



EWELL PARISH NEWS



The monthly newspaper of St Mary the Virgin Ewell

No. 551

December 2018

60p

Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell

Christmas Services



Sunday 16 December

5:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Our choir lead us in singing traditional carols

Monday 24 Dec • Christmas Eve

2:00pm A Christmas Nativity

Service and carols with a nativity play

4:00pm The Arrival at Bethlehem

Traditional crib service for all the family with carols

11:15pm Midnight Mass

Atmospheric choral service sung by our choir

Tuesday 25 Dec • Christmas Day

8:30am Holy Communion

10am All-age Holy Communion

With carols & craft activities for kids



CONTENTS

The Vicar writes2 & 3
In and around our parish...4
From the Parish Registers..4
Love came down at Christmas-
Love was his meaning.....4



Suggested prayers.....5
Fun Day Wednesday.....5
Operation Christmas Child..6
Morris Dancing on
Boxing Day.....6
Together at Christmas.....6
Ewell Village Advent
Calendar & Ewell Yule.....6
Remembrance Day photos. 7
Handel's Messiah report....7
Your EPN in 2019.....7
David Slattery obituary.....8
Children's pages..... 9 & 10
Bereavement Café.....11
Calendar for December.....12
Coffee Mornings.....12
January EPN publication...12
Board Games afternoon....12
Repair of
Father Willis organ.....12

COPY FOR THE NEXT EDITION: Please email EPN copy to: epn@stmarysewell.com. Handwritten or typed copy will only be accepted by prior agreement (call 020 8393 4804). Please do not embed photos in WORD files, but send the images separately. Copy date for the January edition is noon on Monday 10 December.

The Vicar writes

Perhaps because of my scientific training, I like to question where data come from. So I always approach the annual publication of the Church of England's statistics with a certain amount of healthy scepticism. For example, every parish is asked the size of its worshipping community. Most parishes can do little better than pluck a number out of thin air! Nevertheless, despite my questions about the methods used, the statistics do provide food for thought. The annual number of confirmations, for example, is probably a fairly reliable figure, and has been in worryingly steep decline. But the Christmas attendance figures continue to grow, with more people coming to a C of E service at Christmas than ten years ago, or indeed more than 50 years.

We have certainly seen this in our own parish, with over 3000 coming to a Christmas service at St Mary's last year. And more recently, another significant event, Remembrance Sunday, saw the largest attendance we can remember, with the church at standing room only and some people having to listen via speakers from outside.

What Christmas and Remembrance have in common is that they are celebrated by the whole nation. This includes Christians, non-Christians, churchgoers and non-churchgoers. But a sizeable number of people feel that their observance of these seasons is not complete without a spiritual component. Even if they aren't usually in church most Sundays, large numbers of people see church as part of how they want to mark these significant moments.

Parish churches are here to serve everyone. Those who come to church a few times a year, just as much as those who attend most weeks. We put a huge amount of time into logistics, publicity, preparation, rehearsals, and so on to make sure we observe the great festivals and national occasions in a fitting way.

I am glad that Christmas is a time when larger numbers of people come to church. It is at the heart of the Christian faith. What makes Christianity unique is our belief that God came among us as one of us. The Son of God was born as a human being. This simple truth turns the universe upside down. The fullness of what that means has been explored in readings, in carols, in sermons, and in silent unvoiced prayers for two thousand Christmases, spread all over the world. And we never exhaust its meaning. Christmas changes what it is to be a human being, how we should live, how we should dream, how we should love.

I look forward to being with Ewell people- counted in the thousands- over the Christmas season, as we sing carols, say our prayers, and try to figure out what Christmas means for us, in 2018, and in the year ahead.

IN CHURCH IN DECEMBER

As usual, there will be an 8am service of Holy Communion, and 9:30am Sung Eucharist, every Sunday.

St Mary the Virgin EWELL PARISH CHURCH 020 8393 2643

Website: www.stmarysewell.com

Registered Charity Number 1128409

CLERGY

Vicar: The Reverend Russell Dewhurst MPhys BTh LLM; 020 8393 1297; Email: vicar@stmarysewell.com

Assistant Priest: The Reverend Sue Ayling OBE DipCivil Law BA(Hons)Rel&Th; 020 8337 6347; Email: assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com

Honorary Assistant Priest: The Reverend Dr Patrick Miller MA PhD; Email: patrickmiller@ntlworld.com

READER

Mrs Wendy Varney 020 8393 5212

CHURCHWARDENS

Mrs Valerie Wood 020 8393 5991

Mr Nicholas Allsopp 07899 818400

Pastoral Assistant

Mrs Wendy Paxman 020 8224 2851

Publicity and Social Media Officer

Mrs Kalli Pasqualucci Email: publicity@stmarysewell.com

SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Sunday School meets in conjunction with this service in term time. 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.

LATE MORNING SERVICE varies by Sunday in the month

The usual pattern is our all-age **Praise@11** on the first Sunday at 11am; 11.15am **Choral Mattins** on the second Sunday; 11am **Toddle Up**, a short and very informal service for toddlers and their families on the third Sunday; and 11.15am **Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism** on the fourth Sunday. The pattern changes on special occasions: see the calendar on the back page for details of this month.

1700 Second Sunday of the month ALL-IN An inclusive all-age service with something for everyone. Followed at 6pm-6:45pm by Club Sandwich, a youth group for 7-11s.

1730 Once a month CHORAL EVENSONG Just like a cathedral Evensong in our own parish church. Usually the third Sunday but see the calendar on the back page for details.

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

ON WEEKDAYS

Morning prayer is *usually* said at 9 am Tuesdays, in church. See the Weekly Notes or phone ahead to make sure. The Eucharist is celebrated on Tuesdays at 10 am, at the Side Chapel.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Administrator:

Mrs Lynne Yuille 020 8393 2643 (Office)

Office email: parishoffice@stmarysewell.com

St Mary's Church is in London Road, Ewell, and the Parish Office is on the south side of the church.

The Office hours are normally 9.30-12.00 Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, but please check before visiting as appointments are usually needed.

The postal address is:

St Mary's Ewell Parish Church, London Rd, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 2AY.

**HANDMADE
PICTURE FRAMES**

All Frames -
made in Our Studio
Free local collection
& Delivery



With this
voucher

M: 07748 712133
25 The Headway
Ewell Village
www.handmadepictureframes.

Sunday 2 December is the publication date of this EPN so it is probably too late to let you know the service programme. But just in case: in the morning we'll be decorating the church for Christmas with a brief Praise@11 all-age service soon after 11. In the evening, we mark the season of Advent with our Advent Carol service. This annual service is increasing in popularity each year, as we focus on the themes of Advent before Christmas comes upon us.

On Sunday 9 December, Choral Mattins is sung at 11:15am, and our all-age service All-in takes place at 5pm. There's something for everyone at this service, and it's followed at 6pm by Club Sandwich, our monthly group for 7-11s.

Christmas services begin in earnest on Sunday 16 December, with our toddler service, Toddle Up!, telling the Christmas story through a Nursery Rhyme Nativity. Then at 5:30pm our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols takes us through the Christmas story with bible readings, Christmas carols, and seasonal choral music sung by the parish choir.

The usual 8am and 9:30am services only take place on Sunday 23 December.

Monday 24 December is Christmas Eve. We have, as usual, two crib services. "A Christmas Nativity" at 2pm is a service with carols and a nativity play. "The Arrival at Bethlehem" is a traditional crib service for the family with carols, starting at 4pm. Please note that Midnight Mass starts at 11:15am on Christmas Eve (by the time we get to singing "Yea, Lord we greet thee" in the Eucharistic prayer it will be just about Midnight). The choir will be singing Christmas music from 10:45pm.

On Christmas Day itself, we start with a simple said service of Holy Communion at 8:30am. Then at 10am our All-age Sung Eucharist is very like a usual Sunday Sung Eucharist, but with Christmas Carols, and craft activities for children.

For quite a large part of December we are privileged to be hosting six school carol services and nativity plays. I look forward to welcoming the pupils, teachers, and parents to St Mary's on these festive occasions. Please note there will be no Tuesday 10am Eucharist on 18 December. The Tuesday 10am service will also be cancelled on Tuesday 1 January.

Advent is a time when some people take stock of their spiritual life, through reflection, reading, and self-examination. If you would like to talk to me or another member of the clergy about your spiritual life, or to make your confession, please make an appointment via the parish office or speak to me after a service.

CHOIR TRIP TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

Our parish choir will be at Wells Cathedral on 5 and 6 January. On Saturday 5, they will be singing 5.15pm Evensong. On Sunday 6 they lead the 9:45am Eucharist, 11:30am Matins, and 3pm Choral Evensong. Supporters from Ewell will be most welcome. If you haven't been to Wells it is a beautiful historic city and a gorgeous cathedral, so well worth a trip.

EWELL VILLAGE FAIR

As I write the Ewell Village Fair Facebook page has been viewed over a thousand times in the past week. It's still a long way off, due to take place on Saturday 13 July 2019. We do need a few more volunteers to join the planning team. Please consider whether you or anyone you know might be able to get involved this year, and if so, please do get in touch.

Your friend and Parish Priest
Russell Dewhurst

**St Mary's
Toddler
Groups**

Monday afternoon and
Thursday mornings
during term time in the
church hall.

For more information:

Tel. 020 8393 4804

**CAFE
NESCOT**

On Tuesdays in
term time, students
from NESCOT are
serving simple lunch-
es in our church hall
(London Rd, opposite
the church) between
12 and 2pm.

Soup, sandwiches,
salad, and cakes,
with tea, coffee, and
soft drinks.

Everyone welcome!



WA TRUELOVE & SON LTD
INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS
& MONUMENTAL CRAFTSMEN SINCE 1885



Serving the local community

- 24 hour call out service
 - Home visits available
 - Horse-drawn funerals
 - Monumental masonry
 - International repatriation
- For further details about Truelove
guaranteed pre-paid funeral plans
Call FREEPHONE
0800 074 3797



EPSOM 01372 723337
14/18 Church Road KT17 4AB



Also at: Banstead • Caterham • Cheam • Coulsdon • Dorking • Leatherhead
Mitcham • Morden • Oxted • Reigate • Sutton • Wallington • Worcester Park
www.watfld.co.uk • info@watfld.co.uk

**To hire the
Church Hall**
please contact

020 8614 0714

or visit

www.stmarysewell.com

**PAINTER &
DECORATOR**

A.L. BOVIS

Reliable friendly service
for all exterior and interior
household maintenance
and improvements
Free estimates given

01737 359581

IN AND AROUND OUR PARISH

I can't believe that it is already December, where has this year gone? There are many opportunities to attend Christmas events in the local area over December.

If you like to buy a real Christmas tree, the 4th Ewell Scouts will be selling Christmas trees again, to raise money for their scout group. You can buy your trees at Bluegates, Ewell, KT17 2SA on Saturday 1 December, Sunday 2 December, Saturday 8 December and Sunday 9 December between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Also on the 1 December, there will be a Mistletoe Craft and Gift Market at the Parochial Rooms in Cheam SM3 8BD, from 9.30am - 3.30pm. Southbank in London is also full of celebration and Christmas cheer with their Winter Market. Open Sunday to Thursday from 11am - 10pm, and from 11am - 11pm on Friday and Saturday.

From the 1 December to 2 January there is a Christmas Glow event taking place at RHS Wisley. From 4.00pm - 8.00pm, you can visit and see the giant flower lights around the garden.

On Sunday 2 December, the Epsom Symphony Orchestra will be performing their Christmas concert at Epsom Playhouse. Starring David Leonard, of West End fame, who will be narrating Sleeping Beauty. There will also be well-known classical music performances and Christmas carols.

And if you prefer Swing, there is a Big Band at Christmas performance at the Epsom Playhouse on Monday 3 December, featuring popular Christmas songs from Swing favourites.

Kew Gardens, in Richmond, is renowned for its Christmas lights and festivities. You can visit up until the 5 January, to see the illuminated gardens and buildings. Also on the Richmond side, there is a Festive (food) Fayre taking place at Hampton Court Palace from Friday 7 December to Sunday 9 December.

If you would like to make your own Christmas wreath this year, then why not join the wreath-making course at Ashted Park Garden Centre? The course is on Friday 7 December from 2.30pm - 5.30pm and costs £45. The cost includes all materials, pizza and a drink. For more information call Jo at Kelsey Flowers on 07712 618727.

Ewell Yule is taking place on Friday 7 December in Ewell Village. Local school children will be singing carols from 5pm, there will be craft and gift stalls on the high street and in Glyn hall, food stalls, fun fair rides, dancing from the St Mary's Morris Men and late night shopping from local businesses. There will also be the Cheam Village Christmas Fair from 5.00pm - 9.00pm, on the same night. Crafts, children's activities, festive food and drinks, Santa and the official switching on of the Cheam Christmas lights.

Ewell Grove Players are returning for more Panto performances on Saturday, 8 December. They will be performing Peter Pan at Bourne Hall at 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Tickets cost £7.50. For more information, please email peterpanto2018@gmail.com.

Panto season starts at Epsom Playhouse from Friday 14 December, with Jack and the Beanstalk. There will be various performances from the 14 December to the 6 January. Tickets are available at the playhouse, on their website or by calling 01372 742555.

Worcester Park will be discovering the magic of Christmas on Saturday 15 December from 12.00pm - 6.00pm on Central Road. Stalls will be focused on local churches, charities and schools, as well as promoting local businesses.

On Sunday 16 December, Hatchlands Park NT in Guildford will be hosting two Family Carols, songs and reading events at 12.00pm and 2.00pm.

Aladdin is the Panto being performed at Leatherhead Theatre this year. From the 20 to the 30 December, there will be many opportunities to see this pantomime favourite. Bookings can be done in person, via their website or by calling 01372 365141.

I hope that you have a wonderful festive season and a VERY happy Christmas with family and friends; and if you have any events or news that you think should be included in the January article of 'In and Around Our Parish', then please email me on publicity@stmarysewell.com.

Kalli Pasqualucci

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS - 'LOVE WAS HIS MEANING'

Julian of Norwich was probably born in 1342. In 1373, having been desperately ill she received the last rites but regained her health after the priest returned two days later and held a crucifix before her bidding her to look on it. Subsequently Julian had a series of visions and wrote her book 'The Revelations of Divine Love' the first book in English to be written by a woman and described as 'a sublime and wonderful revelation of the unutterable love of God. She wrote 'I saw full surely that before God ever made us, he loved us. And this love was never quenched nor ever shall be.'

As described in November's edition of EPN (on page 4) many small groups meet once a month to be quiet in God's presence, maybe reflecting on the words of Julian or another spiritual writer or some sentences from the Bible. We come together for about an hour and I'm hoping to start a group in Ewell in the New Year. If you'd like to know more, please do get in touch with me, The Reverend Sue Ayling (020 8337 6347 or assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com).

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Born again in Christ

21 October Alison Jane Cousins
28 October Ellis Ian Baker

FUNERALS

I will come again and take you to myself (St. John 14:3)

29 October Winifred Pauline Bentley, aged 88
30 October Norman Morgan Hale, aged 85
3 November Winifred Slinger, aged 89

Greenfield

Independent, family run estate agents, specialising in all aspects of residential and commercial property sales, lettings and management



020 8393 0077

www.greenfieldewell.co.uk

55 High Street
Ewell Village
Surrey KT17 1RX

TOM O'SULLIVAN DECORATING

Family business, quality decorating

Checkatrade member since 1999

Quality interior and exterior decoration
Reliable, qualified, insured and CRB checked
See customer reviews at:

www.checkatrade.com/tomosullivan

Tel: Home - 0208 337 3942(evenings)

Email:

tom.osullivan@virginmedia.com

FUN DAY
WEDNESDAY

Meets every Wednesday 3.30-4.30 in term time in the Church Hall. Craft, activities and games set out for children to dip in and out of. Drinks and snacks available. For children aged around 5-11 but older and younger are welcome! Parents/carers please stay and have a drink and a chat. £1 per session - no need to book. Any questions contact Fran Siddle on 07944-761629 or francesiddle@yahoo.co.uk.

SUGGESTED PRAYERS

A thought for Advent

As we approach Advent and the busyness that comes with preparing for Christmas, let us take a moment to reflect on the reason for the season through the imagined words of an evergreen tree.



The prayer of an Evergreen Tree (Anon)

Thank you, Lord, for my creation.
 The earth in which I live,
 Sun, rain and wind which nourish and cleanse me,
 Birds that nest in my branches,
 Small animals that I shelter from the cold.
 For letting me be part of your colourful landscape,
 With the blue sky, evening sunsets, and shining stars at night.
 Most of all I thank you, Lord, for choosing me as the Christmas Tree,
 to be part of your Son Jesus' Birthday Celebration which brings so much joy and happiness into the lives and homes of so many people.
 May my evergreen colour be a symbol of Christ's everlasting life.
 Lord, I thank you! AMEN

O God, as we gaze at the many sparkling Christmas trees which adorn the windows of shops and homes of every kind, may we be reminded of the hope that Jesus brings and to pray for his peace across the world. May the twinkling lights on the trees remind us of the Christ-light coming into the world; a gift from you, our heavenly Father, to remind us all once again of your love for each one of us and to share that love with one another, that we may know the true joy this special time of year can bring. AMEN

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2018 -Thank you



Many thanks must go to everyone who joined in filling a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. This year, we were yet again a local drop off point and were able to welcome people from a multitude of different groups and walks of life - from individuals, families, groups of friends, local churches, Brownie, Guide, Cub and Scout groups and others in the local community: too numerous to name individually. If you have been part of one of those groups or know someone who was, please do pass on our grateful thanks. A grand total of **360** boxes were dropped off with us and are now on their way to children in need around the world. This year, they will go via OCC's packing depot based at Heathervale Baptist Church in Addlestone where they will be checked and crated before heading off on the next part of their journey overseas. Thanks to you all!

Linda Staff

EWELL VILLAGE ADVENT CALENDAR IS BACK FOR 2018!

**'EWELL YULE' IS ON 7 DECEMBER
5pm-8pm**

For the fifth year, St Mary's Church is joining with Ewell Village Traders' Association to provide an Advent Calendar in shop windows all over the village. From 1 to 24 December, different letters – 'the clues' – will be displayed inside 22 local shops and on the outside notice boards of St Mary's Church and Christ Church, Ewell. Each shop and church will have a poster created around 24 numbers designed by 1st Ewell Village (St Mary's) Brownies.

Every child wishing to take part in the linked Treasure Hunt (with prizes) will be given a special booklet to complete as they find the clue for each day. St Mary's Church will have number 24. Answers to the puzzle can be delivered to 'All Things Nice' until noon on 22 December and to St Mary's Church before the start of the 2.00pm Christmas Eve Crib Service.

An ideal time for children to find the clues will be on 7 December from 5pm to 8pm at 'Ewell Yule'. This is the annual occasion when shops in the village are open late with some offering mulled wine, mince pies and other Christmas goodies. There will be special offers, children's attractions, Morris men, carols and music.

You can find full details about the Advent Calendar and about Ewell Yule on St Mary's Church website www.stmarysewell.com and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysewell>.

Ewell St Mary's Morris Men Dancing in Ewell Village on Boxing Day

Accompanied by Councillor
Neil Dallen, Mayor of
Essex & Ewell 2018-2019

12 Noon at The Green Man
12.30pm opposite The Star
1pm at The Watch House,
Church Street
1.30pm at
The Spring Cavern

2.00pm at
The Wheatsheaf
Followed by
The Traditional
Midwinter
Mummer's Play at
The Upper Mill

Also at The Wheatsheaf, Ewell, Thursday 20 December at
8.30pm – singing traditional Christmas songs

Collections for the Mayor's Charities 2018-2019

& St Mary's Church, Ewell

Together at Christmas

Are you alone at Christmas this year?

Come and join us for a
traditional festive dinner!

'Churches Together in Ewell'
is pleased to offer a Christmas dinner plus festive activities
to all who would otherwise be on their own.

Christmas Day 12:30 - 4:15pm
at a local church.
This offer is open to all Ewell residents.
Transport can be arranged.

No charge

To join us call 020 8397 7307 or 020 8393 3011
or e-mail: christmas.dinner@dsl.pipex.com

<p>CHURCHES TOGETHER in EWELL</p>	<p>All Saints, West Ewell Ewell URC St Clement's RC St Mary's, Ewell Stoneleigh Baptist</p>	<p>Oasis at Auriol Generation Church St John's, Stoneleigh St Mary's, Burgh Heath Stoneleigh Methodist</p>	<p>Christ Church, Ewell Ruxley Church St Mary's, Cuddington St Paul's, Howell Hill West Ewell Evangelical</p>
--	---	--	---

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018



YOUR EWELL PARISH NEWS

The Editorial Team and Production Team hope that you have enjoyed reading the EPN this year and finding out more about all that goes on at St Mary's. We try to keep you abreast of our services and the many activities to which you are most cordially invited.

Your distributor will be knocking at your door this month to ask whether you would like to subscribe again in 2019. We hope that you will. The price remains at £6 for 12 delivered copies or 60p per individual copy bought in church.

It is also possible to receive EPN by email. Please see our website for details

Handel's MESSIAH 'from scratch'

6 October 2018

The tradition at St. Mary's church of putting-on a concert and rehearsing 'from scratch', i.e. with just one rehearsal, is well established by now. All proceeds of these concerts go toward the cost of maintaining and repairing the Willis organ. As well as parish choir 'regulars' we welcome friends and visitors both as additional members of the choir and in the audience. This year we presented excerpts from Messiah.

The conductor was Jonathan Holmes with Matthew Burgess at the organ. All the soloists were drawn from the parish choir. They were: Susana de Oliveira soprano, Rachel Gunton alto, Richard Verth-Brown tenor and Timothy Tomkins bass

TT

DAVID SLATTERY

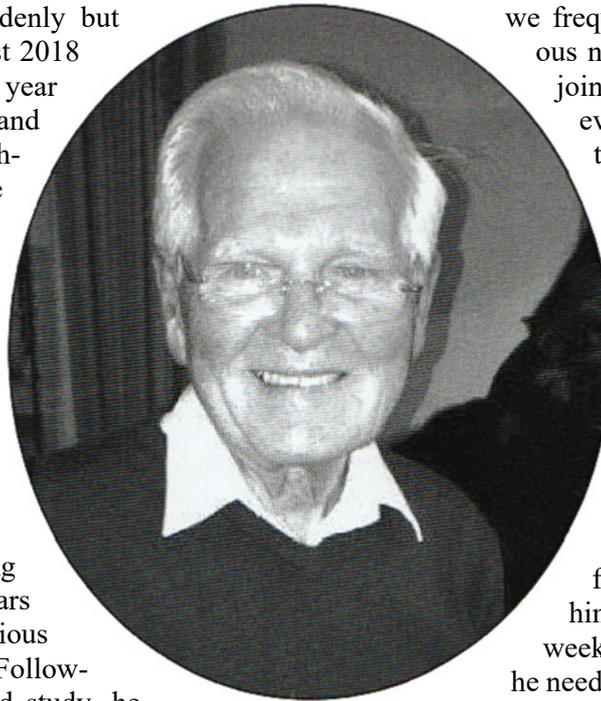
29 February 1932 - 28 August 2018

David Slattery died suddenly but peacefully on the 28 August 2018 aged 86 years. Born on leap year day 1932 in Youghal, S. Ireland to parents James and Kathleen, David was one of nine siblings, five of whom survive him. David left his family home aged fifteen and joined the Merchant Navy. He eventually settled in Clapham, London, living with his Aunt Mary. This is where he met his wife Jean "the girl with the beautiful smile". They married young, being seventeen and nineteen years of age. He was a conscientious and hardworking husband. Following years of hard work and study, he went on to enjoy a successful career within Barclays Bank.

David and Jean lived in Hertfordshire and Gloucestershire, eventually settling in Ewell when David retired. He quickly became involved in village life and in the life of St Mary's Church. He enjoyed 20 years of voluntary work caring for the churchyard, which he loved. David stubbornly continued to mow the grass into his eighties, adding more grey hair to his children.

David loved gardening, carpentry, and cricket. He and his son, also David, had played for the village team of Gt. Gaddesden in Hertfordshire for a number of years and were both frequently mentioned in the sports section of their local newspaper. He also loved books, as evidenced by the bulging shelves of his study.

David and Jean celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with the family in 2001. Jean died in 2003 - a great loss from which David never truly recovered. As well as his son, David had three daughters, Kay, Susan and Sarah - Susan sadly pre-deceasing him in 2011. His grandchildren - Jason, Rachel, Sandra, Adam, Isabella, Evangelina, Asa, Zoë, Tabitha and Carmel and his great-grandchildren Jacob, Emerson, Toby, Harry and Charlie, all adored him and became a welcome focus after the deaths of Jean and Susan. On alternate Fridays, they were summoned to tea at Fairfax Avenue and



we frequently arrived to find various neighbours' children were to join the happy throng. These evenings were riotous fun for the children and there was always a treat to take home.

Sadly David's health began to deteriorate in the last few years of his life, and the loss of both his ability and dexterity were hard for him to bear. Eventually in the spring of 2018, he received a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease. His family were able to care for him at home until his final few weeks, but the time came when he needed 24-hour nursing care and he went to live at Birdcroft nursing home in Ashted. He quickly made his mark there, where the staff remembered "his soft voice and gentle smile".

David was a man who loved people and enjoyed many lasting friendships. He had an impish sense of humour, as his grandchildren will attest to. He was a man of integrity and great tenacity, but above all he had a deep faith.

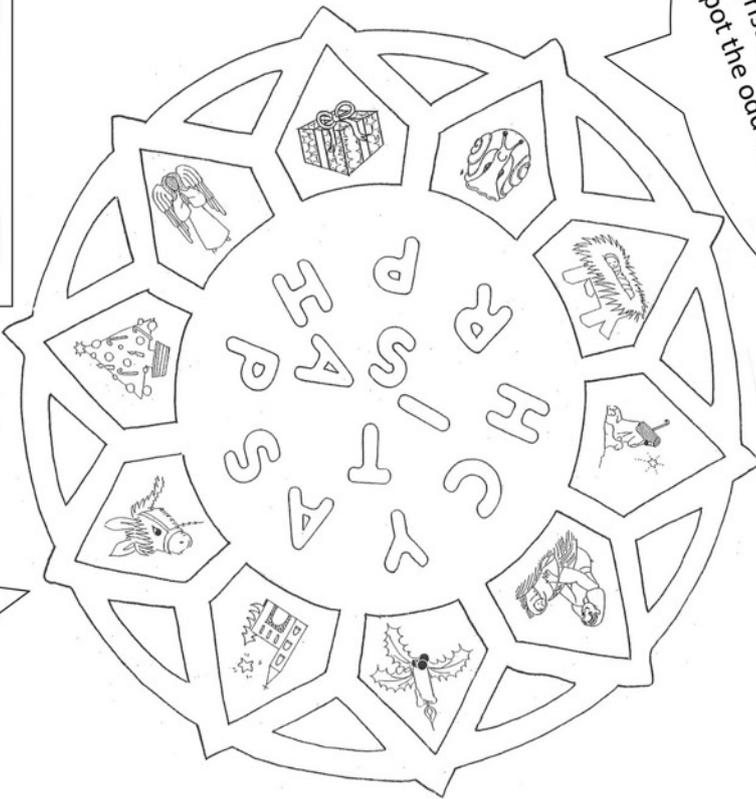
A quote he held dear sums up the way he lived.

"Let us never give in. Let us bravely breast the dark billows. Let us remember that we are not alone in the storm. God is near us all the time; and what time our spirit is overwhelmed, let us fly to him whom [King] David well describes as the Rock that is higher than we. He maketh light to arise in the darkness for the upright even now. He will not put upon us more than we are able to bear.

After we have suffered a while, He will establish, strengthen, settle, even now. And at the end of the journey there waits a welcome whose sweetness and joy it hath not entered into our hearts to conceive."

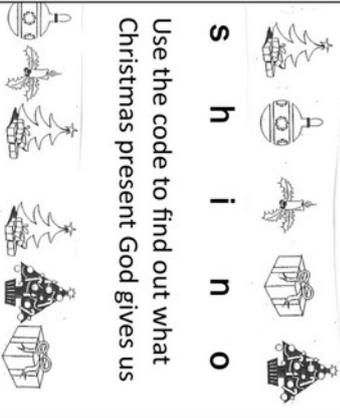
Robert Roberts, 1881

9 of the pictures in the circle are about Christmas. But can you spot the odd one out?



The jumbled letters in the circle should spell **Happy Christmas** but one's missing. Which one?

s h i n o
Use the code to find out what Christmas present God gives us



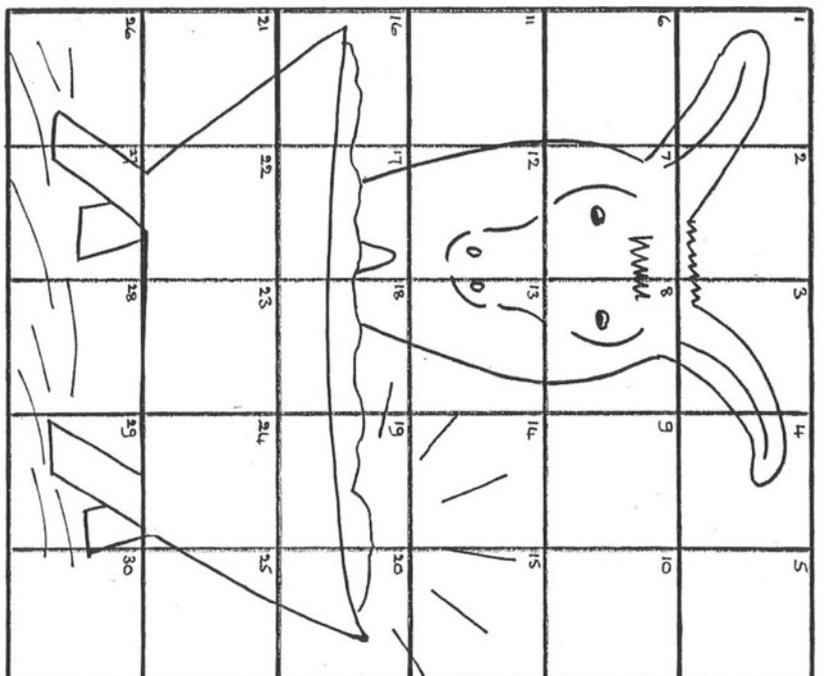
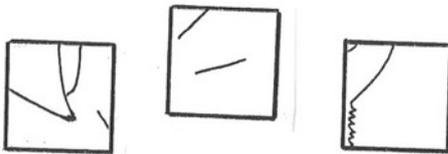
Produced by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Go Team
25 December 2018

2

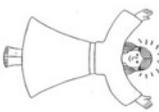
Here are three squares from the big picture. Which ones are they?

Clue!

Their numbers add up 36



There are five words hidden in the grid.
Each one is cut into two bits.
All have something to do with the picture.
Can you puzzle them out??

ing	Ear	els
ven		Sing
Ang		Pea
ce	Hea	th

3

BEREAVEMENT CAFE

Losing someone you love can turn
your world upside down

Talking about it helps

Third Tuesday each month

2:45pm–3:45pm

St Mary's Church Hall (opposite
church on London Road)

Tel 0208 393 2643

Open to all: just turn up


Princess Alice
Hospice

Caring when it matters



Alan Greenwood & Sons

Independent Family Funeral Directors

www.alangreenwoodfunerals.com

The Funeral Service that caters for everyone's needs

- A choice of the latest Jaguar or Mercedes Hearses and Limousines
- Home visit arrangements
- Pre-paid funeral plans
- Memorials
- Quality Service 24 hours day



The Greenwood Family are directly involved in the running of the Company, ensuring that your wishes are carried out with the utmost dignity and precise attention to detail.

83 High Street, Ewell Village, KT17 1RX **020 8393 0197**

425 Kingston Road, Ewell, KT19 0BT **020 8786 7476**

706 London Road, North Cheam, SM3 9BY **020 8150 9525**

Mark Anthony Estate Agents

“Bespoke Marketing & An Excellent Service That you & your Home Deserve”

Please contact us for a free consultation and valuation of your property

0208 393 7275 mark@markanthonyestateagents.co.uk

28 High Street Ewell Village KT17 1RW

Discounted Fees With This Advert


find your happy









All roofing and guttering repairs

**30 years experience covering
Worcester Park and close by**

Valleys, Bays etc.

All new work guaranteed

Free estimates

Special rates to O.A.P.s

J L Hellings & Son

Tel: 020 8788 1459

100 Kingsmead Avenue

ALFRED & EWART LONGHURST

FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND MONUMENTAL MASONS

- A complete, caring professional service
- Estimates and advice freely given for funerals and memorials
- Flexible pre-paid funeral plan - details on request

21-23, KINGSTON ROAD, EWELL

020 8393 1077



Calendar for December

- S 1 1300 Children's Fun Day
1900 Black and White Dinner
- S 2 **ADVENT SUNDAY**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Praise@11 Decorating the Church for Christmas
1730 Advent Carol Service
- M 3 2000 Meeting of Parochial Church Council
- T 4 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Side Chapel
- S 9 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1115 Choral Mattins
1700 All-In all-age service followed by
1800 Club Sandwich for 7-11 year olds
- M 10 2000 Meeting of Finance Committee
- T 11 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Side Chapel
- S 16 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Toddle Up! Nursery Rhyme Nativity
1730 Nine Lessons and Carols
- M 17 0930 Holy Communion taken to the House-bound
1400 Holy Communion taken to The Elders
- T 20 1000 Holy Communion taken to The Old House
- S 23 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
- M 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
1400 A Christmas Nativity
1600 The Arrival at Bethlehem
2245 Christmas music sung by the choir
2315 Midnight Mass
- T 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
0830 Holy Communion
1000 All-Age Sung Eucharist
- S 30 **FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist

January EPN

Please note that the January edition of EPN is expected to be published on Sunday 23 December, one week earlier than normal

☕ FEE MORNINGS

**WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 10.30 am – 12 noon**

DO COME AND JOIN US

Improving homes inside and out

Oakdene Home Services

Home Maintenance
Painting & Decorating, Gardening & General DIY

Roger Phillips

TELEPHONE: 07831 663 323
EMAIL: oakdenehomeservices@gmail.com

ORGAN REPAIR

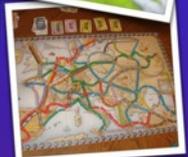
Our Father Willis pipe organ will be out of action from 9 January 2019 until mid-February for major repairs. Service music will be a mixture of unaccompanied and accompanied by piano during this period. More information will be given in January EPN.

BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON

**Saturday 26 January
2-4pm in the church hall**



All
Ages
Welcome



St Mary's Church
plays board games!

Come and join us 2-4pm at St Mary's Church Hall for some board game fun. Games of luck and skill, familiar games, some new and unusual games, suitable for young and old. Free tea & cake will be served. No need to book - just turn up!

St Mary's Ewell
www.stmarysewell.com