garden equipment. We are happy to drop off a home security guide, or you can view the

information on the Thames Valley Police website Thamesvalley.police.uk

You can also join the local neighbourhood watch at www.ourwatch.org.uk and sign up for the Thames Valley alert at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk. We are happy to give advice on the best way to protect your home.

SCAMS

With regards to scam phone calls, our advice would be if in doubt hang up and seek help. Always check ID if people unknown to you come to your door and NEVER GIVE OUT YOUR PERSONAL OR BANK DETAILS to anyone whether on line, in person or on the phone. There is advice and information on current fraud and scam prevention on the Thames Valley Police website. Also on the website is 'The little book of BIG SCAMS' which is well worth a read.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Crimestoppers** anonymously on 0800 555 111
- Action Fraud** 0300 123 2040
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Please remain vigilant and report any crime that may happen to you, as it is vital that the Police are aware of crimes in the area as it may be part of another criminal investigation that we are looking into. Stay safe in these difficult times and please adhere to the current Covid regulations.

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HI THERE!

Hi there! My name is Vusumuzi Mabuza, but you can simply call me Vusi! I am married to Catharine who is also ordained and serving as the Vicar of Warfield. I am so delighted to be joining the ordained ministry team here in this parish, and I will mostly be based at ALL Souls.

I came to the UK from South Africa in 2018 where I had previously served as priest-in-charge of St Paul (Vergenoeg) and St Francis (Manyeding) in the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman. I trained in theology and ministry at the College of the Transfiguration (Cott), which is an Anglican seminary in Grahamstown (SA) and I had studied briefly at the University of South Africa (Unisa). Prior to that, I have worked as a sales consultant at a local bank and had spent two years as Verger at St Alban's Cathedral in Pretoria.

I love spending time at home assisting with house chores, watching movies, and reading. I also like to unwind outdoors to appreciate the quietness and the tranquillity

of nature (when it is not very cold, of course!) I have never failed to go to the safaris and zoos regularly, especially when I am in Africa. So, touring and travelling to places that explores the beauty of creation is one of my greatest passions. I love music generally and I am not quite particular with genre. My favourite musical instrument is marimba, which I learnt to play while I was in the seminary back in South Africa.

As I come to work this parish with you, I am grateful for the privilege of service amongst you. I am looking forward to making new friends, to learn and to explore what God is doing in this area. I believe that my ministry in this place will continue to be enriched by your experiences and your loving warmth which I first received when I served here briefly nearly 2 years ago. It is my wish that we will continue to grow in God's love together – to pray, to laugh, and to weep, together!

Vusumuzi Mabuza



A VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

Michelle has kindly offered to dispense some regular wisdom on gardening matters, so we look forward to seeing more green and pleasant articles, going into the summer and beyond.

Ed



Hello Readers! My name is Michelle and I'm very excited to bring you some amateur gardening tips learnt from my own experiences and what I'm doing in my garden each month! I moved to Sunninghill with my husband Neil 20 years ago, drawn by the pretty village, independent shops, pubs and restaurants that we can walk to, and the promise of a larger garden. I work for a technology company in human resources and love the people aspect of my role; the last 12 months has highlighted the importance of my and my team's role in supporting our workforce during such

stressful times. Like many of us, I've been working from home now for a year, and my garden became my refuge last summer; although I've always had a passion for gardening inspired by my late mother and her beautiful gardens. I miss talking to her every week comparing what has started to come up in our gardens, she lived in the milder climate of Devon so was always a few weeks ahead of where we are here.

Did you take part in 'The Big Garden Birdwatch' a few weeks ago? We put lots of food out for the birds and were sadly disappointed by the numbers, I think it was just a cold and damp weekend and they didn't seem to want to show themselves. Please do continue to feed the birds though, they get used to where they can find food and it takes up unnecessary energy if they visit empty bird tables. It's



SNOWDROPS AND CROCUSES

also almost past time to get those bird boxes up, small birds like blue tits and wrens nest early in the year, so pop them up as soon as possible.

We like to grow some of our own fruit and vegetables as well as entertain and sit in a flower garden. I've just started off my tomato plant seeds in a heated propagator indoors. Using seed compost, I've filled coir pots almost to the top, but you could use trays with cells which are easier to then plant on your small plants when they grow. Ensuring the pots are well soaked, I then popped one seed into each and sprinkled a fine layer of vermiculite on the top; you could use a thin layer of seed compost too. They have then been popped into the propagator on a bright, but not sunny, windowsill, so the plants don't burn.

Once your seeds have germinated take the lids off to allow more air to circulate so they don't dampen off. This year I'm growing Sungold F1 which is a trailing cherry tomato which I will put in hanging baskets and Maskotka which I shall grow in my small greenhouse.

In the flower borders the snowdrops have been up, always the first sign of spring in my garden and always reminds me of my Nan who had loads at the bottom of hers. I can see crocuses starting to appear and the hellebores are coming into flower, some species are often in bloom over Christmas giving them the common name of Christmas rose. They come in a stunning range of colours from deepest maroon to the most delicate cream and white. They



HELLEBORES

are undemanding and are happy in slight shade. As the new buds come through, remove old leaves. They also self-seed freely so you can grow your own collection or pot some up for friends. I can also see the camellia buds are very swollen and about to burst.

Finally, my lawn looks very sad, I've never been particularly interested in the lawn but we have quite a few trees around us so some areas are very dry, there is lots of moss and all it gets is a regular cut. So, I've decided to see if I can improve it and bought some Evergreen weed control lawn food, I've read the instructions and plan to apply that this month, I'll keep you posted!

Michelle Batt



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POETRY FOR SPRING

As the New Year begins, much as the old year ended, I feel the anticipation of the first signs of spring will be welcomed by many of us. The first melodic notes of the dawn chorus, trees bursting into green shoots, bulbs, shrubs and blossom full of colour. For me it is always the swathes of Snowdrops appearing through the frozen soil. Their Latin name Galanthus references their sword like leaves, but I think, too, their ability to cut through frozen ground and snow and survive the depths of winter. Wordsworth wrote:

*"Nor will I then thy modest grace forget,
 chaste Snowdrops venturous harbinger of
 spring."*

Or Tennyson: *"Many, many welcomes,
 February's fair maid."*

However, the spring flower which seems to have inspired many poets is the Daffodil. Robert Herrick wrote, *"Fair Daffodils we weep to see you haste away so soon"*. And, of course, famously Wordsworth wrote,

*"I wandered lonely as a cloud,
 That floats on high o'er vale and hills,
 When all at once I saw a crowd,
 A host of golden Daffodils."*

The poem ends, *"And then my heart with pleasure fills, and dances with the Daffodils."*

Christina Rossetti writes, *"There is no time like spring, when life's alive in everything."*

John Clare, an English romantic poet of rural life and scenes, begins his poem 'Young Lambs' with, *"The spring is coming*



by many a sign," and goes on to describe young lambs taking their first steps. Robert Burns wrote many poems about nature and spring in particular including the lines, *"Now spring has clad the grove in green,
 And strew'd the lea wi' flowers,
 The furrowed waving corn is seen,
 Rejoice in fostering showers."*

Although not a poem, Charles Dickens wrote in Great Expectations:

*"It was one of those March days,
 when the sun shines hot, and the wind
 blows cold.
 When it is summer in the light and
 winter in the shade."*

Those words sum up many a spring day. I end with a quote by Gerard Manley Hopkins, just one line from his poem Spring: *"Nothing is as beautiful as Spring."*

After the drama and sadness of last year, and the continuing situation into this year, on the first signs of spring and new life,

*"Let our hearts with pleasure fill, And
 dance among the daffodils!"*

May the joys of Springtime fill all our hearts and minds.

Alison Drummings



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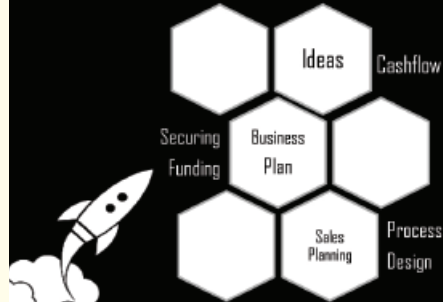
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A HAPPY HOME RECIPE

SONIA, 1320

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- ☞ 4 quarts of faith
- ☞ 5 spoons of hope
- ☞ 1 cup of friendship
- ☞ 2 cups of loyalty
- ☞ 1 barrel of laughter
- ☞ 2 spoons of tenderness
- ☞ 3 cups of forgiveness

Take love and loyalty,
mix it thoroughly with faith.
Blend it with tenderness, kindness
and understanding.
Add friendship and hope, sprinkle
abundantly with laughter.
Bake it with sunshine.
Serve daily with generous helpings.

Whilst tidying my bookcase in January (a job which I had procrastinated over throughout the pandemic lockdown), I came across this recipe, torn out from a magazine several years previously! On reading it, I found it was a comforting piece of writing – presumably written by a lady called Sonia in 1320! Wow, 700 years ago and still very relevant today!

It is very easy to feel despondent with life during these winter months when the weather has been changeable and cold with snow in so many places which has restricted our local walks and exercise. Our social life has been curtailed, travels and holidays are distant memories, no family encounters and cuddles, unless they are in our bubble, online shopping so no browsing in shops with only food and essential shopping allowed. During the wonderful summer weather, Lockdown seemed easier to handle, with its new restricted way of life and the light at the end of the tunnel seemed bright and not too far off!

Since then, however, there have been many deaths from Covid-19 virus; the NHS has been overwhelmed with its hospitals filled to capacity with staff working tirelessly for the patients in their care. Most people know someone who has been affected by this Pandemic. Many are working from home if at all possible but sadly, many people have been made redundant. With schools, colleges and Universities closed, children are being home schooled, which inevitably puts pressure on families. Everyday life has challenges both physical and mental.

However, after nearly a year of these strange circumstances, the speedy development of the vaccines to protect the population and the country-wide inoculation programme gives us hope for the future.

When I look back over this last year, I am encouraged by all the positive things that I have noticed. Churches in some places are still open for worship and services and some people are thinking more deeply about the meaning of life. There are more people out walking and aware of social distancing, more people wearing masks to protect each other, more people offering help to others in a kind and generous way, more people smiling at each other and aware of the natural world and wild life around us. Zoom and modern Technology has allowed us to keep in touch, participate in exercise, hold meetings and lectures and with less traffic, there is less air pollution.

So looking back at the recipe above, I think perhaps it could be called A Happy World Recipe instead! It would be wonderful if we could all continue using this recipe for the rest of our lives to make this special world a happy place to live with our families, friends and neighbours the World over. Do you agree?

Sandra Stansfield



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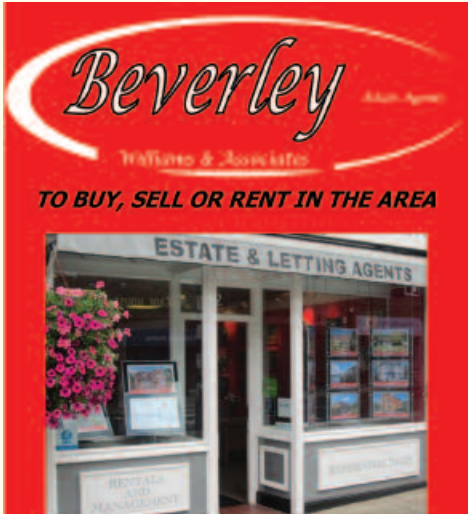
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Sarah Mortimer



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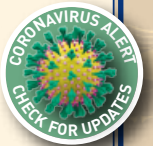
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The project was initiated by Georgie Tindall a local resident of Sunninghill. Georgie was contacted by local primary school heads who alerted her to the serious problem of available laptops which would be urgently needed due to the imminent closure of schools. The laptop project was launched.

The laptops would be made available, by the schools, to local families who do not have sufficient funds to own or purchase a laptop, or, only have one to share across their children who have different online lessons. This problem would have a real impact on children's education now and in the future as they get further behind with their studies.

The Rotary Club of Ascot has committed, to date, £3,400 towards the funding of the project with £2,400 being donated by our close friends Boehringer-Ingelheim of Bracknell.

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If you'd would like to watch the recordings you can find them on JamesFinchDJ.co.uk

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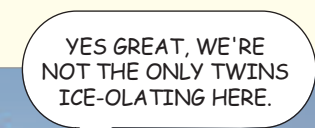
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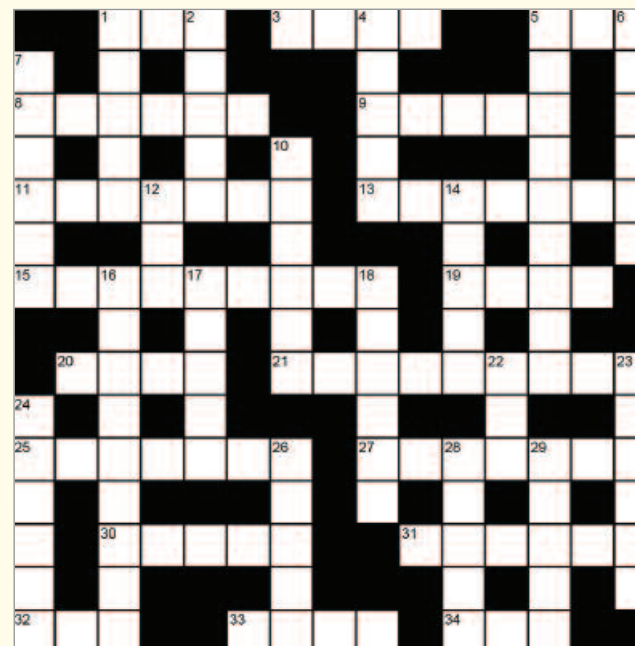
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1. Young animal without a tail has just moved into "The White House" (3)
3. It isn't right for new Mrs to stay (4)
5. Young Edward returned to office (3)
8. Says there are 50 in America (6)
9. Political innovations are new to a Roman (5)
11. Subject to dominate (7)
13. Cabot & Co mixed up American export (7)
15. Quiet resident of The White House (9)
19. Nothing Mr. Doonican can do to shape this office in 15 (4)
20. Huge Star in Las Vegas (4)
21. Louisa & Marcus have no right to play these African-American sounds (4,5)
25. Draw hook (7)
27. Leave a music group on (7)
30. Proper Tory (5)
31. Visit first a trained nurse (6)
32. Mr. Gore with his wife reportedly have everything- in the tool box? (3)
33. First Lady? No, the 46th! (4)
34. Relative who personifies U.S.? (3)

DOWN

1. Miss Harlow's pants? (5)
2. English mead concoction will result in drowsy (5)
4. Don't you shortly include an American sweet treat (5)
5. Cared most about a party in the Senate (9)
6. English mathematician went on about his work (6)
7. Please arrange to be out for the count (6)
10. Make a reservation for these original American homes? (6)
12. Sun up for the Spanish (3)
14. Flower blossom for actress Claire in "The Streetcar Named Desire" (5)
16. Rate cello composition on this register, perhaps (9)
17. Upset a vain Trump (5)
18. Ex-president of the U.S. sounds like a real gent (6)
22. A vessel to run around in? (3)
23. California has nothing in Spanish for part of North America (6)
24. Vice named in The White House (6)
26. Every player wants this half of ice-cream (5)
28. These American vehicles don't have manuals (5)
29. Martin Luther King famously had this - when he was 7? (5)

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01 Mar	Pembroke Close	Jeremiah 7.21end	Almighty God You show to those who are in error the light of your truth, That they may return to the way of righteousness:
02	Porchester	Matt 23.1-12	Grant to all those who are admitted Into the fellowship of Christ's religion, That they may reject those things That are contrary to their profession, And follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
03	Princes Gate	Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.11	Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever..
04	Pump Lane	Jeremiah 9.12-24	
05	Queen's Hill Rise	Jeremiah 10.1-16	
06	Queen's Place	Jeremiah 10.17-24	
07	Queen's Road	John 2.13-22	
08 Mar	Quince close	Jeremiah 11.1-17	Almighty God, Whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
09	Ravensdale Road	Jeremiah 11.18-12.6	Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
10	Regents Walk	Jeremiah 13.1-11	
11	Royal Victoria Gardens	Jeremiah 14	
12	School Road	Jeremiah 15.10-end	
13	Silwood Close	Jeremiah 16.10-17.4	
14	Silwood Park	John 19.25b-27	
15 Mar	Silwood Road	Jeremiah 17.5-18	God of compassion, Whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, Shared the life of a home in Nazareth, And on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: Strengthen us in our daily living That in joy and in sorrow We may know the power of your presence To bind together and to heal; Through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
16	Spring Gardens	Jeremiah 18.1-12	
17	St George's Lane	Jeremiah 18.13-end	
18	St Mary's Hill	Jeremiah 19.1-13	
19	St Mary's Road	Isaiah 11.1-10	
20	Stanmore Close	Jeremiah 20.7-end	
21	Sunninghill Close	John 12.20-33	
22 Mar	Sunninghill High St	Jeremiah 21.1-10	Most merciful God, Who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ Delivered and saved the world: Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross We may triumph in the power of his victory; Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
23	Sunnybank	Jeremiah 22.1-5,13-19	
24	Tenby Drive	Jeremiah 22.20-23.8	
25	The Covert	Luke 1.26-38	
26	The Poplars	Jeremiah 24	
27	The Terrace	Jeremiah 25.1-14	
28	Truss Hill Road	Mark 15	
29 Mar	Upper Village Rd	John 12.1-11	Almighty and everlasting God, Who in your tender love towards the human race Sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ To take upon him our flesh And to suffer death upon the cross; Grant that we may follow the example of his patience And humility, And also be made partakers of his resurrection; Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
30	Vicarage Gardens	John 12.20-36	
31	Victoria Road	John 13.21-32	

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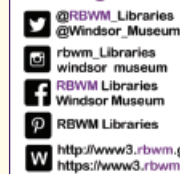
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