

## From the Vicarage

I was reading recently a theologian pondering on the decision that God took in deciding the way in which he would come to the help of his world in the first Christmas. There are presumably many ways that he could have done it (beyond our comprehension and imagination) but he chose to be born of a virgin, by the power of the Holy Spirit as a baby in a manger in an occupied country just over 2,000 years ago and to grow up and live life as a man. That he was God was clear from his life, teaching and miracles but that he was human is clear from the fact that many who met him did not believe him or come to believe in him. Even his brothers and sisters were sceptical until after the crucifixion and resurrection. To us, the life of Jesus is of ultimate importance as it is the fullest revelation we have of the nature of God.

The choice He made was the closest and most intimate way that God could enter his creation. Emptying himself of the glory of heaven he submitted himself entirely to a life of sacrifice. He did not need to do this for his own needs. This was a sacrifice of a perfect love that we find hard to grasp. We perhaps get glimpses of it in our better moments, and perhaps in the love of a parent for a child but they still cannot be compared to what the son of God did in being born as a baby that first Christmas.

How do we see Jesus? That is the challenge of Christmas. Do we look into the manger and see a cute baby or do we fall down and worship as the wise men did?

It is going to be a very different Christmas this year. Maybe allow the absence of some of the trimmings to bring you the essence of what happened. That may be the best Christmas present ever.

Blessings  
**Revd Mike**



## Services

As at the time of writing, churches across the country are closed for Sunday worship. However, both Holy Trinity and St Margaret's are open during the day for private prayer and we have an on line service posted on the website ([www.holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk](http://www.holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk)) and navigate through 'Services and Events' to 'Services and Sermons' each Sunday.

Hopefully we will be meeting again on Sunday mornings by the time you read this and on that assumption our services through December to Christmas are as follows...

### Sundays

#### Holy Trinity

8am Prayer Book Holy Communion

#### St Margaret's

10am Morning service

*'On line' special services*  
(posted on the website)

**Sunday 13th December...**'Carols for All' (audio)

**Sunday 20th December...** our traditional service of 'Lessons and Carols' (audio)

**Sunday 20th December...** A video of our Christingle service from St Margaret's

**Thursday 24th December...** A video of our Christmas Eve Crib service from Holy Trinity where a series of guests (figures and cuddly toys) gather around the Nativity Scene accompanied by readings and carols.



## Special Services over Christmas

**Christmas Eve** 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity

**Christmas Day** 10am Services at Holy Trinity and St Margaret's

Because we are limited by the number of people we can fit into our churches in a Covid safe way could you please let Gail in the Office (813254 or [office@holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk](mailto:office@holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk)) if you wish to come so that we can be sure of numbers.

# A psalm for Christmas Eve

Praise God for Christmas  
Praise Him for the Incarnation  
for Word made flesh.

I will not sing  
of shepherds watching flocks  
on frosty night  
or angel choristers.

I will not sing  
of stable bare in Bethlehem  
or lowing oxen  
wise men  
trailing distant star  
with gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Tonight I will sing  
praise to the Father  
Who stood on Heaven's threshold  
and said farewell to His Son  
as He stepped across the stars  
to Bethlehem  
and Jerusalem.

And I will sing  
praise to the infinite eternal Son  
Who became most finite  
a Baby  
who would one day be executed  
for my crimes.

Praise Him in the heavens.  
Praise Him in the stable.  
Praise Him in my heart.

(David and Tim Bayly)



The Byrne family in Kings Ride have now collected no less than an amazing 1729 donations since March 2020, which is approx. 216 cans per month. The One Can charity tell us that currently 90% of their donations come from places like this, so makes every can count. In October they were feeding 422 people, of which 218 are children. You can still give. There are boxes in the porches of both Holy Trinity and St Margaret's Churches and also at 11 Kings Ride.

At the moment, they are particularly in need of tinned ham, fresh vegetables (carrots and potatoes), tinned vegetables, cooking sauces, cooking oil, healthy cereals, washing up liquid, and baby wipes. However, nothing goes to waste, so whatever you can spare.



## Mental Health

I am aware of many who are finding the current restrictions are deeply affecting their mental and spiritual health. I do encourage you to be as open and honest with those you trust about how you are feeling (they may understand better than you expect) and all of the staff at Holy Trinity and St Margaret's are available for you to ring and chat. Ultimately, of course, we have a God who when he was here on earth in Jesus Christ spent a disproportionate amount of his time with the outcast and the lonely. He understands.





# Remembrance

We were given dispensation to hold our Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial at Holy Trinity Penn at 11am on Sunday 8th November. Wreaths were laid, the names of the fallen from both Penn and Tylers Green were read, the Last Post and Reveille played, 2 minutes' silence held and the National Anthem was played. A recording is on our website.



## Marriage of Paul Goodchild and Kate Clements

Congratulations to Paul Goodchild and Kate Clements who got married at St Margaret's Church on Wednesday 4th November 2020 (the day before the new restrictions came into force!). We wish them a long and happy marriage.



# Great Lives - Flora Murray and Louisa Garrett Anderson

In a quiet corner of Penn churchyard lies this memorial stone celebrating the lives and work of these two amazing women doctors. Louisa was following in the footsteps of her mother, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson who was the first British woman to qualify as a doctor.

At the time of the outbreak of World War 1 women doctors were not normally allowed to treat male patients. These two women had shown themselves to be very doughty and courageous, (they had both been involved in the suffragette movement before the war) and they were so determined to care for injured soldiers that they went to Paris in 1914 where they opened a hospital in what had previously been a luxury hotel.

Excellent reports of their work in France reached the war office in the UK and the following year they were invited to return to this country and open a hospital in London. Endell Street Military Hospital (very close to Covent Garden) opened its doors in May 1915. It was run by women and almost entirely staffed by women.

Flora Murray was the doctor in charge and used her skills as an anaesthetist, while Louisa Garrett Anderson was the chief surgeon. They were known amongst the staff of the hospital as the COs.

When Endell Street closed its doors in 1919 around 26,000 patients had been treated. In spite of having no previous experience of dealing with horrific war wounds the doctors at Endell Street rapidly became very proficient at dealing with them and the army chiefs were amazed at their success. In recognition of their work they were both awarded CBEs in 1917.

There are distinct similarities with our situation today as the Spanish 'flu epidemic struck in 1918 and the staff at Endell Street treated many patients with the disease. Sadly several dozen patients died of the disease and also a few of the staff. (In those days there were no antiviral medicines or antibiotics to treat the pneumonia that often occurred).

I found the story of these 2 women of particular interest as I did my nursing training in the Nightingale school at St Thomas's Hospital in London. Florence Nightingale was also a pioneer in her field. She was very convinced about the importance of good hygiene and was particularly keen on hand washing. This year in May we were going to celebrate the 200th anniversary of her birth. Unfortunately, like so many other events, the celebrations could not happen in May but hopefully may be held at a future date. One interesting connection with our two local celebrated women is that Louisa Garrett Anderson signed Florence Nightingale's death certificate in 1910.

The arrival of the railways early in the last century enabled people working in London to live in areas outside the city.

Flora Murray and Louisa Garrett Anderson owned a house in Pauls Hill and lived there full time after the war.

Flora died in 1923. Louisa lived on in the area. She was a magistrate and became only the second woman to be elected to Penn Parish Council on which she served from 1923 – 1940 with a particular interest in the War Memorial. She died in 1943 and left a very generous bequest to Penn Church.

A book about Endell Street by Wendy Moore has just been published this year and I look forward to reading it with great interest.

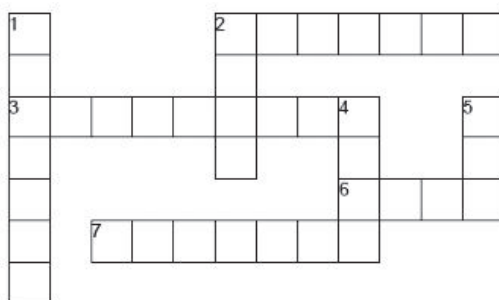
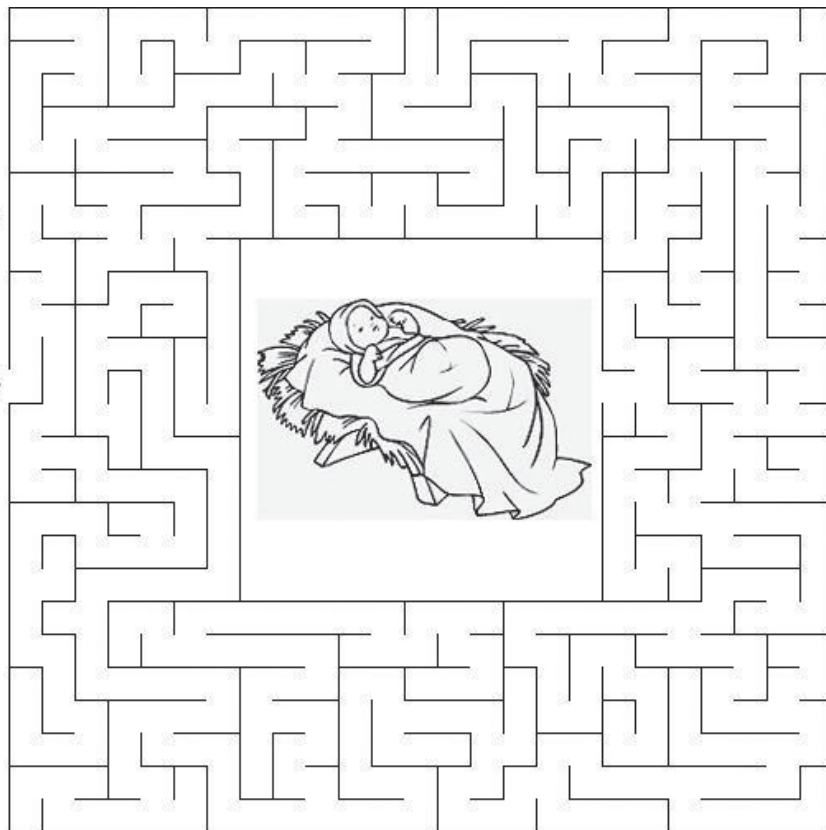
**Pat Seddon**



# Christmas Puzzles

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:2

Can you help the Wise Men find the way to the baby Jesus?



## ACROSS

2. To accept as true
3. The mother of John the Baptist
6. The mother of Jesus
7. To agree to do something for someone in the future

## DOWN

1. Highly favored by God
2. An infant; a young child
4. The place where a person lives
5. The feeling of great happiness

ELIZABETH	PROMISE	BLESSED	BELIEVE
JOY	MARY	HOME	BABY

## From the Registers

March 2020 - November 2020

### St Margaret's

#### Funerals

Patricia Timberlake (Crem)	11 March
Garth Whittaker (Crem)	12 March
Gordon Mayer (Crem)	1 April
Amelia Florence Allen (Crem)	6 April
Margaret Callard (Crem)	7 April
Sheila Bedford (Crem)	11 May
Muriel Birch (Crem)	13 May
Doreen Bates (Crem)	8 June
Beryl Dickinson (Crem)	4 August
Jim Byrne (in Church)	19 August
Clifford Richards (in Church)	18 September
Audrey Bain (Crem)	2 October
Gilbert Knight (in Church)	13 October
Noreen Hunter (in Church)	12 November
Heidi Chalk (Crem)	13 November

#### Weddings

Paul Goodchild & Kate Clements	4 November
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### Holy Trinity

#### Funerals

Moira Joan Bryden (Crem)	23 March
Doreen Wood (Crem)	8 April
Helen Joyce Setter (in Church)	10 June
Ron Scarles (in Church)	30 July
Lorna Barnard (Crem)	8 October

#### Weddings

Kathryn Lee & Paul Tilbrook	14 March
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# Gilbert Knight

Gilbert Knight had lived in Tylers Green since 1960 and was known to many in the community from the allotment, the Cricket Club, St Margaret's Church, Village Hall, Village Care, School Governor, Talking Newspaper and more.



At Gilbert's funeral in St Margaret's Church on 13th October 2020 his son Matthew finished his tribute with the words ... "My father touched many lives and in a positive way. In a world without Covid-19 this church would have been full today.

Let's not remember the sadness of his passing, but smile and think of Michael Gilbert Knight a man of faith, a true gentleman, a singer, a dancer, a cricketer who valued fair play, with a twinkle in his eye and nothing but kindness in his heart."

**Revd Mike**

# Around the world

It is hard at the moment to get any news of what is happening around the world because our own media is filled with updates on the spread of the virus in our own country. However, the news around the world is saddening and terrifying. There are many, many countries out there without the economy and infrastructure to cope with the spread of the coronavirus who are facing starvation and breakdown of society. The several terrorist organisations that operate in the African sub-continent have not ceased their terror campaigns. We have seen the struggles in Hong Kong but there are similar struggles and civil unrest in many countries. Our response should not be one of fear but of prayer.



# Shoebboxes

At our services on 1st November (All Saints Day) we collected shoeboxes to be added to those who will make their way out to children's homes in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. Those we collected at St. Margaret's and Holy Trinity were included in the grand total of 76 shoeboxes that were collected by Emma Byrne. Our prayer is that they will be a blessing to those who open them and that they will express something of the love that God has for them.

