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NEW YEAR! NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST! HIP, HIP, HURRAY!



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The Vicar writes

2012 promises to be a very exciting year for St Mary's. In February we will be welcoming the Revd Sue Ayling to St Mary's as Assistant Priest. I'm very much looking forward to working with Sue, and I know she will bring many gifts to ministry here. Sue will be taking a full part in the life of St Mary's as a priest on our staff, so she will soon become well known to all our congregations and groups. Meanwhile, Sue introduces herself elsewhere in these pages. She will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Dorking at the 9.30am service on Sunday 5 February. Everyone is encouraged to attend this service to welcome Sue, and to stay for refreshments afterwards (note, there will therefore be no 11am service on Sunday 5 February).

By the time you read this, you may well have seen the newly revamped Welcome Area in church. Many thanks are due to those who contributed time, money, and vision to achieve what is really a wonderful transformation. The area provides a larger toy corner, and informal meeting area, and improved notice board facilities. Following with this theme in the coming year, we are planning to clear more space throughout the church: a great deal of "stuff" tends to accumulate in churches, and we are well overdue a clear out! So one of my New Year's resolutions for St Mary's is that we should do everything we can to make sure it is as attractive and uncluttered as possible. Only the best we can give is fitting for God's house. Let that be a motto for us in 2012!

Fostering growth is a top priority for St Mary's in the coming year. This includes welcoming in new people and families to our services and events. It includes continuing to tackle our financial situation. Also very important is the growth of each one of us in the Christian faith: Christian knowledge, spirituality, and devotion. I also hope we will see our various groups flourish: children's groups, our choir and singing groups, tower band, serving team, and the number of people involved in our various committees and task forces. Growth is the natural state for a church: we simply need to respond to God's prompting and allow it to happen.

But before we get to 2012, just a thought back to 2011. A full report of the year's activities will come when we get to our Annual Report. For now, suffice it to say that so much has been done at St Mary's, thanks to the time and talents, donations and prayers, of so many people. We all do what we do, not for human thanks but for the glory of God and the growth of his church. Nevertheless, I want to put on record my thanks for all St Mary's people have done in the past year. The dedication and faithfulness of so many at St Mary's continues to be, to me, a source of inspiration and deepening faith. Thank you. Thanks be to God. And may you all have a happy and blessed new year!

IN CHURCH IN JANUARY

January is a relatively quiet month in church for events and activities, although it's the time for a great deal of preparation and planning behind the scenes.

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SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Wayfarers and the Sunday School meet in conjunction with this service, and there is a Crèche provided in church.

There is coffee in the church hall between the 9.30 and 11 o'clock services on Sunday mornings, to which all are welcome, and especially newcomers and visitors.

1100 SERVICE

There is a wide variety of services in our 11 am service. Sometimes traditional Choral Mattins or a traditional Sung Eucharist, at other times we have a short and lively toddler service, baptisms, or a family service. See the calendar on the back page for more details.

1730 EVENING PRAYER (as advertised)

Usually a simple said service, but sometimes Choral Evensong.

Occasionally there are variations from this pattern; details are given in this paper, on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes available on Sundays.

ON WEEKDAYS

Morning prayer is *usually* said at 9 am Mondays-Thursdays, in church. See the Weekly notes or phone ahead to make sure. The Eucharist is celebrated on Tuesdays at 10 am, in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

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We are keeping the feast of the Epiphany— when the wise men arrive at the crib— on New Year's Day (Sunday 1 January). There will be services at 8am and (with a creche) at 9.30am, but no 11am or evening services.

On Sunday 8 January we celebrate the Baptism of Christ. After our usual services at 8am and 9.30am, there follows the first "Toddle Up!" service of the year at 11am. We have seen several new families coming to this short and informal service for toddlers in the past year— it is great fun and so families return month by month! We hope to welcome both new and familiar faces to "Toddle Up" in 2012. In the evening, our monthly service of Choral Evensong will take place at 5.30pm.

There will be celebrations of the Eucharist at 8am, 9.30am, and 11am on Sunday 15 January. At the 9.30 Sung Eucharist there will be an all-age talk in the usual sermon slot, and the service will include hymns requested by members of our recent junior confirmation class.

Sunday 22 January sees the first appearance of "St Mary's Singers" at our 11am service of Mattins and Holy Baptism. See below for more information about St Mary's Singers. Even if you aren't joining St Mary's Singers, this seems a good moment to mention the fact that all are, of course, welcome at baptism services to welcome new members into the church. In fact, the service assumes the church is gathered in welcome!

The last Sunday of the month is the feast of Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. After festive celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8am and 9.30am, there will be a service of Choral Mattins at 11am.

ST MARY'S SINGERS

Our monthly 11am Sunday baptism services attract some of the highest attendances of any service, and we want the families and friends of those being baptized to have the best possible experience when they come to celebrate a baptism. In 2012, the singing at these services will be led by the St Mary's Singers. "Who are the St Mary's singers?" you may ask. They are a soon-to-be-formed group that we would like *you* to join!

If you can sing a hymn and learn a simple sung response, you can sing in St Mary's Singers. Robes will be provided, no ability to sight-read music required-- just enthusiasm!

Baptisms take place on the 4th Sunday of every month (except August and December). Practices will be arranged so you can sing confidently and joyfully!

To find out more, speak to our Arthur Mathews (email llamedos@f2s.com or phone 020 8337 2160) or to the Vicar. The first baptism services of the year will be on 22 January and 26 February.

Your friend and Parish Priest
 Russell Dewhurst

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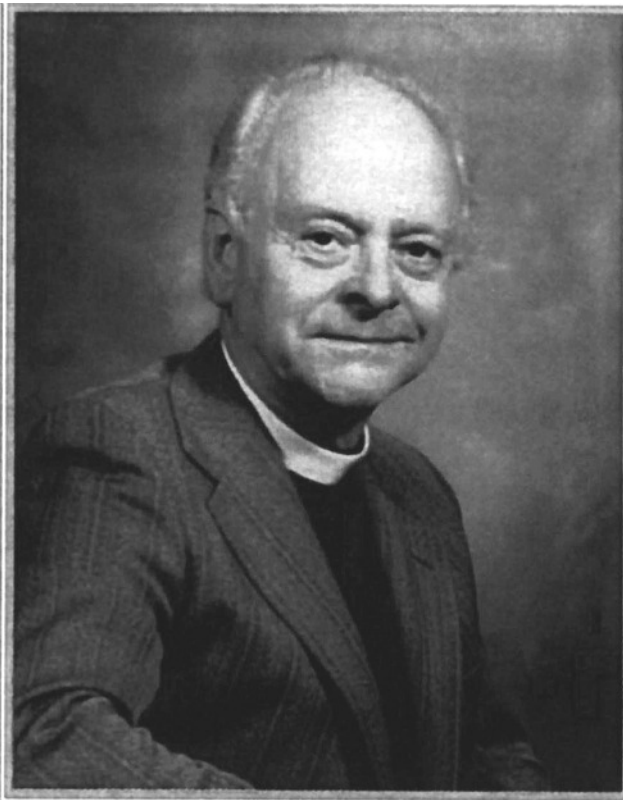
VICAR OF EWELL 1971 - 1982

Peter Hogben, Vicar of Ewell from 1971 to 1982 died on 26 November. He will be remembered with gratitude and affection by many longer-standing members of St Mary's congregation.

Peter was born in Kent and, after war service in the army, returned to Kent as an agricultural auctioneer and married Audree. He decided to take Holy Orders and was ordained in Guildford in 1961. After being Vicar of Westborough he came to St Mary's in 1971, with Audree and their two sons, it was a difficult time for the parish, since a long incumbency

during and after the war had been followed by a very brief one. Peter's energy and enthusiasm were infectious and he led the parish with skill and dedication.

One of his first aims was to revitalise the Parish Magazine, which was relaunched as the "Ewell Parish News" - No.1 came out in January 1972. He was for many years its editor and also wrote many thoughtful provocative and often amusing "Vicar's Columns". Another early initiative was the "Ewell Appeal" to repair the exterior and refurbish the interior of St Mary's. Tragically three weeks after the work was completed, the disastrous fire of November 1973 destroyed the Father Willis organ and the North aisle and blackened the rest of the newly restored interior. Undaunted, Peter led the parish both through the temporary measures to maintain worship and fellowship and the enormous task of rebuilding, and of restoring the interior. By November 1975 he had ensured that restoration meant improvement; a replacement Father Willis organ was found in North London and this was placed on a newly created first floor so that the space underneath became the Parish Room which has been so



valuable to church life. it is fitting that the Fire Memorial Window in the North aisle depicts three representative parishioners -an elderly lady, a young lad and the Vicar.

In many other ways Peter, with Audree always at his side in support, led the parish in a rich programme of worship, pastoral care and fellowship. For example, in 1979 he inspired the creation of St Mary's Morris Men. He also organised and led mini-holidays by coach. Each of us from those days can recall with gratitude his acts of love and care.

Peter's special abilities were recognised by the Diocese. In 1977 he was asked to edit the monthly Diocesan Leaflet. In 1979 he was made an honorary Canon of Guildford Cathedral. In 1980, while remaining Vicar of Ewell, he was appointed Rural Dean of Epsom, covering the 15 parishes of the Deanery.

Sadly for us in Ewell, his talents led to his appointment in 1982 as Archdeacon of Dorking and his departure from the parish. His farewell party at Ewell Castle School and the presentations to Audree and to him demonstrated the high regard with which he was held. As "our" Archdeacon, he installed in 1983 his successor as Vicar, Richard Handford.

Peter's funeral was held at St Mary's Rowledge, near Farnham on 6 December and was attended by a churchwarden and other friends from St Mary's Ewell. Our thoughts and prayers are with Audree and her family. We give thanks for Peter's life on earth. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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SUGGESTED PRAYERS

God, make me a little bit kinder,
A little more tender and true,
Not needing a constant reminder
Of the things I know I should do.
God make me more easy to live with,
Less ready to get hurt and vexed,
More patient and helpful in dealing
With the worried, the sad, the perplexed.
An eager disciple to follow
The steps where my Master has trod,
Not afraid of the storms and the shadows,
If my pathway leads straight on to God.

Mary Eversley.

Lord, in the daily round the common task,
The little niggling needs that each day brings,
Give me the spirit that will rise I ask,
Above the tyranny of little things,
Of little things, the petty jars and frets,
The trivial cares that make a person's day,
The disappointments and the small upsets
That prick the nerves, and tongue and temper
fray.

Give me, O Lord, the vision that can see
Beauty in homely tasks, in work well done,
Give me the courage that will cheerfully
Accept my lot, nor wish an easier one.
Give me perspective, that the little things
May keep their little places, nor overbear
The faith and hope that are the spirit's wings
To rise in thee, Dear Lord; grant this my
prayer.

Florence Reddaway.

O Lord,
remember not only the men and women of
good will
but also those of evil will.
But do not remember all the suffering
they have inflicted upon us;
remember the fruits we have borne
thanks to this suffering -
our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility,
our courage, our generosity,
the greatness of heart
which has grown out of all this;
and when they come to the judgement,
let all the fruits that we have borne
be their forgiveness.

Anonymous



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The sum raised totalled £1,328 for our four nominated charities ; Holidays for the Disabled, Mercy Ships, Compassion East Africa Drought Appeal and beachy Head Chaplaincy. Many thanks to all who helped on the day and to those who donated so generously.

The Outreach Committee

ST MARY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members of St Mary's will be aware of our difficult financial situation, and we thought it appropriate to write this article to provide more information, and to explain how our finances are managed.

The church treasurers are Julia Mathews and Miriam Massey. Julia looks after the main church accounts and our investments with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, and Miriam looks after minor accounts such as the Summer Fair and children's activities. Miriam is also the Stewardship Recorder.

Financial activities are overseen by the Finance Committee, first established in 2006 to better control church income and expenditure. The committee meets quarterly. It is chaired by David Dance and its members are the Vicar, churchwardens, the two treasurers and a minute secretary. A written report of activities is provided for each PCC meeting. A system of financial planning has been in place for several years so that budgets are set for each area of activity, and expenditure is controlled as far as possible.



Julia

Miriam

David

In accordance with charity law, accounts are produced each year, are approved by the PCC and have an "independent examination" before being presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), usually by our treasurer, Julia. For many years, it has been explained that our regular expenditure exceeds our regular income, and we have only kept our head above water because of the receipt of substantial legacies. Also on one Sunday morning each year we explain the financial situation, and ask for help. We call this 'Stewardship Sunday'. The leaflet produced in 2011 for Stewardship Sunday explained that our aim was to 'set St. Mary's on a firm financial foundation so that we can build for the future', and the Vicar wrote:

'As I look around our magnificent church, I can't help but be conscious of how much we owe to previous generations. If they had not, moved by the Holy Spirit, given so generously of their time, talents, and money, the church today would be very different. What will we bequeath to future generations?

Following God isn't just something we do in our minds. Our faith also leads us to act differently, to live lives of love and charity. Supporting the church should be one of the first calls on any Christian with the means to do so. And in the gospels, Jesus - who spoke a lot about money - takes for granted that his followers will give alms, that is, help those in need.

What motivates many of us to give is thanksgiving and love: thanksgiving for the immeasurable gift of Jesus; and love for those around us. We want our church to be able to serve the whole community and to help people find the love of God, now and in the future. If God prompts us to respond to this appeal, we can be sure it is

for a very good reason: because of his great plans for our church.'

The leaflet explained that our financial need is to have sufficient income to meet our regular expenditure, and sufficient reserves to meet future capital costs (e.g. major repair to the church or hall fabric).

In 2010, our unrestricted funds fell by £33,000. This amount could be halved in the coming year by 100 people giving an extra £2.50 a week with a gift aid declaration (enabling us to claim back 25% from the tax man). 150 people giving an extra £3.40 per week with gift aid would eliminate our deficit

How you can help

Please think and pray about your giving. If you are not a member of our Christian Stewardship Scheme, please consider joining. Leaflets are available in the Welcome Area, and Miriam, David and Julia would be happy to explain how the scheme works. If you do not wish to be a member of the scheme, please try and gift-aid your donation using the white envelopes on the pews. If you would like to make a one-off gift to St Mary's, the Vicar would be pleased to discuss this with you. Please consider also whether you could leave a legacy to St. Mary's. Legacy leaflets are also available in the Welcome Area, and from the website

Later in 2012 we hope to have a Christian Stewardship campaign, but please do not wait till then to respond to our plea. Thank you.

Julia Mathews
Miriam Massey
David Dance

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

HOLY BAPTISM

Washed, sanctified, justified
(1 Corinthians: 11)

4 December Jack Riley Evans

FUNERALS

And now, Lord, what is my hope?
Truly my hope is even in thee
(Psalm 39, used in the BCP Burial rite)

25 November Rosina Winifred
Osborne, aged 97

5 December Susan Marianne
Vaughan, aged 57

6 December Elsie Doris (Pat)
Palmer, aged 95

6 December Evelyn Mary Duffy,
aged 61

12 December Moira Tombs, aged 90

THE WAY AHEAD 2012 STYLE

The great issue of our times is whether God and Spirit OR people and matter are going to the masters of the globe. Most people through history have found it more reasonable to believe in a God who made them and the world we live in,

Who gave each of us liberty of choice, moment by moment,
And a knowledge in our hearts of evil and good;

Who sees in this world a chance for those whom He made to grow in character and develop in the liberty of his children.

Today however, far from developing in the liberty of His children, many are being ground down by inept government, terrorism OR neglect, even while living in comfortable suburbs.

All sorts of well-meaning groups, charities and churches especially, are vying with one another for funds to keep themselves going and help the needy, but every kind of obstacle, from international borders, rising prices and sophisticated health and safety legalities are in their way. The human touch is hardly allowed.

This melee of disenchantment is a time for us in St Mary's to "turn to Christ".

The phrase is powerful which is why it is enshrined in our Baptismal and Confirmation assertions.

Someone has said – "not a task, not a duty, but a love affair with Christ". We make bold to say "all three" while acknowledging that in real love, there is only love, no "tasks" or "duties".

God gives each of us that dignity which waits for Him to make clear His guidance in our lives, whether it be to alter direction in business, smile at the child next door, check on a distant relative, or take a friend to the theatre. What we can be

sure of is that, if we do it, it will lead on to bigger things God wants done, probably things far beyond our imagining.

Throughout 2012 we need to dwell in the realm of miracles. For, make no mistake, if we human beings are to get ourselves out of the tangle we have got ourselves into through our own heedless greed, we need to let God work miracles in each of us individually and all of us collectively.

A neat cartoon on our current crisis shows Jesus with loaves, fishes and 5000 people. Underneath is written, "But don't ask me to solve the Eurozone crisis!"

The cartoon hits the truth. Economic and political clarity come from moral and spiritual clarity. Money comes in as miracles proceed.

Where God guides, He provides.

Even then, the Devil will do his best to get in on the act and tempt grubby fingers to grasp what they can before the funds are out of reach.

Winston Churchill used simple words to help us win a far sterner battle long ago. His even simpler words here may help us again –

"If the human race wishes to have a prolonged and indefinite period of material prosperity, they have only got to behave in a peaceful and helpful way toward one another, and science will do for them all they wish and more than they can dream."

He said science. We say God. In fact it's both. No single person on the planet, no matter what their belief, is outside our love. We are one human race – God's children. 2012



AN INVITATION TO A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 19 – 28 NOVEMBER 2012 WITH REVD JOHN BAXTER

I have made preliminary bookings for a 10 day pilgrimage to Israel and would like to invite you to join with me, and with those from St Mary's and other churches in the deanery who have already booked, on this journey of faith. Something wonderful apart from the Olympics and European football to look forward to this year!!

Our pilgrimage starts in Galilee for three nights spending a day around the lakeside and also visiting Nazareth and Cana. We will then travel to Jerusalem via Jericho and the Judean desert for a six night stay.

The time in Jerusalem will include a full day trip to Masada and the Dead Sea and Qumran (where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered). There will also be trips to Bethlehem, Bethany and when we leave we will go to Tel Aviv and the airport via Abu Guosh (Emmaus) and Jaffa.

Whilst in Jerusalem our pilgrimage will take us from the Mount of Olives down to Gethsemane via the High Priests house at Gallicantu. We will visit the Holy Sepulchre early on Sunday morning to witness the different forms of worship and

then join with Palestinian Christians at St Georges Cathedral Jerusalem for morning worship. We will visit the Western Wall and the Church of St Anne and the pools of Bethesda before walking the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre and the Garden Tomb.

We will also spend a day in Bethlehem visiting the Shepherd's fields, the olive wood co-operative and lunch at the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation before going on to Manger Square and the Basilica and Grotto of the Nativity.

If you have not been to the Holy Land before this is a real opportunity to bring your faith and the bible to life. If you have been before you will know only too well that, like me, you need to go again!!

The cost of the trip, which will include full board and all excursions, will be £1495. If you would like a brochure and/or booking form or would like to discuss further please email or telephone me, details below.

Yours in Christ

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SUE AYLING INTRODUCES HERSELF

The first thing I want to tell you is that I am very excited about sharing ministry with Russell, Patrick, Wendy and with all of you, and am looking forward to 5 February, when I shall be licensed to St. Mary's, Ewell as your Assistant Priest. I shall be sad to leave St. Mary's, Long Ditton, where I have been serving for the past eighteen months, but I am looking forward to meeting you all.

As we get to know each other, you can ask me questions about myself, but here are some things I'd like you to know, in no particular order –

- I am passionate about prayer.
- I think listening is one of the most valuable ministries we can all offer.
- I have been told I am a good listener.
- One of my dreams is for the healing ministry to be the normal, everyday business of the church.
- I had a career in the Inland Revenue for 38 years, mainly as a Policy Adviser at Somerset House, in London.
- I go into HMP Downview once a month as a volunteer, helping with the MU project that enables women prisoners to

send home a DVD of them telling a story for their children to listen to.

- I love gardening.
- I love candles - their warmth and vitality and the sense of calmness they bring to any place where they are lit.
- I enjoy every aspect of ministry, though am not so keen on the meetings!
- I feel it is a great privilege to be alongside people, often people who don't normally come to church, when they bring their child for baptism, or celebrate their wedding, or give thanks for the life of a loved one who has died.
- I am still amazed and humbled that God has called me to serve as a priest in his church.
- I believe God calls everyone of us to serve him in some way or another, whether in our families, as a neighbour or friend or colleague, in our church or in the community, and that he equips us with different gifts for this work.
- I live on my own and my cat is called Grace.

Sue Ayling

TRIPLE RECITAL

at St. Mary's Church, 12 November 2011

This occasion was the last of the present series of sponsored recitals at St. Mary's featuring the Willis organ that is in such urgent need; an opportunity also of hearing all three of our talented players perform together. Upon Remembrance Day Eve it was perhaps fitting to reflect on issues evoked by the music.

For the first time we were able to hear our young Junior Organ Scholar, Jonathan Allsopp, as he opened the programme. Our superb Willis instrument is particularly well suited for the interpretation of French organ repertoire some of which we heard tonight. Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) is one of the most famous organ composers of the last century. His large cycles of organ music have become classics of 20th century repertoire. A devout Catholic, much of what he wrote stems from his deeply-held Christian faith: his *Apparition de l'église éternelle* which we heard now springs from the earnest contemplation of the eternal Church of God. This is a youthful piece, composed in 1932. In his long career J.S. Bach composed several hundred pieces for the organ ranging from the mighty to the intimate; it was an example of the latter that we heard next: a *Chorale Prelude* on the text "O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde Gross" (O Mankind, weep for your great sins). The solo chorale tune is highly ornamented with harmonic accompaniment in left hand and pedals. Then it was back to France for music by a composer of an older generation than Messiaen: Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911). We heard a fine *Organ Sonata*. Guilmant wrote extensively for the organ including 8 sonatas including this one, no. 3 in the series, a thought-provoking piece in the dark key of C minor.

Jonathan stepped down now and our Director of Music Jonathan Holmes took over. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) is another great 20th century composer for the organ. Jonathan began with the *Prelude and Fugue in B minor, op. 7 no. 1*, deeply impressive work that takes organ technique to new heights of virtuosity especially in the pedal writing. We could admire Dupré's skill in the art of counterpoint and in hearing

the fugue theme in augmentation in the pedal part at the conclusion. Dupré's exact contemporary Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971) came next in the programme. Jonathan played a couple of arrangements of movements from his ballet suite *The Firebird*, the *Berceuse* and *Finale*. Lastly Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) not a composer for the organ but for piano. His *Wedding Day at Troldhagen* is a piano miniature but sounds well on the organ as it is able to convey the Norwegian "Hardanger Fiddle" moments, drones, open fifths and folk-like middle section.

After an interval in which all had the opportunity to sample Arthur Mathews' delicious refreshments, we heard the Willis organ in an accompanying role: "O Danny Boy" was requested by Brenda Philbrick and sung by Timothy Tomkins.

Then it was over to Maks Adach, our Senior Organ Scholar. He explained what he was about to play. Firstly a *Prelude Fugue and Chaconne* by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). Buxtehude was for many years organist at Lübeck in North Germany; his numerous compositions for the instrument have only recently been granted the recognition they deserve, having been overshadowed by Bach for long. Next Maks played a fine French piece from the Baroque period, L.N. Clérembault, a *Suite de Deuxieme Ton*. Then a *Praeludium* in F major by another baroque composer, Vincent Lubeck (1654-1740) and lastly an *Improvisation* by Maks himself on the hymn tune *Hanover*, requested by Marion Rao.

Then it was Jonathan Holmes's turn to continue the French theme: Maurice Durüfle's *Prelude and Fugue sur le nom d'ALAIN* was composed in 1942 in honour of his friend, the composer Jehan Alain who was killed in action in World War II. Alain's sister Marie-Claire, in the course of her long and distinguished career, has championed the music of her brother. Finally, Marcel Dupré's *Cortege et Litanie* composed in 1921 so in the wake of World War I. It is a highly atmospheric work; a solemn funeral procession followed by a prayer. All left the church in reflective mood as befits Remembrance Day.

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MOIRA MARY TOMBS 1921-2011

On 12 December we gathered to celebrate the 90 years of the life of Moira Mary Tombs and to say our final goodbyes.

Moira was born on 11 October 1921 to Albert and Gwladys Martin of Norman Road, Cheam. She had one sister, Barbara, who was 5 years her senior. Sometime after her birth, the family moved to Cecil Road in Cheam where she lived until her marriage to Eric Tombs on July 1, 1950, when she moved into Eric's home in Castlemaine Avenue. After Eric's death in 1993, finding the house too big for one person, she moved to Holman Court, where her parents had lived in their later years, before they moved in with Eric and Moira.

Moira was educated at Sutton High School for Girls and then worked as a private secretary until she married. Moira was very involved in the life of the church, and over the years she was a sidesperson, had been active in flower arranging, contributed to the Church Fairs, and been part of the Women's Fellowship.

Moira had many other interests and an important part of her life was her membership of the Cheam Sports Club which she joined in 1948. She was a keen tennis player well into her 60's and also an avid player of Bridge, an activity she kept up until her ill health prevented her in the final couple of years of her life. She loved gardening, visited Wisley regularly and still subscribed to a monthly gardening magazine.

Moira was a committee member and visitor for Abbeyfield, and supported the British Legion by organising poppy selling. She was a member of the Holman Court Residents Association, and still hosted some meetings at her home until the last year or so.



She had an active mind and read a daily newspaper, The Daily Telegraph, completing the crossword every day – still managing to do this, with the support of visitors, until the last couple of weeks of her life.

Moira loved dogs and, since the death of her beloved Tina, a golden labrador, she found great pleasure in receiving cards, calendars, mugs etc with pictures of Labradors.

Having no children of her own, Moira was very involved in the lives of her sister's four daughters and their families, and even more so after Barbara's death when she became the family elder! She remained interested until the last and took delight in being shown photos of her new twin great great nieces the afternoon

before her death.

Moira was known for her lively mind and (sometimes wicked) sense of humour, her elegant dress and hair, and her dignity. To quote one younger friend "My memories of Moira include her kindness, hospitality, sense of humour and her young outlook on life that enabled her to have friendships with people of all ages".

Moira had dreaded being dependent on others but when this became necessary, she bore it with good grace and was respected and liked by the carers and district nurses who visited her at home and was popular with the staff in the hospital as she made their job less difficult with her pleasant and uncomplaining attitude.

Moira, Auntie Moira we will sorely miss you, especially over the Christmas period which we have so often spent together but we celebrate your arrival at the Heavenly Banquet!

NOT BUILDING BUT CARING

In past years the Estates Committee has participated in projects for the church involving very considerable expenditure, some architect lead and others entirely sourced by ourselves. However, in these straitened times, in common with other departments, we have been requested to reduce spending wherever possible, and we are not planning any major projects that would cause the Finance Committee to bear down upon us!

I am not proposing here to list all of the works that the committee undertakes – that has been done on earlier occasions. But it is clear from the above that whereas in more affluent times we **might** have been inclined to replace or renew items, the war-time policy of "make-do and mend" will be much more to the fore. We are fortunate in having members with requisite skills on the committee, but whilst skills are valuable and always very welcome, there are many jobs to be done that call for just time as opposed to talents, the occasional bit of muscle, and the willingness to get one's hands dirty from time to time (remember Dr.

Miller's recent sermon?) both in and around the church, the church hall and churchyard.

The committee members are getting rather long in the tooth, with an **average** age in the mid-seventies, and beginning to creak a bit, and we could certainly do with a few younger members – and I am thinking of 50/60 years plus – although younger still would be very welcome when they are free. This is not a commitment to regular work, merely to help out as and when required, and the tasks normally fall under the heading of 'general maintenance', for the well-being of the church and the comfort of the congregation. It has been said before that "unless people do things then things do not get done".

If you feel able to assist **in any way** do, please, have a word with me or any member of the committee, and we shall be pleased to tell you of the range of tasks that we carry out.

George Jarrett – Chairman, Estates Committee

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06 January 2012, The Epiphany; Matthew 2: 1-12

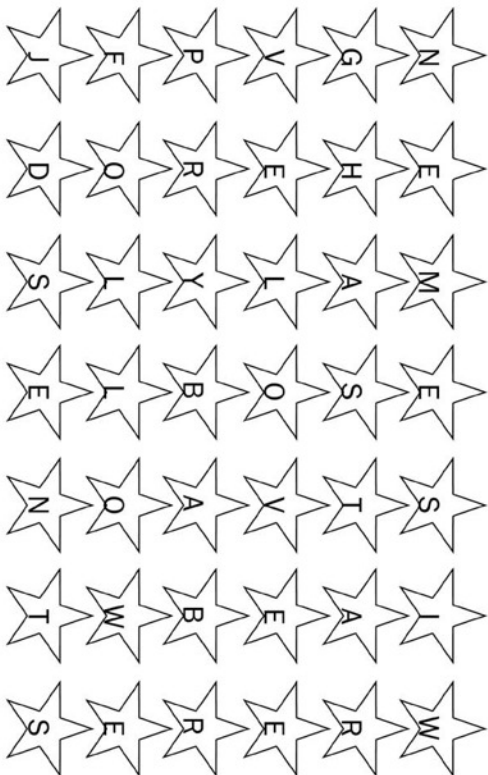


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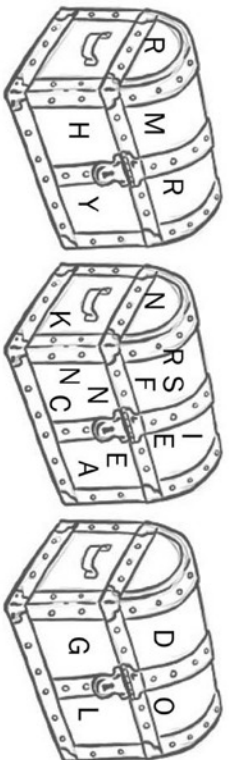
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Calendar for January

- S 1 THE EPIPHANY**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Procession and Sung Eucharist
- T 3** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 8 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Toddle Up!
1730 Choral Evensong
- M 9** 1930 Estates Committee
2000 Children's Support Group
- T 10** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 15 SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist with All-Age Talk
1100 Holy Communion (1662)
- M 16** 1430 Outreach Committee
2000 Growth and Pastoral Care Committee
- T 17** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 22 THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Mattins and Holy Baptism
- M 23** 0930-1230 Holy Communion to the housebound and to The Elders
- W 25** 2000 Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
- S 29 CANDLEMAS**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Procession and Sung Eucharist
1100 Choral Mattins
- T 31** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room



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