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## Ascension Day, May 13th



Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me. You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come."

*John 7: 33 - 34*

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# Register

## **FUNERALS**

*"Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord;  
and let light perpetual shine upon them"*

We pray for those who have died and for the bereaved:

March		
25th	Brian Smith	Aged 86
26th	Priscilla Barnes	Aged 77

The editorial team is always open to ideas for improvements to your magazine. Feedback from readers suggests that, for a publication of this type, articles should normally be no longer than one page, i.e. a maximum of 730 words. Please bear this in mind when submitting copy. Suitable photographs are always welcome.

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Readers will appreciate that Covid restrictions are changing frequently and although some references were correct at going to press, they may not reflect recent changes.

### **St Martin's Magazine.**

The April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December 2020, January, February, March, April and May 2021 editions of our parish magazine are available on our website. If you or someone you know cannot access this please contact church office and we can arrange a paper copy to be delivered.

### The Call of the Mediator

I've recently taken up three new voluntary commitments in what is becoming for me an increasingly active retirement – but after all, retirement is only relative. One area of new-found involvement is with the Surrey Mediation Service, and its work in the area of community mediation. This typically features neighbourhood disputes, and the most common problem is noise disturbance. The number of cases referred to SMS has increased significantly during the successive phases of the Covid lock-down, because people have been spending more time at home, tensions have increased and problems tend to become magnified.

I've recently undertaken six days of training by Zoom as a community mediator, including three whole days of Zoom role play! I now have my certificate as a trained mediator, and I've just completed my first case; and as with all such community mediation, one works with a co-mediator (and working in pairs is indeed a good Biblical model). The aim is to encourage the parties to a dispute to begin a conversation with one another, and the role of the mediator is to facilitate this, to ask questions (but not to propose solutions), to prompt reflection and to help them to identify a way forward for which both parties have ownership. The process starts with one or two individual meetings with the parties, leading to a facilitated joint meeting. In many cases, durable understandings and agreements are reached.

My fellow mediators come from a range of backgrounds and experience; some will have a religious reference point, and others will not. But for me the work of a mediator has a distinctively Christian dimension which is implicit in what I seek to do. I look to Jesus Christ as the supreme mediator, bringing reconciliation between God and humanity, and the forgiveness of sins – whether they be sins of commission or omission.

In the work of community mediation, I see the mediator helping to prompt a process of reflection and self-examination in each of the parties, and this will often involve them expressing sorrow for actions which they have now come to regret. This reminds me of the

gentle discipline which we as followers of Jesus Christ are encouraged to re-discover and re-kindle in our Christian discipleship week by week – in which we discern those things which are standing in the way of what God has called us to be and to do.

But self-examination and confession are not ends in themselves. They are the beginning of a process in which we find reconciliation, assurance of new beginnings and life redeemed. And when we have found restoration in our relationship with God, and perhaps also in our relationships with one another, we may find ourselves called (whether or not as trained mediators) to follow the example of Christ in helping to bring reconciliation to others - to mend fractured relationships, to heal the wounds of bitterness, and to help grow the life that is within.

In the Easter season we are reminded of the commission which the risen Jesus gave to his disciples, to make known his redeeming love and to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins. As Jesus' followers today, we are similarly invited to minister his work of mediation, healing and reconciliation to a world in need. Let us do so prayerfully and trusting in God's grace and provision.

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### ANNUAL MEETINGS 2021 – SUNDAY MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

11.15 AM, IN CHURCH AND VIA ZOOM

The annual meeting of parishioners will take place following the conclusion of the 10am service in order to elect two churchwardens for the forthcoming year. Those on the church electoral roll and those resident in the parish are eligible to attend and vote.

The annual church meeting will follow on, and will include elections to the PCC. It will be necessary for those elected to complete safeguarding training and probably undergo a basic DBS check.

- \* 4 positions to serve for three years
- \* 2 positions to serve for two years
- \* 2 positions to serve for one year

Nomination forms will be available at the back of church and from myself.

Zoom arrangements will be circulated nearer the time.

Nick Hands-Clarke

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## REFLECTING ON OUR EASTER PAUSE DAY

Looking back to before the Easter break, we can be rightly proud of our Easter Pause Day – a whole day that gives both staff and children a little time and space to reflect and consider their world.

This year the focus was to think about diversity and how God loves everything and everyone - differences in appearance are not important and should be celebrated.

The children enjoyed a wide range of activities across all year groups. For example, every child decorated their own frame for a pair of glasses. The aim being to reflect your own personality in the frame, perhaps by decorating them with things that you enjoy to do something that cannot be seen simply by looking at you. Some frames were loud, colourful and caught your attention immediately, whilst others were more delicate, creative and presented in more subdued shades. A little glimpse of the person wearing them.

We also took some time to reflect on the symbolism and uniqueness of Christian crosses around the world, creating our own in a range of different styles, one example photographed below. Some were made by groups of children and others were individual pieces. Some used natural materials and some were presented in an aboriginal style, again showing diversity and encouraging a creative approach.

The journey through Holy Week was represented in a snakes and ladders game. The children considered the high and low points of the story and the different emotions displayed by different people along the way.

In our increasingly busy world, a moment to stop and consider issues relating to faith and finding time to create opportunities to celebrate diversity and life journeys – are even more welcome than ever!

Mandy Parsonson and Jane Gorecka, Co-Headteachers at St Martin's C of E Primary School  
*'Inspiring children to be the best they can be'*





CHURCHYARD IMPROVEMENTS

Earlier this month the eco group met with Sean Harrison from Mole Valley District Council to see how we could improve the churchyard.

Following the Countryfile programme on BBC 1, we would like to plant a tree as part of a Nationwide tree planting effort.

Sean thought the churchyard was an interesting location providing many opportunities for a range of species to exist and thrive. Sean's suggestion was to plant a hawthorn tree following the pruning of the existing cherry tree in the autumn, as it provides nectar from its blossom in Spring and essential autumn food from its berries.

We were also keen to have a grassy area, in the south east of the churchyard, limiting the number of cuts to one or two a year, thus allowing the grass and any flowering plants to grow.



Matt from Countryfile, planting a tree



The third area we looked at was on the north side of the churchyard – the small wooded strip adjacent to St. Martin's car park which we hope to put a bark path after some thinning of the wooded area and removal of some of the laurel. This could then be used as a prayer path, as well as a haven for bird and small creatures, with some bird feeders and bug hotels etc.

If anyone would be willing to make us a bug hotel (or bug cathedral) to go there we would be extremely grateful.

Although this one may be a bit adventurous!!!

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## What did you do in Lent?

(Well that makes a change from “What didn’t you do?”)

To help stimulate local Christian eco-effort, the Saturday Breakfast Group reconvened by Zoom for seven weeks. Eleven of us from St Barnabas, St Mary’s and both churches of St Martin’s tackled “Creation Matters” from the St Paul’s website. This was United Benefice Plus.

Faithful in attendance and alert in study as the eleven were, the editors of this esteemed rag would not appreciate an exhaustive report about how we prayed, read and talked for over ten hours. In essence, the outcome of our labours was that we each found bible-based ways to enhance our awareness of climate issues and other social responsibility, and to re-evaluate our lives accordingly.

For readers who now rend their garments (a disgraceful exercise unless you then mend them or put them in the recycling bin) at having missed out, here are three dips into what we confronted, and some questions you might like to ponder.

1. Whizz your way to the First Book of Chronicles, Chapter 29, verses 1 to 18, and perhaps dwell on the second half of verse 14. See how David and his tiers of subjects forked out for the temple, and why. Now ask yourself how giving should be split between church buildings and the wider world.

2. Gravitate to Genesis and the first two verses of Chapter 2. Yeah, yeah, we’ve all been there. It says God rested on the seventh day, so we should set aside Sunday (or Saturday, had the Lord not risen indeed) for lolling and/or worshipping. But then levitate to Leviticus 25, 1-7 and 18-23. The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it (Psalm 24 at the kick-off) so, as God’s tenant, when it comes to that 23<sup>rd</sup> verse, would you let your garden go wild every seven years? Maybe not. So leap to Leviticus 19, verses 9-10. Are you over-flogging your patch, or do you leave something for wild flowers, insects or - in that complacent middle-class phrase - “those less fortunate than ourselves”?

3. We pray, as taught, to be given enough bread for one day. But in practice do we make the mistake of the man who built bigger barns? Such a one’s come-uppance is laid bare at Luke 12, 16-21. This gave us angst, especially when it came to the checklist for the final session with its questions such as “Is your house too big for you?”

We plan to eat breakfast in the flesh quite soon in order to take stock not only of what we have learned but also of how we have actually changed as a result. Come, if you like.

*He reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease:*

*For the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase;*

*May all races live together, share its riches, be at peace.”*

*[Hymns & Psalms 404, verse 4]*

*Petrus Incognitus*



The Christian Centre  
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Saturday 1st May 2021  
(with social distancing of course)

When you are growing your summer bedding plants and seeds please put a few extra in to donate to the sale. Books, CDs, DVDs and prizes for the tombola would also be much appreciated.

## A Meditation

Taken from *Be Still and Know*, by Denis Duncan published in 1994, a collection of meditations first written for the *Saturday Telegraph*.

### People Matter

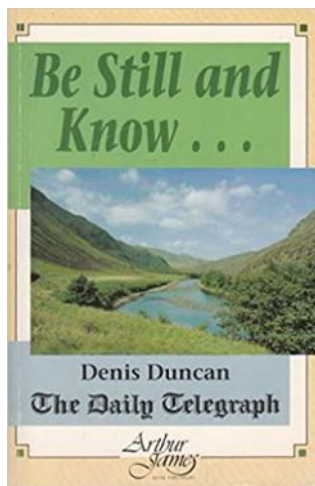
The life of Jesus demonstrated how to deal with people. At the heart of the Gospel there lies a profound concern for human beings “made in the image of God”. With compassion, sensitivity and understanding, Jesus acted out the essence of the message that he brought, namely that “God is love”. He therefore made it clear that people matter.

Christianity is about relationship—relationship with God, with others, with the earth and with ourselves. The New Testament offers, in Christ, the opportunity for the restoration of a right relationship with God. If, deep in the Divine heart, there is a yearning for relationship with created beings, it clearly means that people are of infinite importance in the economy of God.

When Paul wrote to the Philippians, he presented Jesus as our model. You must have “the mind of Jesus”, he said. He was thinking primarily of the exemplary humility of Christ, but certainly in Professor William Barclay’s translation of the New Testament, the advice seems to be widened. He says “Try to have the same attitude to life that Jesus had”. It is Jesus’s attitude to life, to human situations and, especially, to people that occupies our attention in these Meditations. He has a unique ability to be at ease with the rich and the poor, the intellectual and the uneducated, male and female, Jew and Samaritan. He brought to people sympathy and empathy, understanding and encouragement, appropriate words and gestures. As he himself said, he “knew what was in man”... and woman, and child ... and he showed that he did.

It was therefore the sheer quality of his attitude to life and people that enabled Jesus to offer comfort or criticism, to relate intimately or to know when to keep a distance; to challenge people to discipleship or to respect the decision of those who could not face his demands. As we look at these incidents we shall see how Jesus showed, by his attitudes, the unique importance of every individual, that indeed people matter.

In a world utterly overwhelmed by mass suffering on an unbelievable scale, it is important that we tell again the Gospel emphasis on the value of each and every human being. It is after all (says Jesus) “not the will of your Father in heaven that *one* of these little ones should perish”. Everybody matters.



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The Willow Warbler, courtesy of Rob Carr

however, we can enjoy one of the world's best wildlife experiences while still in bed, without even the effort of opening our eyelids. Even in cities, but certainly in our area rich in mature gardens with shrubs and trees, the dawn chorus reaches its peak in May. Lie back and enjoy the outpouring of music from many different species as the curtains slowly brighten with the increasing light.

As the breeding season hots up, male birdsong reaches its zenith because the territory for food-gathering must be protected. For many species, strong musical performance also offers the opportunity for liaisons with willing females.

Almost all birds sing as the day gets light. This proclaims "I've survived the night and this is still my patch." It also makes good use of the time between waking and having enough light and warmth for insects to take wing and the serious business for food gathering for a hungry brood to start. For many migrants such as the warblers, the males arrive first to set up territories, so the dawn chorus provides the first point of contact for prospective pairs.

Despite my opening remarks, it is worth getting up in the dark (yes, around 4 am) at least once in May to enjoy the full benefit of the experience outdoors. Wear a fleece, take a plastic bag and a cushion to sit on and settle quietly in a spot beyond the reach of the security lights. And wait.



The Chiffchaff, photo courtesy of Rob Carr

The tawny owl hoots as it retires to its daytime roost in a large tree after a night of hunting. Not long after, a robin begins to sing. Then every robin within earshot competes. Blackbirds soon join in with their melodies. Robins and blackbirds have large pupils and so see more at dawn and dusk than most garden birds. The chaffinches, the pigeons and doves are heard next. Then the others join the chorus in rapid succession.

Don't expect to learn to identify birdsong during the dawn chorus. Loads of individuals of every species are all singing at once in a glorious cacophony. The dawn chorus is an experience, not a tutorial.

Joan Bingley

The RSPB Dorking and District Local group is a friendly group that provides members with a range of bird watching walks and relevant talks. We are all looking forward to the restrictions being lifted, but we have continued through the lockdown with a series of really interesting talks via Zoom and occasional 1 to 1 socially distanced walks.

Over the last few months we have got together for occasional "coffee mornings" on Zoom and had talks on Ospreys in Cumbria; a French nature reserve in La Brenne; an introduction to bird watching session and a talk about visits to Estonia and Madagascar; all supported with some wonderful photographs.

Our full programme will be published soon in our Newsletter (published three times a year) and is made available on our website (search on Dorking and District RSPB local group) or on Facebook (RSPB Dorking). For the Spring we plan:

A weekend Walk to Westcott in May  
Mid-week walks in May to Knepp Estate, Thursley and RSPB Pulborough Brooks.  
More monthly Zoom talks on a range of topics.

If you would like more information do please contact me via email [glenn.carmic@btconnect.com](mailto:glenn.carmic@btconnect.com).

Glenn Carmichael,  
Weekend Walks Leader





### With every gift, we help people like Rose and stop this climate crisis

In Kenya, extreme weather is making it harder and harder to survive. For communities fighting the climate crisis, every last drop matters and every last one of us can help them thrive. The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent need for families to access a reliable source of water.

The devastating climate crisis robs people of the water and food they need to live. Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit.



Rose and her grandchildren shouldn't have to go hungry. A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop this climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger.

### A song of hope and power

What happens when the search for water does not consume people's lives? What happened when people have the water they need to thrive? We can find out by meeting Florence: a woman who has transformed her life with access to a dam full of water. Florence is a soulful, joyful woman: full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her. She's courageous and kind – a survivor.

A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. Like Rose does now, she had to walk for hours to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us. Florence could easily have been defeated. But she is a fighter. With help from Christian Aid's local partner, Florence and her community were able to build a dam together, just 30 minutes from her house. Using water from the dam, Florence grows tomatoes, onions and chillies on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables, and she has enough left to sell. It's her source of life and joy.

Florence also uses the dam to keep bees: the microclimate of plants growing around the dam means the bees don't need to search long distances for nectar. She sells the rich, golden honey at the market. She says: 'I have been sustained by the earth dam. My life has changed. I am very happy. You can see it in my face: my face is shining. I have strength and power.'

### Blessings for all in need

You can see Florence's strength and power as she hauls heavy buckets to water her crops. You can see her strength and power as she sings to encourage the women with whom she farms. You can see her strength and power as she takes climate justice into her own hands. Florence is a generous woman of faith. She knows others are struggling to cope without a reliable water source, and wishes the same blessings she has received will be granted to them: 'There is a village nearby – they don't have an earth dam. They are suffering. I am thankful to people who have donated to build this earth dam. I am praying God will increase their giving.'

This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

**Give** generously to help ensure people like Rose and Florence fight this climate crisis.

**Act** as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.

**Pray** for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

**Together we stop this climate crisis.**

Join us at [caweek.org](https://caweek.org)

In Dorking there will be a collection in the High Street on Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 May (observing social distancing). If you are able to help with this, please contact Elizabeth Dobson ([emddh7@hotmail.com](mailto:emddh7@hotmail.com), 01306 881479).

There will be donation envelopes and material for reflection available in the church, or you can donate online via the St Martin's e-envelope at <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-martins-dorking>.

Alternatively, why not have some fun at the same time as raising funds, and take part in a virtual quiz? One is being organised locally by St Paul's, and there is a national quiz on 8 May with guest hosts who include former archbishop Rowan Williams; contact Elizabeth Dobson for details.

## Services during May and To make you chuckle

The following is entirely subject to future guidance from HMG and PCC/Standing Committee

The confirmed coronavirus cases locally are continuing to drop and that trend will hopefully continue.

Accordingly plans for services in church are as follows, but please keep checking our website for the latest information.

### St Martin's

Physical services will take place on the following Sundays.

#### 2nd May, Easter 5

10.00am Holy Communion  
6.00pm Choral Evensong

#### 9th May, Easter 6

10.00am Holy Communion

#### 16th May, Easter 7

10.00am Holy Communion

#### 23rd May, Pentecost

10.00am Holy Communion

followed by the Annual Parochial Church Council

#### 30th May, Trinity Sunday

10.00am Joint Benefice with St Mary's,  
Pixham, Holy Communion

It is hoped that St Martin's will be open for private prayer will continue on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 09.30 until 12.00

### St Mary's, Pixham

2nd May 10.30am Holy Communion

9th May 10.30am Morning Prayer

#### 13th May, Ascension Day Benefice Service

7.00pm Holy Communion

16th May 10.30am Pixham Praise and Holy Communion

23rd May 10.00am Rise and Shine

30th May No Service, Joint benefice service at St Martin's

### St Barnabas, Ranmore

To continue with Zoom services for the 2nd and 9th May, thereafter the services will be live.

2nd May 11.00am Matins

9th May 11.00am Holy Communion

16th May No Service

23rd May 11.00am Matins with the Whyte Effect Choir

30th May No Service

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**"If I refer to God as 'He' I offend women.  
If I refer to God as 'She' I offend men.  
In my profession, I find it's best  
not to talk about God at all."**

My oven has broken down more times than I've had hot dinners!

I was in the restaurant last night when a guy with a small pistol and a flag stood by our table. It was odd as neither of us remembered ordering a starter.

I went to a vegan restaurant the other day. The waiter asked, "Is this your first time?" I replied, "No, I've been herbivore."

According to Wikipedia, "Confirmation bias is the tendency to search for, interpret, favour, and recall information in a way that confirms or supports one's prior beliefs or values." Which fits with what I already thought.

Due to an unfortunate spacing error while booking our holiday, this year we are now looking forward to a week on the Norfolk B roads....

I run a charity for atheists who have fallen on hard times. It's a non-prophet organisation.

A pirate captain says to his 3 crewmates, "Let's learn Roman numerals!"

The first one says, "Aye."

The second one adds, "Aye aye."

The third one finishes, "Aye aye aye."

You may be surprised to know that Roman numerals are actually very easy to do Algebra with: X is always equal to 10.

I parachuted right into the middle of a Premier League football game the other day. The ref booked me for descent.

## Tribute to Brian Smith by his son Richard Smith in North Carolina

As given at Brian's funeral via Zoom.

Little did we know that we would be returning to St. Martin's in such short order to commemorate and say goodbye to Dad. Like so many things in life and in this pandemic in particular, there are opposing ideas that we somehow must hold in our hearts at the same time. We are heartbroken to have lost both mum and dad in the space of three months, and yet, at the same time, we are greatly comforted that they are together.

For in paying tribute to Dad, we inevitably find that we are paying tribute to them both. Brian and Betty. Betty and Brian. Everyone here will have known them as an unstoppable force. They moved through life together, their core values certain and unquestionable. Dependable, reliable, gentle people of kindness and good faith, willing to engage at the heart of their communities.

Dad was, above all, an expert organizer. A list maker, a calendar maker, an event planner, a servant of community. His typewriter was always clacking away, replaced eventually by a PC, his desk bedecked with papers, specially selected pens and accoutrements ready to go for just the right communication or plan. Something was always in motion. Even this funeral. The booklet you are holding and the order of service, even the font used: all Dad's plan, collated in a yellow folder on his desk.

He had a keen sense of the artistic as well. I remember as a youngster being in awe of the enormous posters he would create for church services and scouting events: harvest festivals, whist drives, jumble sales, gang shows and the like.

And this combination of artistry and organization was a central part of his working life. He spent much of his working life printing, designing, composing, arranging first newsprint for the South Western Star, and then in advertising. For many years he worked the night shift in Soho as an advertising compositor, dutifully leaving for work as the rest of the world was heading for bed, then sleeping through daylight hours. He was proud of his apprenticeship as a printer's compositor, and I have no doubts that he would have remained in the industry had technological change not been so disruptive to his and other people's livelihoods. But after some years of trying to find his feet -- working



at the Post Office, for the Metropolitan Police, and the Royal School of Church Music -- he was able once again to assert his magic mix of composing and communication in the heart of the very place that played such a central role in their entire lives.

The church was always at the heart of Mum and Dad's world. First at St. Luke's, Battersea, where they met at a youth group and then joined the scout leadership team together, then St. Mary's, Fetcham, and finally here at St. Martin's, Dorking. Warden, verger, sacristan, acolyte, I think Dad ran through most of the alphabet of Anglican assistantship. I can't remember a time in his life when he wasn't due to either unlock or lock up a church. In his beliefs, he found great peace and calm. Dad's final working years, spent working officially for St. Martin's, where he could walk across the road from his home which he named Steeple Heights, were a distinct pleasure. He loved being of service to a community of kindness and of faith.

His lifelong work for the Scouting movement came from the same impulses: to join together with purpose in community. Mum and Dad started out together leading the cub scouts, Dad as Akela, Mum as Raksha. Dad went on to lead the West Side Scout group and eventually became Assistant District Commissioner in London. For all this work he was nominated and received a well-earned Silver Acorn Award. But to mention these positions and the prestigious award scarcely hints at the richness of fellowship they were a part of because of this work. They helped shape young lives, they committed to ideals larger than themselves, and they surrounded themselves with people doing good work. I know I can speak for Caroline and Geoff when I say that our lives were made richer by Mum and Dad's Scout

## Tribute to Brian Smith contd.

work. The endless parade of people who stopped by Morella Road in Battersea to chat about these plans for that event, to drop off or pick up supplies and equipment for camps or fetes in the garth behind St. Luke's, provided for a rich childhood. Later in life, Mum and Dad spoke often and fondly of the Dorking Scout Fellowship and the abiding friendships they made through the organization. These were special friendships of shared values and lifelong commitments. Among Dad's last work for the Scouting movement, was a complete history of the Dorking Scouts, collating the names of all those who served locally for posterity.

Between church and scouts, it's no wonder their annual Christmas card list was an undertaking of scale and planning. Likely many people here have received a Christmas letter from Dad. I'm glad that you have, because he never shared them with his own children. This was only a problem to the extent that he occasionally had a dubious understanding of where we were and what we were up to. At one point I discovered that he told everyone via his Christmas letter that I was thinking of going into the priesthood. I have to confess, and this magnificent church is as good a place to confess as any, that my talking to you on this screen today is as close as I will likely get.

Speaking of rich childhoods, Mum and Dad were proud to be able to say that they were always able to provide a holiday for their family. Dad would rent a car, and somehow -- we still can't conceive of how he did this -- he managed to pack three adults and three growing children and the family dog along with luggage and a week's worth of groceries into it. Ordnance Survey maps deployed, he had the routes meticulously planned, down to the mile, including the off-the-beaten-track pathways that he favored. If he could avoid a motorway, he always did. Off we'd go from the Southwest, to North and South Wales, and to Scotland, always on the scenic route. Half term holidays were the best. Long beach walks, castle discoveries, fish and chips by the sea and games in the evening. Our enduring memories are stopping at the side of the road in all weathers to make tea. Somehow, there were foldable chairs he would pull out of the car to sit on. How did he fit them in?

Dad moved through his life with a style of his own. Mum and Dad always presented themselves as a

fashionable, colourfully coordinated pair. Dad's bow ties, his hats, his sweaters and trousers, his particular love of the colour green, he took great joy in being a dapper gentleman. And he enjoyed posing for photographs, a behavior that often baffled and delighted us. Who can forget the classic hand-up-to-the-glasses move, or the hat-raised-maneuver, or my personal favorite, the two-hands-offered-slightly-up-to-the-camera-accompanied-by-a-quizzical-expression, as if to say, "there we are, then."

For the longest time, Dad smoked a pipe. He loved the rituals of it and, dare I say it, the look of it. He understood that he needed to give it up when it became clear over the years just how dangerous it was. He wore his resignation with forbearance. But every now and then he would admit, he missed the pipe.

He wasn't quite so willing to give up on his legendary appetite for all things sweet. If we want to pay tribute to Dad today, we should all go to Costa for a latte and a millionaire shortbread. Dad would happily have given up most meals for a dessert, and would almost, almost be able to convince you that this was a sacrifice on his part. He wouldn't say no to a little cream on top of his custard. You could always add one more spoonful. No wonder trifles were his favorite. That and a knickerbocker glory.

And who could blame him for such indulgences? He lived with Parkinson's, a condition that his father experienced before him. For the past 15 years or so, Dad's daily life was shaped in part by that incurable disease. He rarely, ever complained (except to say that he hated taking the tablets). "I have had a good life," he would say. "If this is all I have to deal with, I have been very fortunate." And he really believed this.

He loved games, puzzles and quizzes, and his enthusiasm for them has been passed throughout the family. Of course, when we played he would produce a score sheet, prepared on his computer. He possessed, right up until the end, the uncanny knack of laying the exact card that would stitch up everyone's strategy, sometimes including his own. Whether we played Switch, Uno, Cribbage, Nomination Whist, or Solo (the game he always talked of as his favorite but rarely got to play), they were all impacted by this cheeky, mischievous side of him.

Most recently, he had taken to posing a quiz question on our joint Facebook Portal calls. "I've got a question," he would say, in a challenging tone,

## Tribute to Brian Smith contd.

as if to say, here's a really tricky one. "How many underground stations are named after saints?" he might ask. We'd debate back and forth for a bit. Eventually we would give up -- "okay, Dad, how many?"

"I've no idea," he would suddenly say. "I was just curious."

He was constantly working on a puzzle. If it had a train or a bus in the picture, it was likely a favorite. His lifelong enthusiasm for London Transport, buses, and for heritage railways, led to museum visits, magazine subscriptions and trips on railways from the Bluebell to Blaenau Ffestiniog.

He was a keen football supporter. First Chelsea, like his father before him, then Wimbledon, and finally Dorking Wanderers, where he held a season ticket and could walk to the Saturday games.

He was a collector, too. His spectacular collection of buses, shown in three rather wonderful display cases in his study, was his finest. But he also enjoyed collecting music and movies. Readers Digest LP sets of light classical eventually gave way to CD boxes of the same. Mum and Dad had a full DVD collection of MGM musicals, and they loved heading to the West End to see the latest revivals live on stage. But Dad also loved movies with a good mix of intrigue and humor. The James Bond series, *The Lavender Hill Mob*. *The Italian Job* was his favorite.

More than anything, though, he collected pamphlets. It didn't matter where he went, he always took some information back with him. He loved a good map or a timetable. If we were heading out somewhere, he'd often ask us to pass by a kiosk or an information center. Perhaps we could pick up the latest West End show schedule, or he was sure there was a new bus schedule just released. We teased him about this mercilessly, of course, but he always had the upper hand. Without fail, he could tell us how to get to where we wanted to go.

He never gave up. When Mum died in October, Dad showed immense strength of character and a will to engage fully in a new phase of life. He embraced the new technology of the portal calls that Emma and Geoff set up. I would call him on

my way to work in the morning, and he would answer on the portal, sitting eating lunch or working on his latest puzzle. We even found a way to play cards across the miles. Nomination Whist via Facebook Portal. I had a set of cards laid out in North Carolina; Geoff or Sam would deal me in from Epsom or Dorking and we'd go through a slightly elaborate routine of making sure I knew what my cards were. We had it all figured out. Dad still managed to stitch us all up.

In the end, his body could not win a final battle with pneumonia. But his spirit, like mum's before him, was unbowed.

If you knew Dad, you knew a well-dressed, kind gentleman who worked as a printer's compositor, who loved his family, whose ways were of gentleness and peace, who was mindful of his community, who had a twinkle of good humor in his eye and a timetable or map in his hand, had a plan for tomorrow and an appetite perhaps for an ice cream or a game of cards later. That was our father, our grandfather, our great grandfather.

We miss him, as we miss Mum too. It's tempting to say that we shall never see their like again. Except that is not entirely true, for we carry them with us. They are in us. We have been loved and shaped by them.

In their own unique ways, they have shown us how to get to where we wanted to go. We could not have asked for better guides. God bless you, Dad.



## The Mountain Ash Corner

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

What an amazing fact that Jesus Christ is risen. He is alive today! Although we cannot see or touch Him, we can experience His presence and peace as we travel along life's journey, however easy or difficult it might be. He is going to return so let us keep a watch out for this wonderful event.

We live by faith in the Son of God who loves and gave himself for us. Let us also remember the tremendous sacrificial love Jesus gave to us on the cross at Calvary. God the Father gave his Son, but the Son willingly gave himself for us. How can we live our lives knowing that Jesus Christ is risen? What will we do differently??

It is not easy at this current time with the continuing COVID 19 issues. Can we help someone who needs care whom we have not thought about so far?? Let's ask our Father God to guide us to help someone at this time, whether it is a shop, a phone call, or a garden visit. We all need each other, even more so now and over the next weeks and months to come.

Our risen Jesus Christ can also be a friend to us as He walks beside us day by day.

"What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer"  
(based on the hymn by J Scriven)



The Mountain Ash berries

We need to pray daily and moment by moment. God is there to listen to our prayers.

How about 'the two of them' going to a village called Emmaus. They were talking and Jesus came and walked with them (based on Luke 24 v 13-15). I wonder what we would do if Jesus physically appeared and walked alongside us. I often question myself - 'Would I be doing or saying this if Jesus was literally by my side??' Most of the time probably not. I think we need to remember that Jesus is there all the time even though we cannot see him in person, so He knows what we think, say or do before we ever do so.

There is now a glimpse of 'normality' in sight as facilities and services open up again as from the 12<sup>th</sup> April, May and June. Caution still needs to be taken so let us pray for guidance and wisdom as we enter into the new era of 'an eased lockdown'. We pray for the latter, particularly for our country's leaders and government.

One day we will soon be able to meet up on a more normal basis – praise be! Our churches are beginning to open up for services and at this time we send our warm congratulations to Alex Cacouris on being appointed as Vicar for St Paul's Church Dorking.

Please take care and keep safe and well.  
Blessings Rowan Nunnerley

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## Dorking Museum in May

May is a month for celebrating the coming of summer, warmer weather, blossoming flowers and trees – and, at the time of writing, the country cautiously emerging blinking into the sunlight as lockdown restrictions ease. If all goes to plan, the month should see the opening of our museums and Dorking Museum is excited at the prospect of once again being able to play its role in the vital cultural life of our local community and our visitors. Appropriately, May is the annual Local and Community History Month, which aims to increase awareness of local history, promote history in general to the local community and encourage all members of the community to participate.

**Planned Re-opening, May 20<sup>th</sup>:** After an extensive covid-19 assessment and implementation of special measures, the Museum plans to re-open its main exhibition gallery on May 20<sup>th</sup>, subject to review of the ongoing restrictions. Great care has been taken to ensure that it can open safely whilst continuing to offer an appropriate visitor experience. This does mean that normal covid procedures should be observed, the number of visitors admitted at any one time will be restricted and there will be no access to interactive elements of some of the displays. The normal adult admission charges will apply, but children will be admitted free.

**Forster@50:** The first special exhibition on re-opening will be 'Forster@50', planned for last summer but delayed by lockdown. Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the novelist E M Forster, it is mounted in collaboration with two academics from Nottingham Trent University.



EM Forster at West Hackhurst as a boy (image courtesy of Kings College, Cambridge)

Novelist, critic and essayist Forster is best remembered for his novels, including *Howard's End*, *A Room with a View* and *A Passage to India*. During his lifetime, his work was highly regarded, and he was



Forster, Vaughan Williams and band master during preparations for a pageant

repeatedly nominated for the Nobel Prize. His work remains popular and all six of his novels have been adapted for film or television.

Forster knew the Dorking area from a young age, when he regularly visited his aunt in Abinger Hammer. Observation of her Surrey neighbours provided material for his novels and nearby Holmbury St Mary the setting for *A Room with a View*. After his aunt's death, Forster inherited her home, West Hackhurst, and lived there with his mother from 1924 to 1946.

Forster played an active part in village life, and his local friends influenced his political and environmental activism. These included the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, with whom he wrote two 'pageants' in response to threats to his community, combining music, drama and spectacle with a large cast. The two came together again in 1938 to set up the Dorking and District Refugee Committee in response to the suffering experienced by those fleeing the Nazi regime in Germany. Their lead is still followed today by the Dorking Refugee Support Group.

Visit the Museum's website <https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/forster50/> to see a short film put together by the Museum team to accompany the exhibition, or to buy the innovative and creative short book, *Forster in 50*, by one of the exhibition's co-curators, Heather Green, imaginatively illustrated by JC Green (The Cockerel Press, £4).



## Dorking Museum in May contd.

**Walking in Dorking:** The Museum's popular programme of guided walks will also recommence in May, starting with The Deepdene Trail, including unique access to the Hope Mausoleum, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2pm. Under present conditions, numbers are limited, masks must be worn and social distancing observed. Please see the website for details and booking, for dates of other scheduled walks and for group bookings ([dorkingmuseum.org/guided-walks-around-dorking/](http://dorkingmuseum.org/guided-walks-around-dorking/)).

**The Mayflower – what happened next?** Last year, the Museum collaborated with the national *Mayflower* 400 project to make a short film about William Mullins, 17<sup>th</sup> century Dorking and the *Mayflower* voyage: see the 'Virtual Voyages' section of the website [www.mayflower400uk.org](http://www.mayflower400uk.org). With William Mullins dying soon after arrival, the story of his young daughter, Priscilla, and her life in the New World is now told in a short film by the Alden Kindred of America, '*John and Priscilla Alden, an American Story*': see the Alden House website ([www.alden.org](http://www.alden.org)).



Image of film of John and Priscilla Alden (Image: Alden House).



The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. After re-opening, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm. Visit [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk). Enquiries to [admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk) or phone 01306 876591.

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### Blame the Vicar

When things go wrong it's rather tame  
To find we are ourselves to blame,  
It gets the trouble over quicker  
To go and blame things on the Vicar.

The Vicar, after all, is paid  
To keep us bright and undismayed.  
The Vicar is more virtuous too  
Than lay folks such as me and you.  
He never swears, he never drinks,  
He never should say what he thinks.  
His collar is the wrong way round,  
And that is why he's simply bound  
To be the sort of person who  
Has nothing very much to do  
But take the blame for what goes wrong  
And sing in tune at Evensong.

For what's a Vicar really for  
Except to cheer us up? What's more,  
He shouldn't ever, ever tell  
If there is such a place as Hell,  
For if there is it's certain he  
Will go to it as well as we.  
The Vicar should be all pretence  
And never, never give offence.  
To preach on Sunday is his task  
And lend his mower when we ask  
And organize our village fetes  
And sing at Christmas with the waits  
And in his car to give us lifts  
And when we quarrel, heal the rifts.

To keep his family alive  
He should industriously strive  
In that enormous house he gets,  
And he should always pay his debts,  
For he has quite six pounds a week,  
And when we're rude he should be meek  
And always turn the other cheek.  
He should be neat and nicely dressed  
With polished shoes and trousers pressed,  
For we look up to him as higher  
Than anyone, except the Squire.

Dear People, who have read so far,  
I know how really kind you are,  
I hope that you are always seeing  
Your Vicar as a human being,  
Making allowances when he

Does things with which you don't agree.  
But there are lots of people who  
Are not so kind to him as you.  
So in conclusion you shall hear  
About a parish somewhat near,  
Perhaps your own or maybe not,  
And of the Vicars that it got.

One parson came and people said,  
"Alas! Our former Vicar's dead!  
And this new man is far more 'Low'  
Than dear old Reverend so-and-so,  
And far too earnest in his preaching,  
We do not really like his teaching,  
He seems to think we're simply fools  
Who've never been to Sunday Schools."  
That Vicar left, and by and by

A new one came, "He's much too 'High',"  
The people said, "too like a saint,  
His incense makes our Mavis faint."  
So now he's left and they're alone  
Without a Vicar of their own.  
The living's been amalgamated  
With one next door they've always hated.

Dear readers, from this rhyme take warning,  
And if you heard the bell this morning  
Your Vicar went to pray for you,  
A task the Prayer Book bids him do.  
"Highness" or "Lowness" do not matter,  
You are the Church and must not scatter,  
Cling to the Sacraments and pray  
And God be with you every day.

*John Betjeman, 1906-1984*

### May and the Poets

There is May in books forever;  
May will part from Spenser never;  
May's in Milton, May's in Prior,  
May's in Chaucer, Thomson, Dyer;  
May's in all the Italian books:—  
She has old and modern nooks,  
Where she sleeps with nymphs and elves,  
In happy places they call shelves,  
And will rise and dress your rooms  
With a drapery thick with blooms.  
Come, ye rains, then if ye will,  
May's at home, and with me still;  
But come rather, thou, good weather,  
And find us in the fields together.

*Leigh Hunt, 1784 - 1859*

## Marriage Registration changes from May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

New marriage legislation means that the way a marriage is registered in England and Wales will change from May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021. Each person will still be required to complete legal preliminaries either through the Church via the calling of Banns or by giving notice of marriage at their local register office. The marriage ceremony will remain the same; it is only the manner of marriage registration that is changing.



The couple and witnesses will no longer sign a marriage register or be given a Marriage Certificate during the ceremony. Instead a Marriage Document will be signed. This is a one-page document which contains the details of both people getting married which are needed to register a marriage.

The Marriage Document will be issued by the Minister at the Church where the marriage is taking place and will contain all the details required to complete a marriage registration. In addition to father details, other parent details will be able to be recorded i.e. mother and, if desired and applicable, step-parent.

The officiating minister will forward the completed, signed Marriage Document to the register office in the local area. This will be done within 21 days of the ceremony taking place. The details will be entered onto the electronic marriage register within 7 days of the signed Marriage Document being received at the register office; only then will a marriage certificate be available. It is not possible to obtain a marriage certificate on the day of the ceremony.

All current marriage registers and certificates have to be returned to the register office. Accordingly it will not be possible to supply copy certificates even for recent marriages held under the old registration system. Anyone requiring a copy will have to contact the local register office or the General Register Office (GRO) at <https://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate>

There is also a forthcoming change to the preliminaries of marriage. Since 2nd March 2015 it has been unlawful for a couple to be married by Banns or by Common License where one or both is a non-EEA national. From 1st July 2021 this is being extended to any non-UK/Irish national unless the person has EU Settled Status in the UK.

Nick Hands-Clarke, based on information provided by the GRO

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