

Winkfield Parish News



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Disagree gently!

Last month, Patrick asked us to celebrate each other 's difference. A good thought, but it isn't easy.

Take as a start being able and willing to disagree gently. This, too, isn't easy. Modern culture allows us – and encourages us – to take offence and criticise. Social media allows us to express disagreement without having to face the victim, and, worse, to join *en masse* with others who are doing the same thing. We have social media 'influencers' who promote what were radical views into the mainstream. Intolerance is becoming the norm: families are broken up by views on public issues such as Brexit.

We have seen similar trends in history, and we have seen these trends give way to gentler attitudes. Intolerance is not a fixed habit in humanity: it is the result of social forces that can – and must be fought against.

To understand these forces, and a way forward, do watch the Thomas Gresham Annual Lecture given in London's Guildhall in June 2023 by political historian Rory Stewart. It can be viewed (for free) at <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/thomas-gresham-23> . Stewart lectures superbly with clarity and insight, and without a note.

His broad theme is that, in the late 20th century western civilization had confidence that ahead there was endless progress – the Soviet Union was gone, even Balkan instability was settling, there was no further need for war; liberal western democracy was good and would clearly be welcome everywhere. The strong practical middle ground of politics would prevail.

When the early 21st century, Iraq and Afghanistan showed that these ideas were not so strong; moral superiority was flawed by attention to historical and current racism and other factors. Social media permitted very broad and very fast dissemination of dissenting movements (viz. ISIS, the Arab Spring) that somehow grew local popular support. Western confidence ebbed, the centre ground gave away to populism and extremism, exemplified not only by Trumpism, but by originally pro-western leaders like Erdogan moving to populism and nationalism. COVID and now Ukraine has contributed to the decline and even collapse - of the political centre ground.

Stewart brings a note of good hope, based on Aristotlean thought. This isn't the end of the story: we can and must relearn empathy and

understanding of each other, and, as we learn we can have first hope and then confidence in the future based on goodwill. We can look outwards without xenophobia.

In Winkfield we are a community brought together by living in one area, and by our Christian faith. Destructive external social forces do not strongly affect us. We do not need to worry about their voting habits before we talk to people. Brexit, if it comes up can be quietly discussed with tolerance or just set aside. So here in Winkfield we have the basic attitudes and the mental weapons to reject the bad global trends. We are free and able to disagree with each other gently – and note that walking away just to avoid disagreement can be even more harmful than disagreement itself.

Let's just take nurturing the practice of disagreeing gently – with tolerance and love – as a deep and important part of our long-term journey in life: may we then be happy within the family and broader communities in which we live. We can then set an example to others.

From the Parish Registers for July 2023

Baptisms

Olivia Smith and Lucy Smith were baptised on Sunday 2 July at St Mary's Church, Winkfield.

Robyn Jordan and Evalyn Jordan were baptised on Sunday 16 July at St Mary's Church, Winkfield.

Luca Dawnay was baptised on Sunday 16 July at St Mary's Church, Winkfield.

Funerals etc.

The funeral of Ronald Harding took place on 12 July in St Martin's Church Chavey Down, followed by a burial in Green Acres, Chiltern Park Burial Grounds Beaconsfield.

The funeral of Vera Hinder took place on 26 July at Easthampstead Crematorium

The interment of John Dudley took place on 27 July in the Memorial Garden of St Mary's Church, Winkfield

The interment of Patricia Tayler took place on 27 July in the Memorial Garden of St Mary's Church, Winkfield

Notices

A note from the editors

We are pleased that this edition of the Winkfield Parish News has articles from new local contributors – thank you. The October edition will be our 100th edition (since February 2014) so keep the articles coming in!

Church Office

Office hours are Monday-Friday 9:30am – 12noon. The Church Office is open for visitors on Tuesdays & Fridays. Contact info: Church Office: c/o St Martin's Church, Church Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RR Phone: 01344 882933 or email admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

Website: <https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/>

If you are arranging an event, please contact Stephanie in the Church Office at the email address above, so that it can be noted in the Church diary and recorded on the website.

Don't forget to use our fundraising links:

<https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/donate.htm>

Ranelagh School Verification Surgeries: intake Sept 2024

Surgeries for Ranelagh School Verification Surgeries for the September 2024 intake will be held at the St Martin's Church Office, by appointment only.

Please email school_verification@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk from 9am Monday 4 September to book an appointment (telephone bookings and early email requests will not be accepted).

Surgeries will run as per the schedule stated below from 10am to 12noon. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Church Office.

Ranelagh School Verification Surgery Schedule:

1. Wednesday 27 September
2. Wednesday 4 October
3. Saturday 7 October
4. Wednesday 11 October

Safeguarding in the Parish

The Parish safeguarding details are at:

<https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/safeguarding.htm>

Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life. Please be alert to the fact that Safeguarding concerns arise in many different guises. So we should always have faith to question, especially when something does not feel right.

Should you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Camille Jeffs, via the Church Office on: 01344 882933, or email safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk (please begin message with 'SAFEGUARDING').

Friends of St Martins – Ruth and Mary memorials

The Friends of St Martins was re-established last year following COVID and the sad passing of two prestigious women from Chavey Down Village who led it for many years – Mary Knight and Ruth Timbrell – so rather large boots to fill.

The Friends of St Martins as a body is quite simply all those who attend St Martins Church, in Church Road, Chavey Down. We are a small friendly church with a village community welcome.

Stained glass panes in memory of Ruth Timbrell and Mary Knight

We are fundraising to remember Ruth and Mary; we are commissioning two stained-glass window panels that will be placed on both central windows within the church. If you wish to donate (Gift aid if possible) and/or suggest design ideas, then please leave your ideas in a sealed envelope clearly stating **ideas or monies for Ruth or Mary** - at the parish office – we are estimating that each panel will cost £1000 to make. Here are two ideas to date – any other suggestions are welcome:

- For Ruth, reflecting the two war memorials that she fought so long and hard to get, for those young men from the village who died in the first and second world wars. Also, her passion for wild-life, for her beloved badgers and flowers.
- For Mary a more spiritual window as she was our lay minister for many years, along with her passion for music and education.



We also, continue to support and fund Jose, a young man, with his education in Nicaragua. This funding is from the parishioners' tea, coffee and cake monies, each week, after our church services.

Local reports and events

Ascot Horticultural Society

If you are interested in flowers, wildlife, home grown vegetables or fruit, nature or all things horticultural and live in the local area, our friendly Society holds monthly meetings for informative talks, demonstrations, social gatherings and activities. Why not come along to meet others with similar interests, or share your knowledge?

On our club nights, our optional mini-competitions with the following classes add some extra fun:

- Flowering pot plant;
- Dish of fruit;
- Dish of vegetables;
- Vase of flowers;
- Foliage pot plant.

Winners of each class are chosen by popular vote. A flower competition entitled 'Flower of my choice' is judged by the speaker or demonstrator.

The Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month in King Edwards Hall, King Edwards Road, North Ascot, SL5 8PD at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Members £1 and visitors £2.50. The yearly membership is £12.

Autumn Show 13 September

For details phone Wendy Sivyver on 01344 890716 or email wendysivyver@aol.com

Cranbourne Amateur Dramatic Society perform The Vicar of Dibley – 25-28 October

We are extremely excited to announce our forthcoming production of the Vicar of Dibley, directed by John Bowers and assistant director, Georgie Heath. Show dates are the evenings of Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th with an additional matinee on the Saturday. It will be performed at The Old Court, Windsor SL4 3BL.

This is a well-loved sitcom written by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer and adapted for the stage by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter.

Set in the fictional village of Dibley in Oxfordshire, it tells the story of the arrival of the first female vicar there, the way she responds to the mixed reception she receives and the effect she has on the lives of her flock.

Warm-hearted, uplifting and very funny.

See cadsact.org.uk for more information.

A scenic view of a village with a church and rolling green hills. The church has a prominent red-tiled spire. The foreground shows a green field with a fence and a wooden structure. The background features rolling green hills under a clear sky.

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on

October 25th to 28th 2023
plus a matinee on Saturday 28th

St Mary's Choir

We do thank our extra singers who have continued to sing with us during the holiday period, and we welcomed again organists Josh Tuffley and Luke Saint. Our thanks to them.

St Mary's Women's Guild

Discussions for HODs continued during the August meeting, details are now on the website, along with arrangements for Harvest supper on Saturday 7 October. This will follow Evensong as usual. We hope to visit the Foundling Museum in October. When details are finalised, they will be posted on the website. The third Christmas Tree Festival will open on Saturday 9 December and will remain open until after Christmas.

St Mary's Family Matins

The children told the story of David and Goliath at Family Matins in August. Once again, the children read all the bible passages and prayers, and another young pianist played the piano. Madeline Holl very kindly played for the service on that Sunday.

St Mary's Crafty Church

This service continues to flourish, with the children making bells at the July service in readiness for Crafty Choral Matins on Sunday 30 July (which was 'Bell Sunday mark 1'). The children read poems and carried their bells to the Chancel.

St Mary's Bellringers report for August 2023

Those who attended the 30 July service will have heard the hand bell ringers perform 'Belfry Praise', as it was a Bell Sunday service, extra to our usual Bell Sunday which is on 10 September. The piece is also called 'The Bell Ringers Hymn' so it was wholly appropriate - if you missed it then come along in September when we will be ringing it again!

On 20 August we have been asked to perform two pieces during the service - not a normal service for us, but we are happy to comply, and we have chosen a couple of summery pieces.

We are also performing during the Patronal service on 3 September - we certainly are in demand at the moment, and really appreciate the support we get from the church.

Following the success of our get together session in November last year, we attended a 'Tea Together' at the Black Swan group in Winnersh, where

HODs

Heritage Open Days

**St Mary's will be open on
9 and 16 September
10am – 4pm**

**Several Power Point Presentations will
be available showing and describing
many areas of interest in the church.**

Also available – a quiz for the children

**Members of the church available to
help.**

On 9 September only!

**The Bell Ringers will demonstrate their
skills on both Tower and Hand bells.**

**If you want to have a go at hand bell
ringing just turn up between
10am and 12noon.**

Follow that with a trip up to the Tower.

Refreshments will be available.

See also <https://fosmw.com/events/230908-hods.pdf>

we had a lovely evening. We rang pieces specially chosen by the area (other teams were also meeting up over the summer), along with some solo tunes. We were treated to tea and cake plus strawberries - delicious!

9 September sees the church open for Heritage Open Day - if you fancy a go at the hand bells then come along between 10am-12noon and we will have some nice easy pieces of music and lots of help available!

The tower will also be open with ringers available to show you around and demonstrate ringing between 10am – 4pm. If anyone would like to have a look around the tower and maybe have a go you would be most welcome.

On 2 September, we have a tower ringing outing - visiting several towers and enjoying a lunch together. More about that in my next report.

We look forward to seeing you all at the various events.

Take care.

Jill Glennerster 07821131303

Services in the Parish – September 2023

NB. All content in these lists may be subject to change.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
3	13th Sunday after Trinity	No morning service at St Martin's. Please join St Mary's for their 10am Patronal Service	
		4pm	Family Craft Café Service
10	14th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Praise
17	15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion
24	16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Book of Common Prayer Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
3	13th Sunday after Trinity	10am	Patronal Family Communion
		No Holy Baptisms this Sunday	

Date	Day	Time	Service
10	14th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Said Holy Communion
		10am	Family Matins, Bell Sunday
17	15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion
24	16th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Said Holy Communion
		9.30am	Crafty Church
		11am	Morning Prayer

ST PETERS'S CHURCH

Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
3	13th Sunday after Trinity	No morning service at St Peter's Please join St Mary's for their 10am Patronal Service	
10	14th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion
17	15th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Morning Prayer
24	16th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion

Thoughts of all sorts

Study The Psalms

The article that follows was written as a personal viewpoint by Jenny Forbes, a dear friend of Pepita Gbadebo (who provided this article) during her last days of life as a cancer sufferer. She appreciated that the Psalms give direct insight into living with a deep awareness of God. The Psalms have for that reason been the absolute staple of monastic life, from medieval times right up to today.

The Book of Psalms in the Hebrew Scriptures has always been one of my favourite books – as I am sure it is for many believers. Down through the ages, Christians have turned to this book to find help in times of need, comfort in times of distress, encouragement in times of anxiety and strength in times of weakness. It is an honest collection of the true feelings of those who have had the courage to be truthful with God, recognising that He knows exactly how they feel.

Over the last months I have found that many of the Psalms express exactly how I myself have been feeling; and, as I have read through these writings,

I have been encouraged, inspired, and my faith strengthened, as I see once again God's eternal majesty and His all-embracing care.

The psalms are very important because they encourage us to meditate on God and on His Word. Psalm 1 shows very clearly that, for, anybody who meditates on the Word of God, there is great blessing. David, the Psalmist, finishes Psalm 19 with the familiar words: *"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer."*

As David meditated in God's Word, he came to know what pleased God and what grieved Him. *"I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you."* What an important lesson for each one of us! Our meditation on God's Word can uncover those things which are not right or pleasing to God.

I have found Psalm 34 to be a great blessing to me in recent months. It is not always easy to *"extol the Lord at all times"*, nor to have His praise *"always on our lips"*, but as you meditate on this Psalm you can find countless reasons why He deserves our praise and adoration, no matter what is happening to us. *"He hears us and delivers us from our fears."* What a great blessing! Time and time again in this Psalm, we are reminded that the Lord is our deliverer and helper and wants the best for us.

He is *"near to the broken hearted and the crushed in spirit"*. He is able to deliver you out of *"many troubles"*. Only our God can do this!

Psalm 34 encourages us to *"Praise God every day"*; to boast about Him however we are feeling. It has been a real joy for me to boast about the One who delivers, rescues and upholds me in every circumstance. This way I have seen God at work in my life in ways that I never thought possible. Verse 8 encourages us to *"Taste and see that the Lord is good."* As we go through the Psalms, we see time and time again how truly good He is, and that He is for us and works on our behalf. Verse 8 goes on to say *that "those who seek the Lord lack no good thing"*.

Let us all be encouraged, whatever our circumstances, to seek the Lord through the Psalms, to experience His goodness and His reviving of our souls, and to enjoy the marvellous provision of His *"banqueting table"* (Psalm 23 verse 5).

A brief history of the church of St Martin, Chavey Down

The Church was built between 1879 & 1884 and is attributed to the memory of Mary Webster, about whom we can find no historical record.

Benefactors for its construction are believed to have included the Alderson family, who lived at Chavey Lawn, Locks Ride, opposite Furzefield (now developed as Alderson Court, with the original house now demolished). Sir

Edward Alderson (1787–1857) was a liberal-minded judge, one-time Baron of the exchequer; he had many children and could have been the ancestor of the St Martin's benefactor living in Chavey Lawn. The references below to Lady Alderson (wife of a baronet?) seem to strengthen this idea.

The Campbell Stuarts, who lived at 'The Brackens' on a 23-acre estate (now comprising Brompton Gardens) opposite Heathfield School, are thought also to have been original benefactors, perhaps joining with the Aldersons to build a church that was geographically more in their area than St Mary's.

The church was built employing many people from Chavey Down, and the desks and pews were made by Brown's the Builders of Bracknell. The Altar was designed by G H Fellows Prynne, the Diocesan architect, and was commissioned by Mr Ralph Alderson in memory of his mother and at the same time the Chalice and Paten was also presented to the Church made from ornaments and jewels worn by Lady Alderson.

In 1898 the ornate brass candlesticks were donated (it is thought) by the Alderson family.

A later benefactor was Miss Wyatt, who established nearby Heathfield School in 1899, purchasing the original home of the Paravicini family residence with 36 acres, and becoming the school's first headmistress.

It seems possible that the Paravicinis may have been original benefactors, since St Martin's church is adjacent to their property (i.e. the School's). This would put St Martin's church in the middle of three big contributing estates, forming a solid strip of nearly 100 acres between Locks Ride and beyond London Road.

The Font dates from 1930 and is in memory of the Revd J Frampton. Mr Coxhead of Chavey Down made the font cover. The beautiful stained glass memorial window featuring St Martin was unveiled in 1949 in memory of the lads from the village who gave their lives in the Second World War. The money for this and the wall outside was raised purely by donations, mostly donated by villagers.

In 1951 Richard Spencer, who died in S Africa – he had been a Chavey Down resident – bequeathed money for a new organ, the cost also being supported by his sisters, who lived in North Road.

The Friends of St Martins was formed as an association in 1972 and provided the hassocks and pew seat covers from fund raising activity. The Friends also purchased the iron candleholders. These were designed by Charles Timbrell to represent a crown of thorns on the Cross.

In 1990 the oak bookcase, designed by Revd Simon Baynes, was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of St Martin's being licensed for Holy Communion.

In 1993, on the death of Reginald Napper, the village baker, it was decided to erect a memorial stone for him, and also to provide a proper footpath from Church Road to North Road. The main work for this was by taken by the Chavey Down Association (supported by a donation from the Napper family and hall users) as was the placing of the stone and a handrail.

At the same time a garden with its planting was created, and dedicated to the memory of loved ones who had worshipped at St Martin's.

Ruth Timbrell, celebrated local historian, provided most of this information.

Margaret Smith

Super Sundays

How liberated we all became in the 1990s when supermarkets could open on Sundays! Sunday afternoon post-prandial boredom could be now replaced by a new exciting ritual, a visit to the New Church of Saintways.

This would be a place where people could marvel at the amazing diversity of foods produced by our brethren and sistren scattered around the globe; our fellow men, for many of whom a leisurely day off would sadly be the stuff of dreams.

Here the super-abundance of food could be witnessed in aisles to the right and aisles to the left.

Even the atmosphere would be different in these hallowed food halls on a Sunday. The whole family would be there, having a well-deserved day out together. A non-working day, except for the delivery drivers, the shelf-stackers, the checkout staff, the coffee shop waitpersons, the toilet cleaners, the supervisors and the manager. It would be like a carnival, the trolleys like floats meandering along in slow procession.

Each member of the family could make his or her contribution to the display, from the dazzling array of tempting pots and packets, tins and tubs stacked all around.

There would be anticipation in the air which, if it is not blasphemous to say so, would be almost spiritual in nature.

After a pleasant hour or two admiring all that was on offer and exchanging kind comments with other families, even those whose trolleys had been blocking their path whichever way they turned, we come to 'the checkout'.

This is the place where there is usually some tension among the adults, worried that they may have trolleys somewhat fuller than their wallets. Not today, surely? Besides the pop and pizza, the chocolate and currant buns, they are buying a little family togetherness, that priceless ingredient so lacking in today's go-getting, non-stop world.

Finally, the pièce de résistance. A meal in the Saintways restaurant. To show that past tradition had not been entirely lost, the Sunday breakfast of bacon and egg could now be had at lunchtime. Breakfast, the all-day meal,

ousting the outmoded roast beef and two veg. Here we have Quality Time spent with the family over a Quality Meal.

What more could anyone want on a Sunday? All are safely gathered in.

Adrian Hoare

Episode 31 – Atlantic submarines and Malmö

In the last episode, Anthony Hodson's hope for a musical end to his time as a National Service sailor was dashed by his being posted to Londonderry to join HMS Whitby, an anti-submarine frigate.



I enjoyed my time on HMS Whitby. By this time, social life on the 'lower deck' had no tensions, and the daily routine was relatively uneventful. The ship spent most of its time docked in the shipyard on the river Foyle in Londonderry, either preparing for its work of detecting suspicious submarines out in the Atlantic, or, for two days at a time, out in the Atlantic actually looking for enemy submarines – these were simulated by real British submarines pretending to be enemy ones, as practice for reality.

At that time, nuclear submarines were not yet deployed by the Russians – or by us either. Such submarines are able to travel at high speed (over 30 kts) for long periods of time underwater, so in order to have submarines for us to practice on with these characteristics, the UK had built two experimental submarines, HMS Explorer and HMS Excalibur, comprising the Explorer class. These used HTP (hydrogen peroxide) as an

oxidant for diesel-oil-powered steam turbines that, as a consequence, did not need oxygen from the atmosphere. These submarines were very fast, and could stay running submerged for some time. But they did leave a trail of exhaust bubbles on the surface – rather a ghostly effect.

HMS Excalibur was the submarine that we worked with, and I think that our tests were successful, but I clearly remember an incident that underlined the dangers of the unstable and difficult-to-manage HTP oxidant.

After trials out in the Atlantic one day with HMS Excalibur, we were steaming in HMS Whitby to Campbeltown, our Scottish destination for the night, and HMS Excalibur was on the surface, a couple of miles behind us, just entering the sea-loch up which the town lies. Suddenly we saw a great mushroom cloud rising over where Excalibur had last been seen - a vivid memory indeed. We spun round at full speed, and raced to the spot where Excalibur was, expecting disaster and tragedy. To our relief, the submarine was intact on the surface. Her skipper advised us that: “a piece of equipment had got rather hot, so we pushed it over the side.” What an example of British understatement! But what a great relief, after dreading a tragedy.

There is a short but interesting article on the Explorer class submarines at <http://msubs.co.uk/boats/subs/explorer-class.html> and this will enlighten readers on the HTP-based hazards faced by the crews of HMS Excalibur and HMS Explorer – the latter became comically known as HMS Exploder because of the fireballs and explosions – fortunately not seriously dangerous – that these ships had to face as a result of their dependence on hydrogen peroxide. The article quotes one RN submariner as saying: “I think the best thing that we can do with peroxide is to try to get it adopted by potential enemies”. The chemical is, of course, the same as what is used, in weak solution, as a hair-bleach.

We spent a lot of time tied up at the dock in the River Foyle at Londonderry. This was mostly without incident, as, with the troubles on, we were not allowed outside the dockyard in uniform. There was, however, a useful source of beer. There was a happy moment for me when another naval vessel tied up alongside, and there on it, was Mark Hendy, my one-time HMS Diana friend and shipmate. He had successfully passed through the Raleigh course, and was now a midshipman on a real ship. We had a happy evening ashore together, in mufti.

Soon after National Service ended, I would be going up to Oxford to read mathematics. I would have preferred physics, my best subject at school, but was over persuaded by my big brother Nick, who had just finished his own Oxford reading mathematics. So I spent a lot of spare time on HMS Whitby on mathematical revision, and particularly enjoyed 'Electricity' by Oxford professor Charles Coulson, a modern mathematical text with huge insight into a branch of physics, with which I had struggled using a much older textbook in Eton days. At Oxford, I attended his excellent lectures.

The time on HMS Whitby event with greatest long term effect for me was the ship's courtesy visit to Malmö in Sweden. This port city, almost opposite Denmark's capital city Copenhagen, is Sweden's third largest city, and was blessed at that time with the largest and most versatile theatre in Europe. (These days, there is a very long road bridge crossing the sound between Denmark and Sweden, near Copenhagen and Malmö.)

After an uncomfortable sail through the cross-seas of the Skagerrak and Kattegat, which separate Sweden from Denmark, we arrived at Malmö where we were to represent the Royal Navy for a courtesy visit coinciding with a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's nautical skit HMS Pinafore, a light hearted tease on Victorian attitudes to the Navy and life at sea.

We were shown around the theatre in detail, and, although we did not see the production, the cast entertained the ship's company by putting on a little beer-party (below).



Perhaps influenced by the beautiful leading lady of the show, just behind me in the photo, I fell in love with Sweden – and Scandinavia, and in later years would visit Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland on many enjoyable occasions, on both business and pleasure.

On 2 August my National Service was over at last: I went back to our family home, Bourton House, to recover and prepare for university at Oxford. To put a little money in my pocket, my father organised a few weeks of holiday job in London at Lazard's Bank. This was an interesting work experience, in the City of London, where many parts were still flattened by wartime bombs.

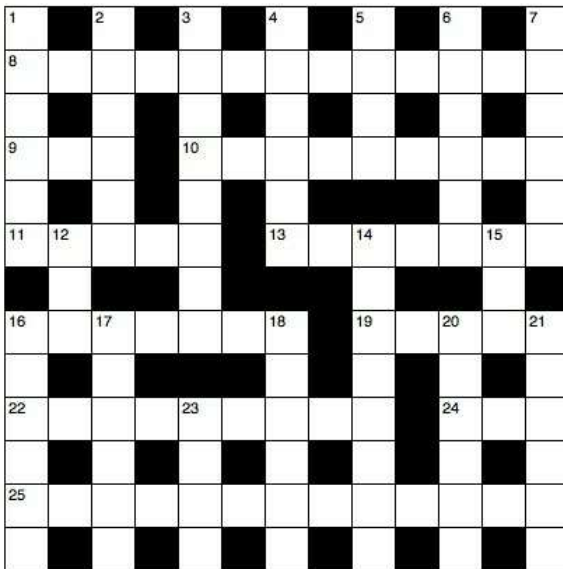
Lazards had no clear idea of what a mathematician would do, and set me to study predicting stock values based on trends. There were no computers then - analysis was by hand-calculator, and I made no major breakthrough – but I did invent a useful gadget to compute ‘Yield to Redemption’ – a figure evaluating average income for a government bond.

Then I went to Oxford – for a major new phase in life.

The next episode will cover Oxford years.. All episodes are in the text of <https://fosmw.com/parishmag/an-interesting-life.pdf>

Puzzles

Crossword Puzzle



Crossword Clues and Answers

Across

8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)

9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)

10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 ‘Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ’ (Malachi 1:3) (5)

13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)

16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)

19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)

22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)

24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)

2 See 24 Across

3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)

4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)

5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)

6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)

7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)

12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)

14 Second city of Cyprus (8)

15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)

16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)

17 Braved (anag.) (6)

18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)

20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)

23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

ACROSS: 8, Kirithath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Milletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.
DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

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