



Newsletter

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The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, High Street, Windsor

Dear Friends

“KEEPING US IN TOUCH

Formerly known as the Pew Leaflet, this can be sent to you weekly, electronically or by post and gives you all the latest information you need to keep in contact with our plans during the Covid-19 crisis. Please let us know if you would like this leaflet.

CHURCH OPENING

Windsor Parish Church is open daily from 10am to 4.30pm.

Please remember to use hand sanitiser and to observe social distancing requirements.



Back in church after lockdown
Sunday 11th July 2020

This has been a most unusual time for all of us! When we were told by the Government in March that we were required to close our church doors, most of us felt perplexed and troubled. It felt such a difficult step to take, especially for Windsor Parish Church where the doors are open every day of the year and where the footfall is quite astonishing. To close our doors to all those people, local

residents and tourists alike, felt such a big setback. But, 5 months later (and with our doors thankfully now open again), I can look back, perhaps with a clearer head. Despite our closed doors, we have still been here for the people of this town. During the many weeks when we were unable to meet for public worship, we met virtually using Zoom video-conferencing and Facebook. Everyone learnt new skills and communication was still possible through email and by phone. We were able to meet for Sunday worship, for daily prayer, for bible study and to sing hymns, and we could extend the invitation to a larger group of people from across the world. It was even possible to celebrate the Patronal Festival on 23rd June

with a short live-streamed service published on our Facebook page. We cannot plan for the future in the way that we once did but we can still make plans and we are already considering how to mark Remembrance Sunday and celebrate Christmas in the new world in which we find ourselves.

Perhaps our biggest worry at this time is our finances. We lost all our concert bookings from March onwards and it seems unlikely that these will pick up again before the middle of next year. In addition, we have lost offerings from weekly services and from visitors during the week. We are most grateful to you for your continued support which is so vital at this time. Thank you.

With every blessing,

Revd Canon Sally Lodge

Team Rector

A message from our Secretary

At last, despite 'lockdown', and with the support of the Rector we are back in action again. The long break in our activities has unfortunately been due to illness and bereavement. Thank you for your patience

In the past few months the Committee has met three

times (the last two meetings via Zoom!), and is now pressing ahead with the restoration and cleaning of the West porch memorials.

We were sorry to lose Revd Margaret due to well-earned retirement. She was a huge help and support to the Friends.

Our small Committee would welcome any one of you that would wish to help in any way.

Keep safe and well.

All good wishes

Christine Heybourn

The Salviati Mosaic



The Salviati Mosaic

Antonio Salviati (1818-1890) was a lawyer who because of his concern about the crumbling Byzantine mosaics in St Mark's Basilica in his home city of Venice, founded the Salviati family glass company. Salviati's mosaics are world renowned. They are displayed in London at St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament and in America in Stamford Memorial Chapel and the Abraham Lincoln portrait in the U.S. Senate.... even works in Singapore! And we have one here in Windsor Parish Church! A new apse, designed by S.S.Tuelon in the Gothic revival style, was built in 1870 and the back of the new altar was decorated with a mosaic by Salviati. They are five double sets of panels that sit directly under five Gothic stained glass windows.

The first set of mosaics contain two angels, one playing a violin and the other a drum. Each angel is topped by a medallion relating to Christ's Passion. There is also a rooster (Peter's denial of Christ) and crossed hatchets (emblem of St John the Baptist).

On the next tablet two angels kneel in prayer and their medallions show crossed pliers, hammer, arrow, sponge, dice and chalice motif

The two central mosaics are of a lamb carrying a white flag with a red St. George cross and wearing a cruciform halo. The pelican is feeding three young birds with drops of blood signifying Christ's sacrifice. The words Alpha and Omega are also shownChrist being the beginning and the end.

The first mosaic on the right side also shows kneeling angels but the symbols above them are of crossed reeds, a column, Veronica's veil imprinted with Christ's image and the crown of thorns.

The final mosaic shows one angel playing a trumpet and another a hand held organ. Above them is a ladder, robe, crossed spears, reed and a banner with "INRI" on it - meaning "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews"

The mosaics are flanked by narrower mosaics of symbolic flowers.

Do look in detail at this treasure when you next visit!

Estlyn Davies

An update from the Churchwarden

"I am pleased to say that we are now able to move forward with the restoration of the organ"

Dear Friends

The Faculty to carry out the cleaning of the fine memorials in the West porch has been started. An up to date quotation has been received which is more expensive than the original one and we have sufficient funds to clean one memorial and part of the other. We plan to approach a further trust to cover the shortfall.

A meeting took place with Bishop &

Son Organ Builders in July regarding the full restoration of the Hunter organ. I am pleased to say that due to a number of generous donations last year and this year we are now able to move forward on this project in due course. A contract is being drawn up for the Parochial Church Council to consider.

We have recently received an up to date quotation for cleaning /restoring most of

the remaining stained glass windows in the church and are considering what work we might be able to undertake on this project.

We are grateful to all the Friends for their continuing help and support. If anyone would like to help with our fundraising projects or make a donation please do let me know.

Many thanks

Michael Harding

Robert (Bob) Heybourn (d.18.9.20)

After a debilitating illness borne with great patience and lasting some years Robert (Bob) died of complications on 18 September last year.

Bob was a true Windsorian. He was born in Clarence Crescent, attended The Windsor Boys School, became a local councillor and lived all his life

in the town.

Realising his ambition to work in the travel industry, Bob became manager of Ian Allen Travel and eventually opened his own agency in Peascod Street.

Bob and Christine married in the Parish Church in 1971 and they became actively involved in Church life.

Bob was a member of the Round Table, the Rotary Club of Windsor & Eton and was involved with many local projects with his father in law, Freddie Shenston, founder of Windsor Heritage.

Bob's funeral at the Parish Church reflected his great love of classical music and was attended by over 150 family, friends and work colleagues.

Robert Britton (d. 18.12.19) and Audrey Britton (d. 23.7.19)

Bob and Audrey came to Windsor in the sixties when Bob was appointed an Education Lecturer at Bulmershe Teacher Training College. Audrey began her long association with Homer School. A very warm caring friendly couple they enjoyed almost 73 years of marriage.

Bob and Audrey worked relentlessly for the Parish

Church. Bob was an excellent Churchwarden, his talented photography skills and attention to detail ensured all projects were meticulously recorded. He established the museum records displayed near the Royal Pew and rationalised the many Church Charities. He was a Lay Reader and a member of the C of E Men's group.

Audrey was a Mothers' Union member for 67 years and an efficient Treasurer and valued member of Windsor MU.

During WW2, as a teenager, Bob served in the Far East in the Royal Navy. He was crew member on the ship involved in the liberation of Singapore. Bob and Audrey returned many times for the dawn Remembrance Services and other official celebrations.

"Well done, good and faithful servant....Enter into the joy of your master"
Matthew 25.23

Tom Smith (d 4.6.20)

Tom was a dedicated worker and imaginative Churchwarden for New Windsor parish. He was also a key member of Windsor Allotments and Home Gardens Association.

His commitment, dedication, and strong community spirit helped him

recruit friends, colleagues, and family to help in various projects., notably these included fundraising for and overseeing the building of the new Parish Hall, and the installation of the performance platform, kitchen, and toilets at the Parish Church.

Tom was a devoted family man, husband to Dot (who died in 1989) and June, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Tom was an inspirational, well-loved character who will be greatly missed.

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Our aim, as Friends of Windsor Parish Church, is to support the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in maintaining the fabric and interior of the church and its grounds so that we can continue to serve the local community for many years to come.

In 2022 we will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the current church building. Your continued support is much appreciated as we look forward to this milestone in our history.



Eileen (Dee) Quick December 1947–Feb 2020

I have been asked to write a few words celebrating the life of my late wife. Many of you will have known Dee as a Royal Borough Councillor and Mayor during Her Majesty the Queen's ninetieth birthday year. She was honoured and humbled that she could follow both her father and grandfather as Mayor.

Clewer, St. Stephen Church, Vansittart Rd (now known as St. Stephen & St. Agnes) featured greatly in her life. Baptised, confirmed, married, children baptized and her funeral service all took place in that church. She served as Churchwarden and PCC member for many years and greatly supported me in my call to ministry. She was familiar with the Parish Church as

a Brownie, Guide and Sea Ranger where she regularly attended Church Parades and of course latterly as Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor.

Dee firmly believed that Christianity and public service together were vital partners in our community.

Rev. John Quick.
