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FROM THE EDITOR...



To misquote Shakespeare in Richard III, “*Now is the winter of our disagreements.*” No-one can seem to agree on anything, COP26 likely to end in a sort of agreement which just kicks the can down the road for someone else to deal with; then we have the Northern Ireland protocol, not to mention Russia and Ukraine; the shameful



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treatment of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe (pictured) and her husband’s heroic attempt to force the issue. But those of you who know your Shakespeare will know that the quotation actually goes like this “*Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer... And all the clouds that lour’d upon our house in the deep bosom of the ocean buried.*” So, as we approach the happy time of Christmas, let’s hope and pray for that. In fact, as I write this, the morning which began wet, dark, and gloomy has blossomed into glorious sunshine, the world full of light and bathed in hope.

And talking of hope, I am so glad to see that the Quince Players are back in harness early in the New Year with their not-to-be missed Pantomime, how did we survive last Christmas without it? I urge you to get your tickets now and look forward to seeing the Queen’s Jubilee year in with laughter and bonhomie (oh, yes you will!). Welcome back.

Not to forget the Queen’s Jubilee – she came to the throne on February 6th 1952, and will have reigned over us for 70 years on that day. We salute her.

We recently (October) published an article and plea from Local Charity “Food 4 Children” which helps to address a need in our local area. It’s for the benefit of local families who are struggling financially. They now have a website www.food4children.uk and can be contacted at info@food4children.uk. Please help them to help our growing kids to grow healthily. Go on, you know you want to, and with Christmas coming, every little will help a lot. How much stuff that you wasted your resources on last Christmas, do you still have in use? We don’t need any more of that, so let’s go into Christmas and the new year with HOPE in our hearts rather than stuff destined for the loft. Who’s going to sort out the mess that the world’s got into? You are, of course, who else is there? I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a more promising New Year.



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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

CHRISTMAS 2021



We come again to the turn of the year in the hope that there will be a few less twists and turns in the COVID measures than last year when we were thrown into 'Tier 4' for Christmas with its high impact restricted travel and stay at home message.

The nativity story had the exact opposite scenario going on: Mary and Joseph faced *enforced travel* and a message to leave home. The story of the birth of Jesus is not a tidy one: an unexpected pregnancy for Mary, her bewildered fiancé Joseph drawn into the role of surrogate father and a compulsory journey for the census. With no opportunity to ring ahead or book accommodation online, there is none available when they arrive in Bethlehem weary, with the baby due imminently. The result? Jesus is born away from the comforts of home, wrapped in cloths and placed in an animal feeding trough.

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means "God with us". (Matthew 1:23)

It's a glorious account of God meeting humanity in the mess of ordinary lives.

However tidy we keep our homes and however organised we make our lives, things sometimes get messy, disorganised and possibly totally chaotic! Our middle son was born a couple of weeks early at home without the presence of a midwife and we laid him in a suitcase because the cot was still in the loft! Early in our marriage our first home was burgled; our neighbours who made the house safe in our absence commiserated on the mess the burglars had left behind – how could we admit that it didn't look that much different to how we'd left it! And at Christmas there are those messy scenes post-dinner and after the presents are unwrapped.

But the mess goes beyond the surface – it's in our actions, our interactions and our reactions too. And God does not say to us, *'Get all that sorted and then come and find me'*; he says in the birth of Jesus, *'Immanuel, I am with you'*. We don't have to tidy up for him, God chose to come and to be present and to meet us in the turmoil of our lives and Jesus will take it from there.



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. (Revelation 3:20)

Are we prepared to swallow our pride, lay open our homes and our hearts this Christmas and say, *'It's a bit of a mess, but come in'*?

Have a Joyful Messy Christmas and may you know God's love and presence throughout this season and into 2022.

With love and prayers,

SERVICES IN THE PARISH DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Our pattern of services is 9:15am and 10:45am at St Michael's and 10:30am and 4pm at All Souls.

Staying safe: We continue to have regard for keeping each other comfortable and safe while Covid remains present in our community – please do talk to us about how you are feeling so we can ensure you are able to enjoy worshipping in our church buildings.

WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

5th, 12th, 19th December; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January



9:15am ST MICHAEL'S INFORMAL SERVICE – Every Sunday

Join us for our informal, child-friendly, 30-minute service. With lots of interaction, music and some space for reflection, discover the joy of worshipping together. Contact Rev Sarah Mortimer for more info – sarah@ssaparish.org

10:45am ST MICHAEL'S TRADITIONAL SERVICE – Alternating

between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, we use the traditional liturgy of the Book of Common prayer, hymns, prayers, bible readings and sermon to help sustain us spiritually week by week. Contact the St Michael's Office for more info – admin@ssaparish.org

10:30am ALL SOULS WORSHIP – We gather each week, using the best

of traditional and contemporary worship, to meet with God through hymns, readings, preaching and prayer. We use a varied pattern of services with Holy Communion every other week. Café Church is back on the first Sunday of the month. For **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Contact nicola@allsoulsascot.org. A warm welcome awaits you. Contact Rev Vusi Mabuza for more info – vusi@allsoulsascot.org



Restarting after a winter break on 9th January 2022

4pm ASCOT@4 AT ALL SOULS – Informal afternoon service for young people and adults. Particularly families with 9-15 year-olds. We restart on 9th January 2022. Contact Rev Tim Norman for more info – tim@allsoulsascot.org

SPECIAL SERVICES

See the centre pages for details of our special services for Advent and Christmas.

- **Sunday 26th December 2021** – one service of Morning Prayer at All Souls at 10am
- **Sunday 9th January 2022** – We welcome the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Rev Olivia Graham to our 10:45am service at St Michael's.
- **Sunday 30th January 2022** – We welcome team from Holy Trinity Sunningdale to take our 10:45am service at St Michael's.

LOOKING AHEAD

• **Sunday 6th February 2022** – We welcome the Archdeacon of Berkshire, the Venerable Stephen Pullin to our 10:30am service at All Souls. Many of our regular activities and events are now returning. These will be publicised via our weekly newsletter, website and Facebook pages.



MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

- Please join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Morning Prayer at 9:15am at All Souls
- Please join us on Fridays for an informal Evening Prayer at 5:30pm at St Michael's

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• Should you have any prayer requests for yourself or anyone you know, then send them to mary@ssaparish.org; 01344 624535, who will pass your message to our prayer team in confidence.



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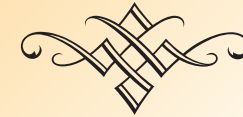
• 10:30am on Tuesdays. Our popular, weekly preschool service at All Souls' with Nicola Shaw is meeting again. A great time to share God, faith and life with your little ones and other parents. Contact nicola@allsoulsascot.org to find out the latest information

YOUTH WORK

• Rev Sarah Mortimer oversees our youth work. Look out for information at www.ssaparish.org/youth. Contact sarah@ssaparish.org to be added to the youth mailing list

PARISH LETTER

• Our weekly newsletter contains all of the latest updates as well as a note of spiritual encouragement from our ministry team. To receive this letter please contact our church office, admin@ssaparish.org / 01344 620727



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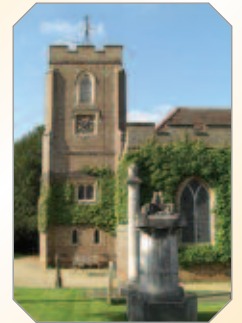
17th October Ruben Wright
7th October Ottavia Emerson

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24th October Finley Hastings-Trew

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WELCOME TO DORNOCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, straight, confused, filthy rich, comfortable or dirt poor.

Welcome to those who are scratch golfers, 36 handicappers or don't play at all.

Welcome if you can sing like Pavarotti or can't sing a note.

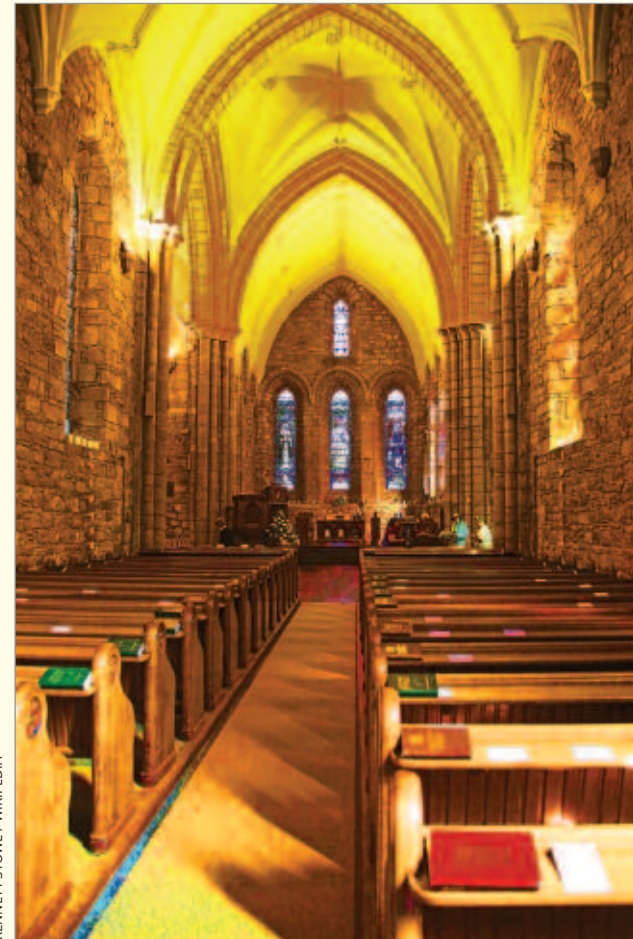
Welcome if you're just browsing, just woken

up or just got out of prison.

Welcome if you're still in recovery or still addicted.

Welcome to those who work too hard, aren't in paid work at the moment or who have retired from work.

Welcome to those who don't know anything about church and are only here because Grandma is in town and wanted to visit the Cathedral.

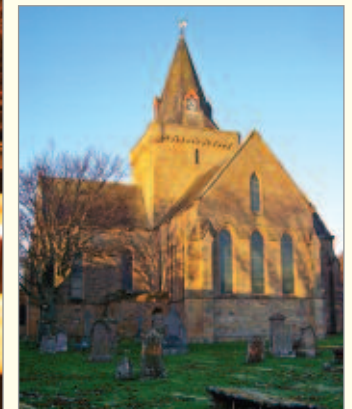


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Welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, those who had religion shoved down their throat as a kid and those who live locally but have never come in before.

We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Moderator of the General Assembly, or haven't been in Church since little Jimmy's christening.

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NEWS FROM SUNNINGHILL & ASCOT PARISH COUNCIL



CHEAPSIDE PLAY PARK

A great time was had by all at the opening party to celebrate the new play installation at Cheapside Play park. The children were treated to goody bags and enjoyed playing on the lovely new equipment, and we were visited by Professor Bubbledore who entertained everyone with giant bubbles. Along with local resident Nick Evans, we were able to dedicate a bench, funded by the community, in memory of his late wife Sue who played such a large part in saving the playpark in the past. Do bring your children to visit the new play park, off Hilltop Close in Cheapside.



Victory Fields in Sunninghill and Victoria Road recreation ground, South Ascot. Please make sure your tree is left in the area with the orange fencing to ensure it is picked up. Collections will be made between 4th and 16th January 2021.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

As in previous years, after the festivities are over RBWM will collect your Christmas trees for recycling. Collection points will be at

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is now open again and the clerk is available Monday to Friday, 10am to

1pm. To make an appointment to meet with the clerk email enquires@s-a-pc.com or call **01344 623480**. The office will be closed for the Christmas period from 20th December to 3rd January inclusive.



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We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Whether returning the unwanted Christmas Presents or buying the wrong bargains in the January Sales – It is Ho Ho Hopeless if you don't know your rights. Can the unwanted

pink fluffy bunny slippers be returned? Let's brush up on our consumer rights...

The Consumer Rights Act brought in line several pieces of law to put your rights all together in one place.

A legal contract for the sale or supply of goods is formed between you and the retailer when you make a purchase. This means that the business you bought from - not the manufacturer - is responsible for your goods. A manufacturer may give an extra warranty or guarantee but if so that is something over and above your basic consumer rights, and it cannot take away or diminish your rights from the retailer. When a guarantee is given, the terms of it become legally binding. Also there may be extra protection available depending on your payment method, online payment processor, debit or credit card.

The law sets out:

- requirements for goods to conform to contract
- time limits for legal action
- what customers are entitled to when something goes wrong

Goods should be:

- of satisfactory quality
- fit for their intended purpose (and any specific purpose made known)
- as described
- installed correctly (where installation is part of the contract)

When are you not entitled to a refund, repair or replacement? Consumers do not have the legal right to any remedy for problems:

- caused by them damaging or misusing the goods, accidentally or otherwise
- caused by their own attempts to repair the goods
- they knew about before they bought the goods



If the goods are faulty, then you have the legal right to one of the following 'remedies':

- a full or part refund
- a replacement or repair
- a price reduction
- compensation for losses incurred

The remedy that you can claim depends on the circumstances of each sale - for example, how long you owned the goods, and any wear and tear.

The law sets a time limit for you to take legal action. In England this time limit is generally six years from sale or delivery.

Unless a different arrangement is agreed on, the business must deliver goods without undue delay, or in any event no more than 30 days after you make the contract.

If a specific date for delivery of the goods is agreed as part of the contract and the goods don't arrive on that date, you can cancel and claim a refund.

If you did not agree a specific date but only got a general estimate, you can submit a written delivery deadline (after the estimated date has passed) and then cancel the order if the business does not deliver by that date. In addition you may be able to claim extra compensation.

For goods bought 'at a distance', such as online, your rights are better than buying from a shop. Government changed the law as they wanted to make consumers feel confident buying

online from UK-based businesses and drive up online shopping. It has clearly worked and it remains in place so that goods don't have to be faulty for you to return them - you have a 14 day cooling-off period to think about whether you want them

or not. Your rights are also different if a trader visits you in your own home and you form a contract there.

here is more detailed information about your consumer rights on this page:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/>

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1st SOUTH ASCOT RAINBOWS



For the first half of the autumn term we were able to have our meetings outside as the weather was very kind to us. We did lots of activities involving paint as this worked well on the grassy field. More paint came out in November as we prepared for Remembrance Sunday, Thumb prints made excellent poppy pictures. The girls are already asking about Christmas activities and we have lots of those ready for them to enjoy.

In November we were also able to present Samaya with her Silver Award. She had worked very hard for this and it was a real challenge completing all the activities before she heads off to Brownies in January. Well done Samaya.

Brown Owl Janet





A spooky, fire filled and Remembrance focused month for all Sections at 1st South Ascot with the Beavers having a Halloween party, a session making Guys for Bonfire Night and a night of Marshmallow and Biscuit S'mores, Sparklers and Fire Safety – would could be better on a dry November evening? The Beavers also spent an evening learning about Remembrance Day, its tradition and importance, as well as planning for the day itself and the parade to All Souls on Remembrance Sunday.

The cubs began the month with a night hike in Swinley Forest where they stumbled across a very welcoming film set. They had a much appreciated visit from Rob the fireman who not only got Felix dressed up in his full kit but managed to keep over 20 kids engaged for an hour! The Cubs also had a bonfire and fireworks night, made Poppy Wreaths and painted remembrance stones.

Scouts invested their newest member and immediately put his life at risk by making him an uncooked burger on the campfire. They played wide games in the park and also had sessions making both bird boxes and letter boxes – think same box different shaped hole.

Our Explorer Group (along with 2 scared Leaders) had the joy of Fright Night at Thorpe Park and despite being rather older than our Beavers and Cubs also made Guys and prepared for the Remembrance Sunday parade.

This has been an exciting year for the Group as a whole, we are now pretty much full across all sections, have fully refurbished our hut and garden and have come out of

lockdown stronger than ever with some great new leaders – welcome Abbey, Rachel and Caroline. Thanks also to the young leaders Chloe and George who are helping out at



Cubs and Dylan who is helping out at Beavers all to contribute towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards – well done guys!

And finally a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to Nicky Jones who is stepping down having given up an enormous amount of time over the

years running our Beavers and more recently our Cubs section as Akela! You can reclaim your Tuesday nights Nicky!!!

Happy Christmas one and all, even those of you from 1st Sunningdale... from all of us at 1st South Ascot!!!

James Brown, Beaver Leader



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NEIL PARKER

FRED EVANS, 2nd FROM THE RIGHT, OUR Gt Gt UNCLE, LOST IN FRANCE IN 1915. HE LIVED IN LOWER NURSERY IN SUNNINGDALE.

NEIL PARKER

THIS IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF COWORTH ROAD AND THE OLD HIGH STREET. OPPOSITE THE OLD CHURCH. CALLED BONNICUT COURT NOW... WOULD BE GREAT IF I COULD GET A COPY OF THIS PRINT IF ANYONE HAS IT.

AJAY NEHRA

CERTAINLY A WONDERFULLY NOSTALGIC PHOTO. I SAW IT FIRST ON THIS SITE BACK IN NOV '18. IN THE LATE '50S AND EARLY '60S - IT'S WHERE I EARNED MY 10 BOB A WEEK WORKING AS A BUTCHER'S BOY FOR MR OATES AND THEN MR WARDLAW. TRULY HAPPY DAYS!

ROBIN TURNER

GOING THROUGH MY PARENTS PAPERWORK TODAY AND CAME ACROSS SOME OLD PHOTOS INCLUDING THIS ONE TAKEN IN OLD SUNNINGDALE. THOUGHT IT WAS TAKEN BEFORE WHERE PIRA AUTOS USED TO BE OPPOSITE THE CHURCH AND JOSE HAS CONFIRMED IT. HERE'S A STREET VIEW AS IT IS NOW, YOU CAN SEE THE OLD HOUSE THAT IS IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE PHOTO IS STILL THERE.

STEPHEN BROWN

THAT WAS MY GRANDPARENTS' SHOP. THANK YOU, BEST PHOTO I'VE SEEN.

GRAHAM PACK



STEPHEN BROWN



CARPENTER'S ARMS TRIP TO BRIGHTON, 1966.

PHILIP JOHN GARDINER

MORE FAMILIAR FACES, INCLUDING EMM SINGING, HAPPY DAYS!

JEAN ABBOTTS

MY MUM, MOLLY KETTLE, TOP ROW ON RIGHT; DI BOWYER NEXT TO HER AND MARY GARDNER IN THE MIDDLE.

PAT PONSFORD



PHILIP JOHN GARDINER



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WHEN ASCOT LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY BECAME ROYAL! BOTH PRINCE EDWARD AND SOPHIE WESSEX TOOK TO THE RAILS.

DENISE ELLISON

ELEPHANTS FROM BERTRAM MILLS CIRCUS AT ASCOT RAILWAY STATION

DAVID GINGER

REMEMBER WELL AS A KID WATCHING THE ELEPHANTS COMING OFF THE TRAIN FOR THEIR WINTER QUARTERS. I'M SURE BROTHER ED HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CIRCUS - AND MO HAMPTON.

JOHN PROBERT

YES I THINK WE ALL WERE THERE, AS SUCH A THING TO SEE, BUT NOW IT IS UPSETTING WHEN I THINK OF THEM GOING UPHILL TO ASCOT IN CHAINS...

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POETRY CORNER

The year is drawing to a close, another difficult, uncertain year for many people. With this in mind, I am focusing on Winter poems, rather than obvious Christmas poetry. There may be many people for whom Christmas is an emotional, reflective, difficult time, and we should remember those for whom Christmas is not a celebration. To begin, a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson. (If you are thinking of buying a poetry book for a child this Christmas, his 'Child's Garden of Verses' is ideal)

*Winter - time
Late lies the winter sun a-bed,
A frosty, fiery sleepy head,
Blinks but an hour or two, and then,
A blood red orange sets again.*

A favourite poet of mine, Christina Rossetti wrote 'In the Bleak Midwinter', now also a popular Carol. The first verse is perhaps one of the best descriptions of a cold, frosty, winter's day.

*In the Bleak Midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow,
snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

Born in 1902, Ogden Nash was an entertaining American poet. He once remarked, he'd lived his life in rhyme since the age of six!

*Winter Morning begins
Winter is the king of showmen,
Turning tree stumps into snowmen,
And houses into birthday cakes.
And spreading sugar over lakes.
And ends,
Snow is snowy when it's snowing,
I'm sorry it's slushy when it's going.*



Katherine Masefield wrote a thoughtful poem, *Winter Song*. The second verse reads:

*Snow and Sleet, and Sleet
and Snow,
Will the winter never go?
What do beggar children do,
With no fire to cuddle to.
And continues,
Hail and Ice, and Ice and Hail,
Water frozen in the pail,
See the Robins brown and red,
They are waiting to be fed.*

The line 'water frozen in the pail', bought back a personal memory. The first thing I learnt to recite by heart was Shakespeare's *When icicles hang by the wall* from *Loves Labour's Lost*, which reads:

*When icicles hang by the wall,
And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,
And Tom bears logs into the hall,
And milk comes frozen home in pail,
When blood is nipped and ways be foul,
Then nightly sings the staring owl,
Tu-whit, Tu-who, a merry note,
While greasy Joan doth keel the pot.*

Spending Hogmanay in Scotland one year at a community celebration, I was asked to do a 'party piece', and the Sassenach duly stood up and recited the above. The reaction I will leave to your imagination!

Finally, a thought written by Edith Sitwell:

*Winter is the time for comfort,
for good food, and warmth,
for the touch of a friendly hand,
And for a talk beside the fire.
It is the time for home.*

Wherever Christmas finds you, think of the true meaning of Christmas, and may the peace of the Christmas season fill your hearts and homes.

Alison Drummings



A VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

The last of the autumn colours in my garden are these stunning *Nerine bowdenii* with their spidery pink blooms! Nerines are South African bulbs and bowdenii is the closest to being hardy and worth planting in a warm sunny border with some shelter. They make lovely cut flowers too. It has been surprisingly mild, and my nasturtiums continued blooming until quite late this year. The leaves



I'll have stronger sweet peas that will flower earlier next year. Now is the time to start planning, hopefully your seed catalogues have arrived, and you can plan what you want to grow next year. My broad beans were so successful that I shall be ordering more of Express, mangetout and Rainbow Mixed radish. I'm still pulling carrots and grew Nantes which have also been very successful. We also grew some

French beans and runner beans, they were planted at the same time, the French beans were ready first so we will grow a few canes of each. I have a few parsnips and as is tradition plan to pull these on Christmas Eve to serve with our Christmas Dinner.

I'm planning on what to plant in my front garden; the border will have some white shasta daisies which I started



NERINES

and flowers are edible and can look very pretty in a salad. To take me through winter I planted up some hanging baskets with violas and pansies, they look very cheerful from the warmth of indoors!

I couldn't resist including this summer photo of Cosmos taken by my neighbour Millie who asked to photograph some flowers in my garden for a school project, this composition was my favourite!

I've also started off some sweet peas and popped in my greenhouse. I've put 4 to a 4-inch pot, hopefully they will grow, and



cosmos



NASTURTIUMS

growing in the spring of 2021 and grow tall; blue campanula which have attractive cup shaped flowers on tall erect stems and lobelia starship deep scarlet, which has bright red fan-like flowers with bronze colour leaves. Have a look through flower catalogues for inspiration. In my tubs I'll plant some bedding plants such as red and white geraniums and blue lobelia. Let's see if we can turn our front gardens red, white

and blue for the Jubilee! What a stunning sight that could be.

This spring I decided to rejuvenate my Christmas cacti. I broke off small leaves and dipped them in rooting powder and put them around the edge of a small pot in well drained compost. Luckily one of the cuttings has taken and I have a small plant. They flower from late November to January and have bright trumpet shaped flowers in shades of red, pink and purple. I'm hoping mine will flower this year. They like to be kept away from sunlight and like lots of humidity, I keep mine in the bathroom. Reduce watering and put in a cooler room after flowering and do the same again in September, they should live for years!

Finally, a Christmas cocktail, I couldn't think of one more aptly named, this is called Poinsettia, credit to Nigella Lawson. Mix one bottle of prosecco with 125 millilitres of chilled Cointreau, grand Marnier, or Triple sec with 500 millilitres of chilled cranberry juice in a large jug - makes 8-9 glasses. Merry Christmas!

Michelle Batt

In October half term St Michael's School PTA organised the 2nd annual Scarecrow Trail around the village of Sunninghill. 41 Scarecrows appeared all over the village and they really were fantastic and so much effort had obviously gone into building them all. They caused much delight and giggles and it was lovely to see people of all ages wandering around the village holding their trail maps.

The winning scarecrows were as follows:

- 1st **The BFG**
- 2nd **I am Groot**
- 3rd Joint between **Who let the Dogs Out** and **Aragog**



It was a resounding success and over 400 trail maps were sold. £2,300 was raised for the school, which we are delighted with.

A big thank you must go to our kind sponsors; The Circle Gallery, Creative Little Footsteps Preschool, Little Muddy Boots, Virgin O2 Media, Buckingham's and Ascot Print. A massive thank you also goes to the village shops for selling the maps on our behalf, we are very grateful: Hullballoonza, Chapmans, Inspirations, The Courtyard, The Little Flower Pot, Jason Charles Jewellery and One Stop.

It was a lovely event that brought the village together and put St Michael's C of E School firmly at the centre of the community. Hope to see lots of you next year!

Tina Wizard



CHRISTMAS CRAFT

At South Ascot Village School, Year 1 recently got their creative juices going, to create their Christmas cards for 2021. This year, using a combination of coloured buttons and special sparkles the children placed them carefully to make an image of a festive tree. A photograph of this work was then placed as the main part of their card design.

All of the other classes produced exciting designs too, which will be made into Christmas cards that will be available to buy. All in time to write and send to friends and families this Christmas!



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At Cheapside School, the children in each class are allocated a House Team - Oak, Birch, Ash and Willow - which they remain in the whole way through their time at our school. Throughout the year, the children can earn Team Ticks that then get awarded to their house and each week we celebrate the winning house in our Friday Headteacher's Assembly. The children take great pride in getting Team Ticks which are given as a reward for them following our school motto: Achieving our best, in thought, in word, in deed. Team Ticks might be awarded for things like good manners, hard work or kindness.

In addition to this, the children in Year 6 choose a charity for each house to support each year; every team tick goes towards raising money the chosen charity. This month the House Team representatives in Year 6 are running an assembly each week to share information about the chosen charities for each house. This week it was the turn of Oak House who told the school all about why they have chosen to support Water Aid - the children were prepared, eloquent and detailed in their presentation and made an excellent case as to why the rest of Oak

House should strive to 'achieve their best' to earn Team Ticks for this worthy cause. We look forward to hearing from the Year 6 contingent in Birch, Ash and Willow over the next few weeks.

On Thursday 11th November, we gathered together on the school playground to remember those who have given their lives for us. We shared a two-minute silence and joined together in song and prayer on what was a solemn and moving occasion. Over the course of the week, children in each class have been learning about Remembrance Day and what it means, and also thinking about what the symbol of the poppy represents. In turn, the children have created prayers, poems and artwork to remember those who have died for our freedoms.

*Clare Roberts,
Assistant Headteacher*



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Advent


5th December	10.30am	All Souls'	Christingle
12th December	4.00pm	South Ascot	Carols on the Green
19th December	9.15am	St Michael's	Nativity Service
19th December	10.30am	All Souls'	Nativity Service

Christmas Eve, 24th December

4.00pm	All Souls'	Parish Crib Service
5.00pm	St Michael's	Christmas Lessons & Carols
11.00pm	All Souls'	Midnight Mass
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Christmas Day, 25th December

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A SUBLIME EVENING OF CELLO AND ORGAN MUSIC

On Sunday October 24th at All Souls Church, we were treated to a 'sublime' evening of music by Cellist Mikhail Lezdkan, accompanied by St. Michael and All Angels' Music Director Camilla Jarnot on the organ. There was an appreciative audience from both St Michael's and All Souls' congregations as well as from the wider community, and the evening ended with a lively post-concert reception hosted by the Wardens from both churches.

A graduate of the Leningrad Conservatoire, Mikhail Lezdkan has had a successful international career as a soloist, orchestral, and chamber musician and is a highly respected cello teacher. He has performed as a soloist with the Moscow Philharmonic, St. Petersburg Philharmonic, St. Petersburg Hermitage Orchestra, Berlin Radio Orchestra, Belgrade Radio Orchestra, Southern Pro Musica, Petersfield Orchestra and Havant Chamber Orchestra, and toured internationally with Violinist Vanessa Mae in the 1990s. He is a member of the Damira Piano Trio and will

be the featured soloist with Petersfield Symphony Orchestra in June 2022 in a performance of Dvořák's Cello Concerto. Mikhail and Camilla have collaborated in the past in a concert of cello and organ music at Winchester Cathedral.

The repertoire performed during the evening at All Souls Church included works by JS Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, Mozart, and contemporary composer Lucy Flint in a piece composed around a chorale by JS Bach. Though much of the music was accompanied by the organ, the highlight of the programme was Mikhail's breathtakingly gorgeous and masterful rendition of the unaccompanied Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007 which Mikhail introduced with an informative discussion regarding the political conflict in Europe around the time of its composition.

The concert was very warmly and enthusiastically received and the perfect antidote to a chilly late Autumn evening. We hope that Mikhail will be back to perform for us again!

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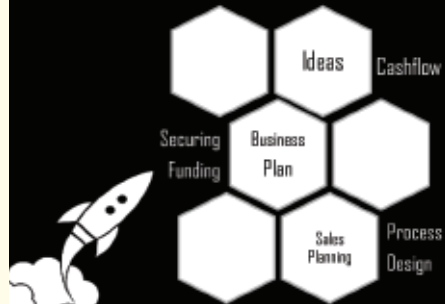
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Amy Orrock is an art historian and curator who has published and lectured widely on Northern European art of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. She has a degree from University College London and then completed her PhD on Pieter Bruegel the Elder at the University of Edinburgh. In 2017 she co-curated the exhibition *Bruegel: Defining a Dynasty at the Holburne Museum, Bath*. Amy is currently Senior Curator at Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park.

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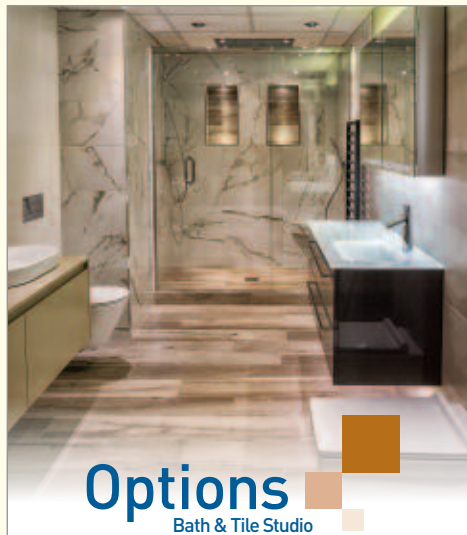
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Fiona Jones

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▲ Can anyone suggest what this Santa look-alike might have been saying? Entries to the Deputy Editor: Roger Kohn, Shrubshill Cottage, London Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire SL5 0JZ or email:

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* to reach us no later than Thursday 18th November please.



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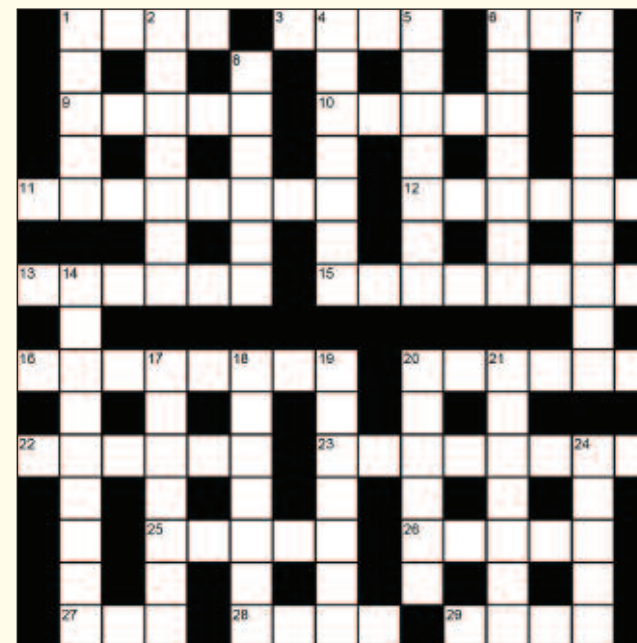
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD EX CRUCUM NO.210



The answers to Crossword no.210 will be published in the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.209 were:



The first five clues I have a hunch, Are what you might eat for Christmas lunch. So bon appetit, let's raise a cheer For Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year!

ACROSS

1. Half the supermarket got up to make a bloomer (4)
3. Large part of bird from Istanbul, perhaps (4)
6. Bianca hiding a Scotsman (3)
9. Sounds like this hamburger meat can only be eaten after 8pm? (5)
10. Catches sight of snoopers? (5)
11. Duchess of Cornwall and Edward in a muddle. What a bloomer! (8)
12. Disguised in fanciest urban headwear (6)
13. Quentin's snacks? (6)
15. Finish solving crime - it gets under one's skin (8)
16. Hard case devised this parlour game (8)
20. Looks like the French go to eat where Jesus was laid (6)
22. Miss Mary, for example (6)
23. Tower of 28 at Christmas (8)
25. Inebriated, lost head and played game of chance (5)
26. Made to be a fast German vessel (1-4)
27. Harry came back with a note (3)
28. Initially, Santa let extra deer pull this (4)
29. A farmer secretly came from here, like the Magi (4)

DOWN

1. Cake unfinished at dance (5)
2. Sewing aids for carollers?..... (7)
4. sopranos who sing high notes for the affluent? (7)
5. To use needles, Edward drew together to make such garments (7)
6. Underwriter sounds like he lives inland (7)
7. Fruity drink of the gods, takes the top off plonk (9)
8. Sacred songs written for Mass LP (6)
14. Practice to listen again to Sallie (9)
17. 23 goes round to hold up right (7)
18. Gives away Don's tea (7)
19. and mistakenly goes, "Cor, what a meanie!" (7)
20. Posted Delia back on magazine cover (6)
21. Gestures agreement then goes out for forty-winks (4,3)
24. Record 7 Down but exclude Cain (5)



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01	Ascot Wood	Isaiah 28.1-13	Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness And to put on the armour of light, Now in the time of this mortal life, In which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; That on the last day, When he shall come again in his glorious majesty To judge the living and the dead, We may rise to the life immortal; Through him who is alive and reigns with you in The unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
02	Bagshot Road	Isaiah 28.14-end	
03	Beechcroft	Isaiah 29.1-14	
04	Blacknest Gate	Isaiah 29.15-end	
05	Bouldish Farm Rd	Luke 3.1-6	
06	Boden Road	Isaiah 30.1-18	
07	Bridge Road	Isaiah 30.19-end	
08	Brockenhurst Road	Isaiah 31	O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power And come among us, And with great might succour us; That whereas, through our sins and wickedness We are grievously hindered In running the race that is set before us Your bountiful grace and mercy May speedily help and deliver us; Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, To whom with you and the Holy Spirit, Be honour and glory, now and for ever.
09	Buckhurst Lane	Isaiah 32	
10	Buckhurst Road	Isaiah 33.1-22	
11	Carberry Lane	Isaiah 35	
12	Cardwell Crescent	Luke 3.7-18	
13	Carroll Crescent	Isaiah 38.1-8,21,22	
14	Cavendish Meads	Isaiah 38.9-20	
15	Charters Lane	Isaiah 39	O Lord Jesus Christ, Who at your first coming sent your messenger To prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries May likewise so prepare and make ready your way By turning the hearts of the disobedient to The wisdom of the just, That at your second coming to judge the world We may be found an acceptable people in your sight; For you are alive and reign with the Father In the unity of the Holy Spirit One God, now and for ever.
16	Charters Close	Zephaniah 1.1-2.3	
17	Cheapside Lane	Zephaniah 3.1-13	
18	Church Lane	Zephaniah 3.14-end	
19	Church Road	Luke 1.39-45	
20	Claver Drive	Malachi 1.1,6-end	
21	Coombe Lane	Malachi 2.1-16	
22	Coronation Road	Malachi 2.17-3.12	Almighty God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of The birth of your Son Jesus Christ: Grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with such confidence behold him When he shall come to be our judge; Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.
23	Cromwell Road	Malachi 3.13-4.end	
24	Crown Hill Court	Nahum 1	
25	HAPPY CHRISTMAS	John 1.1-14	
26	Dorian Drive	Acts 7.51-end (Stephen)	
27	Durning Place	John 21.19b-end (John)	
28	Elizabeth Gardens	Matt.2.13-18(Holy Innocents)	
29	Exchange Road	Jonah 1 (Thomas Becket)	Almighty God, Who wonderfully created us in your own image And yet more wonderfully restored us Through your Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as he came to share in our humanity, So we may share in his divinity; Who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit One God now and forever.
30	Fennell Close	Jonah 2	
31	Field House Close	Jonah 3 & 4	

DAILY PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY, JANUARY

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02	Fox Covert Close	Matt.2.1-12 (Epiphany)	
03	FrancisChichester	Ruth 1	
04	Friary Road	Ruth 2	
05	Furzebank	Ruth 3	
06	Hancocks Mount	Ruth 4.1-17	
07	Heathfield Ave	Baruch 1.15-2.10	
08	Highclere	Baruch 2.11-end	Eternal Father, Who at the baptism of Jesus Revealed him to be your Son, Anointing him with the Holy Spirit: Grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, That we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted Children; 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.
09	Hilltop Close	Luke 3.15-17,21-22 (baptism)	
10	Holmes Close	Genesis 1.1-19	
11	Hurstwood	Genesis.1.20-2.3	
12	Kier Park	Genesis 2.4-end	
13	Kings Road	Genesis 3	
14	Kingswick Close	Genesis 4.1-16,25,26	
15	Kingswick Drive	Genesis 6.1-10	Almighty God, In Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives Make known your heavenly glory; 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	Kinross Avenue	John 2.1-11	
17	Larch Avenue	Genesis 6.11-7.10	
18	Liddell Way	Genesis 7.11-end	
19	Llanvair Close	Genesis 8.1-14	
20	Llanvair Drive	Genesis 8.15 - 9.7	
21	London Road	Genesis 9.8-19	
22	Lower Village Rd	Genesis 11.1-9	Almighty God, Who caused the light of the gospel To shine throughout the world Through the preaching of your servant Sain Paul: Grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion May follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 forever.
23	Monks Walk	Luke 4.14-21	
24	Monks Drive	Genesis 11.27-12.9	
25	Monks Close	Acts 9.1-22 (conversion of Paul)	
26	Murray Court	Genesis 14	
27	New Mile Cottis	Genesis 15	
28	Oriental Road	Genesis 16	
29	Oliver Road	Genesis 17.1-22	Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, Whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, In substance of our flesh: Grant that we may be presented to you, By your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit One God now and forever.
30	Pembroke Close	Luke 2.22-40 (Presentation)	
31	Porchester	Genesis 18.1-15	

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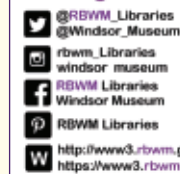
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