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| | Sung Communion | St George's | 0930 |
| | Messy Church in Parish Hall | | 1500 |
| 16th | Sung Communion | St George's | 0930 |
| | Service of the Word | All Saints | 1100 |
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From the Vicarage

Dear friends

Dignity.

Pope Francis once said - *'Human Dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.'*

During this season of Epiphany much in our scripture readings reveals concepts about human worth - Jesus is affirmed as My beloved Son. We are affirmed as God's children. Water is changed into wine - a new era when the Holy Spirit is poured out on all people. At Candlemas, coming up this month, we also see the prophet Simeon affirming Jesus' worth as a baby and as the Son of God, a light to the nations.

The concept of human worth and dignity is explored in a recent article about assisted dying by the Theos Think Tank, a research institute that aims to engage public debate concerning faith and the world we find ourselves in. One of the premises in the recent debates about assisted dying has been that dignity is dependent on personal choice, the right to choose how and when human life is ended. The article presents an alternative model - one in which the premise is that dignity comes through relationship not autonomy.

When Esther Rantzen was interviewed about the Bill on the BBC, she said - "All I'm asking for is that we be given the dignity of choice. If I decide my own life is not worth living, please may I ask for help to die. It's a choice. I don't want to pressure anyone either way ... it's the most personal choice, like others, like whether or not to have a baby ... I'm asking for choice."

If dignity is understood to mean independence/autonomy, which is exercised as choice, there is no good reason not to extend the offer of assisted dying beyond the kind of people envisaged in Kim Leadbeater's Bill. They argue that this philosophy has no philosophical breaks.

Whereas dignity as based on loving relationships, in the inalienable worth of human beings as inherently relational, leads to the conclusion that people's needs are best alleviated by greater person-centred care and support, especially palliative care. 'If we want truly to honour people's dignity, we must build a society that cares for people as passionately and profoundly as possible, right to the end of the lives.'

The concept of dignity is crucial in today's rapidly changing world - how do we show a persons' worth - in life, on social media, with the growth of Artificial Intelligence, in a rapidly changing workplace, in warfare, in climate change, in death? Perhaps too many deep questions for reading this magazine over your morning coffee!!

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Often when Christians consider and pray about Jesus on the cross, we use the phrase from the book of Lamentations 'Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see.' We cannot pass by the question/s the assisted dying debate raise/s about human worth and its implications.

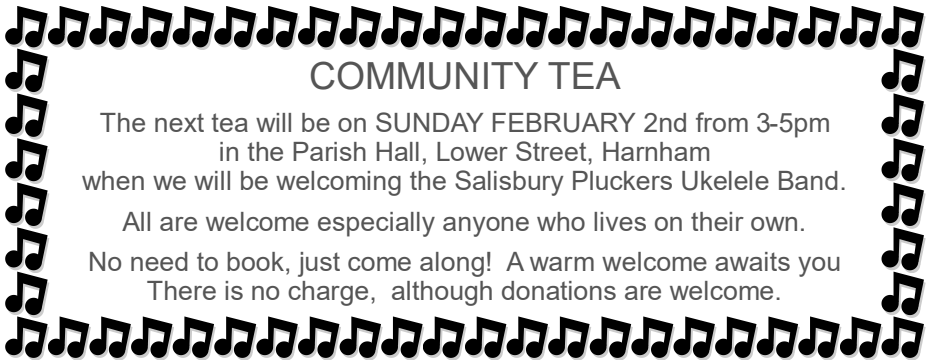
So, what does dignity mean to you and what implications does that have for the life you lead?

With love

Reverend Becky

Sunday 2nd February

At the United Candlemas celebration Sung Communion Service at 10am at St George's we will be welcoming Alex Ewing from the Bridge Project to hear about how they affirm young people.



COMMUNITY TEA

The next tea will be on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2nd from 3-5pm
in the Parish Hall, Lower Street, Harnham
when we will be welcoming the Salisbury Pluckers Ukelele Band.

All are welcome especially anyone who lives on their own.

No need to book, just come along! A warm welcome awaits you
There is no charge, although donations are welcome.

LENT 2025 'Building up'

This Lent has the overall theme of 'Building up'. Our various opportunities to pray and to learn together will include explorations of community, finding and using our gifts and standing up against division and violence.

The following events are being planned.

- Three workshop sessions, linking creativity and prayer, in the Meeting Room. on a day and time to be confirmed
- Five afternoon 2 hour study sessions aimed at helping us discover our gifts and think about how we might use them in God's service
- Lent Reflections and Compline at All Saints on Tuesdays at 8pm
- Pause for Thought meetings at the Rose and Crown on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm starting on March 12th until 16th April (except April 2nd) on how to build and sustain community

More details in March magazine and on weekly notice sheet.

FIRST WEDNESDAY TALKS ARE BACK!

Following the great success of last year's First Wednesday Talks at Harnham Parish Hall, we are delighted to say they are back for 2025! However this year, they will be every other month on the First Wednesday, starting on Wednesday 5th February. Then the dates will be 2nd April, 4th June, 6th August, 1st October, and 3rd December.

We still need an organiser to arrange the speakers for the rest of the year, so do please get in touch if it's a role you would be at all interested to take on.

For the first talk of the year on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30 pm, we are delighted to announce that Heather Sheeley and Jean Lunnon will give a talk entitled "Netherhampton House: its history and its occupants". Their talk is based on new research they have recently been engaged in, and it will be the first time they have given it. Netherhampton House is the large stone house in the middle of Netherhampton that you can see across the fields, as you drive along the road from Harnham to Wilton.

Heather and Jean will be talking about the history of the House from Mediaeval times until the Twentieth Century and exploring the colourful and indeed sometimes spicy lives of its notable occupants and visitors.

There is no need to book to attend. Just come, and any donations will be accepted at the door. There will be an interval drink as usual. Funds raised from the Talks will go to support the work of Harnham Parish. For further information, contact: Charles Woodd on 07962 213494 or at charleswoodd46@gmail.com.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March 2pm Salisbury Methodist Church

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer service this year. The group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature.

Join us as we pray together and hear the voices, and the music, of the people of The Cook Islands – all reflecting the theme 'I made you wonderful'.

The service will be followed by refreshments.

also

Coffee morning Saturday 22nd February St Thomas Church, from 10.00 - noon.

Please come along, bring your friends, and support the St Thomas's Coffee Morning to fundraise for the outreach activities of The World Day of Prayer, both here and across the world.

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Wherever we are, members of the global Mothers' Union are united with each other in prayer, knowing that God hears and values our prayers. Each day at midday members all over the world pause to pray. Running throughout the year, the global wave of Prayer expresses our commitment in prayer to each other. As we pray we know that we too are being prayed for by others around the world. From February 5th to 7th the Wave of Prayer focus is on Botswana, Marsabit in Kenya, Idah and Jedda in Nigeria, Salisbury in England and Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands in India. Do join with us in St George's Church on Thursday February 6th at 2.30pm as we pray with members around the world.

Dates for your Diary.....

Sunday February 2nd at 3.00pm in the Parish Hall

Community Tea 3pm to 5pm Parish Hall – With entertainment by Salisbury Pluckers Ukulele Band.

All who live alone are welcome to the tea where you will find friendly faces to chat to over a cup of tea and cake

Thursday February 6th at 2.30pm in St George's Church.

Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer

Thursday February 20th at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall (N B Change of date)

We welcome Rev Bill Smith, head chaplain to visitors at the Cathedral, who will give us an insight into the interesting and wide range of opportunities in this ministry.

Tuesday February 25th at 12 noon Communion Service in the Cathedral

'Join us and Join in!'

Sunday March 2nd 10am in St George's Church – As part of this morning's United Parish Communion Service members will talk about the mission of the Mothers' Union.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, visitors always welcome. If you require transport, please contact Katharine Callard on 01722 501200

With love

Pat Davidson



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Habitats

I wonder if you have ever considered the impact that the foods you eat and the ingredients you use in cooking may have on the lives of other beings?

Recently, I heard of an eight year old lass who had a passion for orangutans. On learning that huge swathes of the Malaysian and Indonesian tropical rainforests had been burnt down in order to provide land for palm oil plantations, which seriously impacted on the habitat of her beloved orangutans, she decided that she would no longer eat or use products which contained palm oil. Not easy; since palm oil is present in many biscuits, sweets and most processed foods. Between the years 1999 and 2015, the orangutan population more than halved, lost along with their forest homes. But you will be aware there are many more such examples of lost habitat. What can each of us do?

Some of you may remember Chris Packham's wildlife presentations. In one he commented on the silence as he walked through a new housing estate. There were no birds, bees or butterflies. It was a 'human-made desert', with no room for other creatures to thrive.

The Church of England's fifth mark of Mission is - 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'.

In Harnham, we are fortunate to have two churchyards. We hope they are places of prayer and tranquillity, where families can feel their loved ones are resting in peace and beauty. However, we also work to have 'Living Churchyards', where hedgehogs, froglets, dragonflies, also swifts, bats and housemartins, to name but a few, can live and breed safely.

At St George's. we have some old, totally virgin land, so there are many dormant wildflowers which, when given the opportunity, will surface and show off their vibrant beauty. To encourage these wildflowers requires a certain amount of management, allowing some areas to go wild, which also benefits invertebrates. Generally we would aim to cut all these areas fairly hard in late autumn but last year this did not prove possible. However, I am hopeful that this can be rectified and we may continue to see many wildflowers, offering nectar to our bees. Also, safe habitats to our many creatures. But you will also see areas where the grass is growing longer, it may look a bit untidy, but remember there will be creatures enjoying the safety of such areas.

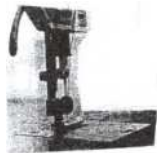
I like to hope that our dead, like the voice in 'Dies Natalis', Natal Day or Day of Birth by Thomas Traherne, the 17th century poet, have similar experiences -

*"From dust I rise and out of nothing now awake,
These brighter regions which salute my eyes,
A gift from God I take, the earth, the seas, the light, the lofty skies,
The sun and stars are mine: if these I prize".*

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The Movies come to Harnham!

Wednesday 15th January saw the first of a series of film nights presented jointly by Harnham Community Network and Harnham Social Club.

The function room of the Social Club on Parsonage Green, fitted with a wide-screen projector, seating and tables, was the scene for the screening of "Twisters". This 2024 thriller is full of jeopardy and high-tension, nerve-wracking scenes. The plot sees two groups of storm chasers with different motives and personalities repeatedly clash as they try to investigate what is possibly the most dramatic weather phenomenon on Earth, the tornado. If there are weaknesses - some rather stereotyped characters and questionable technology - this is more than compensated for by the relentless delivery of life-or-death, will-they-or-won't-they make it scenes. By the interval we were wondering which way the plot would twist next and if the two groups would have to cooperate. After two hours one's adrenaline system has certainly been exercised, and it may take a while to relax afterwards. A thriller that leaves you feeling like you have experienced something dramatic yourself has done its job, and this film delivers.

The Harnham Social Club provided a relaxed environment, with complimentary tea and coffee and reasonably priced drinks from the bar available all evening.

Thanks to Roger Treleaven and the Community Network for initiating the idea and organising the film, Clare Dickinson and Joe Snook at the Social Club for providing the projection equipment, hosting the event and welcoming us. Also thanks to "All the Sevens" taxis for offering free transport to and from the event for Harnham residents with mobility difficulties.

The next screening is of "Thelma" at 7 for 7.30pm on 19th February, followed by "Conclave" on 19th March. On 16th April, it's "Paddington in Peru", at a time to be confirmed that will be more family friendly. Tickets available on the door for just £5. Any surplus raised will support the Social Club and the work of the Harnham Community Network. If you would like more information, or want to book transport from central points in West or East Harnham, contact Charles Woodd on 07962 213494 or harnhamcommunity@gmail.com.

Earl Merson
HNC Committee member

An Invitation from Sam Poppleton

This is an invite to a concert where I'm singing Winterreise by Schubert with my great buddy Harry Sever at the piano. It's just me and him for a fairly stark hour of German winter wandering. Some of the best music ever and it means a lot to me.

Would love it if you could be there in St Martin's Church at 7.30pm on Saturday February 8th. Tickets are £15 on the door.

You can arrange to pay in advance by emailing winterreisetickets@gmail.com

New Year Review from Harnham Neighbourhood Association (HNA)

Unsafe routes

Before Christmas Salisbury Journal had articles concerned about safe routes.

In Harnham the major walking route just off the Gyrotory is within touching distance of huge HGV's displaying signs 'not to go alongside due to reduced visibility'. There is also a new problem of fast ebikes on pathways eg Town Path, Harnham - city.

I received no answer to a public meeting question concerning what were the proposals for Harnhams' roads and pathways. No information was provided despite formally requesting it in advance. It was however invited to look at the council's proposals on line and prepared a drawing which among other things suggested widening New Bridge and replacing the bridge path with a low cost new footbridge similar to as exists at Amesbury. A letter to MP John Glen which I was given site of dismissed the idea on the grounds that a lack of land and wider lanes would not improve traffic flow.

There is no doubt some proposals would improve matters but better and more radical ideas for safer path routes and especially what the detail was, is absent. A further response stated that the Council followed safety standards and were busy appointing a contractor. They have no mandate to consult local people.

During last year Harnham and the hospital suffered serious traffic chaos due to a lack of traffic management when Old Harnham Bridge was closed. Piecemeal strategies and delegating implementation without any plan simply does not work.

What account is being taken of the hospital development plan and a need for better access to improve its internal plan layout. You cannot ignore that the Britford school route and the exit in the dip from Lower Britford is made more dangerous by large HGVs. Could development money/government funds be provided to alter the line of Downton Road if only for safety reasons.

It is interesting to note that a 2020 Area Framework paper (CAF) completely ignored Harnham through which major infrastructure serving the city passes.

Greg Condliffe

Dates for your diary in March

Shrove Tuesday March 4th

A Mardi Gras Pancake Event and Quiz for all the community will be held in the Parish Hall at 7pm. Entry by donation at the event. (Previous quiz tickets have been £10). Wear bright colours!

Tables of 8 quizzers can be booked beforehand via the Parish Office or by emailing reverendbecky@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday March 5th

Services will be held at 10am at St George's Church and 8pm at All Saints

New Curate

It is with joy and a huge sense of privilege that I am writing to introduce myself to you all. My name is Sophie Ferguson. I am finishing my Ordination training at Sarum College and am pleased to say I will be serving my title post as Assistant Curate at Salisbury Cathedral and in the benefice of Harnham.

During the covid pandemic I pursued the call to ordained ministry, having previously studied theology at university and working as a Lay Chaplain and working within the retail sector. I was born in Salisbury and have spent most of my life here. I am married and my husband also grew up here. In early marital life we lived and worked in Cornwall and in the US which allowed us to spread our wings. After having far too much fun travelling, we decided we really wanted to settle down. We returned to our roots and came back to Salisbury. It is most definitely home for us, so we were thrilled when we heard about the curacy post.

We now have two small children. A boy aged 5 and a girl aged 1. After four fabulous years at Sarum College, which has shaped me immensely, I am completing my master's degree and look forward to meeting you all in due course.



When I'm not writing an essay, making lego with my son or doing the school run, I enjoy cold water swimming with some hardy friends, gardening and visiting Sonder coffee shop for a cappuccino.

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING IN 2025?

RACHEL Davies will be passing on Police Safety Advice at Harnham Memorial Hall on Monday 10th February. Doors open for refreshments at 10am.

Other 'Second Monday Talks' this year include Medical Dogs (Peter Isaacson), Animals in War - Unsung Heroes (Phil Whitmore), Eye Health (John Leeman) and the Heritage collections of Salisbury Cathedral (Emily Naish).

Monthly talks are just one of the many advantages of belonging to Spire u3a. We are based in Harnham and welcome anyone no longer in full-time work.

If you want to keep the grey matter exercised u3a offers special interest groups both locally and online. There are also social activities, one-off events, regular newsletters, a quarterly magazine & so on.

Twelve months membership costs just £18. Some Interest Groups ask for 50p or so to cover expenses or the cost of refreshments. u3a will enrich your life without breaking the bank.

Join us as a guest on February 10th to see if you may be interested in becoming a member OR call 0790 2846 161 for more information

Harnham to host a new Folk Club for Salisbury!

A new Folk Club will soon be launched for Salisbury, and Harnham Social Club off Parsonage Green, is to be the venue. There are some places around where people who enjoy Folk Music can gather to sing, play or listen (or all three) but there's not much in Salisbury itself. That's about to change!

Salisbury Folk Club will launch on Wednesday March 12th at 7.30pm and it will run on the second Wednesday of each month after that.

Harnham Club will be the base and we expect people from all over Salisbury and further afield to come and take part. Local Harnham neighbours will be especially welcome, its on our doorstep so do come along and give it a whirl.

If you'd like to perform, whether its singing, or playing; songs or tunes, solos or groups do get in touch. Everyone's welcome to come along and listen and enjoy what the club's bar has to offer!

You can email us on salisburyfolkclub@hotmail.com or find us on facebook.

Sermons in Sound

The speed of sound is represented by "c" which comes from the Latin *celeritas* meaning swiftness.

O Come O come Emmanuel is a plainsong tune found in the margin of a written hymn from the 1500s. At Advent the services include the word Marinatha (Come Lord). Why do Advent services use this Aramaic word and sing its translation in a plainsong hymn ?

The answer is to open the eternal world, in word and song.

At St George's there is an echo which enables sounds to be heard immediately. The great mystery is why there is silence in outer space.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given.....No ear may hear His coming..... Hark! the herald angels sing.

Yes indeed, in each holy season there are little sermons in sound.

Frances Howard.

Broken Bridges Nature Reserve Update

There is an opportunity to find out what progress has been made on, and how we hope to develop, the new Nature Reserve on our doorstep.

**An open event will be held in the Restaurant at the Old Mill
on Saturday 22nd February from 10.30 -12.30.
Refreshments available.**

There will be an information display and the opportunity to discuss our plans, put forward your ideas and sign up to future volunteering opportunities.

There will be a similar event in Lower Bemerton at St Johns Place in March.

Pam Rouquette, Director Broken Bridges Nature Reserve CIC.



We know that there are many people who would benefit by coming along to The Listening Place to talk through their worries, concerns and problems. You may know someone yourself. Maybe they need your help to take a step through the door. Please bring them for coffee one Wednesday or Saturday morning when they could have an informal chat to a Listener and decide if it's for them.

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The Listening Place is a free confidential drop in service, for face-to-face appointments. It is open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 10am-12noon and Monday evenings from 5.30pm-7.30pm at Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmunds Church Street, Salisbury SP1 1EF.

You talk – We listen

Would you like to be a volunteer listener for the Listening Place?

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The next course will be on **Tuesdays:**
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Car-ride

A teenager who had just received her provisional licence offered to drive her parents to church. After a hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination. The mother got out of the car and said in a quiet but fervent voice: "Thank you!"

"Anytime," her daughter replied.

As the woman slammed the car door she said, "I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to God."

Watch this space!



On Saturday January 18th, following a cancellation the previous Saturday due to the frozen ground, a large group of 'volunteers' met in The Parish Hall car park. A huge thanks to those who came along to plant around 230 mixed hedging plants alongside the new wire fencing. We now watch with interest as the hedge develops, providing a pleasing border and a haven for wild life.

Thanks particularly to close neighbour James Allen-Jones, to Pam Roquette and to Richard Scott who have done so much to develop the project and prepare the ground and to Harnham PCC for supporting the project. Wiltshire Council and Harnham Community Network's Green Corridor Fund also helped to fund it.



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Where can family-minded birds raise their young these days? As our gardens and parklands become smaller and tidier, too many natural nest sites – such as holes in trees, old buildings and unkempt hedgerows – are rapidly disappearing

No wonder that our sparrows, greenfinches and swifts are in precipitous decline, and that one in four of our UK bird species are now under serious threat.

This makes it more important than ever to care for our remaining birds. By feeding, providing water and putting up nest boxes we can give them a safe space to raise their chicks.

The National Nest Box Week initiative encourages bird conservation across the UK, and it's easy to get involved, whether you're a teacher, part of a local wildlife group, or just wanting to boost the bird numbers in your own garden.

Visit: <https://www.countryfile.com/wildlife/birds/national-nest-box-week-how-to-help-birds-in-your-garden>

Disturb us, Lord

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

Attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 16th Century



Prayer Diary for February

The 2025 Harnham Prayer Diary pamphlet is available in both Churches

- 2 All shops and businesses in the Parish
Carrion Pond Drove and Folly Close
- 9 Salisbury District Hospital its staff and patients
Coombe Road and Harnwood Road
- 16 Harnham Brownies and Guides and their leaders
Portland Avenue and Shaftesbury Drove
- 23 Messy Church families and leadership team
Downton Road and Milton Road

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A February Prayer

Dear Lord,

February can be a trying month, but there are special associations too and we thank you for the hope they bring.

In February we remember how Jesus was taken, as a baby, to the Temple. Simeon took Him in his arms and by the power of the Holy Spirit, recognised Him as the Saviour you had sent as a light, to bring revelation to the whole world. And how this world needs your light and revelation in this new year.

Lord – as we notice more light in the lengthening days of this month, as we see the promise of the Spring in the bobbing heads of the beautiful snowdrops – help us most of all to recognise Jesus as our Light and to trust in Him as our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of each new day.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Prayer time at Salisbury Cathedral

Reflective prayer

On the first Monday of each month from 10am -10.30am
Monday 3rd February. Canon Edward Probert will be leading this month.

Come and experience a prayerful space and join after for a cup of coffee in the South Transept. Everyone is most welcome.

Prayers for peace

On the third Wednesday of each month from 12 noon -12.30pm
Wednesday 19th February in the Trinity Chapel. All are welcome.

Our prayers must mean something to us if they are to mean anything to God.

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80 years ago, during Feb 1945 that Anne Frank died. The young Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15, probably from typhus.

Also 80 years ago, on 13th to 15th Feb 1945 that the bombing of Dresden took place. The Allies carried out four massive bombing raids, completely destroying the inner city, and killing about 25,000 people.

Also 80 years ago, on 21st Feb 1945 that Eric Liddell, Scottish athlete, died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 (400 m), he had withdrawn from the 100m heats, because they were on a Sunday, and entered the 400 m instead. Liddell died in a WWII internment camp in China, aged 43.

75 years ago, on 8th Feb 1950 that the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.

70 years ago, from 24th Feb 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off.

65 years ago, on 8th Feb 1960 that the Hollywood Walk of Fame was established in Hollywood. It consists of more than 2,700 stars embedded in the pavement, bearing the names of notable figures from entertainment.

Also 65 years ago, on 8th Feb 1960 that Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the name Mountbatten-Windsor.

50 years ago, on 11th Feb 1975 that Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party. She became Britain's first female Prime Minister in 1979.

40 years ago, on 16th Feb 1985 that the Islamic militant group and political party Hezbollah was founded in Lebanon.

30 years ago, on 2nd Feb 1995 that the leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation held an emergency summit in Cairo, where they reaffirmed their commitment to the Middle East peace process.

Also 30 years ago, on 16th Feb 1995 that the environmental campaign group Greenpeace discovered Shell's plan to dump its defunct *Brent Spar* oil rig in the Atlantic. It launched an international campaign to stop it, and the rig was eventually taken to Norway where it was dismantled and part of it were used to extend a quay.

Also 30 years, on 26th Feb 1995 that Barings Bank, the oldest merchant bank in London, collapsed after its chief trader in Singapore, Nick Lesson, lost £827 million on unauthorised transactions.

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Feb 21st The creation and challenges of Exbury Gardens by Tom Clarke

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Job

'Why does God allow suffering?' This is a frequently asked question of Christians, because we believe in a God who is both good and powerful and it is explored in the book of Job. This book is part of the wisdom literature, along with Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

Job was both wealthy and righteous, yet he experienced catastrophic suffering, losing all his wealth, children and health. This is portrayed as a result of Satan's challenge to God, testing whether Job's devotion to God was dependent on his circumstances or not.

The main body of the book (3:1-42:6) consists of dialogues between Job, his friends (Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar) and God. Job and his friends assume that God is almighty and just, and that no human being is wholly innocent. In the three cycles of speeches they wrestle with the reasons for Job's suffering, remembering his morally upright character.

Finally, all are silenced by God, as He speaks Himself (chapters 38-42). He points out that Job knows very little about the universe when he reflects on God's power. Job confesses his lack of understanding and weakness, but then goes on to confess his confidence and trust in God. This puts suffering in a right perspective. Job is not condemned, and the book ends with the restoration of his family and possessions.

The importance of this book is that it realistically addresses the painful questions of life, without offering simplistic answers. It focuses on *how* we should respond to suffering, rather than on *why* God allows suffering: '*Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.*' (1:21)

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Visit

The new vicar was doing the rounds to meet his parishioners. At one house where he knocked, a woman inside called out: "Is that you, Angel?"

The vicar hesitated, and then replied: "No, but I'm from the same department."

No news

A traveller was marooned in a small town because of a landslide caused by heavy rain. It fell in torrents for three days. Looking out of the window of the restaurant, he finally remarked to the waitress: "This is like the flood."

"The what?"

"The flood. Surely you have heard about the great flood and Noah and the Ark?"

"Sorry, sir," she replied. "The internet's been down for three days."

Word Search

February opens with Candlemas - the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between men and women: Valentine cards and wedding fayres abound. 'Love' as in social compassion is also remembered around this time: Fair Trade Fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, Education Sunday and National Nest Box Week. Love is truly needed by everyone.



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| naming | coffee |
| Christ | bananas |
| Candlemas | chocolate |
| Simeon | justice |
| Anna | poverty |
| temple | nestbox |
| love | marriage |
| Valentine | wedding |
| romance | holocaust |
| Matthias | leprosy |
| Fairtrade | education |
| Fortnight | Sunday |

NOTE. Fair Trade Fortnight this year is September 22nd to October 8th.

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25 years ago, on 11th Feb to 29th May 2000 that the British government suspended the Northern Ireland Assembly, after it failed to strike a deal on decommissioning IRA weapons.

20 years ago, on 7th Feb 2005 that yachswoman Ellen MacArthur broke the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, gaining international renown.

Also 20 years ago, on 10th Feb 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, and Camilla Parker Bowles announced their engagement.

Also 20 years ago, on 14th Feb 2005 that YouTube, the online video-sharing service, was founded. It was purchased by Google in 2006.

Also 20 years ago, on 16th Feb 2005 that the Kyoto Protocol came into effect. The international treaty obliges industrialised nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

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| 2 | Candlemas Hebrews 2:14-end | Luke 2:22-40 |
| 9 | Fourth Sunday before Lent 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Luke 5:1-11 |
| 16 | Third Sunday before Lent 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | Luke 6:17-26 |
| 23 | Second Sunday before Lent Revelation 4 | Luke 8:22-25 |

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WHATS ON IN FEBRUARY (E&OE)

Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Meeting Room 1000 -1200
Wellbeing Walks (30mins) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10am from Parish Hall

FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES SEE I/S FRONT COVER

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| 2 | CANDLEMAS United Sung Communion at St George's Speaker Alex Ewing from The Bridge Project | 1000 |
| 2 | Community Tea in Parish Hall | 1500-1700 |
| 5 | First Wednesday Talk in Parish Hall. Netherhampton House Netherhampton House by Heather Sheeley and Jean Lunnon | 1930 |
| 6 | MU Wave of Prayer in St George's | 1430 |
| 9 | Messy Church in Parish Hall | 1500 |
| 10 | Spire u3a meeting in Memorial Hall (see p13) | 1000 |
| 12 | Inaugural meeting of Salisbury Folk Club at Harnham Social Club | 1930 |
| 13 | Pause for Prosecco in Parish Hall Meeting Room | 1930 |
| 18 | Harnham WI in Parish Hall. | 1900 |
| 19 | Film Night at Harnham Social Club (see p11) | 1930 |
| 20 | MU Meeting in Parish Hall (NB 3rd Thursday) | 1430 |
| 21 | Harnham Garden Society in Memorial Hall Exbury Gardens by Tom Clarke | 1900 for 1930 |
| 22 | Broken Bridges Nature Reserve meeting at Old Mill (see p14) | 1030 |
| 24 | Harnham Women's Group in Scout Hall. Stars Appeal Trek to Lost City in Columbia | 2000 |
| 25 | MU Diocesan Communion Service in Cathedral | 1200 |
| 25 | Magazine Collation in Meeting Room | 1330 |

MARCH

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| 2 | United Sung Communion at St George's | 1000 |
| 4 | Mardi Gras Pancake Evening and Quiz in Parish Hall | 1900 |
| 5 | ASH WEDNESDAY Communion Service with Ashing at St George's Communion Service with Ashing at All Saints' | 1000 2000 |

Please note that all March Main Sunday services will be United at 10am
alternating between both churches.

See March Magazine and Notice Sheets for full details.

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