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# The Spire

*The Parish Magazine*  
**CHRIST CHURCH**  
— Southgate —

## February 2020



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Vicar's Pre-Lent Quiz



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# **Welcome!**

## **From The Reverend Dr Chrichton Limbert Vicar of Christ Church Southgate**



Welcome to the first Spire of 2020, which is being published on the great feast of Candlemas, when the baby Jesus was presented in the temple – the official end of the Christmas season. It also means that it is just over two months since I wrote an opening leader. It is amazing how much has been packed into those two months. Since the end of November we have started a new decade (the new roaring 20s), had a General Election (with the church building used as a polling station for the first time) with a pattern of results not seen since the 1930s, a US President has had impeachment proceedings started, the sixth in line to the throne has left the country with his wife and child, and finally, Brexit should have happened and we have left Europe. Christmas is normally a time when things seem to shut down for weeks, as the festivities seem to be getting longer and longer, but this year we have seen a huge amount of change. All of this set against the horrifying backdrop of the worst forest fires in Australia on

record – called by Sir David Attenborough a “moment of crisis” to address climate change.

The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book this year is “Saying Yes to Life” by Ruth Valerio, which looks at what it is to be truly human and the fact that we have been entrusted with caring for all of God’s wonderful creation. We will be considering the themes from this book during Sunday Eucharists in Lent, which will include an Eco-Eucharist for the Second week of Lent on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. I commend the book to you as it guides our thoughts on how we can make a difference for good.

A very practical response we can make will be supporting the Bishop of London’s Lent Appeal, which this year is working with our partner diocese in Africa, through ALMA, to provide “Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies” in Angola and Mozambique. This is simply what it

says, vehicles to provide access and support in times of emergency, which will be invaluable. We will be supporting this appeal with the Big Pre-Lent Quiz and other events during Lent.

As you may know, we are already a Silver Eco Church award holder. Under the leadership of Sandra Anderson, we will be going for gold – and not just because it is an Olympic year. Keep an eye open for new initiatives and events to raise our, and the wider community's, awareness of the planet and call us to respond to God's instructions to care for it.

The Lent Course this year will again be based on a feature film – “Mary Poppins Returns”. The

book has been well reviewed, and the film is very good, so it should be a ‘practically perfect’ way to spend Lent thinking and praying together.

It seems like there have been so many events and changes in 2020 already, but it is not too late to think about how you can personally change and grow to take a greater part in building the Kingdom of God by caring for everything from an individual to the whole planet. Start planning a good and productive Lent – it will soon be with us.

*Fr Chrichton*

## Prayer of the month

This edition of *The Spire* makes clear we are preoccupied – preoccupied with the climate, with warfare and with greed.

2020 gives us yet another chance at a new beginning. Since December, part of our world has burned (Australia), part has been attacked by fellow human beings (Iran), part has been sold for oil production (the Ecuadorian rainforest), ... the list goes on. And behind much of this lies a global culture of not caring – not caring for the planet and not caring for each other. As an individual, each of us must care in the way God intended. And for the individual to make that crucial difference, every individual needs to try. Don't imagine for one moment that *your* contribution is too small to count. *Your* contribution is the only way any of what we do will count... the world is made up of individuals.

A prayer based on verses from chapter 6 of St Matthew's gospel reminds us of the very reason we are here: we are entrusted with responsibility for the maintenance of God's world. In 2020 we *must* live up to the trust placed in us by our creator. Let us pray, individually (and therefore together):

*Lord Jesus, let me not worry about the food and drink I need to stay alive,  
or about clothes for my body.*

*Help me to see that life is worth far more than food, and the body more than clothes.*

*Increase my faith in my Father in heaven*

*who knows that I need these things.*

*Increase my faith, that I may be concerned above everything else  
with his kingdom and with what he requires of me.*

*Amen*

[Based on *Matthew* 6:25, 32-33]

## Saint of the Month – St Valentine\*

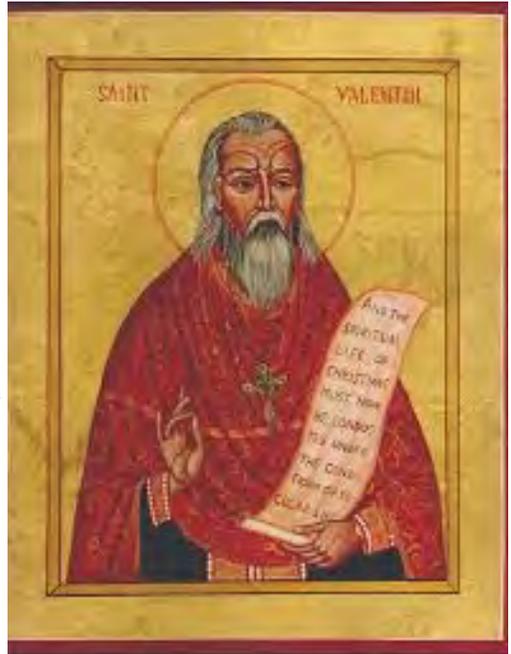
We all know that St. Valentine's day is on February 14th and people will exchange cards and gifts and take their loved ones out for a special meal. There might be a declaration of love or even a proposal. But who was St. Valentine and what has he to do with romantic love? I have tried to find out and I'm sharing my findings with you.

The history of Valentine's Day and the story of its patron saint is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition...

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realising the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270 – others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia, a fertility rite...

Lupercalia survived the initial rise of Christianity but was then outlawed – as it was deemed "un-Christian" – at the end of the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day. It was not until much later,



however, that the day became definitively associated with love.

During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that Valentine's Day should be a day for romance.

The English poet Geoffrey Chaucer was the first to record St. Valentine's Day as a day of romantic celebration in his 1375 poem *Parliament of Fowles*, writing, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate."

Cathy Dallman

\* Information mainly from HISTORY, <https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>

## Eco Church, Eco Lives – time to take stock

### A new year, a new decade - what lies ahead?

From an eco-perspective probably more of the same as the world struggles with war, poverty, climate change and the resulting extreme weather, corrupt leadership, and man's greed.

It's easy for us here in Southgate to feel a little detached from most, if not all of this. We are blessed with peace, we're comfortable with a good standard of living. Our weather, whilst a tad dull and wet as of late, is even at its worst not extreme by world standards. Our struggles are few. How fortunate we are and we must continue to thank God for that.

So what can we do about the rest? We must remember that the behaviour of each and every one of us and the choices we make impacts not only on those around us but collectively on the world stage.

We cannot rely on the ruling bodies worldwide to sort it all out for mankind. We must be willing to act. It's sometimes hard to relate our small daily efforts to the larger world issues but we have to create the snowball and watch it grow as more and more people worldwide review their behaviours so that eventually policy is changed.

With this in mind I am urging you to take stock of your own personal efforts to date. What do you do differently now or have you stopped doing? What did you stop using? What do you use instead? Etc., etc. How are you getting on with it all? Are you still motivated or are you irritated? It's well over a year since many of you filled out the lifestyle questionnaire for me and about a year since we achieved our silver Eco church status.

I would like to feel that we support each other as a congregation so if you're struggling with anything at all, for example, what you use instead of cling film, have a chat over coffee (as I did last week and jolly motivating it was!). This is us living out our faith as we are called to do. When we walk out of church we must be strong enough to try and make good choices for the world today.

Rather than sending out another questionnaire I'd like you to jot down what you now do differently or anything that you've changed and pop it in my post slot at the back of church. I'll look at our collective efforts and feed back to you. I'll include mine, too. This is exciting. So come on Christ Church, let's take stock, look at our level and then with God's help through the Holy Spirit, raise the bar again. We can do it!

Creator God,  
 in your hands you hold the depths of the earth  
 and the heights of the mountains,  
 for all creation belongs to you.  
 Grant us grace to cherish your world  
 and wisdom to nurture its resources.  
 Save us from the desire to control what is not ours  
 and the impulse to possess what is there to share.  
 Give us the insight to see where power is abused  
 and courage to speak out where truth is negated.  
 Guard us against complacency in the face of arrogant destruction

and ignite us with holy rage where fires of conflict are fanned by greed.  
Forge in us hearts of gold to meet suffering with compassion  
and wills of iron to challenge injustice with purpose.  
Inspire us ever to search your ways and find new paths  
that we may join hands with friend and stranger  
to unearth justice and find lasting treasure. Amen.

(by Annabel Shilson-Thomas, Associate Priest at Great St Mary's Cambridge)

Sandra Anderson

## Recycling in Church

In line with our Eco Church credentials we are very keen to ensure that we recycle as much of our waste as possible.

At the back of church, behind the refreshments tables are two bins, one for general rubbish and one for recyclable items. These are emptied each week, but there is generally a very poor understanding of what goes in each bin, despite the notice on top of the recycling bin. So, we thought a reminder of what goes in where would be a good start to improve what we do now.



### Recycling Bin

Clean paper – do not screw it up. **NO** paper plates or used tissues/napkins

Cardboard – please break up or collapse boxes to reduce size. Any cellophane and Sellotape must be removed

Plastic packaging/boxes – clean only

Compostable drinking cups only – make sure they are empty of liquid, no tea bags inside!

Glass and plastic bottles – empty them out first otherwise they contaminate the whole bin

Metal foil containers – but **not** if they are too dirty to be cleaned easily



Remember: *wrong or dirty items in the recycling can contaminate and waste the whole bin.*



### Rubbish bin

Most of what's left, goes in the rubbish bin: plastic bags, cellophane, polystyrene, thin plastic beakers, used tea light candles, used tissues/napkins/paper plates, food waste and anything else that looks like the rubbish in your own bin at home.

**Of course, you could always take your own rubbish or recycling home with you. And if they are suitable, you could take plastic bags to a supermarket recycling point, rather than throwing them away with the general rubbish for landfill.**

**If you have any doubts at all, ask someone what they think before you choose a bin!**

Mick Meur and Patricia Ashby

## The Lent Course Returns!



If watching a fun film and some interesting discussion sounds like your kind of thing, join us on our practically perfect Lent course based on the film 'Mary Poppins Returns', starring Emily Blunt. The course is called 'Where the Lost Things Go', and is written by a performance poet and URC minister Lucy Berry. The Church Times said that the course helps us to "show how issues highlighted in the film at the level of 'optimism, magic and dreams' find their true expression in the gospel."

We will first watch the whole film and then have 5 sessions looking at and discussing different aspects of belief as illustrated in short clips from the film – belief, loss, money, being lost, and light. Finally, in Holy Week we will watch the film through again.

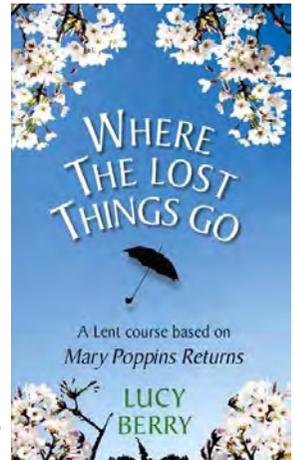
There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church so we know how many course books to order, which will cost £7. Depending on the size of the group we will either meet at the back of church or in the Vicarage.

For complicated diary reasons, the first session will be on a Wednesday but otherwise we will meet on a Tuesday evening after the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

The dates are as follows...

- Initial film viewing – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Course session 1 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March
- Course session 2 – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March
- Course session 3 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Course session 4 – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Course session 5 – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Final film viewing – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Do come and join in a "lively option for a group that does not take itself too seriously". That sounds like us!



## Spire Style Guide

- 9 pt Calibri Font
- No complex formatting (i.e. don't insert pictures into your text, etc.)
- Ideally not more than 400 words, unless this has been invited, or discussed in advance
- Photos should be sent as .jpeg files
- Respect Copyright – always cite sources if you have quoted text or reproduced images from elsewhere (internet, books, etc.) .

## Stewardship – update

### Parish Giving Scheme

The number in the **Parish Giving Scheme** continues to increase slowly, there are now 70 parishioners donating in this way and I thank those that have responded recently, especially those that are new to our Stewardship Scheme.



The **Parish Giving Scheme** is a much more efficient way of paying your donations. There is a significant saving in administration time and it speeds up the repayment of Gift Aid. It also has the option of a regular inflationary increase each year which enables us to increase the amount we receive without much of the effort of an annual stewardship campaign.

Please speak to me if you have been thinking of joining the **Parish Giving Scheme** for some time but have not yet done so. If you are currently paying by standing order from your bank please don't think that it is a good substitute or let it be a barrier to switching. You do not need to change the amount of your donation when you move over, our aim is to reduce the number of standing orders we receive. If you also elected for the annual inflationary increase that would be welcome. You will be given a couple of months' notice before the change takes effect so you remain in total control of your donation.

### Blue Gift Aid envelopes

These envelopes are intended to be used by visitors to Christ Church or for extra donations by those already in Stewardship. Regular church attenders are encouraged to formally join the Stewardship programme so that they contribute towards the overheads which are still there even if you are not attending church each week.

REMEMBER our bank is charging us for paying in cash, every £100 we pay costs us £1.50. Last year we collected £16,000 at a cost of £240. We have made progress in reducing this over the past few years, but we can only reduce this further with your help. If you use the blue envelopes regularly please consider changing your donations to the **Parish Giving Scheme**.

**Parish Giving Scheme application forms along with information sheets are in the rack at the back of church, please return them to me in the envelope provided, thank you.**

### Facts & Figures

Estimated giving by category in 2020 is as follows:

- **Parish Giving Scheme** £51,000 annually from 70 donors
- **Standing Orders** £15,000 annually from 36 donors
- **Cash** from blue envelopes and in the collection plate £14,000

*Mick Meur, Stewardship Recorder*

## “Hello! Welcome to Christ Church.” “How are you today?”



These are among the greetings you are likely to receive, together with a big smile from a Sidesman, when you enter Christ Church on Sundays. Then, you will be given the hymn book and pew sheet before going to your seat.

But a Sidesman’s job is not just greeting people and giving out hymn books. So, who are the Sidesmen and what do they do?

**Sidesmen** are the assistants to the Churchwardens at church services. They used to be elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting because of their important role and responsibilities at services. But recent changes to the rules mean they can now be appointed at any meeting of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC).

Here, briefly, are some of the things they do:

- Assisting the Churchwardens in ensuring the smooth running of all church services.
- Getting the church ready for services.
- Ensuring that people are welcomed and given the necessary booklets/hymn books/pew sheets for the service.
- Organising the Offertory Procession of the elements (the bread and the wine) at Eucharists.
- Collecting the alms at the offertory and presenting them at the altar.
- Watching out for needs of the congregation and offering help as required.
- Tidying up the church after services.
- Counting and putting away the alms collected.
- Looking after the retiring collection, if any.
- Assisting with any special service requirements, e.g. distributing and lighting of candles for candle-light services, switching lights on/off during the service, etc.
- Being familiar with the evacuation procedures and assisting in evacuation of the building in case of emergencies or incidents.



At present, we are a team of 20 covering 3 services on Sundays as well as funerals and school visits, as required. We operate with a monthly rota - so one can be on duty just once a month or more frequently, if one chooses. We also take part in events like the *Tree Festival* and the *Vicar’s Legendary Quiz* evening as a team. We have an annual meeting and lunch at the vicarage.

Sidesmen are on the frontline giving people their **FIRST IMPRESSION** of our church! It is an important task. To serve the community is meaningful work and most rewarding. If you would like to find out more about us or join the team, please contact the Head Sidesman. We are always on the lookout for suitable people to add strength to this wonderful team!

Judith Lo,, *Head Sidesman*

## #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation ...

... is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020

With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

It has been inspired and informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (SPCK).

Full details of the book, the course and the App can be found on the Church of England website at <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

## My holy re-dedication of vows in the River Jordan



In December 2009, I was in Israel, the homeland promised to the Jewish people by Holy God. We had a wonderful tour, visiting many biblical places – it was inspiring, really.

The highlight of this was my re-dedication of vows in the same place as my beloved Messiah and King, Jesus – in the River Jordan. Saviour indeed!

I had been baptised in Christ Church by Christopher Foster in 1991. This, however, was the culmination of my dreams. It surpassed all my expectations.

I stood in the water in my baptismal dress, waiting my turn, wondering about it. Revd John Pantry and Revd Michael Fanstone of *Premier Christian Radio* performed the ceremony. They placed me under the water, and as I rose out of the Jordan, I was blessed, prayed for, and declared my praise and awe at this wonder! Re-dedicating my life to Christ Jesus.

I remember walking on air, praying out loud in Hebrew – God's own tongue. I kept thanking Him and His Father. I went to people in our group and shared this marvelous experience with them. They had been praying for me. I remember them with love, the tour people from Israel. I shall never forget this.

*Lynda Corcoran*

[Mural painted on the interior of the John the Baptist Church at the Jordan River, depicts Jesus' baptism by the hand of John. [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/95/Mural\\_-\\_Jesus%27\\_Baptism.jpg](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/95/Mural_-_Jesus%27_Baptism.jpg)]



# *Parish Life in Pictures*

## *December 2019 & January 2020*



Before Christmas we welcomed children from three local schools



The Pop-up nativity play which was great fun and enjoyed by all



Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations for, and joined us at, our Christingle and our Christmas services



In January we welcomed Holly and William as our new Head Choristers and installed Amelia, Elizabeth, Ben, Theo and Tom as choristers

## Social Responsibility Committee Report

December brought our fund-raising efforts of 2019 to a very rewarding conclusion. Through our 'Gift Tree' we sent over 80 Christmas presents to *Kids Out* (the charity that gives presents to children who have escaped abuse).

We also sent £1,000 to Royal Free Charity *NET*, in memory of past church warden Graham Stone and £350 to *Child Bereavement*. The donations were funded mainly by proceeds from our Christmas stalls and raffle.

Our annual Christingle & Crib services raised £850 for *The Children's Society*. We also donated 30 Christmas presents to the members of *Southgate Homebound* – for many of these people it was the only gift they received and they were very grateful that they had been remembered.

In total, during the year 2019, we raised over £9,000 for good causes.

Moving on to the new year, 2020, at our **Charities Lunch** in January Anne Nicholls showed us photos of the slum school in Kenya which she visits regularly. She is returning there in March and the funds we have raised will enable her to take what is needed at present. Chicken will be on the menu at our lunch on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be supporting a charity which (amongst other things) supports Tamil children with HIV, the *Positive Women's Network*. You can find out more about this organization at <https://www.globalgiving.org/pfil/34683/projdoc.pdf> . Please note that from March, the cost of a Charities Lunch will be £6.

At the **Lunch Fellowship** in January, Ronald Lo showed the vicar's photographs and talked about the parish pilgrimage along St. Cuthbert's Way to Holy Island. The walkers found the route challenging but rewarding. They covered an average of 8 miles a day, and for the final 2 miles across the sands many of them walked bare-footed as pilgrims did in years gone by. It was a wonderful week of praise, prayer and reflection, each day ending with evening prayer, dinner and fellowship. At the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March Patricia Harper will talk about her holiday in Istanbul. As always, everyone is welcome.

If you have a charity suggestion or a fund-raising idea, please speak to a member of the committee. If you have unwanted Christmas presents or other saleable items, we are always happy to receive donations. Thank you for your continuing support.

Hilary Meur



## News from the Committees

The new year has seen a new round of committee activities and meetings in Christ Church. There has actually been a lot of activity, formal and informal, since November in spite of the intervening festivities. To begin with, **Finance & Standing** met on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, preparing the agenda and workload for the **PCC** meeting (reported below).

**Outreach** (which, to remind you, is a committee in only a virtual sense, and consists effectively of individuals and 'working parties' coordinated by Fr Chrichton) reports attendance being up at all the Christmas services and plans already being under way for this year's VE Day celebrations (plans which will include an 'Open Church Saturday' here following the Bank Holiday Friday, in the absence of a May Fair).

**Plant & Fabric** is still waiting for a final decision on the sinking chancel floor and continues negotiations with the architects for the proposed new buildings. The new sound system still requires a few adjustments (mainly to improve sound quality in the choir) and work to replace the lighting will start next. Possible adjustments to the security system in church are also under consideration following recent break-in attempts.

The activities of **Social Responsibility** are reported in full elsewhere, and **Pastoral** is scheduled to meet in early February.

The **PCC** meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January discussed and approved a number of issues including: eco and money-saving measures such as the reduction of colour photo-copying and measures to reduce pew leaflet wastage, re-approval of plans and costs for the new lighting system (approval had lapsed), our Deanery Synod representation, and forward planning for the Annual Meetings in April.

*Patricia Ashby*

## THE LUNCH BOX!

### *Charity Lunches*

Held on Saturdays in Church House,  
12 for 12.30. £6.00

(Main course & dessert, a glass of wine or  
fruit juice, followed by tea or coffee.)

All proceeds to a good cause.

Everyone welcome – Come and support us!

28 March  
30 May  
11 July  
26 September  
28 November

### *Lunch Fellowship*

Held in church – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the  
month, following the 11 o'clock service.

Sandwiches + dessert. Followed by a  
raffle, with a talk, quiz or a discussion.

Everyone welcome – Come and join us!

12 February	11 March
8 April	13 May
10 June	8 July
12 August	9 September
14 October	11 November
9 December	9 December

## Christchurch Association News

The Christchurch Association (CCA) provides a social centre for the parish, and runs the “Top Step Bar” which serves soft and alcoholic drinks upstairs in Church House.

The CCA Top Step Bar opens early at 6 pm on the first Friday of each month, the **next two occasions** being **Fridays 7<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March** when complimentary cheese and snacks will be served between 6 and 11 pm.

Over December and January, we provided Prosecco and mince pies after both the Advent Carol Service and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, as well as staging our annual Burns’ Night celebration on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

We are a non-profit making organisation, and from time to time we make donations to charities and worthy causes from any excess funds that may have accrued. I am pleased to say that we recently agreed to donate:

- £250 to the Church Organ Appeal Fund, mainly as a result of running the bar at the Talkies Cinema event last October
- £100 to the Winter Shelter, being held this year at St. Andrew’s Church
- £100 to the Waverley Paddle Steamer Appeal in memory of Bill Izatt, a former parishioner and CCA member who is survived by Julia and Emily

On **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** we will be hosting a **Valentine’s Cocktail Night**, so please come to the bar any time between 8 and 11 pm if you haven’t made any other plans.

All membership subscriptions became due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Membership costs just £2 per year and you can renew by visiting the bar during opening hours (see below) or contacting Clive.

The Top Step Bar is open on a regular basis as follows (except during August):

**Sundays** from 7:30 to 10:30 pm

**Wednesdays and Fridays** from 8 to 11 pm

Early opening at **6 pm** on the first Friday of every month

*The CCA is a Registered Club with membership open to anyone who worships at Christ Church, lives in the parish or uses the church halls. Membership costs just £2 per year and new members are always welcome. Please contact Clive for more information or if you would like to become a member.*

*Clive Woodhouse (Chairman, Christchurch Association)*

## Note from the Editors

Better late than never! Happy New Year to all our readers! We are both looking forward to another calendar year of *The Spire* and our Saturday mornings together, spent ‘putting the issue to bed’... Although please remember, that Saturday morning is just a fraction of what each new edition involves. So, February is still not too late for that New Year Resolution: *I will make sure my contributions to the Spire always reach the office by the deadline!* For the March issue the deadline is the **18<sup>th</sup> February**. Thank you all in advance for your continued help!

*Clare & Patricia*



# Diary Dates

**Saturday 15 February, 7.30 pm**  
**The Vicar's Legendary Big Pre-Lent Quiz**

Collect your teams of 8 to try and win the Magnificent Rose Bowl Trophy. Doors of the Parish Centre open at 7pm, with first question at 7.30pm. Table sharing food platter provided with bar from the CCA. Individuals £10 and table of 8 for £60. All profits to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.



**Starting Wednesday 4 March, 8 pm**  
**Lent Course 'Where the Lost Things Go'**

The course "shows how issues highlighted in the film at the level of 'optimism, magic and dreams' find their true expression in the gospel." See p8 for more details.



**Tuesday 25 February, 8 pm**  
**Film Night**

Showing of the film at the centre of the Lent Course *Mary Poppins Returns*.

**Wednesday 26 February**  
**Ash Wednesday**

Eucharists at 11 am (said) and 8 pm (sung) with imposition of ashes to mark the start of 40 days of penitence and preparation for Easter.



**Sunday 8 March, ECO Sunday**

**10 am ECO Eucharist**

A service where we will be focusing on giving thanks for God's Good Creation



**2.30 pm Music & Poetry for the Planet**

See p18 for more details

**Sunday 22 March, 10 am**

**Mothering Sunday**

Family friendly Eucharist with blessing & distribution of flowers



# Music & Poetry for the planet

eco-poems & music in a glorious setting

2.30 - 4.30pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Christ Church

The Green Southgate London N14 7EG

## Music

Peter Arnold (Piano)

Liz Partridge (Violin)

Mary Wiegold (Voice)

## Poetry

Julian Bishop

Maggie Butt

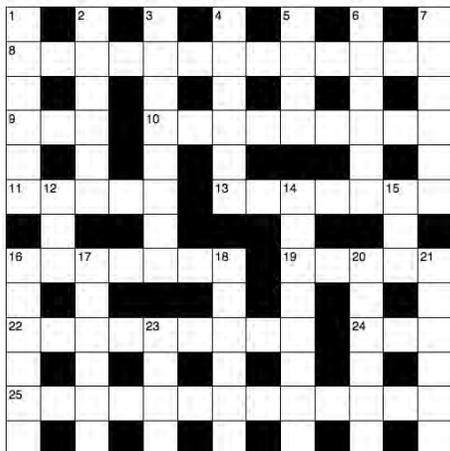
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### FEBRUARY CROSSWORD



**Across**

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

**Down**

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)

- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

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<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Eucharists</b>	<b>Other Services</b>	<b>Liturgical Colour</b>
Saturday	1 <i>Brigid, Abbess, c.525</i>	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	White
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2 <i>Candlemas Incense</i></b>	<b>8am (said); 10am (sung)</b>	<b>6.30pm Festal Evensong</b>	<b>White</b>
Monday	3 Anskar, Archbishop, Missionary, 865			Green
Tuesday	4 <i>Gilbert Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189</i>	7.30pm (said) Including Healing and Wholeness	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Wednesday	5	11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Thursday	6 <i>The Martyrs of Japan, 1597; Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952</i>	12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Friday	7		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Saturday	8	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Green
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9 3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent</b>	<b>8am (said); 10am (sung)</b>	<b>6.30pm Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Green</b>
Monday	10 <i>Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess c.543</i>			Green
Tuesday	11	7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Wednesday	12	11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Thursday	13	12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Friday	14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries, 869 and 885; <i>Valentine, Martyr, c.269</i>		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	White
Saturday	15 <i>Sigfrid, Bishop, 1045; Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730</i>	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Green
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</b>	<b>8am (said); 10am (sung)</b>	<b>6.30pm Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Green</b>
Monday	17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop, Martyr, 1977			Green
Tuesday	18	7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Wednesday	19	11am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Thursday	20	12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Friday	21		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
Saturday	22	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Green
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23 Next before Lent</b>	<b>8am (said); 10am (sung)</b>	<b>6.30pm Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Green</b>
Monday	24			Green
Tuesday	25	7.30pm (said)	5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Green
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26 Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>11am (said); 8pm (choral); both with Imposition of Ashes</b>	<b>8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)</b>	<b>Lent Array</b>
Thursday	27 George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633	12.30pm (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Lent Array
Friday	28		8.30am (Morning Prayer) 5.30pm (Evening Prayer)	Lent Array
Saturday	29	9am (said)	8.30am (Morning Prayer)	Lent Array



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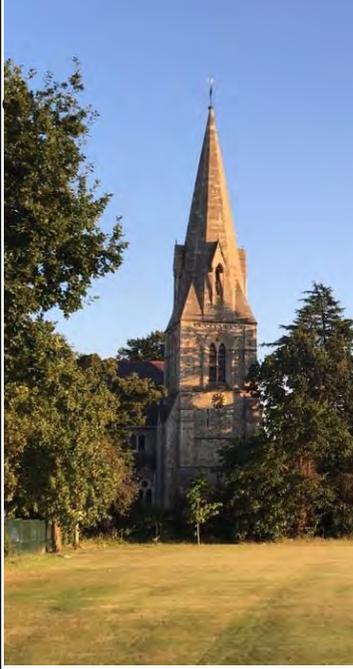
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