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St Peter's Church

St Peter's church stands at the heart of Wrecclesham offering, in Christ's name, a warm welcome, faithful witness and loving service.

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Services

See page 18 & 19 for full details.

Children are welcome at all our services.

They can either join in with the worship or take part in other activities.

Coffee and biscuits are served after the 10am Sunday service.

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Letter from Rev Jacqueline

Dear friends,

As we journey through Lent, I always acknowledge that unlike the first disciples, we are blessed with the insight into what lies on the other side – the spiritual promise of Easter-new life that shows itself on the ground with leaves and blossoms on trees, flowering bulbs and the nesting of the birds – new life and new hope...

The Oxford Dictionary definition of 'Hope' is that it is 'a belief that something you want will happen'. What is it that we want and hope for? For me, I hope that those I care for and love are OK, but the overarching hope is for peace and kindness to prevail everywhere – and that we all come to know that Jesus-peace that 'passes all understanding' – that no matter what is happening in our lives and in the world, we have a sense that deep down there is a way through and we will find courage and strength and fortitude to get through...

On that note, I was recently having a cuppa with a friend who is poorly and she reminded me of a framed picture I used to have on the wall of my home some fifteen years ago which said 'Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace within the storm'. This affirmation had helped us both back in the day – even before our Christian-faith journeys began - and the reminder of it helped her again as she spoke of her fears in her frailty of health.

This is an example of how I believe God speaks to us in a world where the clamour and busyness of life shuts out God's voice of calm encouragement that can signpost us in a hopeful direction through the ups and downs of our earthly life. Something comes into our mind – or to our view. We remember or see something that sparks a vision of hope or inspiration that we need at a particular time – a sign out of the blue and out of the ordinary amidst the ordinariness of our daily living - just like the way the conversation with my friend led to a semblance of hope for her in that moment.

Not long after, it was my turn to be in need of some words of encouragement and hope as I faced a challenging situation in my own world. Here's what happened. I found myself one morning having to wait around at my (very helpful) local garage as they put the finishing touches to some repairs to my car before I could take it away.

So there I was – on the sofa of the rather typical grubby garage-like waiting room rummaging through the pile of auto spares and car magazines when I stumbled across a book – and let me tell you, this was

no ordinary book. In fact it was so extraordinary, that I ordered a copy there and then. This book – lying alongside the auto spare mags in a garage waiting room - was a collection of poems called ‘*Hope through Heartsongs*’ by Mattie J.T. Stepanek.

Mattie was an extraordinary poet and peacemaker, a young American boy who ‘*writes movingly and courageously about life and death, love and loss, faith and hope, innocence and joy. His struggle with a rare form of muscular dystrophy gave him a wisdom and insight.*’ His life message and quest for peace had been noted by top American programmes and people, including peacemaker Jimmy Carter, and by the public in general. As I read, some of Mattie’s poems brought tears to my eyes – yet much hope in my heart...

Mattie - sadly and tragically like his three older brothers before him, died in 2004 aged fourteen - but even so, he left a legacy of hope for peace and trust that there is a goodness and sense of wonder in the heart of humanity that might sometimes be hidden but that is nevertheless there. I believe that through the finding of *Heartsongs*, God brought me hope for that day and the nudge to start being grateful for the good things going on in my life and not to dwell on the negative...

I pray that this time of Lent will lead you on into the dazzling light of new-life Easter-hope that can help you to make sense and purpose of life a day at a time, one step at a time, and that you also find time to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of springtime’s own hopeful promise

Blessings and Love, Jacqueline



Collections by Mattie:

Journey Through Heartsongs: 2001
 Hope Through Heartsongs: 2002
 Heartsongs (combined works):2002

A New Hope – by Mattie J.T. Stepanek
 I need a hope ... a new hope.
 A hope that reaches for the stars,
 and that does not end in violence or war.
 A hope that makes peace on our earth,
 and that does not create evil in the world.
 A hope that finds cures for all diseases,
 and that does not make people hurt,
 in their bodies, in their hearts,
 or most of all, in their spirits.
 I need a hope... a new hope.
 A hope that inspires me to live,
 and to make all these things happen,
 so that the whole world can have
 A new hope too. May 1999

Eco Group News, Feb 2020.

The Eco group has now met on three occasions and we thought it right to share with you the progress on certain plans.

The major ongoing initiatives to date are:-

Litter Picking, from time to time a few members of the group are engaging on litter picking activities. You will also read of Jacqueline's push to have a major litter pick this spring. If you feel you can help with litter picking in the parish, please do let a member of the group know, you will be welcomed and all efforts no matter how small take us to a better place.

EcoBricks, a few people have asked for guidance with these. So we aim to have a small leaflet available shortly, this will reiterate the method of construction. Rather than create a carbon footprint shipping them off, we feel we can save them within the church grounds and perhaps use them in a small project to illustrate their value.

Tree Planting, Jacqueline has gained approval for trees to be planted in Greenfield Road park to provide some summer shade. Waverley Borough Council are helping bring this to realisation.

Rewilding, the group are pulling together to help messy church create small packets of wild flower seed and instructions for preparation and planting.

St Peter's Tramps have completed a second walk and more will be planned. If you wish to join please let us know when we publish the dates, better still if you have ideas for routes let us know. It is a wonderful activity allowing us to appreciate the creation and nature.

Finally, some of you may know of Farnham Eco Cinema. This group meet in Farnham Pottery on a Tuesday evening, bring and share supper and show a film with an ecological topic. They can be followed on Facebook and dates of shows found on their page. Just search for Farnham Eco-Cinema.

St Peter's church Eco team members:-

Rev Jacqueline Drake-Smith, Paul Smith, Naomi Tyrie, Deborah Ling, Dierdre Major, Bridget Woods and Steven Knowles.

**A quiet and informal service
of Healing and Peace**

... healing prayers, readings and music
(Optional communion)

**Sunday 15th March
4.45 – 5.30pm
in St Peter's Church**

Please join us ...

Refreshments served from 4pm



**St Peter's
Church**

**Thursdays
12.30 – 1.30pm
19th March
26th March
2nd April**

**Please join us for a simple
Lenten Lunch – all
welcome**

(Any offerings will go to the *Bishop's Communities
Fund* to help the disadvantaged across the Diocese)

Lent Group 2020

WHEN: weekly for five weeks, beginning 27th February @ 7.45 for 8.00 pm

WHERE: St Peter's Church, Beales Lane

All are welcome to join a group that will be meeting in the church during Lent for fellowship and discussion. We'll be looking at the theme of Caring for God's Creation using the book:

'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio, the Archbishop's Lent Book 2020.

This will work alongside the Church of England's Lent Campaign:

#Live Lent: Care for God's Creation

There will be booklets available and there is a brilliant online App to get daily readings and inspirations.

Messy Fruity Church

This is advanced notice. It's on
Sunday 19th APRIL from 4 - 6 pm.

This is rather different from most other types of worship you'll see!

Activities - Crafts - Painting - Puzzles - Singing - Story telling ...

If you're intrigued, do just turn up whatever your age and whether you have children with you or not. (Maybe you ARE a child!)

Just come and see what a great time we have together!

This one is all about The Fruit of the Spirit and celebrating Pentecost.

Please bring some fruit with you to put in the mega-fruit salad.

Before we go home there's refreshments - hot food!! (Pasta ☺)

It's all free. (Though small donations are welcome - but only if you can.)

If possible, please let Jacqueline know you're coming.

We don't want to run out of food if lots of folk all turn up un-announced!!

vicar@cofewrecclesham.co.uk or 01252 716 431.

Are you asking "Where will this mega-happening happen?"

St Peter's Church, Beales Lane, just off School Hill, Wrecclesham.

If you are coming by car, the parking is **on** School Hill.

Walking towards Easter Day together...

These next few weeks we will be ‘walking the path’ to Easter – and everyone is invited and most welcome to join us at St Peter’s in the sharing of the Easter Story of Jesus – and the Easter story of our own lives.



Our **Lenten Group** meets Thursdays from **27th February at 8pm** in the Church & there is also Guildford Diocese online ‘Keeping things simple’ reflections plus the CofE’s Live Lent campaign.

We have our **Mothering Sunday Service**, **10am on Sunday 22nd March** – a time of light-heartedness where we give thanks for the mothering of God through the Church – for our own Mothers and/or for those who are like mothers to us in their nurturing and caring.

And then we begin our ‘Passiontide’ where we are mindful of the final days of Jesus’ life and the unfolding of the drama before and after his dying on the Cross.

Palm Sunday sets the scene for our journey into Holy Week – at our **10am service** we have a procession to remember the entry into Jerusalem by Jesus and we tell the Easter Story, which is also known as the ‘Litany of the Palms and Passion’

At **6pm** there will be a quieter ‘**Palm Sunday Reflection**’ with music, words and quiet-time for our own reflection and contemplation.

During **Holy Week** we recall Jesus’ final days. You are invited to join us at **8pm Monday – Wednesday** for 45 minutes or so, when we will quietly reflect and say Night Prayer together.

On Thursday – **Maundy Thursday** – we will have a service at **8pm** that will not only remember the last meal Jesus had with his disciples, but some people will also have their feet washed as Jacqueline symbolically does just as Jesus did when he lovingly washed the feet of his disciples at that last supper together.

Because our ‘**Messy Church**’ falls after Easter this year on the 19th April, we will be offering a chance for our children and juniors to embark upon their own ‘**Junior Good Friday Witness**’ that begins from **9.15am** with activities and a ‘walk of witness’ around the church, followed by our ...

Good Friday All Age service at **10.15am** –
with hot cross buns afterwards.

Some of us will then join **Farnham's 'Walk of Witness'** at **Midday** –
and then gather back at St Peter's for the
final hour at the cross from 2 – 3pm.

And then of course, we arrive at – **EASTER DAY** – celebrating Jesus
rising from the tomb – resurrected and alive with the promise of new and
eternal life.



6am – Sunrise Service in the Vicarage garden
8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
10am – Celebration Service for Easter
(with communion)

Baptism and/or Confirmation - 2020

Some of us might have been Baptised as babies with parents and godparents saying 'yes' to entering into the Christian way of life on our behalf. Some of us might not, as yet, been baptised but might like to think about that now.

The next step after Baptism is to affirm that decision and become confirmed.

When we confirm something we say yes. At confirmation we say yes to follow Jesus on the Christian journey of faith through life.

There are two forthcoming services coming up where our Bishops Andrew or Jo will be baptising and confirming those who have made their decision to seek to grow in understanding of their Christian faith – and some people are even baptised and confirmed at the same time.

Service times are:

Easter Eve – Saturday 11th April, 8pm at Guildford Cathedral
Sunday 17th May, 6.30/7pm (tbc) at St Alban's, Hindhead

Please come and talk to Jacqueline if you would like to know more - she would be delighted to hear from you.

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Gardening Gossip

from Nohn Negus

Action Stations

Choose a mild spell when soil is workable to divide overgrown clumps of perennial border plants. Ideally, use two garden forks, back to back and lever them together.

Lawns: Use a flexible wire rake or electric lawn raker to remove one of the worst moss invasions we've had.

Plant climbers – clematis and roses among them - 15-18in (38-45cm) from a wall to reduce risk of roots drying out.

Sow hardy annuals – sweet alyssum, bartonia, calendula, clarkia, cornflower, godetia, nigella and malope among them, in crumbled fertile soil in full sun.

Plant of the month: *Spike tail*

Ever since rescuing a sick plant from Wisley's frameyard, when I was studying there, I've loved this early bloomer. Botanically, *Stachyurus praecox*, it enchants us with a wealth of stiff, drooping cup-shaped pale yellow flowers that thickly sleeve stems and illuminate the garden for at least a month.

A native of Japan, it was introduced to Britain in 1864 when Isambard Kingdom Brunel completed the Clifton Suspension Bridge. It so turned heads at Wisley that it was honoured with an RHS Award of Merit in 1925 and a First Class Certificate in 1976.

Ideally search for a standard or half standard – better than a squat bush – and enjoy it's 'umbrella' sleeved with blossom.

Easy to grow in a sunny spot in humus-rich soil that doesn't dry out in summer, it commands attention.

Are you concerned?

The British Ecological Society is worried. And so they should be. Mini predators – spiders and ladybirds among them – vital for the food chain are, thanks to increasing 'human actions' – more houses, more roads – diminishing at a rapid rate. So are snakes, frogs, toads and newts. Why? Forget climate change, which is bad enough. Blame habitat loss. The problem is that we are depriving them of their natural breeding areas.

Researchers examined more than a million records of 25,000 species in 80 countries, in areas ranging from primary forest to intensively managed farmland and cities. The result was frightening. Indisputably, we are heading in the wrong direction. When will commonsense prevail?

Enjoy a chat – it's good for your health

Why do I like tending my front garden? You never know who will pass by. If it's a friend, I stop and say 'Hello'. I feel better for a chat and return to hoeing or weeding with renewed gusto. The RHS is also aware of the happiness such a meeting can imbue.

Indeed, this august body is spreading the word in a big way. This year, at Chelsea Flower Show, they have commissioned TV and radio presenter Zoe Ball to design a Friendship Garden with horticulturist Jo Thompson.

It will feature hanging baskets for those who do not have a garden and colourful plants for balconies. Chief RHS Horticulturist Guy Barker claims that "Nurturing plants can make you less lonely and release you from troubles." I could not agree more.

Did you know...?

I'm talking about the world's largest bloom. Visualise a five-petalled, white-spotted maroon-red inflorescence with a domed centre, reminding us of an enormous jellyfish. Commonly called the corpse flower because of its decaying flesh, *Rafflesia arnoldii* parasitises the tetrastigma vine in Sumatra's rain forests. Its name honours Sir Stamford Raffles who discovered it in Sumatra in 1818. The largest bloom found was 40in (100cm) in diameter and weighed 22lb (10kg).

Words of wisdom

Dame Sylvia Crowe was no mean designer. Working with 'peers of the gardening realm – Sir Geoffrye Jellicoe among them – she created gardens for Oxford colleges. She was also president of the Institute of Landscape Architects. Then, in 1973, she was made a dame Commander of the British Empire.

"While in the axial garden the eye is led to the far end, in the patio garden it is brought to rest in the central space. The features are used as furnishings for a room. There may be a view beyond, but one should not feel compelled to get up and immediately walk to it, but be content to sit and admire it or, at most, to wander on after a rest."

News from St Peter's School

Sarah Marshall

With no day being the same, there's never time to stop and reflect in school - so here we are already half way through the academic year! Since the New Year so much has happened to make pupils' experience rich and exciting. We returned after the holidays to receive eco- themed New Year's cards from 11 schools across Europe and New Year's cards from a link school in Yokohama, Japan. It's great to have these real connections with pupils across Europe and further afield as it reinforces our shared interests and interdependence.

Another way to understand one of our values of 'Active Citizen' is for pupils to understand the impact of the fundraising that they have done. Just over the Autumn term, we raised:

- Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run: £ 2028
(This became circuit training due to inclement weather!)
- Just One Tree: £303 (a tree planting charity)
- Crisis at Christmas: £577
(Service and Nativity collections & Christmas lunch)
- Save The Children (red jumper): £250
- Donations to Farnham Food Bank & Christmas gifts for local children in need

As always, we try to support charities in our local area and further afield. We always receive letters of thanks explaining how the money will be spent to support the cause. Pupils love being involved in raising funds and it is the perfect opportunity for them to understand others' needs and to appreciate the privileges and comforts that they have.

At St Peter's we feel that the breadth of the curriculum is one of our big strengths. This has been noted by Ofsted and by visiting consultants. We were pleased with the big feature which appeared in *The Farnham Herald* last month. The article outlined the learning experiences woven into the curriculum through our Forest School provision. It also highlighted the global links in different subject areas. We are now awaiting the publication of national magazine, *Teach Primary*, as the editor recently spent a morning in school interviewing staff and pupils - again with a focus on curriculum. Let's hope all is positive! This came about as a local authority consultant liked what she saw when she visited an English lesson

down in the forest area, where pupils were using natural materials to plan their narratives prior to writing.

Competitive sports have continued regardless of weather. We have participated in both football and rugby festivals organised by Alton School, as part of the outreach organised by independent schools. They request mixed teams with a minimum of three girls on the pitch at all times - this was a first for our pupils but was hugely successful, bringing more strategic thinking to the game! Our pupils were thrilled to be picked up by Alton's minibus and then to receive a hot dog at the end of the game.



Farnham & District Schools' Swimming Gala was a real coup for St Peter's. Held on February 13th at Farnham Sports Centre, we went in with fairly modest expectations but came away with two cups! We came third overall (out of 10 schools) and also won the progress cup for the most improved point

score since last year! The year-round 7:30 am Friday morning swimming sessions may just be paying off!

We look forward to Fairtrade Fortnight which kicked off before half term with infant pupils all baking gingerbread hearts from fairtrade ingredients, selling at 50p a pop on Valentine's Day. Issues around equality and justice will be covered in many different lessons. Then we have the Easter church services in church and welcome any parishioners who are free to join us on April 2nd - 9:30 for infants and 10:30 for juniors.



The Art of Bible Journaling



There is for sale on eBay a small personal Bible printed in 1824,

‘...the binding is good and strong’ I am told, ‘and the pages are in super condition with only a little yellowing.’

“Wow”, I thought, which was immediately followed by an “Oh dear, how sad, a nearly 200 year old Bible in almost mint condition.”

In all those years no one had apparently turned the pages, read of God’s love or of the forgiveness, peace, joy and freedom from fear that can be found within its covers.

Of course the Bible is the Word of God and should be treated with a respect not given to other books, but how differently we show that respect now. Take the present trend

amongst many Christians for Bible Journaling. This is a combination of studying the Bible and art journaling - a way of expressing what we discover in a visual, very personal, way. You can buy Journaling Bibles which have extra wide margins to be used to illustrate how the text has spoken to you. This can take the form of writing, drawing, painting, colouring using coloured pens or pencils, watercolours, transfers or stickers. Some Christians prefer to use a separate Bible Journal alongside their Bible.

This Bible Journaling seems like a new idea that has caught on in the last five years or so, but it is based on age old practices born out of necessity and steeped in tradition. Going back many hundreds of years when the Bible was available only in Latin, apparently only the clergy were allowed a copy and they had to be highly educated to actually be able to read it.

Before the printing press, when Bibles were hand copied mainly by monks in their monasteries, artists sometimes added illustrations (known as illuminations) to the Bible text. These illustrations were the only means by which everyday folk could access the Bible for themselves.

The Book of Kells, an Irish manuscript, is one of the earliest surviving examples. Created about the year 800 it contains the four Gospels of the New Testament.

Even after the invention of the printing press in the mid 1400’s,

illustrations could not be mass produced. The decorative elements of these Bibles were completed by artisans and because of this the Bibles were of value to the wealthy of the day.

Moving forward in time to the 1700's and 1800's there were now English translations of the Bible more widely available to everyday folk.

Many families would have their own Family Bible with special pages in the front where births, marriages and deaths were recorded and later copies had photo album insert pages as well. These Bibles were passed down from generation to generation.

As Bibles became more affordable they became personal rather than family possessions. It became very popular to underline special biblical text and to make notes, write thoughts and make comments in the margins. This became known as 'Marginalia'.

I have, without knowing it, been practicing Marginalia since I was nine years old. I have been underlining verses that spoke to me and this has extended to notes and cross references in the margins, the top and bottom of pages and any blank pages within my present Bible.

As for Bible Journaling, I have duly bought my journaling Bible to use alongside my study Bible, this together with stickers, colouring pens and pencils, stencils, tracing paper and washi tape! Time will tell if this is a way that I can express my faith, but in theory it is an exciting prospect.



I do not think that in 200 years from now anyone will want to buy my much loved and much defaced Bibles on eBay. But who knows, perhaps my Bible Journaling will reveal a well-hidden, God given talent!

Martha Turner

For more information on Bible Journaling see:

- Complete Guide to Bible Journaling by Joanne Fink and Regina Yoder. from Amazon £10.49
- Bible Art Journaling UK. Facebook account.
- Good News Bible The Youth Edition (journaling Bible for the young, winner of Bible of the Year 2019) from the Bible Society also from eden.co.uk £14.99

Artwork: Krista Hamrick and from pinterest.co.uk

Mothering Sunday - 22nd March

I know the way the church sees the way of the world can be challenging to some at times – but one of the things it does really well is to distinguish between the secular celebration know as Mother's Day and the Church's understanding of that day as '*Mothering Sunday*'.

Of course the day is celebratory for Mothers and we can show our love and thankfulness by the giving of cards and flowers and other nice things – but by honouring the Third Sunday of Lent as MOTHERING Sunday – the honour is not restricted to only our maternal mothers, but includes all those SPECIAL MOTHERLY PEOPLE in our lives – women, men and children who themselves live out many little acts of love and kindness and who care for us, nurture us and help us to grow, and on whom we depend whether we are five or fifty five.

However, Mothering Sunday is also a day when we can show our compassion to those who will find such a celebration painful for one reason or another – and we join with them in our trust and faith that we are all held in the maternal arms of God - who nurtures all of us as children - loved and cherished beyond measure.

Blessings, Jacqueline



MOTHERING SUNDAY AT ST PETER'S

Please join us for our All-Age Gathering
SUNDAY 22ND MARCH @ 10AM

We look forward to seeing you -
POSIES AND REFRESHMENTS AT THE READY!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN TO JUNIOR CHURCH!

Junior Church will be meeting on the Sunday before

To prepare to celebrate this special day

15th MARCH @ 10AM –

HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!

Our prayer of thanksgiving for those who give motherly love to us:

Dear God, we give thanks to our Mothers and all who care for us like a Mother.

We thank them for caring for us even when they're weary and worn-out
for challenging us even when we don't want it
for playing with us, even when they wanted to get on
for giving us comfort and encouragement when we are lost
for helping us to become the best that we can be.

Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby visits Guildford Diocese 18 - 20 March

For a summary see:-

cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/archbishop-of-canterbury-march-2020

An evening with Justin Welby

Main Event - *Thursday 19 March 7.30pm at the Lakeside Complex near Camberley* - open to everyone. Booking essential - **Book online at** eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-85951512287

An evening for young people

Wednesday 18th March 6:30pm at Christ Church, Woking for a service of informal worship, which will include stories of how he has seen God at work in his life, along with the opportunity to ask him questions about anything that you like. The evening is aimed at young people aged 11-18, and their youth leaders. Booking essential - **Book online at** eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-for-young-people-tickets-88675509837



Business breakfast on 'Ethical leadership and business success'

Thursday 19 March from 8am at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford. A great opportunity to bring guests to hear the Archbishop address the business community and answer questions. Booking essential - **Book online at** eventbrite.co.uk/e/business-breakfast-with-the-archbishop-of-canterbury-tickets-91140099491

Archbishop on Guildford High Street

Wednesday 18 March at 4.15pm at the bottom of Guildford High Street. Finally, one event which doesn't require booking - do join the Archbishop as he preaches in the High Street.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

26th January Joshua Leonard
16th February Matilda Spooner

In Memoriam

23rd January Dorothy Ann Waddingham Olver

Services – March (Year A)

1st March – The First Sunday of Lent (Purple or Lent array)

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am All Age Communion
- 6pm Breathing Space

8th March – Second Sunday of Lent (Purple or Lent array)

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Communion

Thursday 12th March

- 10.30am Mid-week Holy Communion
followed by coffee and fellowship

15th March – Third Sunday of Lent (Purple or Lent array)

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Communion (moved from 22nd March)
- 11.45am Holy Baptism
- 4.45pm A Service for Healing and Peace
with Holy Communion (optional), Refreshments from 4pm

Thursday 19th March – Lent Lunch 1

12.30 - 1.30pm in the Leverton Hall

22nd March – Mothering Sunday (Purple or Lent array)

Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 34.11-20; Colossian 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am All Age Celebration for Mothering Sunday (no Communion)

Thursday 26th March – Lent Lunch 2

12.30 - 1.30pm in the Leverton Hall

29th March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins (Purple or Lent array)

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Communion
- 11.45am Holy Baptism

Services in April (Year A)

Thursday 2 April – Lent Lunch 3

12.30 - 1.30pm in the Leverton Hall

5th April – Palm Sunday (Red)

Litany of the Palms: 21.1-11

Litany of the Passion: *Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16;*

Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14 - 27.66

- 8am Holy Communion
10am Liturgy of the Palms and Liturgy of the Passion
with Holy Communion
6pm Breathing Space – Entering into Holy Week

Holy Week

8 – 8.45pm, Monday - Wednesday, Holy Week Reflection & Compline

Maundy Thursday (White for Holy Communion)

Exodus 12.1-4(5-10)11-14; Ps 116.1,10-17;

1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35

- 8pm Holy Communion of the Last Supper with washing of feet
followed by Vigil until 10pm (optional)

Good Friday (Red)

- 10.15am Good Friday All Age Service – followed by hot cross buns
Midday Some of us join the Farnham Town Walk of Witness –
meet in Hart Car Park
2 – 3pm The Hour at the Cross

12 April - Easter Day (White or Gold)

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24;

1 Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10

- 6.00am Sunrise Service – in the vicarage garden, 2 Kings Lan
8am Holy Communion
8.45am Easter Breakfast – to be confirmed...
10am Easter Day Celebration with Holy Communion –
plus Easter Egg Hunt! (Bring your Easter Bonnets! ☺)



19th April – Easter 2 (White)

Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

- 8am Holy Communion
10am Third Sunday Service – No Communion
4 - 6pm Messy Church: Fruity Spirit!

LENT

Rev Jacqueline Drake-Smith

LENT begins after Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) – on Ash Wednesday – 26th February this year. This is when Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes as a sign of looking back, seeing what needs to be put right with ourselves and humanity as a whole, and symbolically walking a journey with Jesus to the Good Friday cross – where amazingly, we can lay our burdens down, leave them there in trust that we are – as that wonderful hymn ‘Praise my Soul’ proclaims – ‘ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven’ – marvellous! It is then we are ready to embrace and rejoice in the Easter joy of the new hope of new beginnings that comes from his Resurrection.

LENT is a time to prepare for that Easter Day joy, and lasts forty days before Palm Sunday which leads into Holy Week and Easter Sunday. During Lent, the church colour is purple – a ‘penitential’ colour which means we are on a journey where we are invited to quietly take stock of our lives – our behaviour and our thoughts. The early church only used to ‘fast’ (give up something) for forty hours around Good Friday as they remembered Jesus being crucified. They would use the time leading up to Easter to prepare for Baptism. Many would be baptised together on Easter Saturday night so they could ‘rise with Christ’ to a new life as Christians on Easter Day.

The word “Lent” originally had nothing to do with the Christian calendar, but comes from another word “Lente” which means springtime, the time when the days began to lengthen after the dark days of winter. Springtime is a good time to spring-clean - to clear out and clean out old things that don’t work anymore and to make way for the new. Springtime is a time when new growth and new life breaks through from the winter darkness.

We can use the time of Lent to have our own personal ‘spring clean’ – clear out the thoughts and actions that don’t work well and endeavour to turn to thoughts and ways that works better for us and for others around us.

For Lent: perhaps you could think of something you can do for someone else that might bring hope and beauty - and do it in the name of Jesus, the one who did something really beautiful for us.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Help us to clear out our clutter, learn more about you and plant seeds of love in the world. Amen

Bishop of Guildford's Lent Call 2020

Message from Bishop Andrew

Life in the 21st century isn't getting any easier. For some people there is a constant struggle to make ends meet, as those who volunteer in the many food banks across the Diocese will confirm; for others there is almost too much choice, as a natural but unrelenting desire to 'achieve' leads to evermore unnecessary purchases, ever-stronger pressure on our children and our relationships, and ever-greater damage to our spiritual and emotional wellbeing.



But how should we live in such a complex and fast-moving age? Where might we find wisdom in the midst of so much information? Can we make space to slow down in the face of the relentless speed of the culture around us? How might we learn to put first things first?

This Lent I would like to invite you to join me in seeking to do just that, as together we seek to 'keep things simple', for the sake of ourselves, our nearest and dearest, the poor and the planet – and ultimately for the sake of the Jesus whose 'yoke is easy and his burden light'.

Every blessing, Bishop Andrew

Weekly reflections

To sign up to the daily Lent reflections and find out more, visit

cofeguildford.org.uk/lent

- 26 Feb - 1 Mar Keeping Things Simple - Making a Start
- 2 - 8 Mar Keeping Things Simple in our Walk with God
- 9 - 15 Mar Keeping Things Simple as the Path to Contentment
- 16 - 22 Mar Keeping Things Simple for the sake of the Planet
- 23 - 29 Mar Keeping Things Simple for the sake of the Poor
- 30 Mar - 5 Apr Keeping Things Simple for the sake of our Relationships
- 6 - 12 Apr Keeping Things Simple through Holy Week

(There are leaflets/envelopes in the church if you want to donate to the Bishops Lent Call for the Local Community Fund & the Episcopal Church in Sudan.)

Overheight Lorries and Wrecclesham Railway Bridge

From Lynley Griffiths of [Wrecclesham Village Voice](#)

Following 11th of February's over height lorry report on Wrecclesham Road and 12th of February's 'jack-knifed' lorry on Weydon Lane Councillor Paula Dunsmore asked that I share this newly received Freedom Of Information request data with you.

Over 1,800 dangerous HGV drivers threaten Wrecclesham and the surrounding community, July – October 2019.

Downloaded data, obtained by me under a Freedom Of Information request, confirms there were 1383 activations of the over height vehicle detector on the Co-op side and approx. 456 activations on the Coxbridge side of Wrecclesham's low bridge, all counted in a nearly 17 week period from July – October 2019. That is approx.10 drivers a day on the Co-op side, removing double decker bus activations, and 4 drivers a day on the Coxbridge side ignoring the diversion signs and using these prohibited and unsafe routes.

The system is intelligent in that having 2 detection beams it is highly unlikely objects like a bird flying through it will activate it. The system also recognises the direction of travel of the over height vehicle, HGVs travelling away from the bridge do not activate the detectors, so there is no 'double counting'. This also means HGV drivers who are aware of the Weydon Lane 'through route' are not counted if they come off the A31 at Weydon Lane, travel past Highfield South Farnham School and Nursery and Weydon School, and join the A325 at Co-op corner, but they are further adding to the dangers on these roads. How this previously unquantified volume of HGV traffic, and the size and weight of these heavily laden vehicles, impacts on the very small and narrow bridge across the railway line on Weydon Lane is also of concern.

For a long time WVV and local residents, especially those on Wrecclesham Road, have thought the numbers of over height HGV drivers ignoring the signed safe routes has been far greater than that evidenced in our bridge strike and near miss reports. My FOI request for downloaded data finally evidences the scale of the problem.

Councillor Paula Dunsmore observes that Wrecclesham has been patient long enough. The past three years have been the most challenging but this evidence speaks for itself and confirms what residents have been complaining about for years. We need a By-pass as part of improvements to infrastructure before a major incident happens as it is only a matter of time. Let's have a by-pass before the worst happens.

Councillor Wyatt Ramsdale said 'This level of over height HGVs is far in excess of what I had previously understood. The volume of vehicles cutting through residential roads to 'get round' the bridge or worse, such as those HGVs that reverse back along Wrecclesham Road, is unacceptable. The only truly safe option is a Wrecclesham and South Farnham by-pass. I already have a meeting scheduled on Friday 14th with the Highways Group Manager at which I can present the research and analysis supporting our conclusion that the low bridge situation is just not safe.

Another Message from Lynley Griffiths

If you are a vulnerable user you might like to sign up to a priority register for help if your electricity, gas or water supplies are disrupted - for example during stormy weather.

If you or someone you know might need help if electricity, gas or water supplies go off, then extra assistance is available by **signing up to a priority register by contacting your utility provider.**

All utility providers hold a register of people who need priority support in an emergency. These are usually open to people who:

- are of pensionable age
- are disabled or chronically sick
- have a long-term medical condition
- have a hearing or visual impairment or additional communication needs
- are in a vulnerable situation
- support is also available for people with children under five

As well as help in an emergency, there are other benefits to being on a priority register including advance notice of planned power cuts, identification and password schemes, and help with accessing prepayment meters and meter reading.

To find out more about priority registers just contact each of your utility providers - their contact details will be on your bills.

Yum Yum
By Margaret Jeffery

Saucy Beef and Bean Hotpot

Preparation

Preheat oven to 200C / Fan 180 / Gas 6

Ingredients

500g Lean Beef Mince
3 Peppers deseeded and cut into chunks
400g Can Mixed Beans in a Mild Chilli Sauce
2 Large Courgettes
50g Cheddar Cheese coarsely grated
Cooking Spray

Method

Spray a large non-stick frying pan and place over a medium heat. Add the beef and brown for 5 minutes, breaking up any lumps with the back of a wooden spoon. Drain off any fat then stir in the peppers, beans and the chilli sauce in the can. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer over a low heat for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, peel the courgettes into long thin ribbons using a vegetable peeler. Pat dry with kitchen paper and spray with cooking spray.

Tip the beef mixture into a 1.5litre ovenproof dish, season lightly and arrange the courgettes in ripples on top to cover the beef mixture completely. Scatter over the cheese and bake for 25 minutes or until golden.

Wrecclesham Friday Whist

The next meeting will be on

Friday 6th March

in the Leverton Hall (behind St Peter's church).

Doors open at 7.35pm for a prompt start.

Tea

Coffee

Biscuits

Prizes

Raffle

All welcome – bring a friend!

What's on around and about ...

Film at the Maltings in March

- 4th *The Personal History of David Copperfield* (PG) 11.00, 15.00, 20.00
11th *Parasite* (15) 11.00, 15.00, 20.00
18th *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood* (PG) 11.00, 15.00, 20.00

The Maltings has a variety of shows on – film and theatre. Check the website (www.farnhammaltings.com) or ring the Box Office for details:
01252 745444

Farnham Museum – for exhibitions and events check the website:

www.farnham.gov.uk/discover/history-and-heritage/museum-of-farnham.

Farnham & District Model Railway Club at Community Centre, Greenfield Road – Open Evening on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. For further information contact Robin Baker on 01252 343090.

Wrecclesham Tennis Club - Wednesdays from 6.30pm, Sundays from 2.30pm at Wrecclesham Recreation Ground, Riverdale. Come along or e-mail membership@wreccleshamtennis.org.uk for more information.

Farnham Country Market – United Reformed Church Hall, South Street – Fridays 9.30-11.00am. Also at the Maltings, 1st Saturday of the month, 9-4pm.

Farnham Farmers' Market – 4th Sunday of the month, 10am-2pm in the Central Car Park

If you would like to put something in 'What's on around & about...', please contact Christopher Ellis on 01252 714480 or on cellis27@btinternet.com.

Some useful contact numbers...

Farnham Citizens' Advice Bureau – South Street – 0844 8487969
10-3 Mon, Tues, Wed, 12-4 Thur, 10-1 Fri.

Farnham Volunteer Centre – Vernon House, West Street – 01252 725961
10-1 Tues to Fri. 24hr answer service.

Care Farnham – 01252 716655 – neighbourly help for people in need.
ASSIST – 01252 717710.

And finally ...

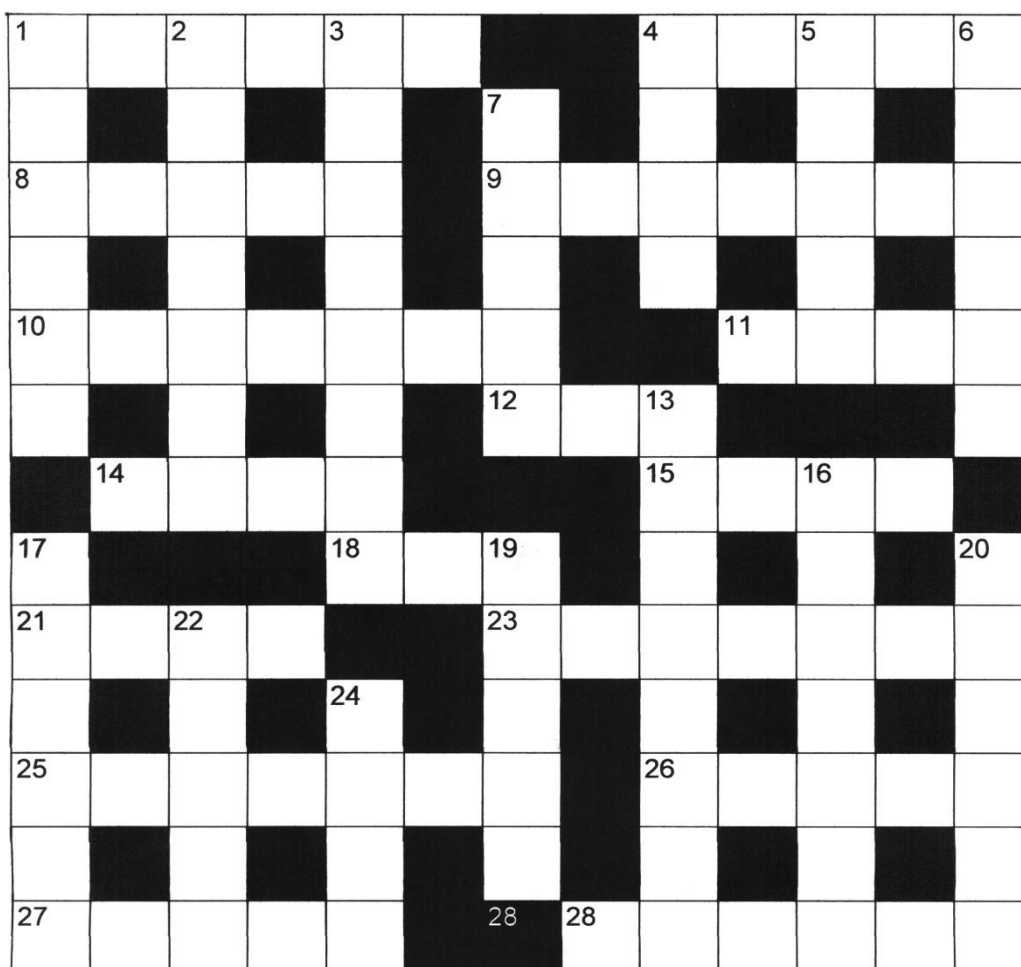
This piece originally appeared in March 2005

Visiting museums and galleries recently, I have been struck by the fact that modern portraiture, painting and sculpture tends not to be an accurate representation of the subject but a contorted and often unrecognisable version, the logic of which is known only to the artist (and perhaps not even to him). Picasso and the Cubists started the rot, some people suggesting that one reason was the advent of the camera which freed artists from the need to produce accurate likenesses. I feel though that there is more to it than that because abstractness was a general trend and embraced all forms of visual art. This movement coincided with a tendency towards melody-free ‘classical’ music, impenetrable poetry and ugly buildings. Our art, and therefore our society, is somehow lacking in grace.

I do not wish to denigrate modern art in toto because there is much in it that is deeply felt and capable of evoking a profound reaction. But the abstractness of portraiture is particularly interesting because it perhaps reflects our unwillingness or inability to look at ourselves as we really are. Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) theorised in a recent book that the problem with western societies now is that people do not like themselves and may even actually hate themselves – at a sub-conscious level. Hence come the insecurity, the aggression, the anxiety and the self-obsession that are such prominent features of modern life.

We are certainly not a self-confident society and, whether or not we like ourselves, we surely do not feel that we know ourselves. Most of the current ‘psycho’ industry is based on people’s desperate need to find out who they are and thus to feel at ease with themselves. Lent is a good time for self-examination, not obsessive or self-centred but objective and compassionate. We should not be afraid to look in the mirror and see ourselves as we are, honestly and critically but with forgiveness and love. That is how God looks at us. We should try to do the same.

Christopher Ellis



CROSSWORD 197

CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Little angel (6) | 23. Egypt king (7) |
| 4. Church songs (5) | 25. Ease (7) |
| 8. Items (5) | 26. Path (5) |
| 9. American singer Roy (7) | 27. Healed (5) |
| 10. French religious sect (7) | 28. Head of a nunnery (6) |
| 11. A hairy man (4) | |
| 12. Spasm (3) | |
| 14. It peals (4) | |
| 15. NT book (4) | |
| 18. Look over (3) | |
| 21. Written on the cross (1,1,1,1) | |

CLUES DOWN

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Place of worship (6) | 5. Found in bulrushes (5) |
| 2. Letter (7) | 6. Evil (6) |
| 3. Rocky (8) | 7. Most evil (5) |
| 4. Shrub (4) | 13. Crypt (8) |
| | 16. Ado (7) |
| | 17. Acidic (6) |
| | 19. Swords (5) |
| | 20. Snaps (6) |
| | 22. King (5) |
| | 24. Action (4) |

Send your completed solutions to Christopher Ellis, 18 Upper Old Park Lane, Farnham, GU9 0AT, or email to cellis27@btinternet.com by 15th March 2020. In the next magazine we will publish the names of all those who have submitted correct solutions together with the correct answers.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 196

ACROSS: 1. Chapels 5. Prays 8. Outre 9. Ezekiel 10. Shorted 11. Ennui 12. Asylum 14. String 17. Relic 19. Chancel 22. Edition 23. Banns 24. Try On 25. Cattery
DOWN: 1. Cross 2. Anthony 3. Elect 4. Spends 5. Present 6. Alien 7. Solving 12. Airiest 13. Unction 15. Incense 16. Scenic 18. Laity 20. Abbot 21. Lusty

Crossword Solvers

Four correct answers to February's crossword were received –
from Peter & Cheryl Bowden, Wendy Coxell,
Ian & Pat Lapworth and Jill & Philip Yates - well done!
Feel free to send your answers in by email if you prefer –
cellis27@btinternet.com



SAVE THE DATE!

Wrecclesham St Peter's Eco Group - and - GB Spring Clean!

WHEN: SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

TIME: FROM 9.30AM – MIDDAY

WHERE: Around the village – 'hot spots' to be identified

MEET UP: Gather at St Peter's Church, Beales Lane GU10 4PY

Notes: Wilko are sponsoring and will have the pickers/bags etc available - we are also asking Farnham Council – details to follow....

Contact Rev Jacqueline for thoughts/ideas etc –
vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – 01252 716431

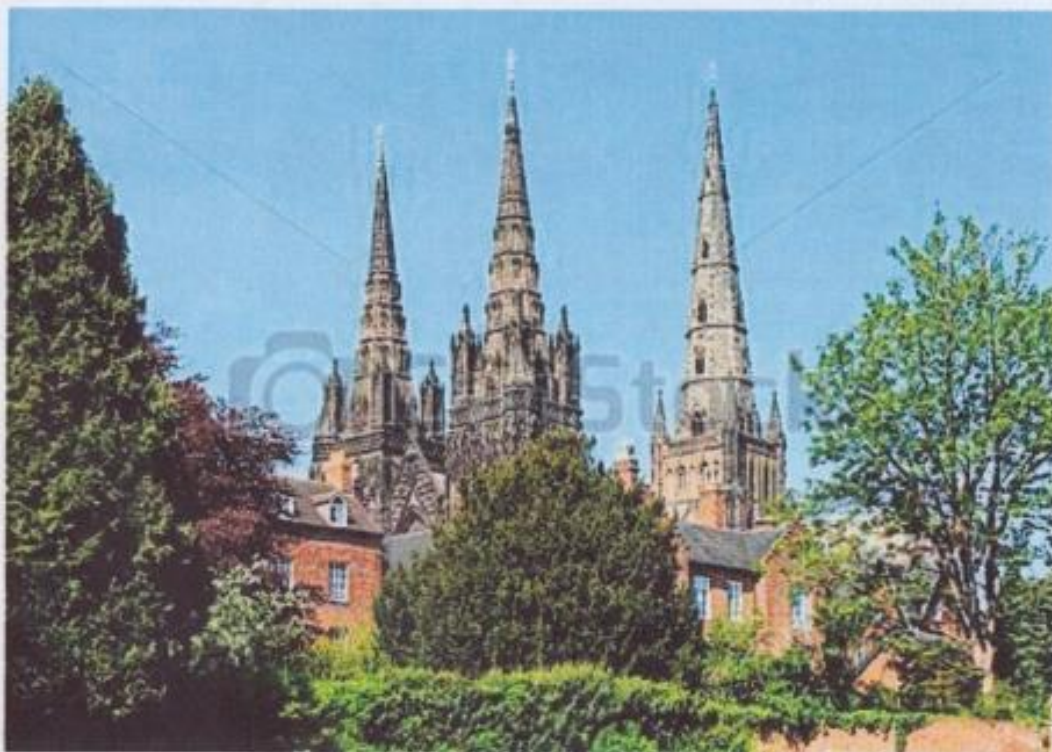
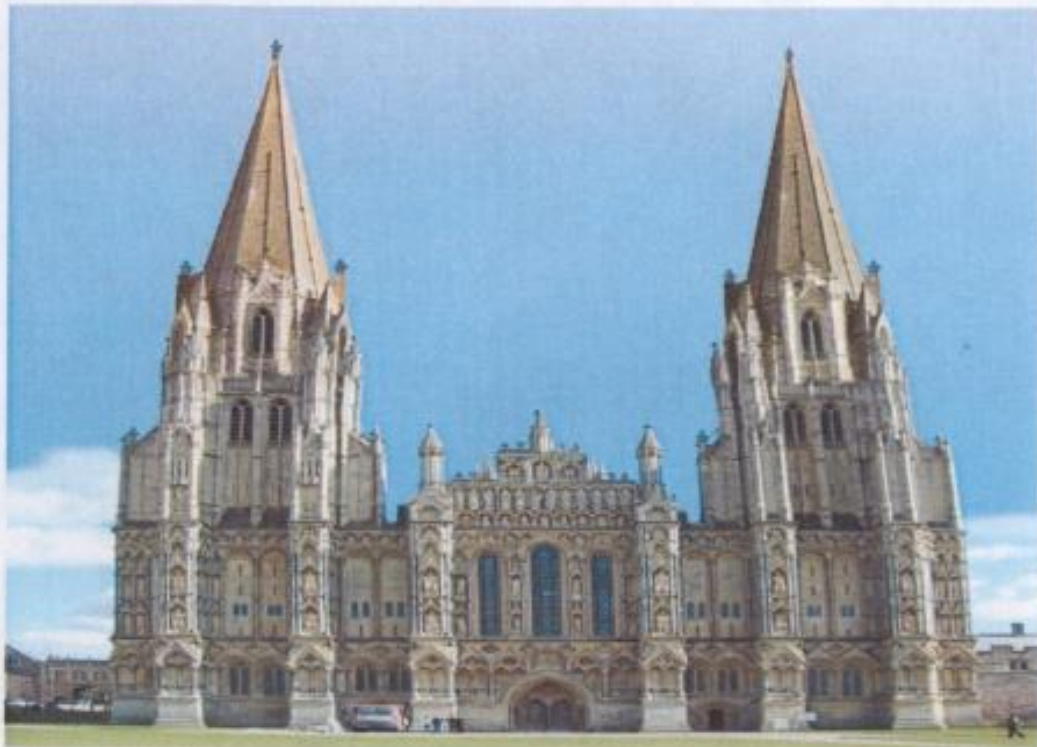
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Church cleaning	To be announced	
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Can you name these two English cathedrals?