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Every Sunday: 9.30am St John's; 10am St George's; and 11am St Mark's.

1st Sunday: 4pm St John's, Family Service and tea;

6pm St George's, BCP Evening Prayer.

2nd and 4th Sunday: 6pm St John's, Taizé.

Wednesday: 12pm St Mark's, Midweek Eucharist.

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# June in the Parish

Coronation fever is over but fete fever is here! It's our parish **Summer Fete on Saturday, June 10** at **St George's** from **noon to 3pm** (see page 40). It's going to be a buzzing afternoon with stalls, a barbecue, a bar, tombola, raffle, games, refreshments, craft and much more. There will be entertainment including the children of Badshot Lea Village Infant School, Dukes Ukes (ukulele band), and Farnham & Aldershot Karate Club. Come along for a fun afternoon which is also a major fundraiser for the parish and helps us continue our work here in north Farnham. Also, invite your friends and neighbours too!

The following week - **Saturday, June 17** - it is the **Summer Craft Market** at **St Mark's** from **10am-2pm**, with loads of stalls selling handmade gifts and cards, ideal for Father's Day the very next day. There will also be live music and refreshments and it's another chance to raise money for the parish and invite your friends and neighbours (see page 11).

On **Saturday, June 24** there are two events. The first is a **Quiet Day** at **St John's** from **9.30am-12.30pm**, led by

Craig Nobbs, one of our LLMs, and the second is an **interfaith discussion group for women** at **St Mark's** from **2.30-4pm**. As well as lively chat about festivals and why we celebrate them there will be food provided by women from the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. See page 23 for both of these).

Of course, there are all our regular events - Artz at St Mark's, Adventurers, Coffee Drop-In at St John's, Connections, Friday Night Games, Little Bees, plus our Sunday and Wednesday services (don't forget **Father's Day on June 18**) and, of course, there is our special **all-age service** which takes place on **Sunday, June 4**, at **St John's** at **4pm**, followed by tea, sandwiches, cake (see page 23).

Hope to see you at some or all of these!

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# What is a good life?

*Alan Crawley writes:*

The Bible offers us a way to live a good life. I often explain the rules in the Bible by saying that when we tell a child not to put their finger in the plug or they will get electrocuted we are not threatening them, but warning them. And my experience is that that is also true of the Bible – they are there to tell us what is good for us, or what was good for us 2000+ years ago. Of course, there are rules which were good for us 2000+ years ago which are no longer relevant, for example the food laws, now that we have the means to store and cook food safely.

So how do we live a good life to-day? If we look at society there seems to be a decrease in the number of people belonging to groups of all kinds, and an increase in labelling others and ourselves; whether this be with neuro-diversity, sexuality, gender, politics, or some other label. These labels can be helpful for gaining support or fellowship. However, labels can also be used to tightly define what is *right*, particularly on social media, where people do not really know each other, and can lead to the ostracising of those who disagree.

When people know each other, and love each other, allowances can be, and are, made for individual views, opinions and foibles. Instead of labelling others they are recognised lovingly as “that’s just how Fred is, and we love him for it”.



*Alan Crawley*

In an age of social media, where people engage with, and comment on, those they do not know these, allowances are not made; when ‘Fred’ is known they are.

In an era where we are inclined to hide our oddities to avoid abuse, it takes courage and time to truly be ourselves with others, but the benefits of doing so are there.

If you identify with anything here, why not join something and start getting to know and love some more people?

***Alan Crawley,***  
***Associate Priest***

## Prayer Page

Be a bright flame before me, O God  
a guiding star above me.  
Be a smooth path below me,  
a kindly shepherd behind me  
today, tonight, and for ever.  
Alone with none but you, my God  
I journey on my way;  
what need I fear when you are near,  
O Lord of night and day?  
More secure am I within your hand  
than if a multitude did round me stand.  
Amen.

Prayer of St Columba  
whose feast day is  
9 June



# Ordinations

This year we have two people being ordained in the parish. Stella Wiseman is being ordained Priest on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and David Camp is being ordained Deacon on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, both at 10:30am in Guildford Cathedral. If you wish to attend a service either let them know (they will have a limited number of tickets), or you can try just turning up on a first-come-first-served basis (there is plenty of room in the cathedral).

Stella will be presiding at her first communion service at 4pm on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at St Mark's, followed by a bring-and-share bun-fight, and we will welcome David back to St Mark's following the Sunday ordi-



*David*

nation service, probably at about 1.30pm, for another bring-and-share.

As a result, there will be some changes to what they do.

## **Stella**

Stella will now be able to preside at communion, take weddings and baptize. She will be going on the rota to preside, and plans to preside twice monthly, once at St Mark's and once at one of the other churches, and when she is confident, the rota will change so that, on at least some Sundays, Lesley and I aren't running from St John's to St Mark's. However, during July



*Stella*

and August she will presiding more often, mainly at St Mark's, to gain experience and confidence.

## David

David will be co-leading services and preaching once a month. As he has not yet got that well-known in the parish, we decided it would be good for him to spend a month at a time in each church, rather than moving around week to week. However, he will continue to work at his full time job, and his time in the parish will be

limited. This is particularly so as during the first year after ordination there is a lot of training to be done, and that is true whether you are in full time ministry or not, it just takes up a larger amount of your time if you are not.

Please pray for them both in the run-up to their ordinations, and for the parish as we learn new ways of working together.

*Alan Crawley*







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*Jo & Sue*

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# Toddlers, music and the magazine

## Musicians wanted

Is there a musician handy? Do you play keyboard, piano, organ, guitar? Are you just longing to be called forward to play for a church service?

If the answer is 'Yes', then you may be the very person we are seeking.

Our church musicians are looking for more people to join the team. If you are interested, on-the-job training and support will be given (we wouldn't throw you in to lead the music in a service with no preparation).

Don't be shy; have a word with any of the musicians at the services, or with the vicars.

And remember: "... a life without music would be a mistake" (*Nietzsche*).

## Little Bees leader

Do you like babies, young children and new parents? Are you free on a Friday morning? If so, this might be just the volunteering role you are looking for.

The parish parent and babies group, Little Bees, has been going for 20 years and we are looking for a new leader.

Maxine, who currently has the role, is due to move out of the area later in the year and it would be great if someone could work alongside her and get to know the families and what goes on. It is a lovely group with great volunteers already in place. The leader obviously needs to have safeguarding training, but that is easy to arrange.

So could you give up about two-and-a-half hours on a Friday morning during time term for this great outreach opportunity? If you can't do every Friday could you do alternate Fridays? Please contact Lesley Crawley, [revd.lesley@badshotleandhale.org](mailto:revd.lesley@badshotleandhale.org) or Maxine Everitt, [maxine.everitt@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:maxine.everitt@badshotleaandhale.org) if you would like to know more.

## Magazine distribution

We need someone to co-ordinate the distribution of the church magazine once Maxine leaves the area. It involves picking up the magazines at the end of each month and dropping them off at our distributors. If you think you might be able to help, please do let us know. [editor@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:editor@badshotleaandhale.org)





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# St George's Day

## Our Patronal Festival

St George's patronal festival was celebrated in fine fashion with a fire-breathing dragon, a brave princess and a faithful St George. The congregation got involved in our (slightly under-rehearsed!) drama with much booing at the dragon and flag waving and cheering for St George. St George won the day, and the dragon became subdued and was meekly led back to the village by the princess.

I prefer this version of the story, rather than one where the dragon is killed. To me it demonstrates that no-one is beyond hearing that call of God. Do you remember to 'pray for 5'

as introduced during our course entitled 'Talking Jesus'. Our five may still be far away, but never give up – just as St George was strong in faith, keep your faith and call on God's grace to touch the hearts of those you are praying for.

The singing during the service was enthusiastic with those great traditional hymns *When a knight won his spurs, He who would valiant be* and *Jerusalem* being included.

We were delighted that the Sea Cadets of TS Swiftsure were able to join us, and they assisted with the raising of the St George's flag in a short act of service outside, concluded by the National Anthem.

**Kris Lawrence**



# St George's celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III



*Kris Lawrence reflects on the recent Coronation of King Charles III*



Among all the pomp and pageantry of the King's coronation, there were two striking images that really stood out for me. The first was right at the start of coronation service where the single voice of a 14-year-old chorister, standing face to face with the King, spoke words of welcome. The words of Isaiah 11:6 came to mind: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them".

Then, later in the service, Charles was disrobed from all his glorious ceremonial dress to stand in a simple attire of shirt and trousers. After his very private anointing, the screens were pulled back and there he was in his humility kneeling before the altar. There were other times during the service that revealed that humble nature, but for me this was certainly the most powerful. And it's a reminder that we are all called to be humble servants for God. Matthew 20:28 says: "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve".

Those two images will remain with me beyond all others.





I never dreamt that I would be touched by the coronation of King Charles III, I had been deeply saddened by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II who was the only monarch many of us had even known. But the reality of life is that things move on and to be touched as I was by the coronation of King

Charles III was unexpected, but also somehow reassuring as we move forward into the 'Carolean' age.



We opted for a simple celebration at St George's – but this was definitely a matter of 'less is more'. The service itself was well attended. Lesley's sermon in which she spoke about love and service was perfect for the occasion.

After the service we had a lovely time of fellowship with scones, jam & cream (with the inevitable conversation around "jam first or cream first?"). We toasted the king with a glass of prosecco (or tea/coffee), we had bunting, crowns, even a silly game of pinning the diamond on the crown.

My grateful thanks go to all those that helped to make this such a joyous event.

God Save the King!

**Kris Lawrence**



## A Feast fit for a King

*(to commemorate the Coronation of Charles III – 6 May 2023)*

Let's get ready,  
hope it's a fine day.  
We're watching the Coronation,  
it's happening in May.

We'll celebrate the occasion,  
the way we always do.  
Organise a party –  
inviting neighbours and family, plus our friends too.

Then everyone can get together,  
to mark this special occasion.  
Tables will be found,  
and we'll need plenty of chairs to sit on!

The food will need to be organised,  
to ensure there's enough to eat.  
Sandwiches, cakes and jellies,  
for those we hope to meet.

Don't forget the bunting –  
flags, whistles, hats, to name a few.  
We'll need to be ready,  
to wave the old red, white and blue.

The guests will need to drink,  
there must be enough for everyone.  
The wine chilled; beer warm, fizzy pop,  
but the tea, it must be strong.

The children will be excited,  
whilst they play and run.  
Eating crisps and jelly,  
as they join in all the fun.

Then we'll get together,  
and sing a song or two.  
Young and old will drink a toast,  
to Charles, our King, so true.

**Deborah Nobbs**

# Coronation Day

The Queen has passed, we mourned  
her loss,  
our Queen of more than fifty years.  
We shed a sea of sorrowful tears.  
Now her son, the Prince of Wales  
will take the helm, unfurl the sails.

The sixth of May, the chosen day,  
when all across our nation-wide,  
people will rejoice with pride,  
the crowning of our sovereign King.  
Our hearts will lift and voices sing.

We'll celebrate this happy state  
and watch the King in ceremonial  
gown  
from the Archbishop, receive his  
crown,  
and mark this Coronation day  
with waving flags, hip, hip, hooray;

With party beats upon the streets  
we'll celebrate the British way  
with tables laid in much array -  
sandwiches, cakes, bubbly and beer  
to drink our new King's health with  
cheer.

And with Camilla by his side,  
Queen Consort now as well as bride,  
King Charles the third will do us  
proud.

Let's ring the bells and shout out  
loud:

THREE CHEERS  
for the King from the Coronation  
crowd!

**Val Harris**



## Let's hear it for the King

In towns and villages,  
city streets,  
parties, dancing  
to happy beats.

Tables laid  
with food, and beer  
to drink our new King's  
health, with cheer!

Raise your glasses,  
wave your flags  
shake your bunting,  
post your tags.

Shout aloud  
hip, hip, hooray

let's celebrate  
Coronation Day!

**Val Harris**





# Building the right support for autistic people - a talk by Alexis Quinn



**Friday, July 21st, 7.30pm**  
**St Mark's Church, Upper Hale**

## Who is the speaker?

Alexis Quinn is a former schoolteacher and professional athlete and the author of two books: her ground-breaking memoir *Unbroken*, and *Autistic and Expecting*, a guide for autistic parents-to-be. Alexis speaks globally on neurodivergence, mental well-being and building the right support. She works as Manager of the Restraint Reduction Network, is mother to two neurodivergent children and is studying for an MSc in Psychotherapy at University of Greenwich.

## What is the talk about?

Drawing on the latest research and using her lived experience, Alexis will discuss:

- Neuro-affirming ways to think about difference and diversity;
- Autism and mental well-being;
- Common challenges faced by neurodivergent people and their families;
- How to helpfully support neurodiverse people.

## Will I have the chance to ask questions?

There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation, after which Alexis will sign personalised copies of her book, *Unbroken*, at the discounted price of £10.

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## All-age worship

# All-age in the afternoon

The next all-age afternoon service followed by sandwiches and cake will be at **St John's** on **Sunday, June 4** at **4pm**. Please come and join us for worship, craft, stories and cake!

In July we will be replacing this afternoon service with Messy Church which will take place monthly at St Mark's, normally on the first Sunday of the month at 4pm. Look out for more information, but with Messy Church you can expect activities, songs and prayers, food and a fresh, creative way to express your faith.



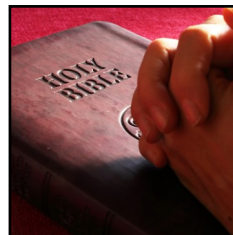
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## Quiet Morning

# Quiet Morning

Craig Nobbs will be leading a Quiet Morning at **St John's** on **Saturday, June 24, 9.30am-12.30pm**. Please do come and join him. Email [llm.craig@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:llm.craig@badshotleaandhale.org) for details.



## Interfaith

# Women's interfaith meeting

The next Women's Interfaith meeting will be at **St Mark's** on **Saturday, June 24, 2.30-4pm**. The topic will be festivals and why we celebrate them. Email [revd.stella@badshotleaandhale.org](mailto:revd.stella@badshotleaandhale.org) or call 07842761919 for details.



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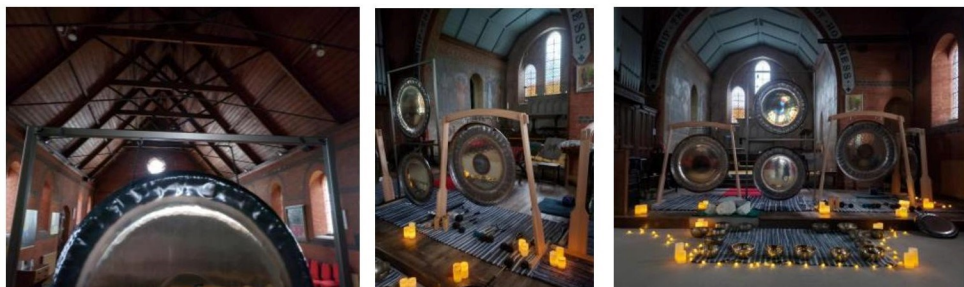
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Local Citizens Advice organisations are individual charities which employ some paid staff and many volunteers.

It has recently developed a new role of Community Engagement Partner, and these people will go out into local communities to identify who needs Citizens Advice's help and how they can best be served if they struggle to access the services in the normal way.

To find out more about all Citizens Advice volunteer roles, together with quotes from some who are already involved, call in at the Farnham office in South Street (Monday to Thursday 10am-2pm), call 0808 2787980 or visit [waverleycab.org.uk/local-news/thanks-to-all-our-volunteers-we-couldnt-do-it-without-you/](http://waverleycab.org.uk/local-news/thanks-to-all-our-volunteers-we-couldnt-do-it-without-you/)



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## Hale WI

# Dogs for Good

Hale WI's June meeting will be at 1.45pm on Wednesday, June 14 in the Village Institute. Visitors will be most welcome for a charge of £4.

The speaker will be Jacqui from Dogs for Good. Dogs for Good is an organisation that helps people with difficulties to cope by being assisted by a dog. It should be very interesting both from the human point of view and also from the dogs' and their training.

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# Cat facts

It seems I have some fans. And, as I am a kindly, thoughtful and humble cat (*shurely shome mishtake, Ed*) I have decided that my growing fan base would like some facts about me.

So, here you are, 10 things you always wanted to know about the Church Cat.

1. The name my humans call me is Sprout. This name came about because, when I was a kitten and didn't have a human-given name, one of the younger humans was trying to suggest 'Tulip' but it came out as 'Turnip'. One of the older humans said: "that's a bit like calling a cat Sprout", at which point everyone thought that was a good name. But then they were mere humans.
2. My real name is Magnificent One, Queen of All the Lands.
3. I am 15 years old. Contrary to popular opinion, this does not make me the equivalent of 105 human years but probably something similar to being 70+. I, however, am as lively and fun as a kitten.
4. I was born in a small-holding in Four Marks and came to my humans when I was a couple of months old because they saw how beautiful I was. Not sure why they wanted my cousin (see below).
5. My cousin, and probably half-sister, is a black cat. She is very annoying. She went away for a



*Me as a kitten with my cousin. I am the beautiful tortoiseshell one.*

- several years but came back and is still very annoying.
6. I have had 12 children, 11 of whom survived. Some of them live with me and, like my cousin, are very annoying.
  7. I have a granddaughter who lives with me. Guess what, she's very annoying.
  8. My favourite food is venison, served by the haunch. I am never given it. This is an insult.
  9. I live with the Curate and a variable number of related humans, one of whom I like a lot and use as a bed when I can. However, she spends much of her time living elsewhere as she has something called 'a job'. This, too, is annoying.
  10. You can email me. My address is [slashermcgoogs@gmail.com](mailto:slashermcgoogs@gmail.com). I might reply.
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*Chloe Violet Joan Charters*  
*Willow Daisy Tickle*

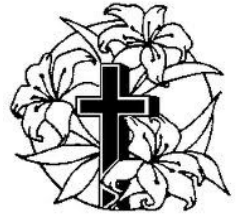


## Burials of Ashes

We commend to God those whose ashes have recently been buried:

*2nd May at St John's Church*

Margaret Jane Nightingale and Nicholas Lee Norwood



## Funerals

We commend to God those whose funerals have recently taken place:

*17th May at St Mark's Church and Hale Cemetery*

Barbara Daphne Lamport

## The PCC 2023-24

Following the recent APCM, the PCC comprises:

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Michelle Chapman  
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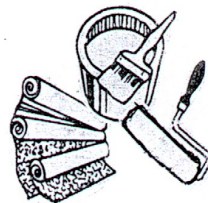
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