

20 July 2022

Dear Friends,

Every so often I change my mind about which book I would take to the desert island, if I were invited to be on Desert Island Discs. One strong contender is [*After the ice: a global human history, 20,000 – 5,000 BC*](#) by Steven Mithen. I loved it; but I can't recommend it to you, unless you are a real anorak for ancient history and geography. So, why did reading it move me so much?

Mithen describes very clearly how climate has changed significantly, even over the recent past of the last 20,000 years. I am writing this in the middle of this week's heatwave. We may be finding it hard to adjust to temperatures in the high 30s. But our ancestors had to cope with much worse – admittedly, over a long period of time. There is therefore very evidently a natural progression of change in the world's climate. But this does not undermine in any way the fact that recent climate change is to a large extent driven by human behaviour. "Climate change deniers" do not know their history, being blind to the evidence of long-scale patterns in the earth's weather that are affected by recent human decisions.

Taking a long perspective is both humbling and challenging. I recognise more clearly the smallness of our moment in history; yet, I also see the sizeable impact that our decisions can make for future generations. As I contemplate this larger perspective, these questions seem even more powerful: what difference do my actions make? Why should I bother to recycle, reduce my car usage etc? and yet, *After the ice* tells the story of how humans courageously faced new challenges as the ice retreated northwards, pushing boundaries, embarking on journeys the outcome of which they did not know – but which would bring great benefits to future generations.

In addition, I find a long perspective humbles and challenges me spiritually. It is too easy and trite to see Jesus as 'one of us', as though his culture was basically the same as ours. And God was caring for creation, not only when Europe was largely covered in ice, but also for billions of years before even the dinosaurs existed. That is humbling – yet does not detract in any way from the truth that God cares for each one of us now, today, waiting to see how we will make the best use for the resources and talents at our disposal.

Why am I committed to protecting and celebrating the environment? Because a few years ago (that is to say, about 10,000 BC) Guildford was covered in ice, and now it swelters in temperatures approaching 40 degrees. And what happens tomorrow is affected by how I choose to live today.

- Robert

Rector's Notes

There will be **Holy Communion in St Mary's** on Wednesday at 1200 for the last time on July 20th. Tom has led these services which have been deeply appreciated. Given Tom is leaving us, we will decide what happens next, when people return in September.

Daily Morning Prayer (on-line) finishes on Thursday 21st July. We will resume on Monday 5th September.

Holy Trinity and St Mary's is supporting [Christians at Pride](#), who are running a stall at Surrey Pride: 27th August in Camberley. We will also be hosting the next in a series of Rainbow Services at St Mary's on Wednesday 14th September at 1930. These services are for all pro LGBTI+, families, friends and supporters.

Sunday Worship • 24th July 2022

HOLY TRINITY

[10am Summer Worship](#)

[Sermon by Jonathan Hedgecock](#)

Colossians 2.6-15 ; Luke 11.1-13

6pm - In Nomine

Led by Revd Anne Payne

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ST MARY'S

[8am BCP Holy Communion](#)

[Led by Rod Pierce](#)

[10.30am Morning Worship](#)

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Colossians 2.6-15 ; Luke 11.1-13

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**[Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom 8.30am](#)
[\(Final service 21st July\)](#)**

Thank you

A huge thanks for the send-off you gave us on Sunday and for your generous leaving gifts and messages. The measure of enjoyment and love is the sadness felt at saying goodbye and so we go with tears in our eyes but hearts full of joy and thankfulness for having spent three years here.

As the Italians would say, this is *arrivederci* not *addio*!

Tom, Maria Vittoria and Chiara

'Angel voices, ever singing round thy throne of light...'

Andrew and I would like to thank everyone in the parish who contributed to making our last day at Holy Trinity on the 10th July so uplifting and memorable. And we shall remember the singing and celebrations for many years to come - From your kind words that were either verbal or written to the generosity of your gifts. We were given a financial donation that was for an overwhelming amount and this will be put to good use. I have been playing the organ this morning for the Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas' church, Wells next the sea, which is rather a contrasting experience to last week: The singing at the final Evensong of the choir year was quite tremendous (despite the heat which was making the organ sound rather worse for wear) and I shall never forget the sheer power of choir, former choristers and congregation singing together 'Alleluia - praise him with the sound of trumpets'.

I think it is highly unlikely that I will ever have such a rewarding and uplifting job in church music again and I know I have been very lucky for all the opportunities I have had over the last 29 years. Holy Trinity (and its choir) is a wonderful community and I wish it every success in the coming years. I shall continue to give it my full support but now 'from the back benches.' It has been a privilege to know you all and I express my sincere thanks to each and everyone of you.

Martin Holford

Notices, events and reminders!

In Nomine

Join In Nomine on Sunday 24 July at 6.00 in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford to celebrate 'Seasons of the church's year', consisting of anthems, hymns, readings and reflections. With Revd Anne Payne and In Nomine directed by Sebastian Forbes with Peter Wright (organ).

REMINDERS!!

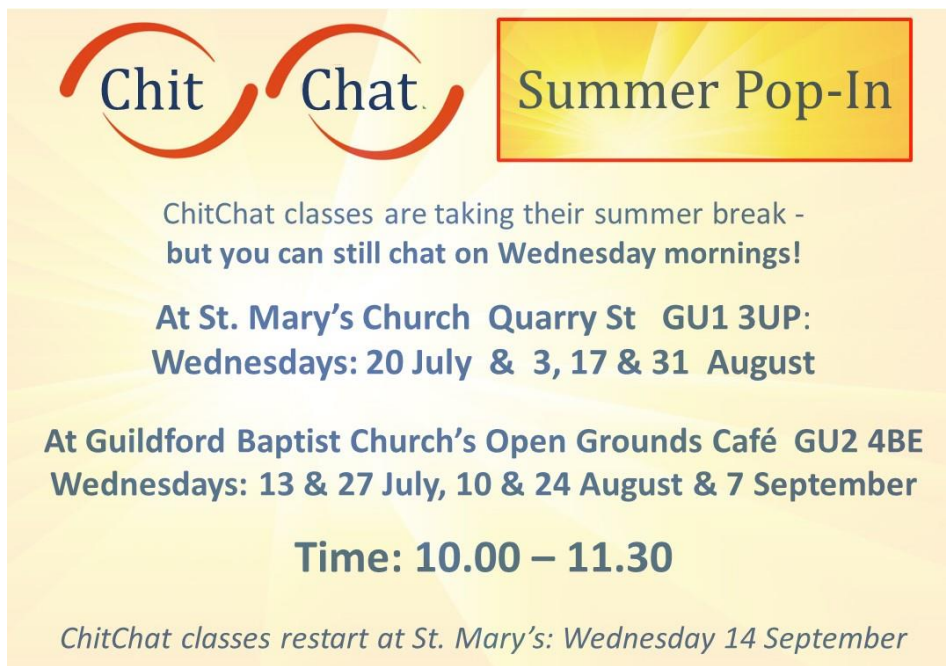
[Guildford Youth Symphony Orchestra](#) will be performing at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 23rd July at 7.30pm. Tickets are free so please do feel free to pop in! Click the link for the QR code to get your free ticket.

Trinity Club - Tuesday 26th July from 10.30am - 12 noon at St Mary's Church

Travel broadens the mind – or does it?

David Uzzell

Friday 22nd July: The Vigil for Ukraine continues to happen every Friday evening at St Mary's from 9-11pm. Please do come along and show your support, light a candle and reflect.



The graphic features the 'ChitChat' logo with two orange curved lines forming a smiley face around the text. To the right is a yellow box with a sunburst pattern containing the text 'Summer Pop-In'. Below this, text in blue and black provides details about the classes, including locations at St. Mary's Church and Guildford Baptist Church, dates, and times.

Chit Chat Summer Pop-In

ChitChat classes are taking their summer break -
but you can still chat on Wednesday mornings!

**At St. Mary's Church Quarry St GU1 3UP:
Wednesdays: 20 July & 3, 17 & 31 August**

**At Guildford Baptist Church's Open Grounds Café GU2 4BE
Wednesdays: 13 & 27 July, 10 & 24 August & 7 September**

Time: 10.00 – 11.30

ChitChat classes restart at St. Mary's: Wednesday 14 September



**Coffee
&
Cake
at
St. Mary's**

***Thursday 28 July
10.30 – 12 noon***

*A chance to meet up with friends
and to find out about*

Mulberry House

*- a charity offering support to
single, homeless women*

Everyone welcome



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