



The Holy Trinity, Penn & St Margaret's, Tylers Green, Forty Green & Knotty Green

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## From the Vicarage

There is a stunning image in the Easter narrative when Jesus is stood before Pilate on the morning of his crucifixion. Jesus, in rags, bloodied, beaten, tired, hungry and thirsty, representing the Kingdom of God. Pilate, in all his finery, in his palace, representing the glory and might of the Roman Empire. Two kingdoms in a face-off. And it says everything we need to know about the two. The Roman Empire ruling people by fear, force, oppression and power. Christ the king ruling his kingdom by love, sacrifice and invitation. Christ had no interest in the levers of power employed by the Romans.



All of this is pertinent to Easter and also to the events in Ukraine. There is a report on Sky News of soldiers in Kyiv scuttling through the streets with boxes of ammunition and the camera pans across to a lone woman, standing in front of a Church. She has put down her bags of shopping and is praying, arms raised, utterly vulnerable in this dangerous situation. It did indeed remind me of Pilate and Jesus.

The Cross is the image of Christianity through the ages. It is there to remind us always of the God of love who sent his own son into this war zone, to make peace through his sacrifice on the Cross. A love that does not kill for what it believes in but dies for it. And we are those whom God believes in.

May God have mercy on our world this Easter time.

Blessings

*Revd Mike Bisset*



EASTER  
2022

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# Services over Easter

## **Maundy Thursday 14th April**

Service of Reflection and Communion. 8pm at St Margaret's

## **Good Friday 15th April**

An hour of readings, prayer and reflection. 12 Noon at Holy Trinity

## **Easter Sunday 17th April**

6am Sonrise service commencing in the churchyard at Holy Trinity  
8am Prayer Book Communion at Holy Trinity  
9.30am Easter Communion at St Margaret's  
11am Easter Communion at Holy Trinity  
After the 11am service at Holy Trinity join us for our annual Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard.

## **Easter Monday 18th April**

Join us at 10.30am for our annual pilgrimage from The Parish Rooms (opposite St Margaret's Church) to the 'Hit or Miss' in Penn Street for lunch. (please let Gail in the Office know so that we can give numbers and pre-orders to the Hit or Miss).



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

The full programme of events for the long weekend is listed in Village Voice. Please join us on the Common on Sunday morning 5th June at 10.30am for a service of celebration and thanksgiving to God for her long and faithful reign.

## Open Gardens

Call by St Margaret's Church as you wander around the extraordinary gardens in our village on Sunday 26th June. Refreshments can be had at both Mary Coker's house in 'Glebelands' (by the Horse and Jockey) and the Parish Rooms opposite St Margaret's.



# The Clarke family of Penn and Penn Church in the 18th and 19th C



*Revd Anderson*

Some twenty years ago, I exchanged information with a Mr Bernard Harris about his Penn ancestors. He has since seen the articles we have put up on the Penn Church website – (Google Penn Church history and use Search facility) - about two earlier Vicars of Penn, the Revd John Middleton, who was Curate then Vicar from 1766 to 1808, and the Revd Benjamin Anderson, his successor from 1808-12. Mr Harris has now delighted me by providing photographs of his inherited portraits of the Revd Anderson and his wife Rebecca Clarke, probably painted when in his earlier role as Vicar of Little Missenden.

Both were men of particular merit. Revd Middleton left meticulous records of important aspects of the church's history, in particular the digging of the vault beneath the nave for William Penn the Quaker's grandchildren, and of another vault beneath the chancel where he reported a foundation date inscription of 1177 (presumably as MCLXXVII). Revd Anderson was a friend of Edmund Burke's who described him as 'a Clergyman of learning and merit', and writing to his friend William Windham, the Secretary at War, he refers to 'Mr Anderson, a Clergyman at Penn whose Observatory and Experimental apparatus I wished much to show you'. Mr Anderson had married Rebecca Clarke in 1761 and they were living in Penn near the church long before he became Vicar and so it is tempting to see the tiled turret on the roof of The Knoll as his observatory.

I had remarked that they must have been particular friends because Revd Anderson took the service of induction when Revd Middleton became Vicar in 1787 and Bernard Harris was able to confirm that the two vicars were indeed friends and had in fact married sisters, the two elder daughters of William Clarke Snr (1700-80) who lived at Penn House for many years and was Steward to Assheton Curzon for the Penn Estate. The Penn parish register of burials in 1780 describes William Clarke as a 'malster, 'late of Penn House', and similarly for his wife in 1797. He was recorded as Steward by 1767 and may have come in 1756 when Assheton Curzon inherited the estate. William was followed as Steward by his eldest son, Edward, and probably by another son, Charles (born 1745), who was described as 'of Penn House' in 1797. Charles Garland, a carpenter and one of William's grandsons was also Steward in the 1830s and 40s.

Interestingly, another grandson, William Jnr (1778-1847), was living at The Knoll in 1833 when King William IV & Queen Adelaide came to the church as God-parents to one of the Howe's children. The Vicar's wife wrote that after the service, 'their Majesties then walked to Mr Clarke's Garden to see the View which was not of course clear'. The Clarkes therefore seem to have been a very prosperous family and were tenants of the Curzon/Howes, successively in Penn House and The Knoll, for the best part of a century from the 1760s.

*(To be continued)*

**Miles Green 28 February 2022**



*Rebecca Clarke*



*The Knoll*

# A song for the tomb

Ages before Jerusalem was founded  
I was formed for this day.  
God said, shall these sea bones live?  
I will sculpt me a tomb: a lime white chamber  
fit for a king.

I was ready when they brought him in:  
bloody and broken, like a king from his last  
battle. Dusk was falling. They hurried, careful.  
So careful. They were brittle with pain.  
They straightened him (legs, arms, head) in the niche;  
stopped my mouth with a rock, and crept away.

We were quiet together.  
He slept inside me. I cradled him,  
like a child unborn. Outside,  
Earth shuddered; the sun failed; stars shot like bolts  
Through warring heavens.  
I kept him safe.

til he began to stir  
like the child whose time has come.  
The deep places of creation whispered,  
Let there be light!  
A mighty spasm shook the stone. I gaped.  
He rose For a moment  
he stood facing the dawn, then he was gone.

Later  
there would be angels, blazing-eyed  
and docile, folding linen bandages.  
There would be men and women, storms of grieving  
suddenly stilled.  
But first, as the sun rose,  
there was just the light and silence. A cave empty  
and a world full of promises fulfilled.

**Teresa Morgan**

## 'Lost and Found'

My Home Group has been studying a book by the previous Bishop of Oxford John Pritchard ('Something More'). In it he gives the following analogy ..

"A boy has lost his dog in New York City and was later seen walking slowly up and down the streets of his neighbourhood. His friend said it did not look as if he was really searching for his dog, just wandering up and down aimlessly. The boy answered, 'I'm not looking for him. I'm letting him find me. I'm putting down a trail, and sooner or later he'll pick it up and follow it until he comes back to me'. John carries on by asking the question whether that is the way God operates, laying down a trail rather than force the issue, out of courtesy and respect for our freedom? May we pick up the scent of God.

**Revd Mike**

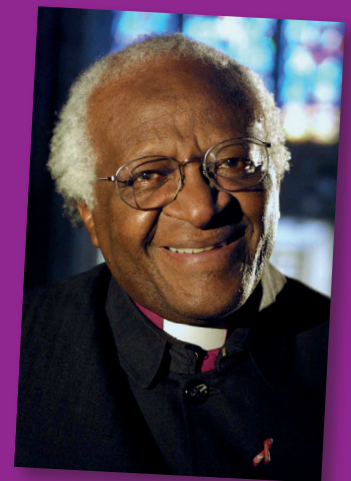
## Great lives

**Desmond Tutu (7 October 1931 – 26 December 2021)**

Desmond Mpilo Tutu was a South African Anglican bishop and theologian, known for his work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist. He was Bishop of Johannesburg from 1985 to 1986 and then Archbishop of Cape Town from 1986 to 1996, in both cases being the first black African to hold the position.

Tutu was born of mixed Xhosa and Motswana heritage to a poor family in Klerksdorp, South Africa. He trained as a teacher and married Nomalizo Leah Shenxane in 1955, with whom he had four children. In 1960, he was ordained as an Anglican priest and in 1962, he moved to the United Kingdom to study theology at King's College London. In 1966 he returned to Africa, teaching at the Federal Theological Seminary in South Africa, and then the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. In 1972, he became the Theological Education Fund's director for Africa. From 1975, he served first as dean of St Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg and then as Bishop of Lesotho. From 1978 to 1985, Tutu served as the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches. He emerged as one of the most prominent opponents of South Africa's apartheid system of racial segregation and white minority rule. Although warning the National Party government that anger at apartheid would lead to racial violence, as an activist he stressed non-violent protest and foreign economic pressure to bring about universal suffrage. He believed that every human being is created in the image of God, to be held in awe and reverence as if he or she is God. Therefore to mistreat a human being is not simply unjust, nor simply painful for the victim: it is blasphemous because it is "spitting in the face of God".

After President F. W. de Klerk released the anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela from prison in 1990 and the pair led negotiations to end apartheid and introduce multi-racial democracy, Tutu assisted as a mediator between rival black factions. After the 1994 election he was selected to chair the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate past human rights abuses committed by both pro and anti-apartheid groups. In 2010, he retired from public life.



# One Can Food Bank and Trust

Many of you will have seen the BBC 1 6.30pm news item about the work of the Wycombe One Can Foodbank and Trust. It mentioned that their stocks had depleted to the point where they were having to top up from Supermarkets. Collection points are available in the porches of Holy Trinity and St Margaret's, the Red Lion (on the Common) and also outside 11 Kings Ride. Please do buy one or two extra cans when you are shopping and drop them off on the way home, or at the Supermarket itself.



Find out more about the work of One Can Trust at '[www.onecantrust.org.uk](http://www.onecantrust.org.uk)'  
The Trust is supported by Gareth Ainsworth, manager of Wycombe Wanderers.

## Worship Schedule

	HOLY TRINITY		ST. MARGARET'S	
APRIL	Time	Service	Time	Service
3rd	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Family Service	9.30am	Family Service
7th Thursday	10am	Holy Communion		
10th Palm Sunday	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion
14th Maundy Thursday			8am	Holy Communion
15th Good Friday	12 noon	Meditation		
17th Easter	6am	Sonrise Service	9.30am	Family Communion
	8am	Holy Communion		
	11am	Parish Communion		
24th	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Morning Worship	9.30am	Morning Worship
28th Thursday	10am	Holy Communion		
<b>MAY</b>				
1st	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Family Service	9.30am	Family Service
8th	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion
15th	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Morning Worship	9.30am	Morning Worship
22nd	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion
29th	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion
<b>JUNE</b>				
2nd Thursday	10am	Holy Communion		
5th Pentecost	8am-10.30am	Holy Communion Queen's Jubilee	Service	on the Common
12th Trinity	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion
19th Father's Day	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Morning Worship	9.30am	Morning Worship
26th	8am-11am	Holy Communion - Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion



## Confirmation

We were delighted to welcome the Rt Revd Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, to Holy Trinity on the afternoon of Sunday 27th February to Confirm Gary and Rachel Clark, Thomas Cooper, Arthur and Albert Thomas and Emma Newton.

## From the Registers November 2021 - March 2022

### St. Margaret's

#### Baptisms

Mia Rose Lintag 21 November  
Henry Joseph Edward Smith 6 March

#### Weddings

Samuel Carey & Zoe Roll 4 December

#### Funerals

Ken Barrett 20 November (Memorial)  
Patricia Brooks 23 November  
John Mephram 3 December  
June Bottomley 14 December  
Gill Winder 22 March

### Holy Trinity

#### Funerals

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# And finally...

I want to finish by noting that God is good. More than that, he is amazing. This is my last Parish Newsletter as I will be retiring after 19 years here in the Parishes of Penn and Tylers Green. I was licenced on 13 July 2003. I cannot believe that this is my 82nd Parish Newsletter.

The wise and reflective speak of the importance of the journey. The last 19 years have certainly been a journey for me. As I look back, I am humbled by the experiences I have shared with individuals and families at the most exhilarating and most devastating times of their lives. I am grateful to those who have told me their stories and never failed to feel the privilege of those encounters. I have been changed by other people's stories. I am aware of the kindness and forbearance of those who have had to work with me and put up so graciously with all my failings and foibles. I apologise to those I have let down over the years. Some of you I know about (you told me!) but many more I was not aware of. And above all I am grateful to God who for some reason saw fit to entrust me with this great responsibility of leading these two parishes for a while. He needed to put an amazing team of people around me and we have cried and laughed together as we sought the Lord's heart and ways for the work here.

You will always be in my heart and I will pray for you. I will also pray that my successor will find the grace to love and be loved as I have been.

Blessings

Mike

I want to sign off with a poem by Thomas Merton...

*My Lord God*

*I have no idea where I am going  
I do not see the road ahead of me  
I cannot know for certain where it will end  
Nor do I really know myself  
and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so  
But I believe the desire to please you  
does in fact please you  
and I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire  
and I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore I will trust you always though  
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.  
Amen.*



## WHAT'S ON?

If you are new to the community you may not know yet all that is happening in our churches. The best way is to have a look through our website ([www.holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk](http://www.holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk)) but to summarise events during the week...

### MONDAYS

**Bell Ringing Practice** at Holy Trinity 7.45-9.15pm. Ringers meet in the bell tower. Contact Peter Barrett 07720 594880

**Evening Home Group.** Every other week (usually) at 7.30pm in The Sanctuary. Contact Revd Mike (816700)

### TUESDAYS

#### **Coffee in the Sanctuary**

Please drop in any week between 10 and midday for coffee at St Margaret's Sanctuary. Everyone welcome!

**Bible Study Group** every Tuesday at 43, Kings Ride, Tylers Green. Contact Corrine (814347)

**Bible Study Group** every Tuesday morning at various local venues. Call Annik Heal (673188)

#### **Afternoon Home Groups**

Every 1st and 3rd week, 4.00pm in the North Room. Contact Sue Wallace (812879).

### WEDNESDAYS

#### **Evening Home Groups**

1st/3rd weeks at David Carter's home, 4 Rushmoor Ave. Call 813015 - location may vary.

### THURSDAYS

**Coffee** follows the 10am service at Holy Trinity on the 1st Thursday.

#### **Evening Home Group**

\*1st week of month at Roger and Christine Edwards' home, 7 Woodlands Drive, Beaconsfield. Call 672021

### SUNDAYS

**Service at 8.00am Holy Trinity**

**9.30am at St Margaret's with TYGRE Club**

**11.00am at Holy Trinity**

