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COVER PICTURE

Detail of the screen behind the Altar, called a 'reredos', in St Mary's Buckland, dating from 1860. It is a stylized, twisting vine, representing 'Jesus as the true vine' as in John 15:1-17

Parish Letter – November 2026

For the next few months, our Churchwardens and Assistant Priests will, in turn, contribute the Parish Letter for the Buckland & Betchworth magazines.

Thanks to Revd. Neil Vigers, for contributing this month's letter.

After the hottest summer ever recorded, and a season where drought made many trees look autumnal well before their time, with the coming of November we really feel the lateness of the year, and the coming of winter and deepening darkness. 'Ah me! How dark the night! E'en when the day do lengthen, man say the cold will strengthen, ere summer draw in sight, ere summer draw in sight.' So goes the old poem.

But just as November begins, the Feast of All Saints brings light and colour and celebration as a challenge to the darkening days. In a world that feasts remorselessly on the failings of human nature, and condemns others' faults without mercy, the saints bear witness to human capacity (with God's grace) to live courageously, with integrity and honesty, selflessly and with great love.

While the commercial world foolishly pursues the cult of spiders, skulls and horrors the day before, replacing the holy, the 'hallowed', with the polar opposite of all that is good and desirable, the Church holds fast to the hope that human beings can aspire to a life that is shaped not by fear but by love, not by terror but by trust, and not by self-absorption, but by self-giving.

On the following day (2 November) the lives of ordinary people are remembered in prayer. All Souls Day is a time to be thankful for the quieter lives, the people much more like us in the modesty of their achievements, who lived out their time doing their best and, in the process, shaping the lives of their families and friends, and who now rest in the hands of God.

The possibility that some may bring self-giving to the utmost is carried forward one week later when the nation pauses for Remembrance Sunday (8 November). Real, not imagined, terrors are brought to mind. We confront the horrors and ghastly slaughter of war, that brings an end to unique, precious lives, and which has amassed a truly terrible account. The years of the lifetimes of our grandparents or great grandparents, and our own days, bear witness to the loss. Halloween is a shallow playing that avoids the true cost of death. Those who have been in war, or who have watched those they love best go off to war and never return, know the

bitterness of it, and the deep moral complexities and ambiguities of war. The deepest human failure, the worst crimes and atrocities, may co-exist alongside the deepest bonds of friendship and aspirations to a moral cause, and acts of the highest courage and greatest selflessness.

All these festivals and commemorations have a reflexive purpose. To stop and to remember; to pause, to be thankful; to commit ourselves to live more deeply and wisely, and with a greater awareness that God calls all of us to lead holy lives. The keeping of these days in November must somehow make a difference. None of us can properly think on these things and not be changed, even if only a little bit, and that for the better.

That impetus to change and to live hopefully is renewed as November ends, and Advent Sunday (29th) resets the Christian year. It calls us all to trust in God, to repent and be renewed, and to bear witness that the light is stronger than the darkness.



Revd. Neil Vigers



**Buckland – 10.50am, Sunday 8 November
Meet at the War Memorial on the village green
Followed by Remembrance Service in Church**

Church Services - November

Date	St Mary's Buckland	St Michael's Betchworth
1 November <i>All Saints Day</i>	4pm All Souls Service	10am Parish Communion Rev. Neil Vigers
8 November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.50am Remembrance Service (with communion) Rev. Sue Weakley	10.50am Remembrance Service (no communion) Rev. David Eaton [No evensong]
15 November		10am Parish Communion Clergy TBC
22 November	10am Parish Communion Rev. Kate Capper	
29 November <i>Advent 1</i>	10am Parish Communion Rev. Sue Weakley	

Due to current circumstances of our Rector, the Revd. Pru Dulley, being on long-term sick leave, there could be changes to church services. Please check on our websites and in the Parish Magazines to see if there have been any changes.

Village Events

NOVEMBER

- 2 Nov, 7.30pm.** Talk: Canal Mania. DLHG, p.28
6 & 7 Nov, 11am-4pm. Clothes sale, Global Choices Charity, Reading Room, p.23
8 Nov, 10.50am. Remembrance Sunday Service, War Memorial on Green, p.4
12 Nov, 7.30pm. Talk: Siberian Gold (ore) Mammoths. Mole Val. Geology Soc, p.28
13 Nov, 12 noon. Winter lunches, Open to all. p.7
14 Nov, 10.30am to 4pm (Drop in to visit), Energy Show, Pippbrook Dorking, p.32
14 Nov, 7.30pm. Concert: Haydyn's Nelson Mass, St Mark's Reigate, BBCS, p.29
16 Nov, 2.30pm. Talk: Rome in the 1700's, Grand Tour. Arts Soc, p.31
17 Nov, 7.30pm. Talk: Archaeology in Albury Park. DLHG, p.28
19 Nov, 7pm. Talk: Strawberry Studios Dorking. Dorking Museum, p.34
21 Nov, 7pm. Concert: Vivaldi's Gloria, Dorking Choral Soc, St Martins Dorking p.34

DECEMBER

- 2 to 5 Dec, 7.30pm each night.** Play: A Christmas Carol. BODS, p.11
3 Dec, 7pm. Christmas Dinner, Hartsfield Manner, B&B Soc, p.30
8 Dec, 6.45pm, Christmas Talk: 'The Dancing Faun', Arts Society, p31
11 Dec, 6.30pm. Carols on Buckland Green, Open to all, p.6
20 Dec, 12 noon-2pm. Christmas Drinks, Reading Room, p.30



Carols on Buckland Green

Friday 11 December 2026

Meet at 6pm – Carols from 6.30

Community Singing, Refreshments & mulled wine
Please bring a torch, along with your Yuletide Spirit
Collection in aid of St Mary's Buckland Churchyard Trust

ALL ARE WELCOME

WINTER LUNCHES 2026

Friday 13 November

The next winter lunch is on Friday 13 November. Doors open at 12 noon and lunch will be served about 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see some new faces from the village. Cost of lunch is £5 or a donation. We do always have a 'vegetarian option'. If you would like to know more please phone Liz Vahey on 07710 277413 or Carol Leeds on 01737 247399.

Carol Leeds

REDHILL FOODBANK & RENEWED HOPE DONATIONS



Firstly, Thank you for the Harvest donations brought to St Mary's and St Michael's over the past two weekends, these were delivered to St Matthews Church, Redhill for

distribution to the families who rely on food parcels, to feed themselves and their children. This is a time when many Churches add to the resources held by St Matthews, but as the months go by, they run down towards Christmas and the colder months. Some years ago a suggestion was made for a **'Reverse Advent' calendar**. Normally, come Advent many people have a calendar with 24 doors, one opened each day in December, leading up to Christmas Day. Some have chocolates, some small toys, others just a picture relating to the Christmas story.

Redhill Foodbank suggested reversing this tradition, instead of getting something from the Advent calendar, instead the Reverse - donating an item for the Foodbank, not necessarily each day, but as both Churches have a box for Foodbank items, why not bring an item each Sunday you come to Church during Advent, or at the Carol Services. These will then be delivered to St Matthews, during the week before Christmas for delivery to the families. There are boxes in each Church porch for donations, if you are not coming to the services, at St Mary's just by the door, and at St Michael's in the porch nearest the War memorial (the West door).

Those at the **Foodbank** receiving the donations said **Thank You**, and the vegetables decorating the St Michael's font were given to **Renewed Hope**, who provide a hot meal for those needing a warm space and some company each day. They welcomed the vegetables with open arms, spare a thought for those now enjoying your donations. **Thank you.**

Margaret Miller, www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S (FOSM) MUSIC QUIZ, 9 OCTOBER REVIEW

Liz and I attended the quiz night not only because we wished to enjoy ourselves but also as churchwardens, and it is in the latter capacity that we wish to thank FOSM for all its work undertaken to create the quiz, provide the refreshments and run the whole evening. It was a considerable undertaking. It seemed to us to be a happy evening for everyone, and it was so good to see the Reading Room full to capacity. St Mary's church benefits considerably from all the work and support that FOSM gives and it reinforces central physical position of the church within the village. So, thank you FOSM and everyone who came and contributed to a successful evening.

David Sayce, Churchwarden

A big thanks to the organising team, led by Simon Thomas, without whom this would not have happened. Thanks also to those who have generously gifted raffle prizes – several individuals and to Dungates Farms Ltd who offered gift vouchers for Buckland Park Lake.

This is the third year of this successful event, and Simon, who is also Treasurer of the FOSM Committee, has reported a profit of £1,600 which will go directly to St Mary's church operating and maintenance budget. Thank you to all who attended and contributed. (Photos opposite, courtesy of Cat Martin)

If anyone would like to join the FOSM Committee to help organise future events, your contribution and new ideas would be most welcome. Contact Simon Thomas (sg.thomas@btinternet.com) or Roger Daniell (rogerdaniell@icloud.com).

Duncan Ferns

ST MICHAEL'S PILLARS –DESIGNER CLOTHING EVENT Donations Required

Early in the new year, St Michael's Betchworth will be holding a sale of pre-loved, branded lady's clothes and accessories (handbags, hats, etc). If you are having a clear-out of your wardrobes, please consider keeping hold these items to donate to the sale in a few months' time. Details to follow, enquiries to:

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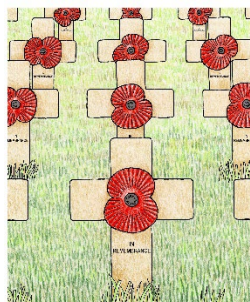


Top: Studious faces try to get the right answer

Bottom: The winning team with their enormous trophy.

From the left: Matt Studholme, Phil Warren, Nathalie & Andy Nichols, Leigh Banks, Rachel Studholme, Liz Vahey & David Sayce

BUCKLAND BELLRINGERS – Ringing for Remembrance



When we ring for Remembrance you may notice that the bells are half muffled, making an echo. This is a mark of respect and a very old tradition. A muffle is a shaped piece of cloth which is tied to the clapper of the bell to reduce the sound made. When a bell is half-muffled, the hand-stroke sounds clear, and the back-stroke is muted.

For service ringing, we usually start by ringing rounds (bells 123456 in a descending scale) and then call changes, where the caller swops the order of two bells at a time to make different patterns of sounds. We may then ring a 'method' where we ring a pre-ordered pattern of changes which every ringer has memorised, where the order of the bells may change at every stroke.

The method *Reverse Canterbury* is often chosen for Remembrance Day, as the method includes repeated positions, and the echo of the muffled bells enhances the overall sound. If you listen very carefully you may be able to spot the echoes of the same notes. The ringers have also been practising an additional method this year, called *St Remigius*. This method also has repeated notes so should sound especially melodic with the muffled bells for Remembrance. St Remigius (437-533) was the bishop of Reims and Apostle of the Franks, who greatly advanced the cause of Christianity in France. His feast day is October 1st. On our practice nights recently the ringers have rung these two methods (*Reverse Canterbury* and *St Remigius*) on open bells (not muffled). They are interested to hear the difference when the bells are half muffled.

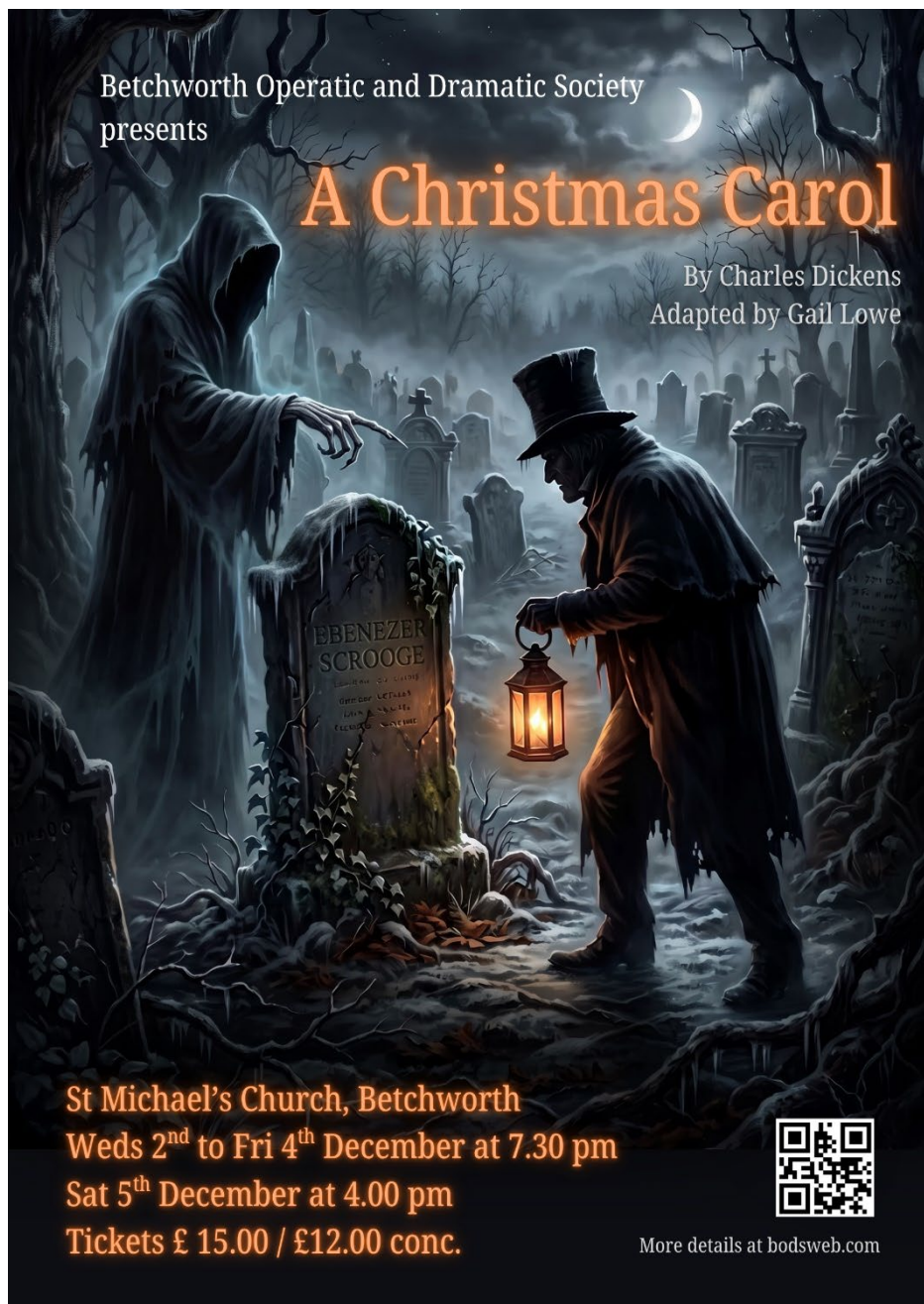
It is always rather special to ring on Remembrance Day, with the bells half muffled, making a respectful sound for all to hear and mark the occasion, continuing the tradition of years past.

Julie Beale

Betchworth Operatic and Dramatic Society
presents

A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens
Adapted by Gail Lowe



St Michael's Church, Betchworth
Weds 2nd to Fri 4th December at 7.30 pm
Sat 5th December at 4.00 pm
Tickets £ 15.00 / £12.00 conc.



More details at bodsweb.com

Buckland Matters

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE



Help to keep Buckland's rights of way clear of obstructions

If your property is adjacent to any of Buckland's highways, hard surfaced footways, or public rights of way (bridleways and footpaths) please check whether your boundary fencing / walls or hedges need some "TLC" and cut back any plants, shrubs, and trees rooted within your property to keep our local rights of way free of obstruction.

The SCC arboriculture team advises private landowners: "Check where your boundary is and cut back to that point" and asks you to "dispose of tree and hedge cuttings responsibly"; this will also help the street cleaning team to sweep to the edge of the tarmac when they next visit. If when you complete your boundary check you find a build-up of leaf fall, other plant material and/or soil obstructing the surface of an adjacent right of way please clear it away (provided you are able to do so safely) to enable large vehicles to pass. Please ensure work starts from your boundary and sweeps or blows them further into your property to avoid any risk of being caught "fly tipping onto the highway"!

Reducing Garage, Shed and Garden Crime

Our local police team are keen for us all to remember to check our outbuildings on a regular basis to avoid a theft going undetected and to report any thefts we do discover to Surrey Police. The advice is for everyone to ensure:

- outbuildings are secured with good quality fixings and fitted with an alarm
- hinges are fitted with "tamper proof screws" or that any visible screw heads are filled with epoxy resin glue to function as a deterrent;
- windows are locked and/or fitted with internal bars or grilles;
- valuable equipment is secured to the walls of the sheds/garages

Bike Register

How would you identify your bike if it were stolen? Take some photos of your pride and joy to help prove ownership if the police recover your bike at a later date (just be careful who you share this with on social media!) Make a note of the serial number and other distinctive identifying features, and register and mark your bike with [Bike Register](https://www.bucklandparishcouncil.org.uk/bike-register), so it can be easily returned to you if found.

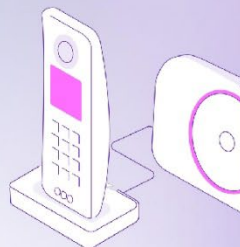
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NATURE NOTES

Winter Gardening tips for Wildlife

November is the month the tidy-minded gardener finds hardest. The borders have slumped, the lawn is littered with leaves, and every instinct tells us to clear it up before winter. But there is a good case for doing less. Start with the teasels. Where they've been left standing, those tall, bristled heads are now dry and brown, and they're far from finished. Watch them on a still morning and you may catch a charm of goldfinches working through them, the only British finch with a beak fine enough to prise the seeds from between the spines. If you cut them down in a fit of autumn tidying, then you've cleared the table just as the guests arrived.

The same goes for the leaves. A heap raked into a quiet corner becomes a hibernaculum for hedgehogs, which are now looking for somewhere to sleep until spring, and a larder for the blackbirds and thrushes that will turn it over all winter. Hollow stems left standing shelter overwintering ladybirds and the larvae of solitary bees. Ivy, too, deserves a reprieve: its late flowers are the last reliable nectar of the year, and its black berries will feed wood pigeons and thrushes through the leanest weeks of late winter. The winter thrushes are arriving from Scandinavia: redwings, with their cream eyebrow and rusty flanks, and the larger, chattering fieldfares. Look for them stripping the hawthorn and holly berries along the lanes and on the scrubby slopes of the Downs. November is the fungi's month. Look for jelly ear on old elder, candle snuff on rotting stumps, turkey tail fanned across fallen branches, and shaggy inkcaps pushing up through the verges overnight. Every fungus you see is only the fruit of a vast hidden network, threading through soil, leaf litter and dead wood. Leave the logs and leaves where they fall, and you're feeding the part of the woodland you can't see.

When gardening for wildlife, the skill lies in knowing which parts to manage and which to leave alone, and most gardens have room for both. A good aim is to have some ground cut short, some left long, and some left to grow rough and tangled. Each of those conditions suits different lives. The open, low-fertility sward is where wildflowers gain a foothold and where butterflies will bask next summer. The longer grass left uncut at the margins is where grasshoppers, spiders and beetle larvae ride out the winter. And the scruffy corners, with their bramble, dead stems and fallen wood, are where wrens forage, small mammals' shelter and next year's bumblebee queens burrow in to hibernate.

Norman Jackson

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

On Working with Young People

My dear Nephew Darren

It is quite natural for you curates to enjoy working with young people in your parishes; church youth clubs were created in order to keep the newly ordained off the streets in the evenings. But be assured you will grow out of it. I consent to baptise babies and prepare teenagers for confirmation, but beyond that my contact with this alien life form is kept to an absolute minimum. Dear Miss Thrush runs our weekly Pram Service - whose sole purpose seems to be to give young mothers an opportunity to discuss the ever-changing liaisons within the village, while their offspring shred hymn books and destroy the flower arrangements. I drop in from time to time in order to check that the more mobile haven't found where we hide the matches. An infant equipped with that knowledge can so easily become a teenage pyromaniac.



I can give you little advice on your youth group. When I was a curate, the major activity seemed to be to teach them how to wear gas masks, although today I imagine there is more concern about protecting them from other sorts of exotic chemicals. Also, I suspect you are kept busy keeping the young out of the darker corners of the churchyard as they develop their anatomical knowledge – a past-time still enthusiastically pursued by each new generation.

You clearly find your monthly Youth Service a deeply enriching experience. As far as I am concerned, if such a liturgy had been necessary, then Cranmer would have provided us with one. Endlessly repeated choruses accompanied by a guitar would make me warm to the Quakers. I am sure St Paul's services would have been much enriched with Hymns Ancient and Modern. The disciples in hiding in Jerusalem were not even able to sing accompanied by an organ, which must have greatly dispirited them. I also feel that our Verger would be unable to cope with organising the strobe lighting and dry ice effects. It takes him all his time to remember to light the candles on the altar.

On this matter we must differ. You must worship God in your way, and I in His.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Small Surrey Churches - Part Twenty-one

St Mary the Blessed Virgin Addington, Croydon



St Mary the Blessed Virgin is an 11th century parish church that grew up in the medieval village of Addington and later became closely linked with the 19th century Archbishops of Canterbury at nearby Addington Palace.'

Origins and medieval church

A church at Addington dates from about 1080, making St Mary's one of the oldest surviving church sites in the Croydon area. Parts of the present building, including elements of the chancel and early windows, date from the 11th–12th centuries, reflecting its Norman origins. Originally, it served a much larger rural parish including both Addington and Shirley remained 'rural' until suburban development advanced in the late 1800's.

Late-medieval to early modern features

The narrow south aisle was added in the early 13th century and has a lower roof because originally, it was thatched, which dictated the falling roofline still visible today. The church retained and accumulated memorials and brasses from the 16th to 18th centuries, marking local gentry and patrons as the parish evolved through the Tudor, Stuart and Georgian periods.

Victorian restoration and architecture

The present tower dates from 1876, when the belltower was rebuilt and took on its current form as part of extensive 19th century restoration. The church fabric was heavily restored and altered by Victorian architects, including Edward Blore and J. P. St Aubyn, so that although the plan is medieval, much of the visible work (tower, vestry and fittings) is Victorian. The tower houses six bells; at least one dates back to about 1380, and two others are from the 17th century, all of which were restored in 1957.¹

Archbishops of Canterbury and Addington Palace

In the 19th century the nearby Addington Palace served as a summer home and country residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury, creating a strong association between the Palace and St Mary's as their local parish church. Five Archbishops of Canterbury are buried at St Mary's: Charles Manners Sutton (d. 1828), William Howley (d. 1848), John Bird Sumner (d. 1862), Charles Longley (d. 1868) and Archibald Campbell Tait (d. 1882), with burials in the vestry vault, chancel and churchyard. A notable large cross stands in the churchyard to commemorate the Archbishops.

The chancel was richly redecorated in 1898 as a memorial to Archbishop Edward White Benson. The photograph overleaf, of the altar screen with its three domed recesses (apses), is 'Italian Cathedral quality', embellished with gold leaf, red ochre and turquoise colours. It cost £600 when created in 1898, and a further £20,000 when restored in 1988.

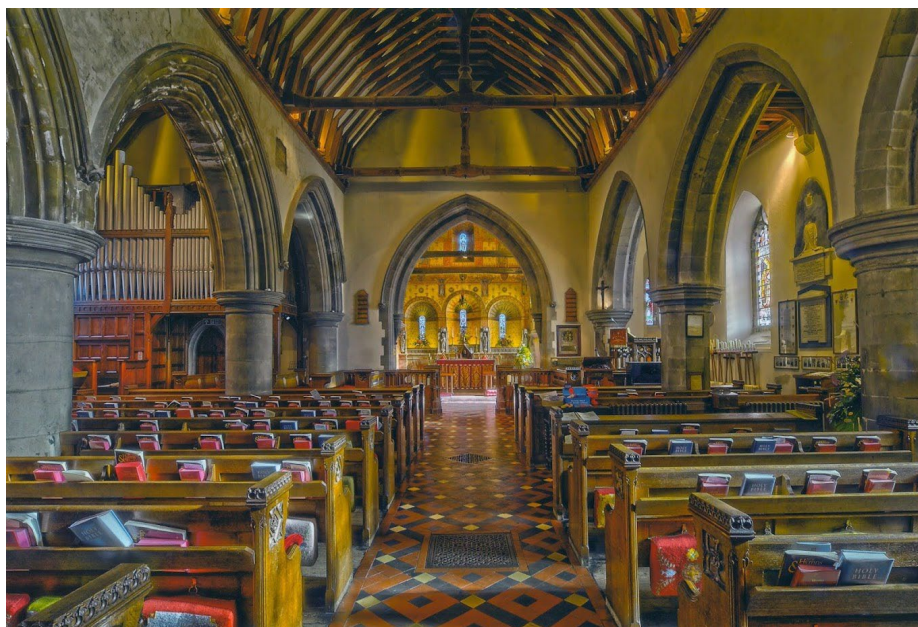
There are several life-size marble carvings of tombs of the Archbishops and local gentry. The one illustrated overleaf is that of the local squire, John Leigh who died in 1576.¹

Modern status and listing

St Mary's was designated a Grade I listed building on 29 January 1951, recognising it as of exceptional national interest. The surrounding churchyard walls are



Above: The wonderfully ornate altar screen (reredos) of 1898
 Below: The tomb of John Leigh Esquire, of Addington, died 1576, with his wife below



Interior of St Mary's Addington²

separately listed at Grade II. The parish, historically within the Diocese of Canterbury, was transferred to the Diocese of Southwark in 1984 during diocesan boundary changes.

There are several other interesting features within this church, including the stained glass and Victorian wall paintings. Services are regular, with two services every Sunday, a monthly evensong and daily morning prayers at 8.30am. The church is open to visitors from 9am to 4 pm daily.²

Access

This 'mini-cathedral' where five Archbishops of Canterbury worshipped and were buried, is located in the most unlikely place, close to a roundabout on the 'Kent Gateway' A2022 dual carriageway in suburban Croydon. The main feature on the roundabout is a large Harvester restaurant called The Cricketers (which unlike the church, does not get my recommendation!). But ignore the location and pay it a visit anyway.

Bethlem Museum of the Mind



When you visit St Mary's Addington, just two miles away there is a rather unusual museum, well worth a visit. The 'Bethlem Museum of the Mind' considers the history of mental health: treatments, the tools of the trade, and artwork produced by patients.

Very moving, thoughtful and sometimes scary exhibits. This well-presented museum opened in 2015 within the grounds of Bethlem Royal Hospital.³ Open Wednesday to Saturday, 9.30am -4,30pm.

References

- 1 *St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Addington: 'A Walk around the Church 2025.'* 16 pp.
- 2 <https://addington.org.uk/> (Church website)
- 3 <https://museumofthemind.org.uk>

The Concerned Bishop

The bishop needed to call one of his clergy about an urgent problem within the diocese. But when he rang the vicar's number, he was greeted with a child's whispered, "Hello?"

Feeling impatient, the bishop asked, "Is your Daddy home?"

"Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with him?" the bishop asked. To his surprise, the small voice whispered, "No."

"Well, is your Mummy there?" asked the bishop. The small voice said "Yes."

"May I talk with her?" Again, the small voice whispered, "No."

"Well, who else is in your house?" the bishop demanded.

"A policeman," whispered the child. Startled, the bishop asked to speak with him.

"No, he's busy," whispered the child. "He's talking to Daddy and Mommy and the search team."

"What is going on there? Who are they searching for?" demanded the bishop, now thoroughly alarmed.

Still whispering, the young voice replied, along with a muffled giggle: "Me."

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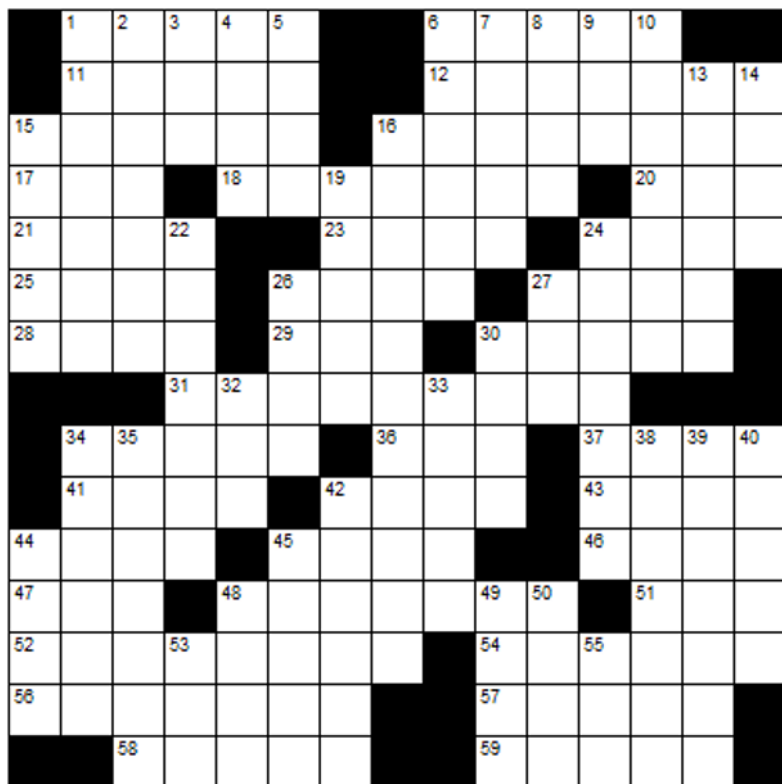
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6. Go on all fours	27. Skin irritation	46. Gammons
11. Deadly snake	28. Geek	47. Hebrew liquid measure
12. Let go	29. Music genre	48. Deny
15. Infants	30. Landslide detritus	51. Encountered
16. Width of a circle	31. Guarantee	52. Thoughtless
17. Commercials	34. Piquant	54. Containing salt
18. Adds on	36. Modern	56. Considering
20. Darjeeling or oolong	37. Voyage	57. Schemes
21. French for "Head"	41. Tube	58. Simple song
23. Tatters	42. Break in two	59. Marsh plant
24. Seats oneself	43. Deep sleep	
25. Portent	44. Not false	

DOWN		
1. College life	15. Maestro's wand	38. Wandering
2. Gangster	16. Impassively saying	39. Huge
3. Sash	19. Former	40. Adhesive
4. Fertilizer component	22. Lengthwise	42. Miserly
5. Coarse file	24. Elongate	44. Impact sound
6. Shrink in fear	26. Agile	45. Holy person
7. Absorbs written material	27. Frozen water	48. Sand
8. Charity	30. Cease	49. Cobras
9. Tiny	32. Air hero	50. Harvard rival
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13. Boil	34. Reliquary	55. Young boy
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WORDSEARCH - Remembrance Sunday, 8 November

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Flanders	Grow
Green	Soil
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7th at 12.00, lunchtime concert at St Martin's church
14th at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia at St Martin's church
21st at 7.00, Dorking Choral Society at St Martin's church, £20
21st at 7.30, Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra at St George's church, Ashted, £18, 01372 275907

Three substantial concerts this month offer music focussed respectively on the romantic, baroque and classical periods.

The Dorking Philharmonia orchestra presents for its first concert of the season a programme of music from the romantic era, beginning with Weber's overture to his opera *Oberon*. Then comes Chopin's first piano concerto with soloist Louis-Victor Bak. Finally the concert closes with Schumann's third symphony, the *Rhenish*, inspired by the fine sights and beautiful landscape of the Rhineland.

Dorking Choral Society will be singing two major works from the baroque period – Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Bach's *Magnificat*. The *Gloria* is Vivaldi's best-known choral work, with exuberant choruses and lyrical arias. Bach's *Magnificat* was written soon after he was placed in charge of all the church music in Leipzig and it was intended to impress, with brilliant writing for chorus and soloists plus a large orchestra enhanced by splendid baroque trumpets.

The Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra, playing in Ashted, has a programme from the classical era. They begin with Mozart's overture to *The marriage of Figaro* and follow this with a Mozart piano concerto – the lyrical no.23 in A major with soloist Amiri Harewood. After the interval comes Beethoven's second symphony.

This month's lunchtime concert at St Martin's church will be given by the renowned pianist Roman Rudnytsky. Admission is free, with a retiring collection.

And finally, just a mention that Helena Twentyman and the Ladybirds choir will have their Christmas concert early in December, on Saturday 5th at three in the afternoon. More details in due course, but I'm sure there will be tea and mince pies as usual!

Ian Codd

LOVE NOT WAR

An opinion piece by Father Richard Rohr, Franciscan & Author

Jesus plays no part in supporting ‘violence’ or warring against apparently opposing groups. He seeks out the commonality between people and builds relationships, he puts all differences to one side. Even though violence is the primary storyline of history, and even of much of the Bible – especially the Old Testament where major wars are ‘justified in the name of God’. Although Jesus was born into this Jewish history (conquering the promised land, the wars of the kings of Israel, and the acts of Saul, David, Herod, and the like), he chose to reject it as the best way forward. Jesus’s story, instead, is a pattern of forgiveness, and what many modern books call ‘non-violent communication’, a voice of compassion.

Jesus’s life and teaching are starkly opposed to that perennial, universal mistake that is probably happening every three minutes in most human minds and hearts: the instinct to destroy what we perceive as the source of the problem. In that sense, he really is the ‘Savior of the World’ (John 4:42), because that violence is the world’s primary agenda, which he unmasks and then resolves with a quite different agenda. If we do not learn this, it is hard to believe there is much future for our world.

To oppose violence, Jesus diminishes the very things that people tend to identify with, the ‘belongings’ that they think define them. This is because where we think we ‘belong’ gives us a personal identity we want to protect, and peer pressure plays a strong role to reinforce this. Such group identity – whether it is religion, nationality, protest groups, class differentiation, gang warfare – is the usual cause of discrimination and violence against others. Jesus speaks critically against his own group whenever they try to use his message for oppositional thinking or group arrogance, or to justify violence. How different Christian history would have been had we listened to him!

This is Jesus’s simple message: Holiness is no longer to be found through separation or exclusion, but through the radical inclusion and forgiveness of the supposedly contaminating element. Any exclusionary system only lays the solid foundation for violence in thought, word, and deed. So, he has to lead us on a new path of forgiveness, inclusion, and sacrifice of our self-identity.

What Leviticus 16–27 describes as the “law of holiness”—separation from sinful people, the rejection of certain actions and things—is turned around in Jesus so that the very acts of separation, superiority, and rejection are in fact the sins!

Jesus is teaching us that if we put our energy into choosing the good—instead of the negative and largely illusory energy of rejecting the bad—we will overcome evil in a much better way and will not become evil ourselves. This is exactly what he does on the cross, and I believe it is at the heart of his message.

More than anything else, this is how Jesus reformed the laws of religion and undercut the basis for all violent, exclusionary, and punitive behaviour. He became the forgiving victim so we would stop creating victims ourselves. He became the falsely accused one so we would be careful whom we accuse.

LIFE's JOURNEY (Things to remember)

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We may differ widely in how we describe it.
But we each have an invitation to freedom
A chance to see more deeply, a path to follow home.
We awaken to what is sacred. We grow into the holy.
We find what has always been there.

Stephen Charleston (Author & Retired Bishop)

GARDENING NOTES

November and winter garden birdlife

When winter settles in and the garden goes quiet, birds don't vanish, but they can struggle to find food. A simple feeding station can make a real difference, helping wild birds through the cold months while bringing life and movement back to your view. Best of all, you can set one up in just a few hours and start enjoying visits from familiar garden birds, and maybe a few seasonal visitors too.



Birds like to feed near cover such as shrubs or small trees, but not so close that predators can hide. Keep in mind that cats can patrol fences as well as the ground. So choose a position for your feeding station that considers both their safety and your visibility. A quiet, sheltered corner you can watch from indoors is ideal, offering a clear view while birds feel secure.

You don't need a complicated setup. A basic station might include a pole with hooks or a sturdy branch, feeders for seeds, peanuts, and suet and a shallow dish for water. If squirrels visit your garden, they'll soon discover your feeders. Consider squirrel-proof feeders or guards to protect food supplies and prevent damage.

Offer a mix of foods to attract a variety of birds: Sunflower hearts, peanuts, suet and fat balls, seed mixes, mealworms or apple pieces - goldfinches love niger seeds! Don't forget that fresh water is vital, especially when natural sources freeze. Use a shallow dish, top it up regularly, and thaw during frosty weather. Clean feeders weekly to prevent disease.

It won't take long for birds to find your feeding station. Robins, tits, and blackbirds will soon become regulars, turning your garden into a lively winter scene. It's a simple, rewarding project that helps wildlife and brings daily enjoyment right to your window.

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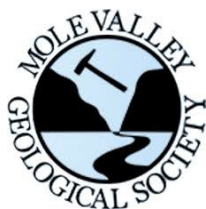
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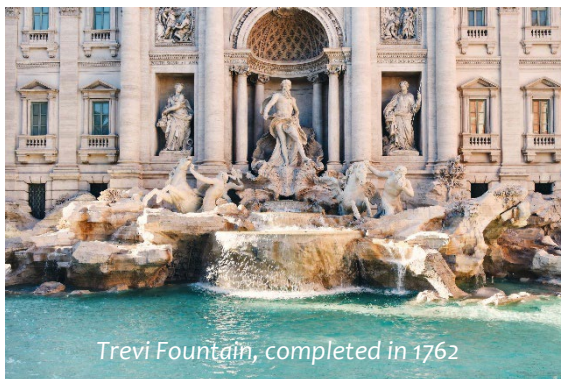
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They say that singing is good for the soul. It's certainly good for the spirits. They practice a set of songs, at present folk songs, several times and then entertain residents at a local Care Home. Never a practice session without lively chat before the start of the session, during the coffee break

and on the way out they are still talking to each other!

We meet twice a month at the Reading Room, Buckland for a two-hour session, with mid-session coffee break and an experienced Music Director, Gina Eason to help them along. So, if you would like a pleasant, relaxed, and sociable practice morning, twice a month, this is the group for you. Both men and ladies. No test to join. So 'Pick yourself up' (Jerome Kerm) and email the u3a Group Leader Meike at MeikebuckL25@gmail.com and (u3a motto) Learn, Live, Laugh.

Dennis Kellaway

VACANCY FOR DANCE-FITNESS TUTOR



Dorking & District u3a is looking for a qualified instructor for its popular Dance2BFit class in Westcott from January 2027. Lead fun, low impact dance & fitness routines for a friendly group of mixed ages and abilities. If you have fitness teaching experience, the right qualifications we would love to hear from you.

It would be very helpful as if we cannot find anyone the class will have to close.

Contact: groups@dorkingu3a.org.uk

DORKING CHORAL SOCIETY
VIVALDI'S GLORIA & BACH'S MAGNIFICAT
7pm, SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
ST MARTINS CHURCH, DORKING



Musical director Daniel Mahoney, with the Oxford Bach Soloists, featuring period instruments.

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DORKING MUSEUM

'From Dorking to Ochos Rios' Strawberry Studios South: Dorking Museum's winter exhibition explores the story of Strawberry Studios South and the talented artists that recorded there, marking 50 years since its opening.

Strawberry Recording Studios: Music History from Stockport to Dorking: On 19th November at 7pm, the Museum is hosting a talk by Dr. Peter Wadsworth, exploring Strawberry Studio's fascinating development and history. Please see <https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/temporary-exhibitions/> to book.

Family Activities at Dorking Library: Nursery Rhyme Week: Use cardboard levers to make a nursery rhyme character move. Saturday 14th November, 10am-12pm. Dorking Library, St. Martin's Walk. Free, materials provided and children must be accompanied.

Refugee Voices from World War II: Cultural Crossroads in Dorking Pop-up Exhibition: Join us to discover Surrey's long history of refugee solidarity with our Being Human Festival pop-up exhibition on 7th November, centering around the Dorking Refugee Committee's archives and the 'Accessing Refugee History in Surrey' project. Attendees can sign up for a zine-making workshop - to sign up, please see <https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/temporary-exhibitions/>.

Dorking Museum: Thursdays 1pm-4pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10am-4pm, free entry.
www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk. Visit dorkingmuseum.org.uk/digital-guide/. 01306 876591

Laura Swinson

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS (p.22-24)



6	9	3	7	1	8	2	5	4
2	4	7	3	5	9	8	6	1
8	1	5	6	4	2	3	9	7
1	6	9	2	3	4	7	8	5
7	3	2	1	8	5	6	4	9
5	8	4	9	7	6	1	3	2
9	7	6	4	2	3	5	1	8
3	5	1	8	9	7	4	2	6
4	2	8	5	6	1	9	7	3

R	O	R	B	D	G	N	I	W	O	R	G
O	P	F	A	T	C	G	N	C	B	O	N
R	U	B	R	I	G	H	T	L	A	T	I
R	E	D	R	A	E	S	E	O	I	C	R
O	S	R	E	D	N	A	L	F	H	O	P
H	E	D	N	Y	K	C	G	E	P	D	S
S	E	I	P	P	O	P	E	R	O	E	W
N	O	I	T	C	U	R	T	S	E	D	A
E	G	W	H	A	F	M	T	D	M	E	R
L	R	A	W	U	U	R	S	S	R	R	N
W	O	R	L	D	B	O	M	B	E	D	O
S	W	R	S	D	O	F	I	E	L	D	S

Apology

For those of you who attempted last month's Crossword, and wanted to cheat and look at the solution, you will have realised that this was not possible. This was because your editor (me), copied in the 'empty' crossword as a solution, rather than the 'completed' crossword. Somewhat of an error, my apologies.

For those with a 'Zen' personality - relaxed, calm, peaceful, and untroubled by things you cannot influence, this will not have bothered you. However, if you were stuck on '64 across' (Answer: Loser) and found it very frustrating, or something similar, here is the full answer:

Last month's Crossword Solution

S	A	L	A	D		S	T	A	G		D	A	S	H
E	L	O	P	E		T	A	I	L		I	N	T	O
E	A	S	E	L		E	C	R	U		S	T	A	B
P	R	E	S	U	P	P	O	S	E		P	I	T	S
					G	A	S			P	I	E	C	E
S	E	A	R	E	D		T	H	O	R	N			
L	A	C	E	S			G	R	O	T	E	S	Q	U
U	R	I	C			C	O	O	L	S		A	U	R
E	N	D	U	R	A	B	L	Y			C	R	A	S
				P	U	P	I	L			P	A	Y	D
			E	N	E	M	Y			O	A	R		
B	O	O	R			B	A	C	K	W	A	T	E	R
A	S	I	A			A	N	O	A		M	A	G	I
L	I	S	T			R	O	S	Y		E	R	I	C
K	N	E	E			A	N	T	S		L	O	S	E

The bad news is time flies.
The good news is you are the pilot

Michael Altshuler, Motivational speaker

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BUCKLAND READING ROOM ACTIVITIES

Monday am	Singing for Pleasure (1st & 3rd Mondays)
Tuesday am	Toddlers
Tuesday 2.15pm	Bridge Club
Tuesday 6.30pm	Yoga (Maria)
Tuesday 8.00pm	Yoga Beginners (Maria)
Thursday 2.15pm	Bridge Club
Thursday evening	Yoga (Judy)
Saturday 08.30am	Qi Gong (Judy)

**For booking enquiries please contact Jane Stewart, preferably by email:
Bookings4bucklandreadingroom@gmail.com or 07733 116992**

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Betchworth & Buckland Children's Nursery	Laura Snelling	01737 843610
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British Legion	Maurice Daley	01737 843058
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Brockham Surgery/Chemist	n/a	01737 843259
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- Treasurer	John Maud	01737 843530
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