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Happy New Year Epiphany 6th January



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2, 11 and 12

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*"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:

December
3rd Joyce Mansfield Aged 93

WEDDINGS

*"Marriage is a gift of God in creation
and a means of grace, a holy mystery in
which man and woman become one
flesh"*

We pray for those who have committed themselves to each other:

December
6th David Arnold and Bina Varkey
St Barnabas

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The Editor, consulting the Magazine Committee, reserves the right not to publish any article which is deemed unsuitable for any reason, but our intention remains to include contributions from across a broad theological spectrum (and also on other matters of community interest). Contributions to the magazine thus reflect the perspectives of individual authors and do not thus necessarily reflect an agreed view of the church's leadership team.

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

St Martin's Magazine.

The April, May, June, July, August, September, October November and December 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.

“Another New Year - More of the same?”

By the time you read this, we will all have had our brief Christmas respite from Lockdowns, Tiers, and associated restrictions on gatherings etc. I hope and trust that most of you got to see (and even hug) some of your closest friends and family over the Christmas period. I earnestly hope that we have not already been plunged again into Lockdown 3.0 following a “Third Covid Wave” which the doom-mongers predict will inexorably follow the carousing excesses of Christmas.

I hope that some of you managed to get to one of our “pared-down” Christmas Services in the United Benefice, and that these brought to you afresh the uplifting message of promised Salvation that came with the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas.

The purple-coloured season Advent has come and gone. We are now in the combined golden-coloured liturgical Seasons of Christmas & Epiphany, which will last until 2 February, when this season of light and hope is brought to a close with the Feast of Candlemas (aka “The Presentation of Christ”/“The Purification of the Virgin”). I will leave it to the writer of next month’s Reflection to dwell on the theological meaning of that Feast.

So my focus - in this short reflection - is on Epiphany. In the Western Church, this Feast (which technically falls on 6 January) is associated with the Visit of the Magi (the so-called “wise men”) from the East to bring gifts and adore the Christ Child in Bethlehem (as recorded solely in Matthew’s Gospel). However, in the Eastern Church, the Adoration of Magi had already been dealt with on Christmas Day, and so the Epiphany (for them) was more associated with the Baptism of Christ. (In due course, the Western Church caught on, and now celebrates the Baptism of Christ on the First Sunday after the Epiphany).

Both these festivals/events (i.e. the “Adoration of the Magi” and the “Baptism of Christ”) can be properly regarded as falling under the term “Epiphany” (which - as I’m sure you all know -

means a “manifestation or appearance of God” in the Greek).

The Adoration of the Magi - the visit of the “Three Kings from the East” (though, as you also know, Matthew neither calls them Kings, nor does he count three of them) - this event qualifies as an “Epiphany” because it is the first “manifestation” of the Messiah to the Gentiles. (Again, this is perhaps an incorrect assumption: that wise men from the East were necessarily Gentiles - non Jews. Quite possibly, there were more Jews in Babylon and the East at that time, than there were in the Holy Land or in the Western Diaspora.)

Perhaps the Eastern Church had the better theological argument after all: the “Baptism of Christ” is the first event in the life of Christ which is attested to in all the Gospels. This event - when the Spirit of God came and rested on Jesus as he arose from the waters of the Jordan, after being baptised by “John the Baptizer” - this event was regarded by many in the Eastern Church as the pivotal moment when Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and became the “Son of God” by adoption and anointing. The voice from Heaven calls out: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt.3:16). Thenceforth, Jesus is tempted (“tested”) in the Wilderness and thereafter begins his Ministry of teaching, preaching, miracle-working and healing - a Ministry which inexorably led to that fateful last week in Jerusalem, when he “gave his life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28).

And so, even in this bright season of hope, we even now look forward to - indeed we anticipate - the events of Holy Week and Easter.

May I wish you - in these still dark and uncertain times - a peaceful New Year.

The Revd Mike Stewart
Parish Priest & Associate
Rector of St Barnabas’
Ranmore Common



Christmas Decorations in St Martin's



Thank you everyone!

Just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for all your support and encouragement and especially for all your hard work in helping to make the church look so beautiful for Christmas, despite the fact that it was a very different Christmas in 2020. Thank you for all the working parties and for everyone who has done a job, however small. It is so good to work together and help each other in whatever way we can. In 2021 let us all continue to build each other up in faith and love and grow together as a family. Thank you again. Veronica

This January edition of the magazine says it is number 495. However this is somewhat misleading.

The Dorking Parish Magazine was first published 149 years ago in January 1872 and was re-titled to St Martin's Magazine with the December 1977 edition. It was then that numbering issues started. There were two edition 73s, two 294s and two 340s, so actually this is number 498 with edition 500 due in March.

Sadly the set of magazines is not complete at either Surrey History Centre or Dorking Museum, where copies continue to be deposited. Very few copies exist between 1912 and 1939 inclusive. There appears to be a complete set from 1964 onwards, and these have all been scanned as PDFs to form a digital archive.

A big thank you to the many editors and contributors over all these years, especially the current band of people. Do support our advertisers - they are very important to keep it going.

Nick Hands-Clarke



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The Mountain Ash Corner by Rowan Nunnerley

As we enter this coming New Year of 2021 let us not be filled with awe or fear. Help us to look at the bright side and look forward to Spring. If we do the bells in heaven will ring.

You may wonder about the new title to my article. The reason behind it is that I am no longer employed as the Chaplain for The Christian Centre. As mentioned in the December 2020 Church Magazine my post has been made redundant.

The Mountain Ash Tree is also known as The Rowan Tree. It is quite a pretty little tree and has wonderful small red berries in late summer or the autumn from which you can make jelly! (a small farmhouse near Leith Hill Place makes it on occasions). There is a recipe for making the jelly at the end of this article.

2020 has been a tough year in many more ways than one what with two lockdowns and self-isolation/shielding for many people. We thank God that there are going to be vaccines made available for many of us over the next six months or so and certainly later on in 2021. How we praise God for all the research and scientific staff with their expertise.

We pray that people can meet more readily in 2021 both at church and socially. We also pray that people will be responsible and heed to all the Government COVID edicts in the meantime.

I believe great thanks need to be given again to our town/church clergy and pastors for their hard work in providing all the technology to produce our live streaming/YouTube Church Services especially on Sundays. They are all also working to produce services for Christmas, not to mention the work that will be needed in the pre-recording of the concert at the Meadow Bank Football Stadium on Sunday the 20th December 2020.

The Christian Centre needs our prayers as there are far fewer hirers and also they are only open for lunches – no coffees in the morning at the moment. Therefore the financial situation could be in precarious especially if there is another lockdown.

The Centre Manager, Janette, has held the fort so efficiently and again we thank her as well as the chef and the rest of the staff that are diligently helping to keep The Centre going. A new person has started to replace Clare Walker and her name is Debbie. She works Tuesday and Friday mornings.

I personally have to have a total hip replacement on the 5th January 2021 so I would greatly value your prayers please.

In our dark streets shines an everlasting light.
.....the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory (Isaiah 60 v 19).

Let's be a light to our town and to our communities in 2021 – to show people Jesus.

May God richly bless you in the year 2021.

Rowan

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Rowan berries appear in late summer and early fall. They are delicious and slightly bitter when cooked and have been made into jellies and marmalades for centuries. Found in British cooking to accompany game dishes like roast lamb or venison, rowan berries are also made into liquors and wines.

These stunning red berries are packed with vitamins A and C and are usually gathered in the wild, with very few farms growing them for mass consumption. Although the fresh berries are poisonous because of their parasorbic acid content, cooked berries are safe because when heated this component becomes benign sorbic acid.

Are You Picking Rowan Berries? The Mountain Ash trees rowan berries grow on are found throughout the countryside but they adorn city and urban areas as well. These berries arrive in late summer and fall. Keep in mind the following pointers when foraging for this delicious fruit.

Enjoy the undeniably good flavor of our jelly with a cheese plate (Wensleydale cheese is especially recommended) or spread it on your morning toast for a tangy, bittersweet mouthful of fruity flavor.

The jelly will keep unopened for a year, but once opened, it keeps in the refrigerator for a few weeks.



Ingredients

- 4 pounds rowan berries (washed and stems removed)
- 3 pounds apples (peeled, cored, and quartered)
- 1 pound white sugar (for every 2 cups juice)
- water (filtered)

Steps to Make It

1. Gather the ingredients.
2. Put rowan berries and apples into a non-reactive large pan or stockpot (there should be room for the berries to reach a good rolling boil and not be cramped in).
3. Barely cover the fruit with cold water. Using medium-heat, bring the fruit to a boil.
4. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 20 minutes, or until the fruit is soft.
5. Let the mixture cool off for 5 minutes and place, with a bowl underneath, in a jelly strainer bag overnight, at least 12 hours. It's very important not to squeeze the jelly bag to extract more juice as this will make the finished jelly cloudy. Although it will still be delicious, it won't look as pretty.
6. Measure the juice you've collected and weigh-out the correct amount of sugar as directed above. Add the juice and sugar to a clean non-reactive large pan or stockpot and simmer over low heat for 10 minutes until the sugar has dissolved.
7. Increase the heat and cook at a full rolling boil for 5 minutes, then test for a set following a setting-point test.
8. When the jelly has reached the setting point, pour into hot, sterilized jars, seal and label.
9. Enjoy with game meats, cheeses, or toast!

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Five top tips for eco-friendly New Years Resolutions – www.ecovibe.co.uk



1 Vinegar and bicarbonate of soda: stop using toxic household cleaners – replace with homemade alternatives instead.

Have you tried white distilled vinegar, baking powder and lemon?

Vinegar: Have you tried cleaning the kitchen counters, cooker tops and other appliances with vinegar? Give it a go – dilute half vinegar and half water and put into spray bottle for cleaning all the kitchen surfaces – no harsh chemicals.

Bicarbonate of Soda: wonderful inexpensive and safe scouring agent. Lots of ideas but one of the best mix it with some drops of washing up liquid for cleaning burnt on food in pans and roasting tins.

There are many other ways of using these easy household items.

2 Use your own water bottle - especially in these difficult covid days.

Did you know that a million plastic bottles are purchased every minute around the world and only 9% is recycled? Just grab a reusable water bottle and remember to keep it on you!!

3 Reusable shopping bags: we know plastic bags are difficult to recycle and have a very low recycling rate. Remember to take your own shopping bag on every trip!

4 Eat in season: Everything we buy has a footprint so try to choose products that have been sustainably sourced. Buying seasonally produced food supports our local agricultural

economy and also helps the environment by cutting down on packaging, transport and high intensity farming.



5 Finally - Buy a houseplant – something like a Peace Lily or Bamboo palm or even a spider plant. These are good for removing indoor toxins and clean the air inside homes.



NEWS FROM BROCKHAM CHORAL



What an unusual Choral year 2020 has been for us choristers at Brockham Choral. The love of singing together in the rehearsal room is on hold as we click & Zoom to learn new repertoire under our enthusiastic Musical Director Cole Bendall. Our accompanist Marion Lea has been busy producing recordings for us all to follow. In addition we have kept our community together with a quiz, and marooning a member on a Desert Island to entertain us with his favourite discs and memories.

The future is bright as we prepare for a concert in May 2021 with live rehearsals being held in St. Joseph's Church, Dorking as soon as Covid regulations allow.

Anyone interested in joining us please contact www.brockhamchoral.org

For all who are suffering

FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING...

from quiz withdrawal symptoms after 2020

...we present the New Year 2021 "Who said that?" Bible quiz. May be played solo or in company.

The rules:

1. See if you can identify each speaker or writer from the quote alone, and to whom it was said. All citations are from the New Revised Standard Version.
2. If you need help, consult the clues below. They are NOT in the same order as the questions.
3. The first person to contact Peter Essex by 11th January with a pure and undefiled claim to have got all ten right without needing to take step 2, let alone step 4, may choose to receive one of the few remaining jars of his lethal green tomato chutney or to await reward in heaven.
4. For those in pain or simply anxious to enhance their knowledge of Scripture this glad New Year, the actual answers are presented, again in jumbled order, below the clues. Have fun.

The quotes:

1. My brother Esau is a hairy man.
2. Sir, you have no bucket.
3. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm.
4. Grant me two months, so that I may go and wander in the mountains, and bewail my virginity.
5. Can anything good come out of Nazareth?
6. I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire.
7. You brood of vipers!
8. Do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?
9. Remember Lot's wife.

10. Do not dishevel your hair, and do not tear your vestments, or you will die and wrath will strike all the congregation. *[Note to worshippers: cultivate a coiffeur and don't roll up to church in ripped jeans. It is extremely dangerous, and there is still no vaccine.]*

The clues:

John 1: 46; Judges 11: 37; Luke 10: 40; 2 Timothy 4: 14; John 4: 11; Matthew 3: 7; Genesis 27: 11; Daniel 3: 25; Luke 17: 32; Leviticus 10: 6.

The answers:

John the Baptist, to many Pharisees and Saducees; Jacob, to his mother Rebekah; the woman of Samaria, to Jesus; Nebuchadnezzar, to his counsellors; Jesus, to his disciples; Nathanael, to Philip; Paul, to Timothy; Jephtha's unnamed daughter, to him; Moses, to Aaron and his sons Eleazar and Ithamar; Martha, to Jesus.

Petrus Almost Incognitus me fecit



Hymn of the Month, Christ be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light!.....

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light!

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light!.....

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!.....

Words & music by Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

This modern hymn, written in the 1990s is popular in Advent, but is also appropriate for other times of the year. I think it is particularly relevant for this January when, in the northern hemisphere, it is not long after the winter solstice with nights long and dark and the COVID-19 pandemic making it a difficult time.



Bernadette Farrell

With people falling sick and dying, and restrictions to our lifestyles aiming to prevent the virus spreading exponentially, many have experienced, pain, grief, loss, hunger, loneliness, injustice and fear and indeed still are. We are all longing for peace, for healing and for things to get back to normal – for the Light of Christ to banish the Darkness.

Bernadette Farrell, who wrote the words and the music, is a Roman Catholic musician and hymn writer, and has long been a champion of social justice. Born in 1957 and educated at King's College, London, and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, she was an original member of the St Thomas More Group (1969) founded to encourage good quality music for the Roman Catholic liturgy. Her compositions are now popular across the denominational boundaries.

Also known as 'Christ be our Light' the hymn is wonderful to sing. Each verse is a lamenting prayer and is followed by a strong chorus, in a different metre, of hope, praise and confidence.

At beginning of the Bible and the story of creation we read *'The earth was formless and empty and darkness was over the face of the deep..... and God said "Let there be light" and there was light . God saw that the light was good and separated the light from the darkness.'*
Genesis 1 vv2-4 NIV.

New Testament tells us that Jesus, the Son of God, is the true Light of the World, showing us by his life and teaching what is good and right and true and how we should live.

Today, 'Light and Darkness' are so much equated with 'Good and Bad', 'Right and Wrong' that we commonly use phrases like *"There's light at the end of the tunnel"* to encourage those going through dark or difficult times, whether emotional or physical, and *'Seeing the light'* as meaning a sudden understanding of a situation or realisation of a truth.

This hymn reminds us that when we let Jesus into our hearts, our lives, our communities and our churches, using our gifts to serve one

Hymn of the Month contd. and an Alternative 'We three Kings'

another and particularly those in need, the darkness of sin and evil will be overcome and the coming of God's Kingdom will be hastened.

The COVID-19 pandemic will end. The world will one day be a different, better place for us who live on the beautiful but damaged planet we call home, but we should use our gifts to help it happen.

As the prophet Isaiah says "The earth will be full of the knowledge of the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea."

So let us continue to live in love and faith and hope. And may the comfort and Joy of Christmas continue to be with us into 2021.


Diana Burges

We Three Kings

Pandemic Parody

Words: R. G. Huff
A Serious Hymn-writer Gone Rogue

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.
KINGS OF ORIENT




1. We three kings are six feet a - part. We'll Pur - ell be fore we de - part.
2. Mel - chi - or is now quar - an - tined! Stuck in Per - sia, so ____ it seems.
3. Bal - tha - sar has lost ____ his taste. Eat - ing food is such ____ a waste.
4. Cas - par left the car - a - van. He post-poned his star-gaz - ing plans.



We've been test - ed as sug - gest - ed. Care - ful are we, and smart!
No more trav - el on a cam - el 'til there's a good vac - cine.
How dis - quiet - ing, now he's diet - ing. Life now is slow - er paced.
No more roam - ing; Cas - par's hom - ing, scrub - bing his red - dened hands.

REFRAIN
Sing Only after Stanzas 1 & 4



O ____ Do our masks go with our gowns? Do these face shields hide our crowns?
Still our masks clash with our gowns! Face shields hide our top - pled crowns!



We've had plen - ty twen - ty, twen - ty! Still we head t'ward Da - vid's town.
We've had plen - ty twen - ty, twen - ty! Soon we'll head t'ward Da - vid's town.

Optional Stanza 4:
Caspar blames it all on Amahl--
One night's visit on the long haul.
Coughs and sneezes,
Short-breaths, wheezes.
Li-co-rice cures it all.

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God and Man

In the beginning
God made physicists
out of nothing at all.

“Now hold on”
said the physicists
“that’s against a law”.

God,
having not yet made Newton,
said nothing.

Then God made theologians
and became man
and joined them.

“Oh no”
said the theologians
“it’s one thing or the other,
God **or** man”.

God smiled
and passed the bread and wine.

Godfrey Rust

New

Let the new year be new, Lord,
like a snowy morning,
when we look out of the window
or step outdoors
in a world where the scars and mars
are buried, and all that was is seen
through a shimmering mantle
a tingle of excitement in the air!

Let the new day be new, Lord,
like a bend in the river,
like a hilltop,
where old problems become new prospects
old sorrows new excitements
old dreams new works,
and my old self a new me!

Let the new me be new, Lord!

James Dillet Freeman (1912-2003)

If you must speed in your car, you may want to sing these as you drive:

45 mph—God Will Take Care of You
55 mph—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
65 mph—Nearer My God to Thee
75 mph—Nearer, Still Nearer
85 mph—This World Is Not My Home
95 mph—Lord, I’m Coming Home
100 mph—Precious Memories

I called the RSPCA today and said, “I’ve just found a suitcase in the woods containing a fox and four cubs.”

“That’s terrible,” she replied. “Are they moving?”
“I’m not sure, to be honest,” I said, “But that would explain the suitcase.”

I asked the librarian if the library had any books about paranoia.

She whispered, “They’re right behind you...”

Going into a teenager’s room is like going to IKEA. You go in to just look and end up leaving with 6 plates, 2 cups 4 bowls and a set of cutlery!

I refused to believe my father, the road worker, was stealing from his job, but when I got home all the signs were there.

Q: What’s the difference between a kleptomaniac and a literalist?

A: The literalist takes things literally. The kleptomaniac takes things, literally.

A family had some visitors coming to lunch and they wanted to show off to their visitors how well they had brought up their children and how well their children prayed.

So when it came to lunch, they said to their son, “Johnny, why don’t you pray?”

Johnny looked rather embarrassed and he said, “I can’t.”

So, the mother just whispered to him, “Johnny, just say what Daddy said at breakfast.”

So he shut his eyes and said, “Oh God, why do we have to have these awful people over for lunch today?”

My teacher at school was called Miss Turtle. I think it was because she taught us.



Reflecting on 2020

2020 has been an interesting year and, panning back on it as a whole, it has certainly brought us more challenges than any other year that I am able to recall. As always, when times are a little tough, we have to reflect on the positives and for us at St Martin's it was the overwhelming sense of community which prevailed.

All through the lockdown during the summer months, we worked so hard to keep the school open for parents of key workers and also for those with children in other smaller schools who didn't have the staffing capacity to open in those initial months. We worked alongside Mole Valley District Council and the wonderful staff at Dorking Deli, to provide regular food bags for some of our families who were finding life particularly hard. We opened throughout the Easter holidays, half-term and also during the summer to continue to assist those working parents who still need some regular child care. Our staffing team were amazing, often putting the



needs of the school ahead of those of their own families.

As we moved towards Christmas we asked our parents to focus on their own families this year, rather than buy the traditional gifts for staff. The St Martin's Community, being what it is, still found the capacity to buy presents for 26 children from families who had struggled the most throughout the year and also to provide a cash bonus for a small number of our families who had lost income during the preceding months. You can never help everyone but we managed to put a smile on some faces, which was a blessing at the close of a difficult year.

With our very wonderful St Martin's Angel, having been afforded the honour of sitting high on Guildford Cathedral, I like to think that it is a positive sign that we have our sights on a bright, healthy and happy 2021 for the whole community and beyond.



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Joyce Mansfield was born in Ewhurst on 2nd August 1927 to Ivy and Wilfred Burns, the eldest of three daughters. The family lived in a flat above the stables at Malquoits (now the Cornhill Manor). Her parents were in service there and on a trip to an Edwardian Christmas at Polesden Lacey she commented on how it reminded her of the way her father, as the butler and valet, decorated the table for the Morton family. She often spoke of her childhood and her father taking her to Pitch Hill on the crossbar of his bike on his days off, where they would stop for ginger beer and crisps at the local pub. They collected hurts as children and she loved a Summer Pudding. As a child she attended the village school in Ewhurst and remembered singing in the Leith Hill Festival at the Dorking Halls. She then went to Guildford College and for this journey she cycled the first part, then hid her bike in the hedge to catch the bus the rest of the way. Here she took a secretarial course and spent 2 weeks in Bristol, her first time away from home. The first full time job for Mum was in a local bank, but when the family moved to Dorking she joined the Midland Bank.

Mum and Dad met in 1949 at the cycle club and have been together ever since. Mum told us about her 21st birthday when she cycled up to Sheffield with 2 friends and you had to be careful not to get your tyre stuck in a tram track! En route they met some fellow cyclists who had a transistor radio. With the Olympics being held in Britain that year they sat on a grass verge to listen to some of the events by the side of the traffic free road. Happy days! Dad was always proud that in her early 20s, Mum cycled 100 miles in under 7 hours and was also the first woman in the East Surrey Road Club to wear shorts. which was considered somewhat risqué at the time! Cycling undoubtedly helped keep her fit and trim. Our cousin Cherry wrote that she remembered Mum at her sister Enid's funeral, some 11 years ago and was 'struck' by Mum's 'liveliness and 'dare I say, elegant, slim legs!'

On 11th August 1951, on a pouring wet and windy day, Mum and Dad were married in this very church. Married life for them began in an 18ft caravan at Rickwood Park caravan site, Beare Green. Life was not easy as Mum had to carry all the water from the communal tap and break the ice in the Winter. Dad had started his National

Service in 1950 so was away from home for 2 years. Firm friendships were formed on the caravan park and 'Aunty' Marianne, now 95 who lives in Australia with her son was in touch up until Mum's death. In 1953 along came a baby boy, David and then a baby girl (me!) followed 2 years later. Shortly afterwards there was a move to Number 16 Myrtle Road and in 1966 number 25 came up for sale. For several years Mum tried to convince Dad to have another baby and thus, during a major house move and renovation, Donald arrived (when Mum told us there was to be a new family member, David and I thought we were getting a pet guinea pig. We were so disappointed to find it was a baby brother!). In those days news of this third pregnancy did cause some anxiety. Our cousin Rosalind still remembers the phone call to her mother who was concerned as Mum was heading towards 40!!

During school holidays Mum would often let us have friends along on dog walks. She used to take David and me to the Burford Bridge outdoor pool and later on, Donald to the Dorking Swimming Centre. However a fear of water from childhood kept her firmly sitting watching us. Trips with Mum were either walks, by bus or train as, after just 2 disastrous driving lessons, she never drove again. Holidays were always a great joy for Mum and she loved 'going away in the caravan'. They were always a real adventure with Mum's adventurous routes for Dad to drive. I remember opening gates on a very rough track up the Sugarloaf Mountain in Wales with farm dogs snapping at my heels!! We all particularly loved staying at Petty France Farm in Gloucestershire near where her parents had moved to in Uley and it became a family tradition for many Easters after their deaths. Later, Norfolk became another favourite destination for Mum and Dad when David and his wife Hilary moved there.

Sadly these holidays were curtailed by Mum's fall on the ice and snow 10 years ago whilst out walking their dog, Joey. Mum has always loved her dogs and even on the day she died, she asked me if my 2 dogs were ok. Prior to her fall, Mum and I had been on weekly walks to local beauty spots that she loved. On these walks it was a delight to hear her reminisce about her

childhood. Family was always very important to Mum and she corresponded with our cousin Juliet, sending her information by post about family history. Juliet wrote that 'Aunty Joyce was always kind, considerate, constant and dependable' and that is pretty much Mum in a nutshell.

The past years have not always been easy for Mum or Dad. The death of David, their eldest son in 2006 at the age of just 52 was a terrible loss and then Mum's fall in the snow made things very difficult. Yet there were ups as well as downs and more recently, life has been lightened by the arrival of four beautiful little great-granddaughters. Both Mum and Dad have been amazingly kind, generous and supportive grandparents and these little girls have added another generation and such joy.

As was usual, at the end, Mum sorted things out as she would have wanted. For some time, in her own words, she had had enough. So it was that on Monday 9th November 2020, after a day in which she had been quite chatty and Don and I were able to tell her we loved her and say our goodbyes, she slipped away in the early evening, peacefully at home with Dad by her side, holding her hand. After 69 years of marriage this seemed a perfect ending. At our parting that afternoon she gave me and Don a lovely smile when I joked that she could continue to use 'my' bedroom and she blew a kiss. Her last words were typical Mum: "God bless and safe journey". Mum always had a strong, quiet faith. She disliked crowds and noise and enjoyed her dog walks far more than large social gatherings, yet she had a wide circle of friends. She was great at keeping in touch by letter or phone. During my training as a student physiotherapist back in the 70s, she wrote every week and oh, how I wish I still had those letters. Coffee time was undoubtedly her favourite part of the day, but she enjoyed any time when friends popped in.

A sign of how well loved she was has been shown through the many cards and messages of condolence. We have been literally overwhelmed by the many beautiful memories and comments made by people, not only from Dorking, but as far away as Australia, Canada and Holland. They all speak of Mum's kindness and hospitality. Many neighbours have written, phoned, or spoken to us personally about the welcome she gave them when they moved into Myrtle Road and what a wealth of information she was, that it has really helped us at this time. As a Mum, Granny and Great-Granny she especially took delight in the birth of babies and enjoyed watching them grow, always remembering their birthdays with a card. As her memory was declining, we found that she had carefully written lists in her address book so that she would not forget anyone. Her passing will leave a huge hole in all our lives and the lives of many more, but she leaves so much wisdom and knowledge. She always put us children and Dad first and being a wife and mother was what she felt her role in life to be.

"Goodbye Mum, God bless and safe journey....."

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Dorking Museum in January

The team at Dorking Museum wishes all the best for the New Year to all readers and to the supporters and friends of the Museum.

Interim Chair of the Museum, Kathy Atherton, says, "It has been a difficult and uncertain year for everyone. The Museum is a key part of the cultural heritage of this community and we know that many people have been disappointed when they have been unable to visit – and that our volunteer team have been eager to be able to welcome them back again when circumstances allow. We hope that the measures that have been taken to combat the virus and the news that an effective vaccine might soon be accessible will be leading us towards some degree of normality. We are excited at the prospect of once again being able to play our role in the vital cultural life of our local community and our visitors."

Museum Gallery: After an extensive covid-19 assessment and implementation of special measures, the Museum plans to re-open its main exhibition gallery on January 7th 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.

Exhibition: The first special exhibition of the year, postponed from summer, is '**Forster50**', commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of the novelist E M Forster (*A Room with a View*, *Howard's End*, *A Passage to India*), who spent more than 20 years of his life at West Hackhurst, near Abinger. It explores the life and impact of Forster,



Drawing of E M Forster
(Jonny Green)



Forster in 50 book: one of the images from the book (Jonny Green)

concentrating on his life locally, his local associates and the local initiatives he took part in – like the Dorking Refugee Committee and the Abinger Pageants. It also examines the impact of the area on his novels. The exhibition is mounted in collaboration with academics from Nottingham Trent University.

Book: One of the exhibition's co-curators, Heather Green, spent lockdown working on a parallel project: producing a complementary book entitled, **Forster in 50**. The book is an innovative reimagining of Forster's five classic novels, presented in a uniquely accessible format. Each story is retold in only fifty words and accompanied by stunning illustrations by artist Jonny Green, designed to inspire a whole new generation of readers. The book is published by the Museum's publishing arm, The Cockerel Press, available at the Museum and from the Museum's online shop.



Socially-distanced walk around Betchworth Castle (Lois Leyland)

Walking in Dorking: The Museum's popular programme of guided walks will resume soon, but meanwhile group walks may still be booked within current limitations (maximum of six people). Themed walks are available around the

Dorking Museum in January contd.

town, or, slightly further afield, on the Deepdene Trail or at Betchworth Castle. See www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/ for details.


For the first time, we have also included three self-guided walk itineraries on our website. There are two Town Trails, based on a 1975 leaflet, and one in Abinger, recreated from the Abinger Monthly Record of October 1889. See www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk/selfguidedwalks.



Community Photo Project: Street Party in Church Street 1945

Dorking Through the Ages: A Community Photo Project: Dorking Museum is taking its photographs online – and we would love you to join us. We have thousands of photographs of Dorking and the surrounding areas and we will be adding these to a digital map. We would like to include your photographs and stories of those same places. We have created a Facebook page called “Dorking Through the Ages: A Community Photo Project” and have started putting our images onto it. We would love it if you could add your memories to these pages. If you are not on Facebook, you can send your photos to admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk. These will then be added to a digital map which will live on our website.

The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm. Visit www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. Enquiries to admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk or phone 01306 876591.

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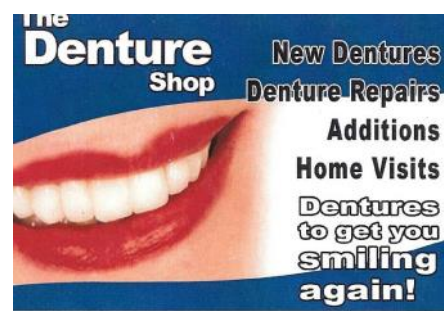
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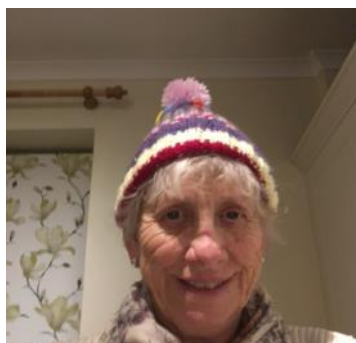
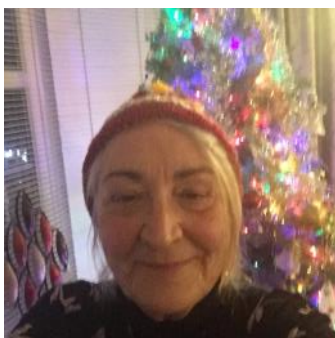
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1. Your thumb is nearest you so begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones as C.S. Lewis once said is a "sweet duty"

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is our tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for our Queen, the government, leaders in business and industry. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger....the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says "The least shall be the greatest among you." The little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

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So heart be still:

*What need our little life
Our human life to know,
If God hath comprehension?
In all the dizzy strife
Of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.*

God knows. His will

*Is best. The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim
To our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears
Are premature; In Him,
All time hath full provision.*

Then rest: until

*God moves to lift the veil
From our impatient eyes,
When, as the sweeter features
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Minnie Louise Haskins

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gs1stdorking@virginmedia.com
1st Dorking Wednesday Pack 18:15
Claire Ede 01372 458967
claireede123@gmail.com

Scouts

1st Dorking Monday 19:15
David Collett 07519 171235
scouts1stdorking@ntlworld.com

ADULT GROUPS

Choir Practice See next page

Bellringing Practice

Paul Beeken 887538
Juniors and adults
Mondays at 7.30 pm

Mothers' Union

Elizabeth Cotton 711994
(Holmwood Branch)

Bible Reading Fellowship Notes

Sally Lowe 884467

Julian Meeting

3rd Tues 7.15 pm in Upper Lounge of
Christian Centre
Chris Watts 640775

Friends of St. Martin's

Treas: Liz Lloyd Kendall 741503

Children's Society Boxholders

Janette Masters 889590

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Some Useful PHONE NUMBERS

AGE CONCERN (Dorking & District)	01306 899104
AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS (for alcoholics' relatives)	020 7403 0888
ALCOHOL & DRUG ADVISORY SERVICE	01483 590150
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	01252 521133
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIETY	883425
BESOM DORKING, www.besom.org, dorkingbesom@live.co.uk	07765598854
BRIGITTE TRUST (Hospice Home Care)	881816
BRITISH RED CROSS (Surrey Headquarters)	01483 572396
BUSES: National Bus Enquiries	0871 2002233
CANCER HELP CENTRE	020 8668 0974
CAP Christians Against Poverty	0800 328 006
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS, Janette Masters	01306 886830
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	876806
CRUSE (Bereavement Counselling)	020 8393 7238
DORKING AND DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER	01306 712044
MOLE VALLEY RAMBLERS	www.molevalleyramblers.org.uk
DOCTORS' SURGERIES:	
Medwyn Medical Centre, Reigate Road	883816
Dorking Medical Practice (formerly New House)	881313
DORKING GOOD NEIGHBOURS	07948 568906
(Volunteer drivers are always needed! If you can help contact 888256)	
DRUGCARE	01483 300112
FAMILYLINE	0808 802 6666
	familyline@family-action.org.uk
Confidential free phone help line for any family member experiencing difficulties	
HOSPITALS:	
Dorking Community Hospital	887150
St Luke's & Royal Surrey Hospitals, Guildford	01483 571122
Epsom General Hospital	01372 735735
East Surrey Hospital, Redhill	01737 768511
Crawley Hospital	01293 600300
Leatherhead Hospital	01372 384384
LEATHERHEAD NIGHT HOSTEL	01372 377790
LIBRARY (Public)	882948
MOLE VALLEY CARERS	640020
MOLE VALLEY DIAL A RIDE	01372 383333
MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL	885001
For emergencies outside office hours	01372 376533
Parentline Surrey - see FAMILYLINE SURREY above	
POLICE STATION, Pippbrook	101 or 01483 571212
PRIORY SCHOOL	887337
PROBATION SERVICE	01737 763241
RELATE (Marriage Guidance)	01737 245212
ROYAL ASSOCIATION IN AID OF DEAF PEOPLE	881958
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	875058
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SURREY HQ	01372 386500
ST CATHERINES' HOSPICE	01293 772414
ST JOHN AMBULANCE	887333
ST MARTIN'S C of E SCHOOL, Ranmore Road	883474
SAMARITANS	01372 375555 or 01737 248444
TRAINS: National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (Bob Crooks)	01306 740062
VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION for SURREY DISABLED	01372 841148
VOLUNTEER CENTRE, The Point, Mayflower, Lyons Court, Dorking RH4 1AB vcdorking@vamidsurrey.org	01306 640369

WHO's WHO at St Martin's, St Mary's and St Barnabas'

at St Martin's Church: Church Street, Dorking RH4 1DW

CLERGY

Vicar and Authorised Methodist Minister
The Revd. Derek Tighe 882875
Day off is Friday

Associate Minister (non-stipendiary)
The Revd. David Cowan 885341

We are also pleased to have the
assistance of *

The Revd. Stuart Peace 883002
The Revd. Mike Stewart 884153
The Revd. David Williams 889754

VERGER

Brian Smith 887608

THE CHURCH OFFICE

Vicki Judd and Michelle Lelliott 884229
smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

The office has limited opening hours.
Please email or phone and leave a
message.

Marriage Enquiries:

arrangements should in the first instance
be made by telephoning Vicki or Michelle
in the church office.

Baptism Enquiries: arrangements can
be made by telephoning Vicki or Michelle
in the church office.

CENTRE MANAGER *

Janette Masters
for bookings, enquiries etc 886830
9.00am - 2.15pm Monday to Friday

CHURCHWARDENS *

Nick Hands-Clarke 887870
Veronica Watts 640775

DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS

Christine Francis 889617
Christine Lawrence 882316
Anne Whibberley 500288

METHODIST STEWARDS

Elizabeth Dobson (Senior Steward) 881479
John Oborn 881518

LAY READERS AND LOCAL PREACHERS

John Oborn 881518
Chris Watts 640775
(Anglican Reader)

VICE CHAIRMAN OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Canon Peter Bruinvels 887082

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Stephen Hope 01372 741100
St Martin's Church Choir Practice times
Friday s 7.30pm - 9pm
Sundays 9.25am (pre-service at 10am)
1st Sunday 5pm (before Choral Evensong
6pm)

BELL RINGERS

Paul Beeken (Tower Captain) 07739 366434

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Cathy Merrikin 885273

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Diana Burges 881291
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Aveley Parker 880771
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Rosie Pegram 631125

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Dave and Mary Cowan 885341

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Vacant

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Position Vacant

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