

# *St Mary's Monthly Newsletter*

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# Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of the new St Mary's Monthly Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it. The purpose of this publication is to keep you updated as to what is happening in the Parish during the period of the Vacancy. The weekly leaflet has now been discontinued, and Pew Sheets reintroduced at the Sunday Services. Most Parish information can be found on the website [stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk](http://stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk) as before.

We plan to start small and for the Newsletter to evolve to cover the needs of the Parish. Monthly contributions from people will be most welcome.

## Parish Register

**BAPTISMS** - We have pleasure in welcoming the following into God's Family:

Sunday 22nd August

Annabel Rose McFarlane

Sunday 5th September

Max Patrick Powell

Matilda Evelyn Powell

George Henry Routley Gillman

Eleanor Susan Otilia Gillman

Sunday 12th September

Fraser George Laybourne

Louis George Trussler

**DEATHS** - We offer our condolences to the family and friends of

**Pamela Winter.** 'May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.'

# *Message from Mary-Beth*

We had a most enjoyable parish lunch in mid-September when we said farewell and a big thank-you to our Rector, Godfrey Hlliard and his wife, Helen. Godfrey has just retired from parish ministry and will certainly be missed.

This was the first time we had gathered together as a parish in the hall for many months because of the onset of the COVID pandemic.

So we weren't only saying a big thank-you to Godfrey but also to everyone who organised our first parish event. And we were especially grateful to be able to finally meet over a shared meal as the community of Christ at St Mary's.

So you could say the spirit of thanksgiving just permeated our get together that day.

And we're reminded of that same spirit during this season of harvest, the time of year we traditionally give thanks to God for His abundant generosity providing food for our tables.

So what is Jesus' message to us this harvest time?

We might want to reflect on a famous Bible story, where Jesus fed 5,000 people with just a few loaves and fish. He miraculously turned a scarcity of food into one of abundance. Every one of those people that day was well fed and there were even baskets of leftovers. In the Biblical account, we see that Jesus didn't dwell on the scarcity of what was before Him. Instead, He demonstrated the generosity of God for his people through His miracle. It was an amazing demonstration which must have left the disciples speechless. God's generosity comes from His love for us all and for His

creation. And that brings us to another message in this story. As Christians, we're meant to follow in Jesus footsteps. And that means we're meant to demonstrate God's abundant love to those whom we encounter in this world and to all of creation. We're meant to live in generous love. It's a big task Jesus has given to us. So how might we fulfil it?

Perhaps we can start by reflecting on the needs of our community, both at St Mary's and in the places where we live. How can we be generous to those in need? To share the abundance of God's love in practical and compassionate ways? How can we strive to protect and preserve our natural environment?

I leave you to prayerfully consider these questions, and ask God to reveal how you're meant to be part of His abundant harvest.

May God pour his abundant blessing upon you this harvest time!

Mary-Beth Hawrish,

(Associate Minister of St Mary's)

### **Prayer for the Vacancy, from the Archdeacon :**

God our Father, you have welcomed each of us in Jesus and called us to be His body in this place; Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer That we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community.

Give your heavenly wisdom to those who are to choose a new incumbent for this parish, that she or he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, Jesus. **Amen**

# *Church Services in October*

3rd October	Sung Eucharist 10.00 am	Father Gerard Mee
10th October	Said Eucharist 10.00am	<b>Safeguarding Sunday</b> Rev Mary-Beth Hawrish
	Evensong (BCP) 6.00pm	LLM Philip Herbert
17th October	Said Eucharist 10.00am	<b>Harvest Service</b> Rev Barny Perkins
24th October	Said Eucharist 10.00am	Rev Rosemary Durward
	Choral Evensong (BCP)	LLM Anthony Metcalfe
31st October	Said Eucharist 10.00am	Rev Patrick Davies

# *St Mary's Calendar—October*

Thursday 30th September	Organ Recital in Church Callum Alger
Sunday 3rd October 2.00-5.00pm	Vacancy Workshop
Tuesday 12th October 12.30-2.00pm	Parish Harvest Lunch
Thursday 28th October	Guitar Recital in Church Giacomo Susani

# Vacancy Update

On 15th September Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking, spoke to Parishioners about the process the Diocese will adopt during the Vacancy to secure a new Rector of St. Mary's. He shared with us the Timeline below:

<i>Archdeacon's open meeting with the congregation (to explain the process)</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> September
<i>Vision morning with Diocesan Missioner</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> October
<i>Final Draft of Parish Profiles completed by (stage at which most of the work is complete)</i>	December 2021
<i>Section 11 Meeting (profile formally agreed and parish reps chosen)</i>	January 2022
<i>Advertise Post: Rector of Stoke D'Abernon (on Diocesan website and in Church Times)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<i>Closing date for applications (final date on which applications submitted)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
<i>Shortlisting (interview panel meets to shortlist candidates)</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022
<i>Interviews (held in the Parish over two consecutive days)</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Mothers and Others

Mother's and Others playgroup restarted on Thursday 23rd September. This friendly playgroup is held weekly in term time from 10.30am - 12pm. It's suitable for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and other carers with children aged 0-3 years old. Homemade cake plus tea and coffee are available. We ask for a donation towards refreshments please.

If you would like to volunteer to serve coffee or help set out the toys, we'd love to hear from you - **please contact Polly in the Parish Office**

# Parish Lunches

After an absence of nineteen months, we are delighted that we shall once again be able to put our parish lunches back in the diary. The format will be the same, in that we ask for anyone who wishes to attend to sign up on the list, which will be at the back of the church, or to ring Polly in the Parish office. The list will close after the service on the Sunday before and we should like to request that, if you have signed up and find that you are unable to attend, you will let Polly know. Likewise, if you are intending to attend, please make sure you have told us so that we can cater for the correct number of people.

We are not at present returning to a lunch every month but hope that the ones we have planned will be special. The dates are:

**Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>** when we will celebrate Harvest

**Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>** which will be our Christmas lunch

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, Shrove Tuesday

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**, to celebrate Ascension

Please put these dates in your diaries. Each lunch will be at 12.30 until 2pm.

The list to register your intent to attend the first lunch will be available in the church on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

As before, we are recommending £5 to go towards the cost of the meal, with Christmas being a bit more, because of the cost of festive ingredients and wine.

Sara Read and I shall be cooking the lunches, with additional help from volunteers, and we look forward to welcoming you after such a long break. Please feel free to bring a friend or anyone who has never been before but who might enjoy the occasion. Please make sure that anyone you intend to bring has also been signed in.

Mary Quinn

# October Music at St Mary's

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Choral Eucharist 10am

The music for this service is by the two foremost Anglo-Irish composers of the nineteenth century, Charles Villiers Stanford and Charles Wood

### **Communion Service in Bb: Charles Villiers Stanford**



Stanford was born in 1852 in Dublin, and was educated at Cambridge University before studying in Leipzig and Berlin. Brahms was a particularly strong influence on Stanford's style, and featured in his teaching at the Royal College of Music, where his students included Coleridge-Taylor, Holst, Vaughan Williams, John Ireland, Rebecca Clarke, Frank Bridge and Arthur Bliss.

Stanford's Communion Service in Bb Op 10 was composed in 1879, and was written for use in Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge where Stanford was organist. Since neither the Benedictus nor the Agnus Dei appeared in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, having been deliberately omitted by Cranmer in the 1552 version, these settings were added by Stanford in 1910 prompted by increasing 'High Church' influence and by demand for the restoration of these components in the Communion liturgy.

### **Anthem: Oculi Omnium: Charles Wood**

Charles Wood was born in 1866, and was a chorister in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, where his father was a vicar choral. Wood was an inaugural student at the Royal College of Music, where he studied with Stanford and Parry, and in turn taught Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. Wood's anthem *Oculi Omnium* is a Gradual for the Feast of Corpus Christi, and sets Psalm 144: 15 (vulgate). It was first published in 1993 in the Church Anthem Book, together with his setting of *O most merciful*.



Words: Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno.

Gloria tibi Domine, Amen.

### **Sunday 24 October Choral Evensong 6pm**

The Preces and Responses will be sung to the setting by William Smith, who was a canon at Durham Cathedral in the mid 17th century. Smith's responses are mainly homophonic (all the vocal lines having the same rhythm and underlay), with melismas in the final Prece, and an elaborate final Amen after the third Collect.

Psalm 19 is sung to a chant by Edward Hopkins, one of the principal composers of Anglican chants, who began as a chorister at the Chapel Royal and at St Paul's Cathedral, and later became organist of the Temple Church.

The Canticles are sung to a rarely heard early setting by Hubert Parry, composed shortly after he left Eton College, when he had studied composition with Sir George Elvey, organist of St George's Chapel, Windsor. This setting alternates unison lines with chorally complex phrases in both movements, the Magnificat having a central Verse section for semi-chorus. It includes examples of Parry's characteristically forward-looking harmonies, with details of tempo changes and dynamic shaping carefully indicated in the score.

The anthem is O sing joyfully unto God our strength by Adrian Batten, who sang in the choirs of Winchester Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral. Batten's anthem is a colourful depiction of the "cheerful noise" of the psalm, notably the at the words 'Blow up the trumpet in the new moon'.

The final hymn is 'When in our music God is glorified'. The words were written to sing with Stanford's glorious tune 'Engelberg', by Fred Pratt Green, a Methodist minister and one of the best-known of contemporary hymnwriters. First sung in 1971 at a London conference of the Methodist Church Music Society, the hymn centers on the power and necessity of music in worship. Fred Pratt Green boldly states that music can open new dimensions that bring profundity to our lives.

# *Farewell to Godfrey and Helen*

**O**n Sunday 19th September the Parish held a most enjoyable lunch to celebrate Godfrey's eight and a half years of loyal service to St Mary's and to wish him and Helen well in their retirement. Before a lunch of roast turkey was served a few words were said to acknowledge the Parish's appreciation of Godfrey's achievements while in office. A presentation to Godfrey and Helen was made which included a framed watercolour painting done especially for them by Jennifer Sutton.

*The picture of St Mary's Church  
by Jennifer Sutton.*

*(Source Photographs by Michael  
Meurisse and Robin Kirwan-  
Taylor)*



Following the presentation Grace was said by Mary-Beth. The roast meal, with puddings provided by members of the Parish and Congregation, was enjoyed by all. It gave the Parishioners the first opportunity to socialise together since the lifting of restrictions.

We were pleased that Godfrey and Helen's son, Jonathon and his partner, and daughter, Alice, together with Andrew and Anne Stribley were able to join us.

It was lovely to see so many people and that some children whom Godfrey has baptised and couples that he had married shared the day with us.

Below are a small selection of photographs that show the happy atmosphere of the day!



*(With thanks to Michael Meurisse and Sue Prentice for the use of these photographs.)*



## **Cobham Area Foodbank by Christina van Roest**

It is sad that in our community a foodbank is desperately needed. It can happen to anyone that a sudden crisis situation occurs and the need for personal or family support becomes an urgent necessity, more so in the time with an additional hurdle to overcome: the Pandemic. The number of clients has not increased much during COVID times, our way of delivering the services has changed slightly, as clients were shielding and could not get to the Distribution Centre. We have never closed the centre for clients coming in, volunteers were having a 'distancing' & 'masked' chat while waiting for the food order to be prepared. Informing the clients by handing out leaflets from the Council and other charities to cope with the loneliness that many had to endure and having to ask for additional help.

After the relaxed attitude removing the strict lock-down rules by the Government, we remained as vigilant as before and did not relax any restrictions. At the foodbank we try not only to give out the food, but also try to encourage and motivate clients to improve their lifestyle and the unfortunate situation they have to master. There is also more information to hand out, as some community activities had started up again and people can meet up in other places then just the Foodbank.

We could not run the foodbank without your help. Feeding about 80-100 people per week requires the generosity of food donations and money. Being thankful for the gifts we receive culminating in the great celebration of Harvest, thanking our Lord of gifts great and small in our lives, we should not forget those who cannot cope with their state of affairs, mentally, financially and socially. Let's help our fellow human beings with our compassion, prayer and support by filling the food bins at the collection points or sending money for the fund to buy food, when we run out of certain essential items, to pay the bills of rent, insurance and running the green foodbank van.

For the Harvest Festival there is a specific list of the items we really need.

We hope you will be as generous as ever by supporting those in need with your great contributions.

Many thanks, Christina



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### Harvest Festival September 2021

Thank you for donating to our local Foodbank, covering Cobham, Oxshott and local villages.

This is a list of our most needed items.

Please do not donate fresh items, or out-of-date items, as these can not be used.

<b>Tinned meat</b>	<b>Tinned potatoes</b>
<b>Tinned fish</b>	<b>Fruit squash</b>
<b>Pasta sauce</b>	<b>Tinned custard</b>
<b>Tinned veg (not pulses please)</b>	<b>Tinned rice pudding</b>
<b>UHT semi skimmed milk 1L</b>	<b>Tinned fruit</b>
<b>Large instant coffee</b>	<b>Chocolate spread</b>
<b>Sweet biscuits</b>	<b>Soap bars</b>
<b>Shampoo</b>	<b>Shower gel</b>
<b>Washing up liquid</b>	<b>Laundry tabs/caps/gels/power/liquid</b>
<b>Dog food</b>	<b>Cat food</b>

*Thank you for supporting local families in need!*

Registered charity number: 1154217 | Registered in England & Wales



Below is the link to an interview Christina recently gave on Radio Jackie

[https://audioboom.com/posts/7941789-christina-van-roest-from-cobham-area-foodbank?utm\\_campaign=detailpage&utm\\_content=retweet&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR11-Pb3ypObhDUKyT0vnyVH8OAGD-](https://audioboom.com/posts/7941789-christina-van-roest-from-cobham-area-foodbank?utm_campaign=detailpage&utm_content=retweet&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR11-Pb3ypObhDUKyT0vnyVH8OAGD-)

As shown below St Mary's Stoke D'Abernon is once again offering a varied timetable of monthly Lunchtime Concerts. Please make a note of these in your diary.



## Lunchtime concerts at St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon 1-2pm

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Sept *Callum Alger organ recital*

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Oct *Giacomo Susani guitar recital*

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov *Pupils of the Yehudi Menuhin School*

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Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jan *Peter Cigleris & Dina Duisen –  
Clarinet & Piano recital*

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Feb *Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumpet) and  
Oliver Macfarlane (organ)*

There is no charge, but please register your intention to join us at [admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk) or call 01932 866005.

A retirement collection will be taken.

For more details of future events please contact St Mary's Parish Office on 01932 866005 or visit our website [www.stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk](http://www.stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk)

# Safeguarding

Are you a survivor or victim of church related abuse?  
Could you help the Diocese of Guildford to learn from  
the past and protect the future?

The Diocese of Guildford is currently reviewing all its records, across all 162 parishes, to ensure that all safeguarding concerns and allegations have been identified, reported, and appropriately actioned. Critical to this, is the voice of survivors and victims. The Diocese of Guildford wants to listen to and to learn from your experiences and ensure that your voices are heard throughout this review process.

## **Coming forward**

Anybody who would like to give information or make disclosures about church-related abuse is asked to contact Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Jackie Broadfoot ([jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk) 07918 559387).

## **Support is available**

The Diocese recognises that coming forward may be extremely difficult and dedicated support has been set up for you. Two confidential listening services have been set up, for those people who have experienced church related abuse but who might want to talk through their experiences and feelings before taking any next step. To find out more about the support available click [here](#).

## **Building the safest community we can**

Bishop Andrew, Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of Guildford explains why we are doing this: *"It is important we do everything we can to make our churches the safest places they can be. Safe means different things to different people but this review will help us to ensure that the concerns reported to our churches have been dealt with properly, and the care taken and the support given is of the high quality that people rightly deserve. We have learnt from a previous review that that survivors and victims' voices are critical, and I would urge you to come forward."*



# Parish Notices

We are very grateful to the people who have recently come forward to volunteer to help in the Parish.

However more people are desperately needed to share their talents. No task is too onerous if it can be shared with as many people as possible. Even occasional help would be appreciated.

At this time we are particularly keen for help with:

- Making coffee for our Mothers and Others Toddler Group—Thursday morning (term time only)
- Making and serving coffee after Church on Sundays
- People to prepare and read Intercessions in Sunday Services
- Reading at Sunday Services



We have recently signed up to a new method of donating towards the upkeep and running of St Mary's.

A link to make a donation may be found on the St Mary's Website at [stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk](http://stmarysstokedabernon.org.uk)

Once on the Homepage visit 'Getting involved' 'Giving' If you scroll to the bottom of the page you will find the symbol for 'Give a Little'

You can also make a donation online by clicking the link below:

[St Mary's, Stoke d'Abernon - Give A Little](http://St Mary's, Stoke d'Abernon - Give A Little)

**And finally.....** Have you heard of Mrs Violet Haddon Allison? She died in 2002 in Edinburgh and her ashes are under the altar at St Mary's. We have no idea how she got there or who her family is. Can you help???