

Winkfield, Cranbourne and Chavey Down Parish Magazine



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A message from Patrick

The Church Times in 2009 reported the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt. Revd Dr Rowan Williams in celebrating the 150th anniversary since the first Parish Magazine publication (by the Revd John Erskine Clarke at St Michael's, Derby, in January 1859). Dr Williams hailed the Parish Magazine as "the most widely read Christian publication in the country, with a larger circulation than the local papers". Many people, read it without ever setting foot inside a church. You will agree with him that, "A good parish magazine is a wonderful resource that places the local church at the heart of the community it serves."

Quite a thought as we celebrate, with the current editors, the 100th Edition under them. The secret of a good parish magazine, it is said, is "having keen, inquisitive and imaginative editors, a strong community, representing both the civil and the church parish, with plenty of widely supported social, sporting and voluntary activities plus a vibrant church, village shop and pub, and news, photos and plenty of contributors, as well as supportive advertisers".

They have kept this going continuously nearly every month, even through COVID 19 to the present date. We congratulate and thank them for their dedication. As we celebrate Anthony and Margaret-Anne, we also thank you all for your contributions in various ways, writing articles, collating and general distribution of the Parish Magazine.

Please keep this support up especially as we endeavour to turn the magazine into the Winkfield, Cranbourne and Chavey Down Parish Magazine. It is taking far too long to get this going. We are now negotiating with advertisers to keep it sustainable. If you have expertise in this area, please do talk to me. (This is not handled by the Editors.)

If we can get this right; come together, contribute to, and play our part in a new shared vision for our Parish Church Magazine, God will work through us to bring His good news to the people of Winkfield, Cranbourne and Chavey Down.

Church magazines together with the ubiquitous social media can be effective means of communication. Like the legendary fly or lizard, the Magazine finds its way even onto palace walls. We have a Gospel to tell, and our Magazine physical and digital remains a great tool to use.

Blessings,

Patrick Mukholi,

Interim Minister; Winkfield, Cranbourne and Chavey Down – Harvest 2023

A note from the editors

We are always grateful for Patrick's support for our Parish Mag efforts (and we have had good support from his predecessors over the years since we took over as editors for the February 2014 edition). We thank Patrick for his kind words here – and also for the many perceptive 'leading articles' that he has provided that have graced the first pages during his tenure.

We are deeply grateful also to the many people who have systematically contributed interesting articles about events that have taken place in the Parish, and particularly those who unfailingly provide new material month by month, year by year. For the latter, we particularly thank Lesley Philpot for St Mary's news, Jill Glennerster for bell-ringing news, and Stephanie who has provided information on services, as well as Parish Notices (and weekly notices too), and we must also mention her predecessor, Alison Burt, who faithfully did this job, before retiring and handing over to Stephanie. We are also grateful to the important people who, month by month, have studied draft magazines, and found loads of typos, some errors and even a few omissions, with Ian Cadell & Adrian Hoare leading!

We regard the Parish Mag as an important communication to people in our parish, reaching beyond our regular congregations – and have been surprised by occasional interest shown up by Google statistics in far off lands – even China!! But you, our local readers, are our most vital interest!

To make this work, what we put in the magazine (after the more formal stuff) has to be interesting, pertinent, well-written, and easy to relate to. After all, this is real journalism on a small scale. The encouraging feedback that we receive from a few faithful friends has encouraged us to go on – and on and on – for these past ten years. We can only keep going if we know that we have 'hit the right spot' – and will be happy to stand down when what we are doing isn't working. So feedback is super-important – even negative feedback that addresses real concerns in a positive way.

Eds Anthony and Margaret-Anne

From the Parish Registers for August 2023

There were no Baptisms or Funerals etc.

Weddings & Blessings

The wedding of Olivia Price and Dave Parry took place in St Mary's Church, Winkfield, on Saturday 19 August 2023.

The wedding of Cherith Wilson and Jack Forrest took place in St Mary's Church, Winkfield, on Saturday 26 August 2023.

Notices

A note from the editors

This is our 100th edition (since February 2014) and, with your support, we will make progress towards our next century!

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://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

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

Ascot Horticultural Society

**Herbs and their Uses,
Culinary and Medicinal**



**A talk by
Belinda Allen**

Wednesday 11th Oct 2023

King Edward's Hall, Ascot, SL5 8PD

Doors Open at 7:30pm for 7:45pm

**ENTRANCE Members £1 Visitors £2.50
Including refreshments**

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').

Local reports and events

Ascot Horticultural Society

The meeting to be held on 11th October in the King Edwards Hall, King Edwards Road, North Ascot, will be a talk by Belinda Allen on Herbs and their uses, culinary and medicinal. The meeting starts at 7.45pm. Do come along and join us. See the flyer on the preceding page for details.

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

Cranbourne Amateur Dramatic Society's forthcoming production is the Vicar of Dibley, directed by John Bowers with assistant director Georgie Heath. Performances are at 7:45pm on Thursday 26 to Saturday 28 October with an additional matinee at 2:30pm on the Saturday. It is now taking place at **St Peter's Hall, Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne SL4 2EG**. Tickets are £14, with children up to 14 yrs able to attend the matinee for £7.

This well-loved TV sitcom from the 1990s, written by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer, has been faithfully adapted for the stage by professional writers 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 somewhat eccentric flock. The play is warm-hearted, uplifting and laugh-out-loud funny.

The licence fee is going to "No, no, no, no, YES".... COMIC RELIEF

Book tickets here : <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cads-amdram>

See cadsact.org.uk/shows for more information.



THE VICAR OF DIBLEY

A stage play by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter adapted from the original TV series by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer.
With kind permission of Tiger Aspect Productions.

26th - 28th
October 2023

7:45pm

28th October

Matinee 2.30pm

St Peter's Hall,
Hatchet Lane
Cranbourne, SL4 2EG

Tickets £14/£7



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www.cadsact.org.uk



Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week 22-29 October

Binfield Warfield Winkfield

ARTS WEEK

Sun 22nd - Sun 29th October 2023

Local arts, crafts, music & exhibitions for all ages
www.arts-week.org

The 2023 Binfield Warfield Winkfield Arts Week is for local residents in the three Parishes.

A fantastic programme of 53 events for children and adults, some new, some popular favourites will take place in the 2023 Binfield Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week, which is half-term week. Full details on website www.arts-week.org. Tickets can be booked online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artsweek> or by phone 01344 885110 (ring weekday mornings). Tickets are available from Sunday 1 October 2023.

All events are free – just a few adult workshops have a small upfront charge towards the materials used and taken home (EG Silver Workshop).

Enjoy our first ever Ceilidh, Wreath Making, Hand Bell Ringing, Play Reading Workshop, Live Music in various forms as well as popular children's workshops Pumpkin Carving, Lego Animation, Craft Workshops, and the return of two live Theatre productions for youngsters. There is simply so much choice for people in the three Parishes – see the website.

The Arts Week Community Arts & Craft Exhibition is again in Brownlow Hall on 27 to 27 October – free walk-in admission and free for artists to exhibit. 200 pieces from our local creatives. If you too want to enter your art (as a local resident), simply go to the online entry form on www.arts-week.org/exhibition

For help or questions contact The Event Organiser Jonathan Greenyer on 07768 513 436 or by email events@arts-week.org

St Mary's Patronal service

The Tower bell ringers welcomed all to St Mary's Patronal Service on 3 September, in celebration of the Nativity of St Mary, and the service was led by Revd Patrick Mukholi. The service was attended by many members of the congregations of both St Martin's and St Peter's, as well as St Mary's people, and this emphasised the value of Patronal services in bringing our church communities together.

The service began with all singing 'The Lord's my shepherd' to Brother James' Air, which was followed by the Hand Bell Ringers ringing 'The Bells of St Mary's'. Everybody sang Psalm 150, celebrating the value of music in church, to a chant by Stopford; the Communion setting was also Stopford. The choir communion music was 'Fairest Lord Jesus' and 'Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep' – tune Northampton. Once again several of St Mary's extra singers joined for this service. The organist, Luke Saint, once again accompanied magnificently and ended the service with a rousing voluntary.

We thank all our singers and organists for their time and help in supporting such a memorable service.

St Mary's Choir

The choir was joined by our extra singers on 20 August and performed two solo items: the Kyrie from St Anne's Mass by Sir James MacMillan and 'Praise we now the word of grace'. This service was led by Canon Dagnall, whom we were very pleased to see again. The organist was Josh Tuffley.

The extra singers also joined us for Morning Prayer on 27 August, beginning the service with an Introit, 'Lord for thy tender mercies sake' – Farrant and Stopford's 'O Jesus every moment' for the anthem. Luke Saint was the organist.

St Mary's Women's Guild

The Guild sponsored two Heritage Open Days (HODs) on 9 and 16 September.

The first HOD on 9 September went well. There were not too many attendees, but those who did come were very interested in all they saw. The history section of Bracknell U3A (University of the Third Age) visited and told us that their section was looking at certain churches in the area and St Mary's had been selected for this visitation.

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Services in the Parish – October 2023

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

Please note the tagged items in the service tables. See below the tables for the relevant information about the tags.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	17th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Harvest Family Praise 🕯️
		4pm	Celebrating Harvest Craft Café 🕯️
8	18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Praise
15	19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion
22	20th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion
29	Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	All Saints & All Souls Memorial Service 🕯️



ST MARY'S CHURCH

Book of Common Prayer Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	17th Sunday after Trinity	10am	Family Communion
		11.45am	Holy Baptism
7	Saturday	6pm	Harvest Evensong <i>followed by Harvest Supper in Popel's Hall</i>
8	18th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Said Holy Communion
		10am	Harvest Family Matins 🕯️
15	19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion
22	20th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Said Holy Communion
		9.30am	Crafty Church
		11am	Morning Prayer
29	21st Sunday after Trinity - All Saints & All Souls	10am	A Service of Crafty Choral Matins in Commemoration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day 🕯️

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
1	17th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Family Praise for Harvest  led <i>by Roy Burgess</i>
8	18th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion
15	19th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Morning Prayer
22	20th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion
29	Last Sunday after Trinity	11am	All Saints & All Souls Service 

This is the relevant information for the tags:

 Food for the Foodbank; <https://www.facebook.com/BracknellFoodbank/>

A TYPICAL FOOD PARCEL INCLUDES:

Long life milk	Toilet Rolls	Pasta	Rice	Tea/coffee	Biscuits
Tinned tomatoes	Tinned vegetables	Tinned fruit	Tinned meat	Soup	Sponge pudding
Cereal	Beans	Pasta sauce			



There are notelets at the back of each church for you to let us know loved ones you would like remembered in this years' service.

Please complete them and return to your Parish Wardens; Anne & Lesley, or our Interim Minister; Patrick. Alternatively, please email the church office using All Souls Service in the subject line.

St Mary's Women's Guild (continued)

The Guild gave further discussion on the Harvest Supper and our outing to the Foundling Museum. Afterwards, Judith Usher, our speaker, began her talk entitled 'Look up and you will see the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in England'.

This was a reference to the English Martyrs Roman Catholic church in Goring by Sea, in which Gary Bevans quite recently completed a two-thirds copy of the Sistine Chapel ceiling. A photo of the ceiling can be seen on:

<https://english-martyrs.co.uk/our-church/visiting-us/sistine-chapel-ceiling/>

It was fascinating and Judith gave us much information, and provided pictures of the Chapel.

Of course, we had the inevitable quiz at the end. Several of our members had visited the Chapel, and, for those who hadn't, we may well think about a Guild visit for next year. An extremely interesting afternoon and many thanks to Judith.

St Mary's Family Matins

This service on 10 September was Bell Sunday. Ten children performed the readings and prayers during the service, and all referred to bells and ringing. Two new bell hymns were sung – 'Ring, ye bells, your songs to heaven' and 'We who ring the bells of churches', both to well-known tunes.

Once the readings and hymns were over, the attention turned to the Bell Ringers. The hand bell ringers rang and then the Tower bell ringers demonstrated change-ringing and asked members of the congregation to take part, and some brave volunteers tried it – and did very well. The morning ended with trips up the Tower.

St Mary's Family Praise and Crafty Church

These services continue to flourish with the children reading the bible passages and prayers. There was no Crafty Church in August, but it was back in September.

Bell Ringers September 2023

Lots of bell ringing activity this month!!

The branch practice was held at Stoke Poges, which has an interesting iron staircase on the outside of the tower – it was quite slippery after torrential rain – not for the faint-hearted!

The Church had a couple of weddings in August on consecutive weekends – both were local couples, which was lovely, and both were really lucky with the weather.

The hand bells were requested to perform two pieces by Canon Bernard Dagnell, who officiated at the communion service. We chose 'In an English Country Garden' and 'The Floral Dance', both of which we thought appropriate for the summer season.

Following the service, we went off for our annual summer bar-b-que at Chez Walkers. We had enormous fun playing croquet on the lawn, and enjoyed delicious food. Thanks to Debby and Chris for hosting.



The tower ringers ventured out to Chesham for the next round in the striking competition – another church with interesting access!!

After climbing very steep uneven stone steps, we exited onto the roof, and walked across planks to a tiny door, where we entered the ringing chamber. An interesting sight met us - there was a huge oak beam across the centre with

three ropes on each side of it. We could see the ropes but not each other!! See the photo! The home team won the competition, but we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening ringing with them, followed by a trip to the local hostelry.

We had a fantastic ringing outing when we visited four different towers. The first was at Ewelme, where there was a wedding planned for later in the day, so we had to compete with a professional choir and a trumpet! However, the loos were located beyond the cloisters which were spectacular – well worth a visit.

After that we went to an eight-bell tower which gave us the opportunity to ring different methods.

Lunch followed at a lovely pub, after which we walked over a field to a grade 2 listed ancient church. The bell tower is unusual in being supported by a massive timber frame and having no direct access from the church.

Our last stop was a short drive to another pretty church, and we finished the day with tea and cakes over the road in a lovely sunny garden. We enjoyed glorious weather throughout the day – thanks to Sue Bish for organising everything else!

The Patronal service at St Mary's was, as always, rather special. The hand bells, appropriately, rang 'The Bells of St Mary's' which is a tricky piece, but very beautiful, and we enjoyed both practising and performing it.

The Heritage Open Day was enjoyable – the hand bells were available for anyone to have a go – and one lady did indeed have a go!

There were several visitors to the tower.

This was followed by our second Bell Sunday of the year!

There was a lovely service with bell-related hymns and readings (beautifully read by our talented youngsters!!) before we rang 'Belfry Praise', also known as 'The Bell Ringers Hymn' on the hand bells.

We did a demonstration on the hand bells as to how the tower bells are rung, followed by a number of the congregation having a go, which was enormous fun – they all did very well!!

Always popular was the trip up the tower to have a look at the bells and have a dong which plenty of people did - if you missed out on this then do have a word with Tony and he will organise something for you.

Our practice session is on Monday evenings 7:30-9:15pm and we are there every Sunday for service ringing.

Take care.

Jill Glennerster 07821131303

Thoughts of all sorts

Slack Sabbath

The Spectator of 26 August carried an article with this title written by Revd Marcus Walker, Rector of St Bartholemew the Great, that amazing Norman church in the city of London.

The great FIFA World Cup match in Australia between the Lionesses and the Spanish women's team took place on a Sunday. Rt Revd Libby Lane, the CoE's first bishop, and now the church's spokeswoman on sport was reported as having said: "I know lots of people will want to watch the match live. That is fine from the CoE's point of view." Yes, they can attend another service, or catch up by I-Player or whatever. Yes, the church is not a 'bunch of miserabilist killjoys'. Charles I rebuked the Puritans, implying that they should not punish good people for their 'lawful recreations and honest exercises upon Sundays'.

Revd Walker says that this misses the point, that church comes first. 'The worship of Almighty God is, for Christians, the single most important thing that we do.' 'There is an existential danger in implying that the absolute core of our religion – worship – can take a back seat when something really exciting comes along.' Covid led to church on our sofas.

This is related, he says, to the wider national problem – dioceses are slashing priests' numbers, creating mega-parishes, with priests rushing

between churches, 'doled out at random to their flocks like over-stretched GPs'. He reports that in the Truro area, one stipendiary priest is being taken on who will not work on Sundays. She will work in the community to grow churches based on non- or lapsed-church-goers. So old churches, now thought of as part of 'inherited church', rather like comfortable old furniture, will be allowed to go, in favour of some transient modernism, even though the Church has the wealth to keep those churches up.

"Worshipping God on a Sunday is the primary act of a Christian. It is our duty and our joy ... [to celebrate the day on which Jesus rose from the dead]. If we sell the pass on that, we sell the pass on everything," he notes. For many Christians, a framework that includes church attendance on each Sundays is a framework that guides and shapes our lives for the good.

Alternative definitions

Do you enjoy comical alternative definitions or interpretations of standard phrases or words? Here are a few examples from our collection:

- Pharmacist → An agricultural person
- Gross Domestic Product → Atrocious cooking
- Diatribe → An unruly family
- Crocodile → A tired old clock

Send in your favourite examples to info@fosmw.com, so that we can publish the best of these in future editions of this mag.

With thanks to Adrian Hoare for kicking this off. Eds

Episode 32 of 'An Interesting Life' – Oxford life Part 1

In previous episodes of his memoirs, Anthony comes to the end of an incident-laden two years of National Service in the Royal Navy, to start university life in Balliol College, Oxford.

I arrived at Balliol College, Oxford to start my 3-year undergraduate course in mathematics in late September 1957. It was strange after the Navy, but not daunting - I think that coping with the life experiences of the past two years had rid me of that possibility, and I felt confident that I could now pursue the intellectual challenges for which I had been preparing in my school years. What I had learned mathematically at Eton soon came back.

There is a big difference between university maths and school maths, although the first year led to an exam called 'Honour Moderations' that was both an extension and a philosophical underpinning of school maths.

At its heart of 'Honour Mods' was the practical mathematics represented by trigonometry and calculus. I knew most of this, and was helped when needed by my 'tutor' Prof. Jack de Wet, who was charming, and modest in his own great achievements as a leading educationalist in the daunting mathematical world of Quantum Physics. At the same time, I was introduced in my first year to the strange world of abstract algebra, and would continue in my second and third years on this rarified topic. I did very well in my 'Honour Mods' exam in June 1958.

Abstract algebra uses tightly defined jargon in hilarious gobbledy-gook to non-mathematicians. It is the antithesis of arithmetic and numeracy. For example, the course book that I used then states as the very first theorem on 'Group Theory': '*A transformation $\varphi: S \rightarrow S$ is one-one if and only if it has a right-inverse; it is onto if and only if it has a left-inverse*', a statement incorporating seven different formal concepts (underlined). I can still understand this elementary theorem, but only after serious mental effort, although it can easily be demonstrated by simple diagrams.

Elaboration of this mathematical world is clearly outside the scope of these memoirs, but it is a curious fact that the branches of mathematics are linked with each other – and with aspects of the real world – in relevant ways that are quite unexpected. Group Theory, the mathematics of symmetries and permutations, is for, example, at the heart of the theory of peals for tower-bell ringing.

I never regretted having gone through the daunting intellectual challenges of abstract mathematics, as I gained great confidence in problem-solving in my career, even though my understanding of the concepts of abstract mathematics quickly died when I finished Oxford and went to work in the aerospace industry. So I will leave it at that, to turn to Oxford life.

First, a brief update on the family situation. At this time, my father Harry Hodson was at the pinnacle of his Editorship of the Sunday Times, an influential and distinguished post that he would continue to hold until 1961. 1957 saw the Wolfenden report, which stemmed from my father's ground-breaking leading article in the Sunday Times in 1955 (viz. Episode 19), and his invitation to Lord Wolfenden for a follow-up article.

Harry Hodson has been described as 'the last of the gentleman editors', a pertinent assessment as the Sunday Times would shortly be acquired by Roy Thompson, a hard-nosed Canadian entrepreneur with a keen interest in bottom-line profit through more edgy, more speculative journalism.

In May 1957, my sparky younger brother Daniel, now 13, had won an Eton Scholarship in May, and in September started his Eton life in 'College', the residence of Eton's foundation scholars - King's Scholars. My youngest brother Charles was a precocious 2-year-old. "Why do there be [sic] fences [pews] in churches, Mummy?" he asks, then answering himself: "to prevent all the people from going far away". So that left my mother alone with Charles, with Petra the cook/housekeeper in Bourton House in Gloucestershire for much of the term-time. She had local friends, and was involved with the village, but she must have been hankering for a return to living in London, which took place in 1959, about half-way through my Oxford career.

I will leave my big brother Nick, now 23, until the next episode.

University academic life requires a lot of hard work if one is to get a good degree. Mathematics is certainly demanding, but not having to write essays, as was demanded of nearly all my friends (non-mathematicians), did leave me time for friendships, social life and even romance.

When I had left for the Navy, I still had romantic thoughts about Maria Taylor (Episodes and 18 and 19), although no opportunity for a girl-friend relationship had ever been possible in those years. In Trincomalee I had bought Maria a silver brooch. When I reached Oxford. I learned that she was taking a secretarial course in Summertown, North Oxford, and one day, I decided to bicycle there and perhaps spot her. By chance, I did, and went up to her. She must have understood my romantic attitude, but, coming from a direct Yorkshire family, told me that "there were plenty of other fish in the sea". And that was that. I was very shy and inexperienced with girls, so this was not a good start to my romantic life at Oxford.

The unrequited brooch remained ungiven, and my mother thought that Petra would like it. Petra accepted it from her, but was unimpressed, and even rather cross at such a trivial gift.

Music led to another chance. Out of the blue, I received a message from a girl called 'Tomt', saying that she played the oboe, and had heard that I was an oboist, and could I help her, please, to buy some oboe reeds (the delicate device, made from special reeds, attached to the top of the oboe to produce the basic sound). I was charmed, and invited her to tea in my rooms. She was a delightful person, tiny, 'up' at Lady Margaret-Hall. She was really called Patricia, but had acquired the pet-name Tomt – after the name for Nordic sprites.

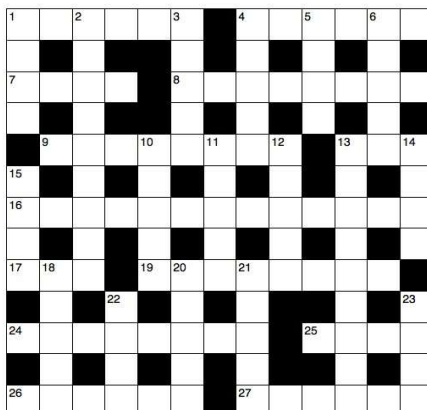
It turned out that she was the girl-friend of Micky Pery, whom I had known at Eton, and liked a lot. Micky was also 'up' at Oxford, although I had not encountered him up to that point. So, although romance was not on, I became very much involved with Tomt and Micky and other close friends, male and female, and some became life friends. Tomt wound up marrying Micky's brother, but tragically died in a sea bathing accident trying to rescue two children from a rip-tide.

Music, a lifelong thread, and the oboe had entered again into my life. The next episode will continue Oxford days from this point.

All episodes are at <https://fosmw.com/parishmag/an-interesting-life.pdf> - please note that the end of Episode 31 has been corrected.

Puzzles

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a —!' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)

5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

10 Ruses (anag.) (5)

11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)

12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)

20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

22 Bats (anag.) (4)

23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Apppear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.
DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Unde. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

Children's Corner

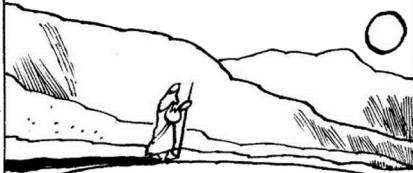
The Good Samaritan

JERICO

ONCE, A LAWYER TRIED TO TRICK JESUS WITH A CLEVER QUESTION.



JESUS REPLIED BY TELLING THE LAWYER A STORY.



A MAN WENT FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICO. ON THE WAY...

HE WAS ATTACKED BY ROBBERS!!



THEY TOOK EVERYTHING HE HAD AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD!



LATER A PRIEST PASSED BY, BUT DID NOTHING TO HELP - NOR DID THE RELIGIOUS MAN FROM A TEMPLE!

BUT A MAN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY STOPPED TO HELP THE INJURED MAN. HE DRESSED THE MAN'S WOUNDS, AND EVEN PAID FOR HIM TO STAY AT AN INN.



JESUS THEN ASKED "WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOUR?"

- PRIEST
- TEMPLE MAN
- FOREIGN MAN

WHICH DO YOU THINK WAS THE ONE THE LAWYER CHOSE?