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Editor's Note *By Emmeline Moore*

I love Spring, I think it might be my favourite time of year. As soon as the sun starts to shine for longer periods of time and the sky turns a brilliant blue, everyone seems to be much happier.



At this point, I try to absorb as much vitamin D as I can, like my bones are craving it after a long winter of hibernating. The bird song and the smell of freshly cut grass mixed with spring bulbs is just something you cannot beat. Then comes new life, ducklings on our pond, birds in nests, from that point on you know its Easter.

Easter is a lovely time, everything is bursting into life, plants start to wake under the warmth of the sunshine. Our whole countryside starts to acknowledge new beginnings and of course there are the Easter Eggs!

If our countryside is aware of this fresh new start, then maybe we should be too. Nothing seems more important right now than climate change. Let's all try and do our bit to reduce the changes our world is facing.

Are you really aware what you can and can't recycle? Do your bit to save our planet and get really clued up on this. Please take advantage of Open Group's presentation by Ian Muir, Recycling Officer at Reigate and Banstead Borough Council on Tuesday 17th March, 7.30pm at Christchurch Hall. Following on from this is our village May Pageant on the 16th, this year's special theme is Our Precious Planet. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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Rector's Letter *By Reverend Harry Latham*

Anno Domini 2020 is a year that I am sure many advertisers, authors and even preachers have been looking forward to! All keen to get our attention with strap lines about seeing clearly and having 20/20 vision!



eyes are better than two eyes." Sadly, I only remember its title!

Sight is a very important and a very personal thing, by it we learn so much about the world and ourselves, without it the world is plunged into

I found these words of definition that: "20/20 vision is a measurement of a person's 'visual acuity' 20 feet away from a test chart (which is American terminology). Simply put, visual acuity measures how well you can see using the letter chart that your optician likely uses to test your eyes. Although society associates having 20/20 as perfect vision, it's possible to have even better visual acuity. However, more suitable terminology is 'normal vision' rather than perfect. Also, in the UK, 6/6 is the equivalent of 20/20 vision."

I well remember how at my prep school, aged about eleven, I began to find it rather hard to see the blackboard – or as some might say the chalkboard. After this had persisted for some time it must have been commented on as my twin brother and I then both found ourselves in the opticians in Reigate and being diagnosed as a little short sighted and in need of spectacles. We were a little worried about being called "four eyes" so made up a little song (rather like Christopher Robin) called "Four

darkness. Those who lose it, or have never had it, often develop their other senses more. But it also serves as a good metaphor as in sometimes we fail to 'see' accurately. George Benson sang these words about 20/20 vision: "If I knew back then what I know now, if I understood the what, when, why and how. Now it's clear to me what I should have done, but hindsight is 20/20 vision."

Those of us with teenage children or grandchildren are probably very familiar with the experience of how their 'view' of the world and 'perception' of themselves or others changes quite strongly. It can be a tricky time and we have to remember we all went through some version of it. Mark Twain famously said of his Dad: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."



He wrote amusingly about the way a teenage perspective changes and develops – but what if our view of God is something that needs to change in a similar way? It may take us seven years, it may take longer, for change is often slow even when we see the need for it. I am still changing and still need to.

If you want a change in 2020 towards God and would like a chat do let me know. Perhaps try the Lent Course? You are always very welcome at St Peter's.

Very best wishes, Harry

The Prayer Of St Richard Of Chichester

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us,
for all the pains and insults which you have
borne for us.

Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.

Amen.

St Richard, who was Bishop of Chichester for eight years in the mid-13th century, was well acquainted with both hard work and suffering. His prayer reflects the commitment and 'stickability' needed by anyone who seeks to be a follower of Jesus. The prayer acknowledges that Christians don't become saints overnight! Instead, there is a gradual (and sometimes uncomfortable) re-orientation of our lives into God's way. An excellent prayer for 2020.

EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Holy Communion takes place at Walton Heath Manor, Hurst Drive, 2.30pm



COMMUNION

At Walton Heath Manor

Sometimes you may find this Book Of Common Prayer Service a convenient opportunity. The service includes hymns, an interesting talk followed by refreshments and accompanied by piano music.

Recent Benefice Events

Christingle Service



St Peter's Christingle service, held on the first Sunday of the year was a fantastic success. Benefice Curate, Christopher Hancock led the service, bringing families and communities together to celebrate this candle lit festival.

Christingles were made and a few sneaky Jelly Babies were sampled before being pushed through red ribbon onto cocktail sticks to symbolise the blood of Jesus and our four seasons as well as the four directional points of our world.

The candles were lit, passed down the line by the children and the congregation sang a hymn whilst miraculously everyone's hair stayed in tact!

Finally we were treated to an unexpected four kings singing 'We Three Kings' whilst wearing crowns and bearing gifts. Unexpected for the congregation as well as the Kings.

A lovely Christingle service, thank you Christopher.

From St Peter's Registers

Interment of Ashes

Memorial Service Rachel Holloway

Baptism Charlotte Salomone, Hope Kempton, Edward Dicker

Funeral Margaret 'Peggy' Nye

Services Within Our Benefice of Headley & Box Hill

St Mary's, Headley

Sundays	8.00am	Prayer book Communion (except 3rd Sunday)
	10.30am	1st & 3rd Sundays: Parish Communion
	9.30am	2nd Sundays: Joint Family Communion
	9.30am	4th Sundays: Family Communion

St Andrew's, Box Hill

Sundays	9.30am	1st Sundays: Contemporary Worship Service
	9.30am	2nd Sundays: Joint Family Communion at Headley
	9.30am	3rd Sundays: Informal Family Communion
	9.30am	4th Sundays: Morning Praise



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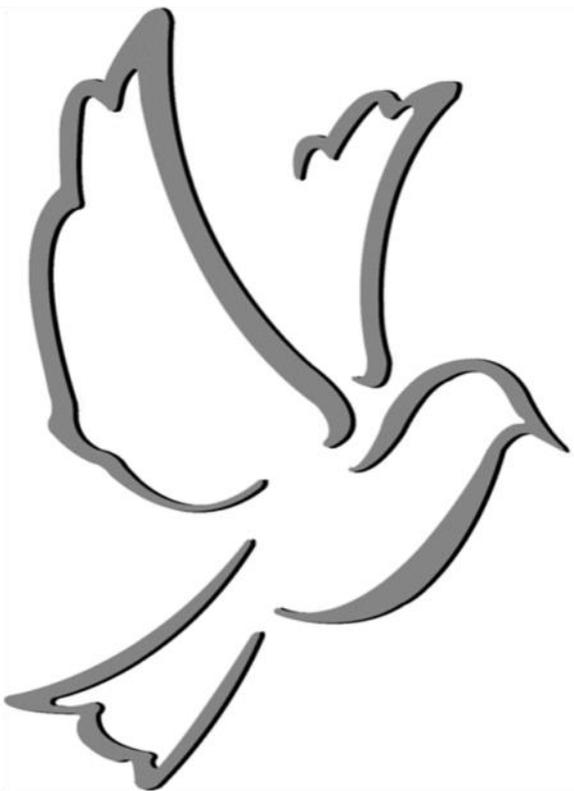
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Approaching St Peter's *By John Bishop, Churchwarden*

During the last two or three years we've been working to improve some of the features we see as we approach from Breech Lane into the church. Have you noticed the difference? Let's make a "virtual" approach - and let's notice what's been done.

The trees either side of the church car park were cut back at the end of 2018, so that there's now a clear view of the church from the approach along Chequers Lane into the village, and from Church Green (particularly effective when the church is lit at night).

The Lych Gate has been restored with new oak pads for it to rest on, and the uprights and roof have been cleaned. It's been an impressive improvement to the first structure we meet as we approach.

After the Lych Gate we come to the War Memorial on the right of the path. The stonework was thoroughly steam cleaned in October last year, and the plaques were renovated. All the work was completed in time for Remembrance Sunday. The memorial itself was erected 100 years ago - in 1920 - with the names of those who fell in the First World War.

The clock face has been thoroughly cleaned with sand blasting to remove rust and dirt. Then the front was painted and the figures and hands were regilded, so that the whole appearance of the front of the tower looks cleaner, and the clock stands out as a prominent feature. People say that it looks bigger and more substantial.

To the left of the main west door you see the new path going off down the north side of the church towards the door into the church office.

The main west door has been repainted. It provides a clean blue entrance to the church with its black hinges and stands out emphatically in St Peter's colour.

You'll all remember the substantial scaffolding while the whole interior of the church was painted during a period of nearly a month in 2018. Now we have the benefit of the clean, bright white walls and the uplifting effect they produce. On a bright day the colours reflected from the stained glass windows are beautiful.

There's been a lot more done in the church. Much of it has been essential work out of sight in the tower or fitting guards to the windows and installing the projector and updated sound system. But these short notes are designed to concentrate on the changes and improvements made to what we see on our approach into the church - and it may be that because it's happened bit by bit - we haven't noticed the overall effect.

We are so lucky with our church. It stands as a welcome sight from the Green and for those driving or walking into the village from Chequers Lane - especially when it is floodlit at night - and particularly now that the view has been opened up by cutting back the trees. We owe so much to the Friends of St Peter's, who paid for it all. They pay for much



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more as well, and we're so grateful to them. If you'd like to become a Friend to help by donating to the cost of maintaining this Community Treasure please contact the Chairman, Philip Truett on 01737 813832 or philip@truett.co.uk

Further Note:

Philip is always keen to hear from non-churchgoers, who can understand the

importance of maintaining the fabric of the church and the churchyard, for everyone to enjoy, and to ensure that it remains the focal point of the village. Funds raised by 'Friends' achieve these aims. They do not contribute towards the activities of the church.

If you have friends or neighbours who fall into this category, please encourage them to contact Philip. He would be very pleased to hear from everyone who is prepared to help.



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St Peter's Church, Breech Lane, Walton on the Hill (inside the church porch)

Christchurch Hall, The High Street, Walton on the Hill (during the Village Kitchen lunches only)



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St Peter's Church

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St Peter's Services

SUNDAYS

8.00am 1662 Prayer Book Communion (45mins)

This is a quiet traditional and spoken service of Communion with a short talk (a wonderful way to start the day)



11.00am Main Morning Service

(60mins) This service actually starts at 11am, but there is Coffee and Tea from 10.30am!



1st Sunday is an ALL-AGE Service (including a Craft activity)



2nd Sunday is a Parish Communion Service (more traditional)



3rd Sunday is a FAMILY Service (quite lively)



4th Sunday is a FAMILY Communion Service (less traditional)



TUESDAYS

At 2:30pm every Tuesday there is a Prayer Book Holy Communion Service with a talk and hymns followed by tea and cake that takes place at Walton Heath Manor Care Home, Hurst Drive, KT20 7QT. Visitors are always welcome. Contact Tom Rhind-Tutt 01737 911730



WEDNESDAYS (1ST AND 3RD)

From 10.15am until 12 noon in St. Peter's Church we meet to pray and study the Bible.

10.15am Parish Prayers, 10.45am Refreshments, 11.00am St Luke's Gospel examined and explained, 12.00 noon conclude. Visitors are most welcome to join us. Contact Tom Rhind-Tutt 01737 911730



THURSDAYS (2ND AND 4TH)

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TWOAT Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust *By Mike Fox*

Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust held a very successful Quiz evening on Saturday Feb 8th that was attended by over fifty people and will have raised about £600 for our funds. TWOAT would like to thank the Christchurch URC for kindly letting us use their hall.

TWOAT will be having its Annual Street Collection on Friday and Saturday April 24th and 25th. Teams of TWOAT volunteers will be holding collecting cans outside shops in Tadworth, Walton & Kingswood, please support us with a donation if you see one of them.

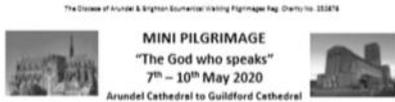
The next TWOAT event will be a Bottle Stall at the Walton May Fayre on May 16th – if you

are able to donate a bottle to us, anything from brandy to bath salts, please leave it at Nethercott Opticians in Station Approach or contact Mike Fox on 01737 350452 if you have anything to be collected.

TWOAT will also be organising two John Allinson Memorial Sponsored Walks also in May. Please keep an eye on www.TWOAT.org for further details.

TWOAT is working with the Church of the Good Shepherd to raise funds for Mampong Babies Home in Ghana. See the TWOAT web site for further details of how you might donate to this excellent cause

Mini Pilgrimage 2020 *By Sue Adilz*



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Our pilgrimages are open to all, so long as you can walk about 15 miles per day at a moderate pace, sleep on a floor and be able to make your own way to Arundel & home from Guildford. Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Luggage and bedding are transported by van to each overnight stay, so only a daypack is needed to be carried for supplies.

Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner are included in the price. All overnights must be booked and paid for in advance; day pilgrims are welcome without prior notice.

Pilgrimage details and booking forms are on the website www.thepilgrims.org.uk



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All overnights must be booked and paid for in advance; day pilgrims welcome without prior notice. Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimages are organised by past pilgrims on a voluntary basis. www.thepilgrims.org.uk

**'OPEN' OPEN GROUP MEETING,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VILLAGE
FORUM**

A presentation, by Ian Muir, Recycling Officer at Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, entitled,

'RECYCLING IN THE BOROUGH... 'The WHATS...the WHYS...the HOWS'

Tuesday, 17th March, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Christchurch Hall.

Everyone is very welcome, so please come along for this topic of general interest, and of vital importance, if we are to save the planet. How many times do we say, "Which bin does this go in?" or "Is this recyclable?"

Ian has kindly agreed to help us find some answers.

Make this a St. Patrick's Day Celebration and stay to enjoy cheese and wine, (if not Guinness!) in return for a donation to Princess Alice Hospice, Open Group's 2020 fundraising project.

**Tuesday, 21st April, 7.30 for 8.00 pm
(postponed) Talk about the work of the Princess Alice Hospice**

Again, this may be a subject of wider interest and will be open to visitors.

Venue and details to be confirmed in Open Group newsletter.

If you would like to come or for further information about Open Group events please contact, Mo on 07799136894 or email, moatkins@hotmail.co.uk or call Norma on 01737 812639.



Open Group Pancake Party

Looking back to January, starry lanterns led the way into the small hall at Christchurch, transformed into a busy bistro for the first meeting of the year, an Epiphany Supper. A larger star guided the hungry guests to their supper!

Many thanks to the cooks who provided delicious lasagnes and, special thanks to Pauline Shaw for making Galettes des Rois, in the French Epiphany tradition. Maggie Bingham was 'Queen of the evening' and duly crowned, for finding the porcelain charm in her serving (which, luckily, narrowly missed breaking a tooth!). It was a convivial evening and good to come together after the festive season.

Mardi Gras came a week early for Open Group members, when they gathered, for the annual Pancake Party, which, according to recent tradition, was kindly hosted by Sue and Fred Adilz, in their welcoming home. It had been hoped to have a speaker from Princess Alice Hospice but as that had to be unavoidably postponed to April, there was plenty of time for chatter and natter as well

as a sharing of food and ideas. It was good to welcome new faces to the group. As usual, pancakes and fillings were to a gourmet standard. Many thanks are due to those who made, and tossed, the crêpes and to Sue and Fred for the sumptuous

cheeseboard and wine. It was a happy and harmonious evening and we are extremely grateful to Sue and Fred for their very generous hospitality (and Fred's sommelier and washing up skills!)



'SIX SOUP SATURDAYS'

are underway!

5 to go... 7, 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April.

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*Please note, there will be NO monthly Village Kitchen during
March or April, next one on Saturday 9th May.*

Please see Norma or Mo for further details or with offers of
soup or help.

News From Friends Of St Peter's

The AGM will be held, in St. Peter's Church on
Monday, 2nd March, at 8.00 pm.

If you are a friend or would like to find out
more about the role of Friends, then please
join us for an update and a glass of wine with
canapés.

An idea of numbers is helpful so, if you can,
please contact Philip Truett, on 813832 or
philip@truett.co.uk to say you are coming,
otherwise you are welcome to attend.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Musical Soirée - Wednesday, 13th May, 7.30
pm St. Peter's Church.

'The Royal Males', Barbershop Quartet
Members of the British Association of
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Everyone is very welcome for a delightful
evening of entertainment, with wine and light
refreshments. Tickets £15, from Andrew
Brown - 01737 813788, aj4brown@gmail.com
or Mo Atkins - 07799136894,

St Peter's Church in 1924 and A Hunter & Sons - Organ Builders. *By Robert Ruddell*

On Wednesday 25th April 2018, I attended the Friends of St Peter's Organ Recital given by the internationally renowned Christopher Herrick.

The evening's recital was to celebrate: The first year of Friends of St. Peter's, the redecoration of the Church and, the restoration of the Organ.

Very recently I was reminded of this delightful and memorable occasion whilst carrying out research at The Surrey History Centre when I came across a file headed: "Memorandum of Agreement between A Hunter & Sons and Granville William Borlase, Rector - to build and erect organ and case. Includes specification and details of construction 9th Aug 1924."

The agreement was made between Robert Hunter, Alfred Hunter and George Frederick Hunter [the Contractors] and Granville William Borlase of Carew, Walton-On-The-Hill, Lawrence Stanley Crosbie of Greenfields, Walton-On-The-Hill and Samuel Redhead Meredith of Walton-On-The-Hill [the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Peter's Church, representing the Parochial Church Council].



Alfred Hunter was a well-known and prolific organ builder residing at no 65a High Street, Clapham, in 1881 but renumbered as 87 about 1900. The house and workshop was custom-built for him and the architect was Sidney RH Smith who later designed the Tate Gallery. Sadly, the house was demolished in the early 1960's.

Not only did Alfred build organs for churches in England and Ireland, he also exported to New Zealand and at least eleven organs to Australia. Organists and builders regard the organ built in 1922 by Alfred Hunter and Son in St James's Church, Spanish Place, George Street, London as the finest example of their superb craftsmanship.

Organs by the company have traditional tonal schemes with "bold and lively disposition choruses." They developed tubular-pneumatic actions for their organs at an early stage.

Alfred took his son Robert into Partnership in 1885 as Alfred Hunter & Son. He died in March 1911, but Robert carried on until 1921 when his sons Alfred Robert and George Frederick joined him. Neither of his sons married and there are no direct descendants.



In 1929, the business moved to 235 Queens Road, Battersea.

Robert died in July 1932 in his home at St Clears, Cheam Road, Sutton. Henry Willis & Sons took over the business in 1937.

The Memorandum drawn up nearly one hundred years ago now makes fascinating reading:

The Contractors will construct and erect in St. Peter's Church, Walton-On-The-Hill aforesaid an organ and case in accordance in all particulars with the specification and details of construction hereto annexed for the sum of six hundred and twenty five pounds. [This figure in today's money equates to £38,000.] The contractors will construct and erect the organ ready for use on or before the 31st day of October 1924. The Rector and Churchwardens will pay to the Contractors the sum of six hundred and twenty five pounds in three instalments as follows: One hundred and twenty five pounds within seven days of the date of this agreement. Three hundred and ten pounds within seven days of the opening of the organ, and the balance of one hundred and ninety pounds within three months of said opening of the Organ.

PROVIDED that the organ and case are in good order and

condition and that this contract has been complied with to the satisfaction of the Rector and Churchwardens and the organist of the church for the time being who may inspect the organ at any reasonable time during its building and erection.

The Rector and Churchwardens will undertake all builders' work in preparing the site for the organ free of all cost to the Contractors.

The specification describes the Great Organ, the Swell Organ and the Pedal Organ and the details of construction advise how the builder's would be dealing with the following items: Action, Bellows, Pipes, Soundboards, Voicing, Pedal Board, Claviers, Drawstops, Key Fittings, Pitch, Bench and Case.

Finally Rev Granville W Borlase in his 1929 book 'The History of Walton and Walton Heath' mentions the organ, " The present organ was put in in 1924, and the gallery was enlarged to accommodate the choir."

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**St Peter's Church are looking for
volunteers to help with the following:**

Opening & closing of the Church—contact Tony Lane on 01737668254

Opening (about 9.00am) and closing (about 5.00pm) is for a week at a time and comes round about every two months at present.

Cleaning- Cleaning is usually done in pairs for about an hour preferably on a Friday and would come around about every 3 months—say 4 times a year if a few more people join in. It largely consists of dusting, vacuuming with "Henry", mopping the aisles and emptying the bins.

Refreshments—arriving before family and all age services to set up, serve and tidy away contact Liz Bishop on 01737 816158

Clock winding—contact Robin Parr-Davies on robin@parr-davies.com

Sides people—contact Tony Lane on 01737 668254

Readers— during services, contact Tony Lane in the parish office on 01737668254

Flower arranging—contact Penny Dring on 01737 813719 (we work to a rota, no experience necessary—just a love of flowers.) We would love to hear from you.

Church Flowers *By Penelope Dring*

Flower Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy flowers? Have you ever thought about the flowers in church? How do they get there? How does the system work?

We are looking for flower arranging volunteers to join a rota of people. The Rota would consist of organising/buying the flowers, then arranging and watering for 2 weeks only per year. If this is something you would be interested in, then please contact me at rpdring@greenbee.net for more information. The flower cost is reimbursed.



Easter Lilies

As in previous years, at Easter there will be lilies in St. Peter's Church in remembrance of loved ones no longer with us. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, there

will be a list in the church porch from Sunday 1st March until Sunday 5th April. Please write your name and contact telephone number and print clearly the name/names of those to be remembered. £6 per name, please give the money as soon as possible either to me or the sidesperson on duty. The proceeds will go towards the church. Thank you.



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Our 93-year-old lay minister at St Peter's shares his experiences and views

THE INVESTMENT THAT CAN NOT DEVALUE

I am writing this article sitting in the lofty and magnificent tudor style lounge at Walton Heath Manor where a solo harpist is providing a wonderful concert. I have never before listened to the solo harp and for the first time find myself appreciating the clarity and simplicity of the tones. I recall that King David played the Harp for it has been around for many thousands of years.

As I relax in this world of simple melody my thoughts turn to when I was young. Many people in the 1930's had a belief in God, they knew the Christian festivals and could say the Lord's Prayer from memory. Today many people know nothing about the life and death of Jesus or why today there are many churches and chapels.

The Harpist plays a discord – it's so like what I observe. Society has drifted so far from the Jesus message of hope, that it is now often absent. Perhaps I should consider why, but it is too big a topic for today!

However, I can recall how I discovered Jesus and how life changing it has been for me.

When I was young dyslexia was not understood and my education was cut short. In my 20's I struggled to build a career. My belief in Jesus was key to my search for

progress, I prayed and expected guidance and over the years I gradually realised that Jesus is a reality. His presence is something I can always count on. Today I have my independence along with his guidance and my desire is to help others and share the good news about having a living belief in Jesus.

The music changes as the harp enters into a sad and lonely phase which matches my new mood. Across the land most churches offer a mixture of entertaining activities and services that do not address the key issue. There is only one thing that matters, that each person really believes in Jesus.

I refer back to that life changing experience. My life aims gradually changed as my desire moved to follow the teachings of Jesus, above all I wanted to be close to Him and live according to His principles as they were appropriate to my life.

The music changes again and becomes bright and happy. I am fortunate that in my twenties a devoted Christian man spent time with me and showed me the path to a living faith. As I have shared in previous articles my life has gradually changed so today, I can sit and listen to the harp knowing that Jesus has changed my life and given me so much.

The concert is now over, I am back in my very comfortable sitting room in Walton



Heath Manor. I believe that unless individuals – like you and me - change their approach, the inescapable conclusion is that church membership will continue to shrink

until eventually our churches become little more than museums where the interest is in the past!

The creative way forward is for people to wake up! To realise that following Jesus and putting Him at the centre of their life offers the only way forward. Then the Spirit can guide each member and lives of loving



service & sacrifice will bring new light into the world.

This 'vision' is possible today. It just depends on your response.

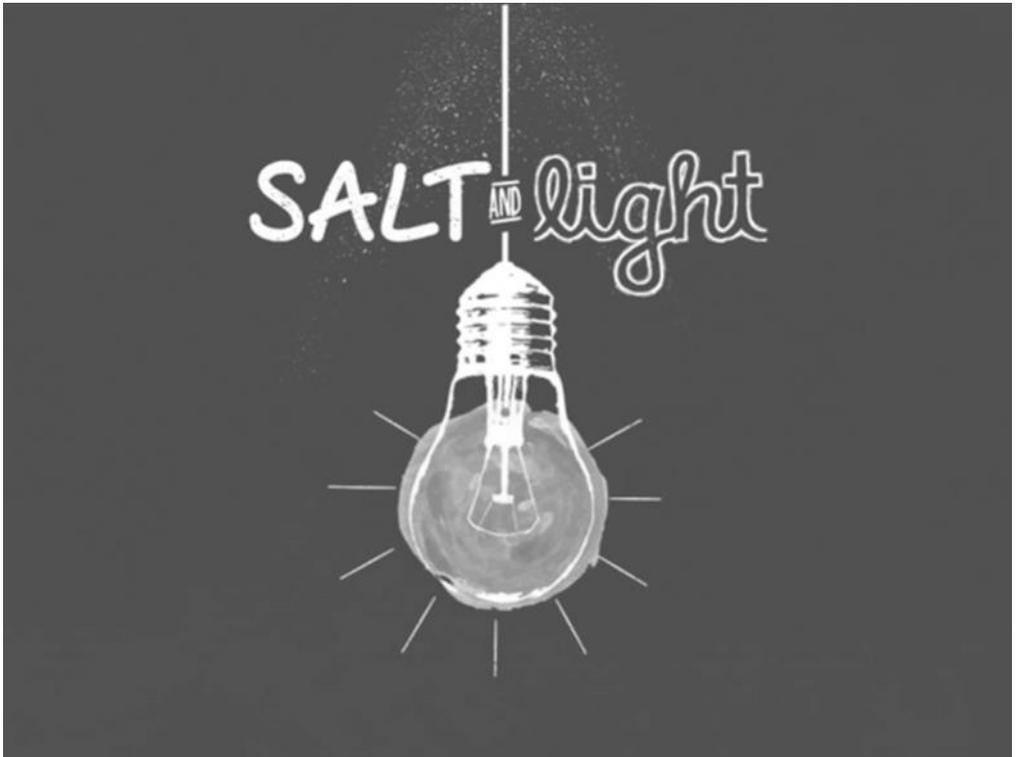
Your Invitation

If you would like to meet with me, please email 'tom@rhindtutt.com' Or ring 01737 811730. Or speak to me at St Peter's

Happy Birthday to Tom

On February 5th Tom celebrated his ninety third birthday.

We send him our congratulations and best wishes.





Grow Walton Grow a Community

What a joy it is to see the bulbs emerging, reminding us that Spring is on its way. Look out for the daffodils planted by the pond and the snow drops at Gun Corner. Thank you to Marcus for the wonderful finger post he has supplied to the Village, funded by the Village Forum.



doorstep, why not pay them a visit.

Jobs for March and April

Remove the top few inches of compost from your containers and replace with new to give your plants a good start to the year.

Finish late winter pruning and now is a great time to get a compost bin if you do not already have one.

The RHS is once again promoting National Garden Week which this year takes place from 27th April to 3rd May and is the country's biggest celebration of gardening. We are lucky to have RHS Wisley on our

16th – 22nd March is National Compost Week and there is lots of information available on the internet.



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As February draws to a close it's nice to start seeing days getting longer and the early signs of spring appearing around us, notwithstanding the incredibly wet weather we've been experiencing of late.

As always, the start of a new year heralds a time of reflection and potential resolution. Reflection on what has passed and resolving to do one or more things differently in the new year. I recently read an article that discussed the concept of intention as opposed to resolution and this really resonated for me. Far too often we resolve to do one or more things, life happens, and another year passes with little or no change on the previous year, whereas intention I feel is more meaningful and implies a more mindful objective that perhaps might not allow much, if anything to stand in its way, definitely worth reflecting on.

As a Forum Committee we have begun to discuss what a 3-year plan could look like. A plan will help us to set out our intentions for the next few years whilst helping us as a village to articulate what outcomes we'd like to for our community over the coming years.

A further advantage of doing this is that it will play a key part, as and when we look to raise funds for various initiatives. This is certainly something for all of us to think about given it's our village. Over the coming months we will publish a draft plan but would definitely welcome comments, feedback and suggestions. After all it's our village and our Village Forum.

I'm sure we have all noticed how full Mere Pond has been, so lovely to see and although it overflowed slightly and did use the correct overflow drains, a blockage or two was spotted and has been reported to the council. The last time Mere Pond saw these levels was in 2013. David Lerner and Robert Justice continue to do super work in and around the pond and as a Village Forum, we continue to work with the council to restore our pond and will continue to do so over the next few years with more work planned for this year subject to council approval.

I'd like to extend a big thank you to Pfizer on behalf of the Walton Village Forum for their annual donation of £3000 which we will put to good use. It's lovely to have the continued support of such a large corporation, who are keen to work with us and make a contribution to the local community.

The forum committee would welcome suggestions as how to best we could utilise these funds in our community so please feel free to reach out to us on info@waltonvillageforum.com or chat to a committee member.

Suggestions could include funding for a small project that will benefit our community, or it may be that a particular community group or cause could do with some financial help for a particular initiative or event, all suggestions will be considered.

I look forward to seeing you in and around the village.

Local Focus *Silver Lantern Tea.* By Rebecca Paul



For as long as I can remember, I've drunk tea. Even as far back as my toddler years, I have hazy memories of drinking tea out of a yellow sippy cup. For the first half of my life, I was boringly predictable and only ever drank builder's tea. But as I grew older, my tastes broadened and I discovered a myriad of other teas that I could enjoy as well. Fragrant jasmine pearls from China; powdered matcha tea from Japan; astringent Ceylon tea from Sri Lanka, just to name a few.

It's probably no surprise that when I decided to start my own business, my first thought was tea. I love everything about tea – the way it warms you, how it tastes, and the comfort it brings. I especially enjoy the ceremony of making a pot of tea and watching the tea leaves unfurl as they brew. Loving your product is definitely a good starting point when launching a business, so for me, tea fit the bill perfectly.

In 2012 I founded Silver Lantern Tea and started creating the loose-leaf tea business that you see today. Silver Lantern sells a range of the finest loose-leaf teas from around the world that can be enjoyed

on their own or (if you're feeling more adventurous) blended together. There are currently 29 varieties of tea in the range (most of which are Great Taste Award winners), as well as monthly tea subscriptions and selection boxes.

Since 2015 I have run Silver Lantern Tea from my home in Walton. As a mum of three, working from home gives me the flexibility to juggle the business with the demands of everyday life (laundry, more laundry, oh and did I mention laundry?). Running a business has been an eye-opening experience that has been difficult at times, but also rewarding. I love the fact that it's just me, so I have to do everything from packing the tea to marketing strategy. One minute I might be preparing the accounts, and the next minute I'm struggling down Walton Street with a toddler on my hip and a bag of tea orders for drop off at the post office.

And the best bit about running a tea business? Well, I get to drink a lot of tea. It's a tough job but someone's got to do it. www.silverlanterntea.co.uk

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DIARY

March	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 1st	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion All Age Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Mon 2nd	5.30-7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Peter's Church
Tues 3rd	10.30am 2.30pm	Little Cherubs Holy Communion*	St Peter's Church Walton Heath Manor
Wed 4th	10.30am	Read, Mark, Learn	St Peter's Church
Thurs 5th	10.30am	Lent Course	St Peter's Church
Fri 6th	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service 	St Peter's Church
Sun 8th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Mon 9th	5.30-7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Peter's Church
Tues 10th	10.30am 2.30pm 8.00pm	Little Cherubs Holy Communion* MU Meeting Lent Meditation	St Peter's Church Walton Heath Manor St Peter's Church
Thurs 12th	10.30am	Lent Course	St Peter's Church
Sun 15th	8.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Holy Communion Family Service Baptism	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Mon 16th	5.30-7.00pm	Choir practice	St Peter's Church
Tues 17th	10.30am 2.30pm	Little Cherubs Holy Communion*	St Peter's Church Walton Heath Manor
Wed 18th	10.30am	Read, Mark, Learn	St Peter's Church
Thurs 19th	10.30am	Lent Course	St Peter's Church
Sun 22nd	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Mothering Sunday Service 	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Mon 23rd	5.30-7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Peter's Church
Tues 24th	10.30am 2.30pm	Little Cherubs Holy Communion*	St Peter's Church Walton Heath Manor
Thurs 26th	10.30am	Lent Course	St Peter's Church
Sun 29th	10.30am	United Benefice Service	St Andrew's, Box Hill

*The Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service takes place at Walton Heath Manor. Visitors are most welcome.

At St Peter's please do come from 10.30am for coffee/tea and chat before the main morning service.

April	Time	Service/Event	Place
Wed 1st	10.30am	Read, Mark, Learn	St Peter's Church
Sun 5th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion All Age Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Mon 6th	5.30-7.00pm	No Choir Practice	St Peter's Church
Tues 7th	10.30am 2.30pm	No Little Cherubs Holy Communion*	St Peter's Church Walton Heath Manor
6th-13th		See Holy Week pg 30 	Within the Benefice
Mon 13th	5.00-6.30pm	No Choir Practice	St Peter's Church
Tues 14th	10.30am 2.30pm 2.30pm	No Little Cherubs Holy Communion* MU Easter Egg Hunt	St Peter's Church Walton Heath Manor St Peter's Church
Wed 15th	10.30am	Read, Mark, Learn	St Peter's Church
Sun 19th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Family Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Mon 20th	5.30pm-7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Peter's Church
Tues 21st	10.30am 2.30pm	Little Cherubs Holy Communion*	St Peter's Church Walton Heath Manor
Thurs 23rd	8.00pm	Read, Mark, Learn	St Peter's Church
Sun 26th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Mon 27th	5.30-7.00pm	Choir Practice	St Peter's Church
Tues 28th	10.30am 2.30pm	Little Cherubs Holy Communion*	St Peter's Church Walton Heath Manor

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HOLY WEEK
IN THE BENEFICE



Monday 6th April

Compline St Mary's Church 8.00pm

Tuesday 7th April

Compline St Peter's Church 8.00pm



Thursday 9th April

Last Supper & Foot Washing
St Andrew's Church 7.15pm



GOOD  FRIDAY

Good Friday 10th April

Open Air Witness 10.00am at Mere Pond followed by
10.30am service at Christchurch Hall

Three Hour Meditation St Mary's Church 12.00 noon-3.00pm

Walk of Witness St Andrew's Church 12.00 noon



Easter Sunday 12th April

All Age Friendly Communion & Egg Hunt St Peter's Church 11.00am



Village Events *March/April*

Friends AGM	St Peter's Church	Monday 2nd March, 8.00pm
Six Soup Saturdays	Christchurch Hall	Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March & 4th April, 12.00pm-1.30pm
World Day Of Prayer Service	St Peter's Church	Friday 6th March, 2.00pm
Choosing of May Queen & Attendants	Breech Lane Community Centre	Saturday 7th March 2.30pm
Music for Everyone. A Concert by The Band of the Surrey Yeomanry.	Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth	Saturday 7th March, 7.30pm
Recycling in the Borough, The Whats, The Whys, The Hows.	Christchurch Hall	Tuesday 17th March, 7.30pm
Mothering Sunday Service	St Peter's Church	Sunday 22nd March 11.00am
Curzon Country Cinema - The Good Liar.	Riddell Hall	Friday 27th March 2.00pm, 4.45pm & 7.20pm
Palm Sunday Procession	Meet at the Tree, Box Hill	Sunday 5th April 3.00pm
Open Garden & Hot Cross Buns	The Firs, The Hoppety, Tadworth	Wednesday 8th April 10.00am-1.00pm
Open Group Talk about the work of the Princess Alice Hospice	Christchurch Hall	Tuesday 21st April, 7.30pm
The Gage Players present Molly's Calling	Riddell Hall	23rd, 24th & 25th April, 8.00pm
Musical Soiree 'The Royal Males,' Barbershop Quartet	St Peter's Church	Wednesday 13th May, 7.30pm

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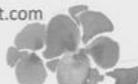
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Saturday 16 May

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Saturday 7 March 2.30pm

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Doors open 2pm
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A NOTE FROM NORMA

Greeting Cards

These are still being sold at events and inside the church porch. They are £1 each and the money goes to St Peter's Church.

Children's and Adolescent Centre, RM

This photo is of the play specialists receiving all the gifts and Amazon vouchers that we purchased from money raised during 2019. Refreshments at Tadworth Open Garden, table top sales, refreshments at film shows and donations.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported us.



Good Quality Items Needed.

Please, if you have any unwanted presents etc please get in touch with me and I will collect. I am hoping to have a stall at The May Pageant and will share the proceeds between The Royal Marsden AND Princess Alice Hospice, which is The Open Group Charity this year. Many thanks, Norma. 01737 812639



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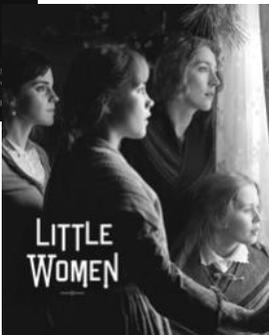
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LITTLE WOMEN

Mothers & Uthers *By Karen Rand*

One of the Bible passages included in this year's theme resources is Matthew 7: 24-29 where Jesus talks about building a house on strong foundations. But to build anything – whether a physical structure, hope in our local community or the confidence of Mothers' Union members – we need to use our gifts from God.



Bible Study, Cake making, Campaigning, Tea Party, Fellowship, Faith, Toddler Group, Family & last but not least Social Concern & talked about our interpretation of the importance of these keys elements & the fact that the requirement to join MU is to have been baptised.

Although times have moved on, overall our discussions seemed to value many of the original values & they were seen to apply in modern society.

At our January meeting we had great fun working as a team to try and build the highest tower from 12 sheets of newspaper and a roll of sellotape! Lots of laughs were had and together we were able to pool ideas and encourage each other when needed.

We learnt of a programme called Metamorphosis that MU are promoting & this may be something for us to investigate further at a future session to understand whether we're geared up as best we can be or if there are the further changes we can make to adapt, progress & evolve & best serve our parishes.

Trish Brown (MU Worldwide President 2001-2006) joined us in February and led us in a lively discussion. We were asked how we thought society had altered since Mary Sumner formed MU in 1876. Being married & bringing up children in today's society looks somewhat different from how it used to, membership today looks very different now standing at 4m members in 80 countries & no longer restricted to women.

The fact that there were so many of us from different churches & denominations at the meeting in itself is testament to how we have evolved & how important groups such as these are & play an important role in our community.

This naturally led to a discussion on the naming of the group & whether it was still applicable today.

We took turns in discussing certain elements thought to be integral to MU focusing on Empowerment, Messy Church, Community, Prayer, Marriage & Commitment, Action,

We were told at the beginning of the meeting "God moves in mysterious ways" our meeting is testament to that & hopefully the things we can achieve & help one another with. We learnt how important Empowerment is & the importance of prayer.



Let us pray for the direction of our group & all in MU & at our meeting tonight & that through coming together we will evolve into something that will serve our communities & others well.

We're celebrating World Prayer Day on Friday 6th March 2pm & this year it's being held at St Peter's so it would be good to see you there!

Next Meetings:

Tuesday 10th March 2020

Lent meditation led by Rev David Skitt
8.00 pm. PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Lady Day service at Guildford Cathedral
11.00 am. I am happy to offer a lift to anyone who would like to join me. Please contact me on karenrand@gmail.com

Tuesday 14th April 2020

Easter Egg Hunt with children and grandchildren at 2.30 pm. St Peter's Church (Please note change of time)

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 22nd March 2020

MU will be selling cakes after the Mothering Sunday service on 22nd March. If anyone would like to help by making a cake to raise money for this appeal this would be much appreciated. Thank you

We're raising funds for Mothers' Union's Mothering Sunday Appeal.

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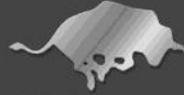
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Walton on the Hill Primary School *By Headteacher, Tim Samuel.*



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The full governing body meets twice each term, usually for 2 to 3 hours to review and discuss a range of subjects. These include the well-being of children and staff in school and educational progress and attainment. Safeguarding information available to governors doesn't identify specific children or share confidential details but helps us to ensure that the school has effective

processes in place to deal with the issues affecting our children.

Each governor and associate is paired with a teaching lead for a given subject. Teachers share details of their plans for their subjects and governors get insight into the workings of the school and challenges being faced. Governors are then able to champion these causes when we meet together. Certain governors also focus on key groups of children such as those with special educational needs.

We review, and input to, strategic plans and budgets to make sure money is spent to deliver the best possible outcomes for the children in the school now and in the future.

Our school works alongside others in the Derby Group and this includes at governor level where the chair of each governing team meet together termly to review issues being faced and where a joint approach is needed. If you want to know more about the work of the school governors, please feel free to discuss with Mr Samuel or Neil Skinner (either face to face or via chair@walton-on-the-hill.surrey.sch.uk email address).

World Day Of Prayer Service *By Mo Atkins*

World Day of Prayer Service at St. Peter's
Friday, 6th March, 2.00 pm

Please note that this year's local, ecumenical service will be hosted by St. Peter's and not St. Mary's, Headley, as previously advertised, due to building works in the church.

The 2020 service has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe, on the theme, 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. According to the UN, Zimbabwe is on the brink of human-made starvation and has been hit by a drought at a time when the country is in

economic crisis. Come and learn more about this troubled land and hear what the women have to say.

Everyone is very welcome to join with friends from Walton, Headley, Tadworth and Kingswood for this interesting service, which will be followed by refreshments in Breech Lane Community Centre. Offers of cakes of biscuits will be welcomed.

If you would like a lift or further information, please e-mail Mo on, moatkins@hotmail.co.uk or call or text 07799136894.

World Day of Prayer

FRIDAY 6th MARCH at 2.00pm

ST PETER'S, WALTON-ON-THE HILL, KT20 7SD

ZIMBABWE 2020

The World Day of Prayer worship service has a special annual theme which is developed by women of a different country each year.



Our service is organised by members from St Mary's, St Peters, The Good Shepherd and The Church of the Wisdom of God.

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I'm too embarrassed to ask, but wish I knew about....

Freewill and Predestination



One of the most cherished values in Britain in 2020 is choice. We love to have choice. But sometimes we get

overwhelmed by having to choose. What if we choose unwisely?

Christianity talks about choice. There is the choice that human beings have to enter into a life-giving relationship with God, to listen to God and follow Him or not. Jesus called people to follow him and they had to decide if to do so or not. No one was forced to follow Jesus, and many did not do so.

But there is also the language about God choosing. So Moses writes of God's Old Testament people: "the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession." St Peter writes in the New Testament to the early church saying: "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession."

So does the Christian choose God or does God choose the Christian?

The answer requires us to live with a dialectical tension where two apparent opposites are held together. Because as far

as The Bible goes both statements are true: Yes the Christian does choose God and Yes God does choose the

Christian. The former is called Freewill and the latter Predestination.

How does this make sense? Because God is bigger than time, but we are bounded by it. From the position of being outside of time God can see us and our choices framed by time. So St Paul writes "those he foreknew he also predestined."

But we are encouraged to choose and to choose well. Joshua told the Israelites: "choose this day whom you will serve." He exhorted them to choose "life" not "death." Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest... learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Our choosing is important to us and it is important to God. His choice also gives us great comfort and reassurance. The two go together.

Dear Friends,
God calls us as a country to
"Be holy, because I, the
LORD your God am holy".
Holiness is achieved in
corporate living, of being in
partnership, it is not an
individualistic pursuit. God called Israel to be
Holy. The United Kingdom is called to be
Holy.

Some may find this uncomfortable asking:
"Are we all to become religious?" Well, no.
The definition of "holiness" is swiftly given in
the passage from Leviticus 19.

"Each of you must respect his mother and
father, and must keep the Sabbath as I have
commanded. I am the LORD your God..
Do not steal or cheat or lie. Do not take
advantage of anyone or rob them. Do not
hold back the wages of someone you have
hired, not even for one night. Do not curse a
deaf person or put something in front of a
blind person so as to make them stumble
over it. Love me; I am the LORD your God."

After the 2008 Financial Crash our Politicians
were quick to say "that we are all in this
together" as austerity measures hit the poor
and vulnerable. These words sadly were
shallow leading to a break down in
confidence in Democracy and the political
class.

God calls us to reconnect with life physically,
spiritually and intellectually. We need to
enter into that Sabbath Rest that was
mentioned above. Talking with professional



people in the parish, so
many tell me that they
cannot switch off from their
paid employment: "I am on
the go all the time and it is
cutting into my time with my
spouse and children."

God wants us to be Holy, to be healed deep
in our hearts and to be at deep peace with
ourselves and our place in this world that
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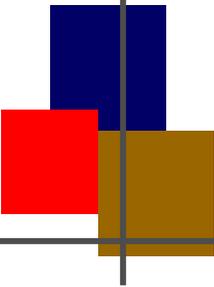
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 **Local Chef Laura Palmer** *An alternative chocolate cake*
(made with dates, beetroot and olive oil)



I'm always slightly in awe of people who give something they love up for Lent (and stick to it). Wine, cake, chocolate, refined sugar, I'm not sure I could do it with any grace. I do however love the idea of taking something up for the period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Last year I did a Lent course based on the life of Stephen Hawking which (in my opinion) did more for my spiritual health than giving up cake ever would.

What if there was a cake that defied traditional ingredients and replaced them with healthier ones? A cake that might just be a little bit good for you (and very good for the soul). So that, if you have given up

refined sugar/dairy/any animal products for Lent, you could still have your cake and eat it.

This chocolate cake is made with dates and beetroot, olive oil, unrefined coconut sugar and a coconut cream chocolate ganache. It contains no dairy or eggs, no refined sugar.

That means this cake is packed with antioxidants from the beetroot and cocoa, soluble fibre from the dates, and omega 3's from the olive oil and chia seeds. Most importantly it's rich, fudgy, scrumptious and covered with a velvety ganache that always makes me smile.

Mothering Sunday, Easter, or just because it's raining, this cake is perfect for any occasion. Decorate as you wish – I couldn't resist some home-made truffles, gold cake glitter and raspberry powder.

Oh and it's really easy to make. You will need a stick blender or food processor and 2 x 15cm round sandwich tins.



For the cake:

- 100g pitted dates
- 100g cooked (vacuum packed) beetroot
- 100g coconut sugar (or light brown sugar)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla paste or extract
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 100g light olive oil
- 2 teaspoons chia seeds (find them in the baking aisle)
- 25g cocoa powder
- 20g corn flour
- 100g gluten-free self-raising flour (I used Dove's Farm) (if using wheat flour try 120g)
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

For the ganache

- 100g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids) finely chopped (use one sweetened with xylitol if you want a completely no refined sugar cake).
- 60g coconut cream
- 25g agave nectar (or golden syrup if you don't mind a bit of refined sugar)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (paste or extract)

Grease and line two 6-inch sandwich tins. Preheat a fan oven to 160 degrees C.

Warm the dates (either in a low oven or for a few seconds in the microwave) then roughly chop them.

Put the first seven ingredients in a food processor or the base of a stick blender. Blitz.

Scoop into a bowl and stir in the flours, salt, soda, mix until completely combined.

Divide the mixture between the cake tins and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until well risen and coming away from the sides of the tins.

Cool for 5 minutes in the tins then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Chop the chocolate and melt all the ganache ingredients in a glass bowl set over a pan of just boiled water.

Spread about a third of the ganache over one of the cake halves. Refrigerate until just starting to set. Pour the remaining ganache over the cake and spread over the top and sides.

Decorate and enjoy.



Spring is coming and spring is often associated with new things. New flowers blossoming, new growth on the hedgerows, new lambs in the fields.

In January I wrote about entering the new decade. Since then I have been thinking about the times when we feel we want new challenges to provide some adventure and new interest to life? How do you find new adventures? Do you love them or hate them? Or perhaps you have a love-hate relationship with them. I think I do. I love the excitement, freshness and energy they bring but I hate the frustration and vulnerability in me that they expose.

I have become aware that the first time I do something I can feel very inadequate and exposed. I feel that people are judging me with a critical eye and will be disappointed if I make mistakes. I was particularly aware of this a few years ago with regards to playing tennis.

I have played social tennis for many years but I had always stayed away from any competitions. One day I was

challenged by a member to join a team and when they were short of players I decided to give it a go. I felt very anxious because I was terrified that the other team members would be disappointed with me if I served badly or made lots of unforced errors and let the team down. I didn't play my best tennis (partly because I was so nervous) but the other team members did not respond with criticism but with compassion. In fact they spoke words of affirmation – *'well done for playing in your first match'* *'You will be less nervous next time'* *'You played some good shots.'* They didn't say things that weren't true – such as you played amazingly, but they saw what was good and affirmed that. Their feedback was warm and accurate.

Reflecting on this I realised that sometimes others expectations of me were far more realistic than my expectations of myself. There are harsh critics out there but do I want to let them hold me back? There is much being said now about the importance of being life-long learners, but if these new things feel too challenging because we are terrified of failure, criticism or disappointing others we

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may not do them. Without new challenges and fresh experiences life can feel quite stale and stagnant. These days schools are very good at helping children to develop a growth mind-set. This involves remembering things such as:

Mistakes are an opportunity to grow
Fail= first attempt in learning
Everything is difficult before it gets easy
Practice makes progress
I can't do it YET.
Confidence grows with practice.

With this mind-set I think that new challenges feel far less threatening and more exciting.

Equipped with a growth mind-set and a more compassionate inner judge I am able to be a lot kinder to myself these days and I think

that makes me much kinder to others too. I still don't find it easy but I am much better at trying new things, which feels very life-giving. How about you?

Beckoning

Adventure beckoned, but I did retreat
For I was so terrified of whom I might meet
and of what they might think of little old me;
when they got a clear view, who knows what
they'd see?

But if you call again, please help me cease to
care

too much about the many judgements out
there.

Give me courage to try – that's my plea.

So that I can say yes when you beckon me.

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Storms Ciara and Dennis and have certainly had an effect on our season this year with Howard Close and Breech Lane pitches heavily waterlogged for a lot of the season. Despite that, the Warriors have been playing through the weather where possible, with the Under 6's and girls team going from strength to strength after relocating to Tadworth Leisure centre, during the wetter months.

Attendance for these teams has been high all year, making the future of the club look bright. We are keen to get engagement from local girls and boys and their parents in some shape or form. Thank you to those parents who already put so much of their energy and spare time into the club.

March and April sees all teams coming into the final quarter of the season with the children's last efforts to improve their teams skills, league position and even try to progress further through cup competitions. We have already seen dramatic penalty shoot-outs and last minute come back wins and hopefully we will have more of the same before the end of the current campaign.

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