



15 June 2022

Dear Friends,

When my children were young, I used to hate reading books in the Mr. Men series, by Roger Hargreaves. You may well know them: examples include Mr. Silly, Mr. Noisy, Mr. Happy. Fortunately, the stories were short – but nothing happens! Mr. Silly is always silly; Mr. Noisy is noisy throughout. There is no character development, no tension in the narrative – it's all so obvious. It may be heretical to say this – but reading the Odyssey and Iliad gave me something of the same experience. Achilles is always strong and courageous, Odysseus always manages to escape through his cunning and skill in deception. Admittedly there is tragedy in Greek literature, when heroes butt up against forces and fates that are stronger than themselves. But generally, character is fixed – one's fate is determined by one's status at birth. In contrast, at the heart of the Christian faith is confidence that God's grace is sufficient for us to develop, to grow, to overcome tragedy, to learn how to live life in all its fullness.

All this came to mind as I was enjoying evensong last Sunday, with all our choral foundation (adults, boys and girls) singing with all the Guildford cathedral choristers. The sound was marvellous; it was thrilling to see and hear 96 choristers (I tried to count them all, but the procession at the end of the service went so quickly that I may have missed a few). Amidst all the musical splendour, I was so moved to see choristers aged from 17 to 7. The older ones have not only had a great musical education, they have developed spiritually and emotionally. They have grown the skills of concentration, respect and how to listen – and, crucially, they have helped those younger than themselves start to learn these skills too. As disciples, we are always learning from each other, as well as being role models for others, whether they are younger or older than ourselves. I live a better life as I am attentive to the "saints" around me. We do not cease exploring and learning until we arrive back in the place where we first began, in our loving Creator's presence

Those twin themes of learning and passing on our learning are described in a verse of the hymn 'Bright the vision that delighted':

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry
'Holy, holy, holy' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high'.

We learn to sing and live the ways of holiness, as we learn alongside each other.

Something similar will happen this week at Holy Trinity Pewley Down School, for this is the week that Year 5 children give to Year 2 children a Bible. You may remember that I lead an assembly on what the Bible is. Then I invite the older children to buddy up with a younger one, and tell or read them a story from the Bible. It is heart-warming to see the enthusiasm that this generates. The younger ones love being read to – the older ones, whatever their faith background, know deep down that they are being invited to take on a role of mentor, guide, hope-bringer, faith-sharer. It's one thing to know, say, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It's a far deeper matter to tell the story to someone who may never have heard it before – to seek to bring this narrative to life, to point out the choices made (for good or for ill), to hint at how the listener can take on this story for themselves.

You give financially to the parish. This enables us to support the school. They provide Bibles for Year 5 to give to Year 2. We pass on the baton of faith. Earth takes up the angels' cry!

Robert.

Rector's Notes

Thursday 16th June - Corpus Christi

On the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, the church's calendar holds the festival of Corpus Christi. On this day, we specially give thanks for the institution of Holy Communion. The Rector of St Nicolas, Neil Roberts, writes:

"The feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated at St Nicolas at 1900 hrs together with the Cathedral congregation and choir and the Dean will concelebrate. You are invited to join us for Mass and Benediction, with cheese and wine thereafter".

Sunday 19th June at St Mary's

There will be no morning service at St. Mary's on Sunday 19th June as we will be preparing for our celebration afternoon. A special thank you to those members of the Holy Trinity congregation who will be there, helping them to celebrate. The details are posted below and everyone is invited.



Do come along to

St Mary's Festival Afternoon

on Sunday 19 June 2022

from 3 – 5 pm

- *find out what goes on at St. Mary's including Street Angels, ChitChat, Common Ground, Night Vision, Pop-up Cafés*
- *see a pictorial record of the updating of the building*
- *enjoy a Cream Tea and music outdoors*
- *followed at 5 pm by ...*

A Celebration Service

*giving thanks for the updated facilities at St Mary's
led by Keith Beckingham*

Sunday Worship • 19th June 2022

HOLY TRINITY

[10am Sung Eucharist](#)
[Sermon by Rod Pierce](#)

Isaiah 65.1-9; Galatians 3.23-end
Luke 8.26-39

[6pm Choral Evensong](#)

Genesis 24.1-27; Mark 5.21-end
Preacher Jonathan Hedgecock

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SERVICE FOR LINKS TO ZOOM
AND YOUTUBE](#)

[INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND
HERE](#)

Visiting Clergy
Jonathan Hedgecock - St John's, Merrow
Robert Cotton - St Mark's, Wyke

ST MARY'S

[8am BCP Holy Communion](#)
[Led by Jonathan Hedgecock](#)

[5pm Celebration of St. Mary's](#)

A service giving thanks for the updated facilities at St Mary's and for the ministry of the Rev Keith Beckingham

[Midweek Holy Communion •
Wednesdays • 12 noon](#)
(except the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

[SERVICE SHEETS FOR ALL
SERVICES CAN BE FOUND
ONLINE HERE](#)

[Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom 8.30am \(9.30 Saturday\)](#)

Notices, Events and Reminders!

Trinity Club

Tuesday 28 June 2022 from 10.30am - 12 noon at St Mary's Church

Images of Sunlight - The Impressionist Painters

Daphne Jefferis

Following her wonderful talk last year on *Silk, Squalor and Scandal – Hogarth and his Work*, Daphne Jefferis has kindly agreed to give another illustrated talk in which she moves forward 100 years. The end of the 19th Century in France was marked by a great revolution in European painting with the advent of the Impressionists. We shall explore how science and industry enabled these artists to produce their much-loved paintings which glow with colour and light, and which celebrate modern life in Paris and the surrounding countryside.

Please put the date in your diary. As usual, the meeting will begin at 10.30 to give people time to arrive, collect a cup of coffee and have a brief chat, before Daphne begins her talk at 10.45. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. And as usual, the meeting will finish at 12.00.

David Uzzell

Please pray for all those to be
ordained this Pentecost, among them

BENJAMIN CAHILL-NICHOLLS

to be ordained Priest by

ANDREW, LORD BISHOP OF GUILDFORD

in his Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit
at 3pm on Saturday, 2nd July 2022

Please pray also for Ben's wife Ellie and son Hector, and for
Canon Robert Cotton and the people of Holy Trinity & St Mary's,
Guildford, with whom Ben will continue to serve.

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*
Colossians 3:14



With its Covid restrictions now lifted, the Cathedral has been generous with ticket allowances for my ordination service on **Saturday 2nd July** and, as such, I have a number of tickets spare for the service! If you would like to be at the 3pm service that day, when I'll be ordained priest alongside several others from the Diocese, please drop me a line and I will put a ticket aside. Ben - ben@holytrinityguildford.org.uk

Volunteers for Greenbelt - 26th - 29th August 2022

Greenbelt is a wonderfully exciting Christian festival near Leicester, focussing on the arts, activism and belief. They need more volunteers to help this year - might anyone be interested?

Jan and Phil Hancock are going, so do talk to them if you would like to know more or look at www.greenbelt.org.uk/volunteer



Music at St Martha's
Summer Evenings on the Hilltop

in the pilgrim church of St Martha-on-the-Hill
7.45pm

Tues 14th June *Songs of Shadows* with Jacqueline Dias (soprano)
and Peter Nichols (saxophone)

Thurs 23rd June *Summer Fruit* – Poetry by Alwyn Marriage

Thurs 4th August *Enchanted Flute* with Isabella Stocchetti (flute)
and Margaret Ozanne (piano)

Tues 9th August *Music and Words* with Annelies Scott (cello) and
River James (voice and guitar)

Free admission. Donations invited towards the upkeep of the church.
All welcome, including dogs and walkers. Further details 07960 170006.
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**Coffee
&
Cake
at
St. Mary's**

10.30 – 12 noon
Thursday 23 June:
*A chance to meet up with friends
and to find out about*
Momentum
*- a charity helping families
going through tough times
as their children undergo
medical treatment*



Everyone welcome

REMINDERS!!

The Summer meeting of the Prayer Book Society – The Prayer Book for Today's Church. On **Saturday 18th June** at 4:15pm the Guildford branch of the Prayer Book Society will be holding a service of Holy Communion at the historic church of St. Mary's. All are welcome.

A reminder of the Festival Afternoon at St Mary's on **Sunday 19th June** from 3pm - 5pm.

Please [click here](#) for more details.

The Grafham Art Group have an Art Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral, running from **17th May - 19th June**. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

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